

St. Patrick's Church

Collinsville, Connecticut

Dedicated 1852

"It is here that through the strength of Heaven, we teach the Word, Jesus Christ, the Tradition of His Church and celebrate His Divine Mercy."



Photo courtesy LePerit Studio

Serving the communities of Avon, Burlington, Canton, Collinsville and St. Thérèse, Lilavois, Haiti

Parish Ministries

Altar Server Ministry

Mrs. Sharon Mazzo: (860) 693-0166

Choir Director

Mr. Chris Casey: (860) 904-8138

Facilities Committee

Call Rectory: (860) 693-8727

Haitian Ministry

Mrs. Sharon Fuller: ((860) 916-7610

Human Needs Ministry

Mrs. Terry St. Gelais: (860) 916-6163

Lectio Divina

Mr. Rich Stoops: (860) 693-1913

St Patrick's Youth Ministry Team

Confirmation Program

Brian Curran 860-422-0490

Sandy MiCari 860-302-2797

Legacy Youth Program

Wendy & Mike Gacek

860-675-4081

Liturgy Committee

Call Rectory: (860) 693-8727

Men's Fraternity

Mr. Rich Stoops: (860) 693-1913

Men's Retreat

Mr. Moe Poirier: (860) 693-4692

Parish Council President

Mr. Mark Niehaus: (860) 944-1458

Imago Dei (Pro-Life) Ministry

Mrs. Carline Thurston: (860) 693-4231

Rosary at Cherry Brook

Mrs. Carline Thurston: (860) 693-4231

Social/Hospitality Ministry

CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

SPYRIT 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Youth Group

CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

Usher/Greeter Ministry

Mr. Mike Sinacori: (860) 693-9204

Women of St. Patrick's

Email: WSP@sp4c.org



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist appeared...saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord.*

- Mt 3:1a, 2-3b

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. GLP.

St Patrick's Cemeteries

Our parish has two active cemeteries Calvary Cemetery in Collinsville and St Patrick's in Burlington . Call the Office for more details.

Handicapped Access

Please enter through the rear entrance of the Church

Allergies

Parishioners suffering from gluten should speak to the Pastor about their needs. We have low gluten options available.

50 Church Street
Collinsville, CT 06019
(860) 693-8727
www.sp4c.org

Rev. Collins I. Anaeche

Administrator

fr.anaeche@aohct.org

Ext 302

Dcn. Ken Bangs

Deacon

dcn.bangs@aohct.org

Terry St Gelais

Admin Assistant

aa@sp4c.org

Ext 306

Jessica Sanzo

Faith Formation

Coordinator

ffd@sp4c.org

Ext 303

Chris Casey

Music Director

keyscasey@aol.com

Rectory Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

10:00am - 4:00pm

Closed Friday

Ordinary Mass

Schedule

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am

Mon, Tues, Wed 8:00am

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Please see bulletin for times.

Holy Hour & Adoration

Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30pm

Ministry to the Homebound

If you wish to receive communion, please call the Rectory.

Baptism

Please call the Rectory

Marriage

Please make arrangements at least six months in advance.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH



Saturday, December 3
 5:00 pm Enderline N.Anaeche

Sunday, December 4
 8:00 am Enderline N. Anaeche
 10:00 am Enderline N Anaeche

Monday, December 5
 8:00 am Bill Poglitsch as requested by Paula Allan

Tuesday, December 6
 8:00 am Peter Fleischer as requested by the Paula Allan

Wednesday, December 7
 8 :00 am Irene & Anthony Cassavechia as requested by the Mariann & Paul Cassavechia

Thursday, December 8
 8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

Friday, December 9
 8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, December 10
 5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

Sunday December 11
 8 :00 am Eleanor Zacchera as requested by the Family
 10:00 am Richard St Gelais as requested by the St Gelais Family

Faith Formation Calendar

| | | |
|-------------|--|-------------------------|
| December 4 | YOUTH MASS | 10 am |
| December 5 | First Holy Communion | In Person @6 pm |
| December 10 | 5 th grade | Virtual @8 am |
| | 7 th grade | Virtual @8:30 am |
| December 11 | 1 st , 3 rd , 4 th , 6 th grades | In Person @8:55-9:55 am |
| December 12 | First Holy Communion | In Person @6 pm |
| December 17 | 6 th grade | Virtual @ 8:30 am |
| December 18 | 7 th grade | In Person @8:55-9:55 am |
| December 19 | 4 th grade | Virtual @6:30 pm |
| | 8 th grade | Virtual @ 4:00 pm |

Christmas Break – Classes will resume on January 8

*Class dates/times are subject to change.



Please join us in welcoming the following newly registered parishioners to St Patrick's Parish

Mr. & Mrs. Todd & Erin Jensen
Mr. & Mrs. Brian McLellan

Parish Support

Week of 11/15/22 to 11/23/22

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$2,398.00
 Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$1,454.00
Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 3,852.00

Facilities- \$ 235.00
Monthly- Human Development

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 985 .00
 Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$.00
Monthly Collection Total \$ 985.00

Grand Total: \$ 5,072.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our St Patrick's Family

Week of 11/24/22 to 11/30/22

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,732.00
 Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,259.00
Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 3,991.00

Facilities- \$.00

Monthly- N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$.00
 Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$.00
Monthly Collection Total \$ 00

Grand Total: \$ 0 0



Save the Date !!

Thursday, December 22
7:00 PM

Fourth Annual

St Patrick's Christmas Music Concert.

An evening of Peace, Joy and Hopeful Anticipation!



WOMEN OF ST PATRICK'S DECEMBER MEETING

&

CHRISTMAS PART

Tuesday ~ December 13, 2022 6:30pm



All women of the parish are invited to the Annual WSP Christmas Party!

Please join us as we celebrate Christmas and all the WSP accomplishments and many blessings in 2022!

A brief business meeting will be held at 6:30pm followed by the WSP Christmas Party! Please bring an appetizer, snack or a dessert to share. This is a great opportunity to learn about the WSP and to meet other women of the parish & create a lasting friendship!



Removing the Obstacles to Grace

Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)

“Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” [Luke 3:5-6](#)

These, the words of the prophet Isaiah, were spoken about the mission of Saint John the Baptist. John was to “Prepare the way of the Lord” and to “make straight his paths.” In prophesying this, Isaiah goes on to give this very descriptive image of John’s ministry. It would be one that levels mountains and valleys, straightens every winding road, and smooths out the rough terrain. In other words, John came to remove every obstacle to God, making it easy to encounter the Messiah.

How does John complete this mission? By calling the people of that time to the dry and empty desert where all the false allurements cease to exist. This is done by detachment from the many sins and temptations they faced. Their repentance was an act by which the people humbled themselves before God, admitted their sins and acknowledged their need for a Savior. This humble admission, coupled with the commitment to change their ways, prepared heart after heart for the grace and mercy that came through Christ the Lord.

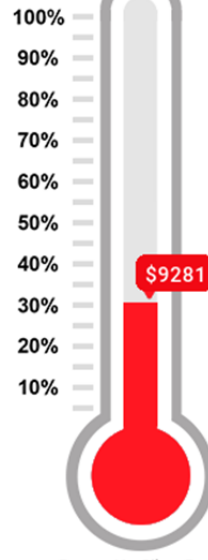
Today, there are countless obstacles to grace that so many people encounter. Some have been drawn into the satisfactions of earthly riches and material comforts and find little need for God. Others have very little that this world can offer but are consumed with a desire for money and the passing comforts it promises. And still others are drawn into many other forms of sins and false satisfactions. But there are some who are like a dry and deserted desert, just waiting to soak up the gentle rain of God’s grace. These are those who have sought to detach themselves from the false promises of this world and remain “empty” and “dry” so as to be prepared for the abundance of grace when it comes. These holy souls have heeded the call to repentance and have humbly acknowledged their need for the Savior.

Reflect, today, upon whether or not your soul is like that dry and barren desert, detached from all the false and passing satisfactions of this world, and prepared to soak up the mercy and grace of God alone. Repentance brings forth detachment, and detachment prepares the soul for God. When one is truly detached and free from the many obstacles to God, then the road from God to your soul will be straight and easily traveled. Reflect upon your soul today and where you see unhealthy attachments. Repent with all your heart so that you are among those most fully ready for an abundance of the grace and mercy of God.

Lord, I turn to You in my need and repent of the many lies and false promises of satisfaction in this world. Please free me from all that is not of You so that my soul will be more fully prepared to soak You and Your mercy up like a gentle rain upon a dry and barren desert. I open myself to You, my Lord. Come fill and satiate my soul. Jesus, I trust in You.

Goal: \$30000

2022 ANNUAL PASTOR’S APPEAL



By now many of you have received a letter in the mail from Fr. Collins.

If you did not receive a letter, please take a copy from the usher’s desk.

The goal for this year’s appeal is \$30,000 which will go towards adding a digital Carrillons bell system for the church tower and also for retiling the Parish Hall.

We hope you will prayerfully consider participating in this Appeal..

Thank You!



Advent

Hope, Love, Joy, Peace

To help us in our spiritual preparations to celebrate Christmas more fruitfully, we will have an Advent Day of Prayer, Adoration, and Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 14th, 2021.

The day will begin with the 8:00am mass. Towards the end of the mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and placed on the altar throughout the day. A signup sheet is placed at the main entrance of the church for people to sign on to ensure we have someone in the church throughout the day. Everyone in our parish is challenged to make out time to spend with the Lord in the Holy Eucharist in our church, especially on that day.

At 7 pm that day, there will be an opportunity for celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions. Some priests will be invited to assist in celebrating individual confessions. After individual confessions, we will conclude the day with prayers and benediction. We don’t want anyone to be left out. Let’s all plan to take advantage of the special opportunity to adore the Lord in the Holy Eucharist, celebrate the Sacrament of Confession, and be filled with his divine blessings .



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 8th, is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be held at 8:00 am.



| | |
|--------|--|
| Dec 4 | Gingerbread Fair Parish Hall 8:00 am—12:00pm |
| Dec 5 | Human Needs Committee meeting Parish Hall 7:00 pm |
| Dec 6 | Parish Council Parish Hall 6:30 pm |
| Dec 7 | Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm |
| Dec 8 | Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day 8:00 am mass |
| Dec 8 | Bell Choir Rehearsal Church 7:00 pm |
| Dec 8 | Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day 8:00 am mass` |
| Dec 10 | Pancakes with Santa Parish Hall 8:00 am— 11:00 am |



Save the Date
Men's Retreat at Holy Family
Retreat Center.

Men's Retreat Jan 13-15, 2022 Theme: A Missing Peace

Peace is something we crave but rarely find for more than a short time. The weekend of Jan 13-15 at Holy Family, we'll explore the theme, *A Missing Peace*, in the hope that together, through prayer, presentations, and discussions, we can come closer to understanding how to achieve the peace Jesus meant for us to have, and equally important, to share in our families and in our world.

New Member Registration /Change of Registration

If you are new to the Parish, or have a new address, email or phone number, please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket.

It may also be mailed to:

St Patrick Church, 50 Church St, Collinsville, CT 06019

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone(s) _____

Email _____

New Registration Change of Information Request Envelopes