

# 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."*



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## 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) 202-9802

#### **Women of St. Patrick's**

Email: WSP@sp4c.org



SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

## MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. - Lk 2:17-19

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### **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.

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### **Chris Casey**

*Music Director*

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### **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

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### Saturday, December 31

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

### Sunday, January 1

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

10:00 am Marion Cole

### Monday, January 2

8:00 am No Mass

### Tuesday, January 3

8:00 am No Mass

### Wednesday, January 4

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick's

### Thursday, January 5

8:00 am No Mass

### Friday, January 6

8:00 am No Mass

### Saturday, January 7

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick's

### Sunday January 8

8:00 am Rev Joseph Montgomery as requested by the Case Family

10:00 am Healing Mass for John Nowak as requested by Lori Kluessendorf

## Faith Formation Calendar

January 8	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> grades	In Person @8:55-9:55 am
January 9	First Holy Communion	In Person @6 pm
January 15	Confirmation	In Person @11:30 am
January 18	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Virtual @6 pm
January 21	6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Virtual @8:30 am

Christmas Break – Classes will resume on January 8

\*Class dates/times are subject to change.



### YOUTH MASS Cancellation

Our January Youth Mass, which was to be held on January 8, 2023, has been canceled. We hope to see you at our next Youth Mass being held on Sunday, February 5, 2023.



WELCOME  
NEW  
MEMBERS

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

Mr. & Mrs. Greg Magdits and family

Happy New Year!

## Parish Support

### Week of 12/13/22 to 12/21/22

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$4,330.25

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$1,419.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$5,749.25

**Facilities-** \$ 547.00

### Monthly- N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ .00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ .00

**Monthly Collection Total** \$ **.00**

**Grand Total:** **\$6,296.25**

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

## Parish Support

### Week of 12/22/22 to 12/27/22

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$1,279.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$1,396.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$2,675.00

**Facilities-** \$ 156.00

### Monthly- Christmas

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$3,679.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 110.00

**Monthly Collection Total** **\$3,789.00**

**Grand Total:** **\$6,620.00**

Goal: \$30000

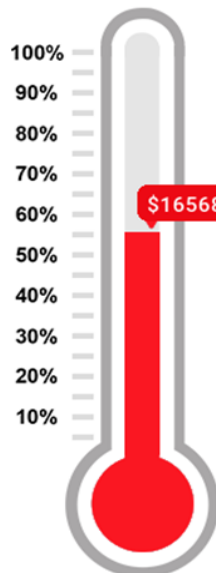
### 2022 ANNUAL PASTOR'S APPEAL

As of 12/27/22, we have raised \$16,568 towards our goal of \$30,000.

**Thank you to those who have already contributed!**

If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Pastor's Appeal. Donations of any amount are appreciated and will go towards covering the cost of a digital Carrillons bell system for the church tower and also for retiling the Parish Hall.

*Thank You!*





**The Mother of Jesus is the Mother of God**  
*Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. The Octave Day of Christmas, January 1*

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. [Luke 2:19](#)

Today, January 1, we complete our octave celebration of Christmas Day. It's an often overlooked liturgical fact that we celebrate Christmas Day for eight straight days. We do this also with Easter Day, which concludes with the great celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday.

On this, the eighth day of the Octave of Christmas, we turn our focus to the unique and beautiful fact that God chose to enter our world through a human mother. Mary is called the "Mother of God" for the simple fact that her Son is God. She was not the mother of her Son's flesh alone, nor the mother only of His human nature. This is because the Person of Jesus, the Son of God, is one Person. And that one Person took on flesh within the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Though becoming the Mother of God was a pure gift from Heaven and not something that Mother Mary merited on her own, there was one particular quality that she had that made her uniquely qualified to fulfill this role. That quality was her immaculate nature.

First, Mother Mary was preserved from all sin when she was conceived within the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. This special grace was a grace that was imparted to her from the future life, death and resurrection of her Son. It was the grace of salvation, but God chose to take that gift of grace and transcend time to impart it to her at the moment of her conception, thus making her the perfect and pure instrument necessary to bring forth God into the world.

Second, Mother Mary remained faithful to this gift of grace throughout her life, never choosing to sin, never wavering, never turning from God. She remained immaculate throughout her life. Interestingly, it is this choice of hers, to forever remain obedient to the will of God in every way, that makes her more fully the Mother of God than the simple act of bearing Him within her womb. Her act of perfect unity with the will of God throughout her life makes her, also, the perfect mother of divine grace and mercy and perpetually the spiritual Mother of God, continually and perfectly bringing Him into our world.

Reflect, today, upon these most solemn mysteries of our faith. This eighth day of the Octave of Christmas is a solemn celebration, a celebration worthy of our pondering. The Scripture above reveals not only how our blessed Mother approached this mystery but also how we are to approach it. She "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Ponder these mysteries, also, in your own heart and allow the grace of this holy celebration to fill you with joy and gratitude.

*Dearest Mother Mary, you were graced with a grace beyond any other. You were preserved from all sin and remained*

*perfectly obedient to the will of God throughout your life. As a result, you became the perfect instrument of the Savior of the World by becoming His mother, the Mother of God. Pray for me that I may ponder this great mystery of our faith this day and ever more deeply rejoice in the incomprehensible beauty of your motherly soul. Mother Mary, the Mother of God, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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**THANK YOU!**

*Thank You...* To ALL the Women of St Patrick's that helped make the 2022 Gingerbread Fair a big success! Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and hard work of planning throughout the year! The list of individuals that contributed to the success of the fair is too long to list. Please know that your time and generosity are greatly appreciated!!

*Thank You..* To all those who helped plan and organize, advertised, set up, worked the fair, cleaned up and decorated ... transforming the parish hall into a *winter wonderland!*

*Thank You..* To all the talented crafters that created unique handcrafted gift items and gift baskets, the bakers and candy makers, the teacup auction donors and volunteers, and our cashiers!

*Thank You ...* To the Gingerbread Café volunteers, fantastic cooks and gingerbread bakers!

*A Heartfelt Thank You ...* To all the husbands and families of the Women of St Patrick's! Thank you for all your support, assistance, patience and love throughout the year as we plan and prepare for the Gingerbread Fair!

*A Special Thank You* is extended to our St Patrick parishioners and members of the community who visited our Gingerbread Fair, purchased items, bought tickets for the Teacup Auction and enjoyed a bite to eat at the Gingerbread Cafe'.

*Thank you for your support!!*

***The Women of St Patrick's Wish You & Your Families a very Happy New Year!!***

**No Greater Love**  
**A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion**


Our Lady of Hope Parish will be offering a five-part Bible study program that will help you experience Christ's Passion and Death beginning at 7:30 PM at Trinita on Feb 7th. In *No Greater Love, A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion*, we will walk step by step with Jesus through the last hours of His life on His journey from the Garden to His crucifixion on Calvary. For more information or to register see the flyer in the front entrance of the church or contact Yvonne or Richard Stoops (ystoops@gmail.com) or 860-693-1913 or Ken Foisie at 860-678-7922



Jan 4	Holy Hours and Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm
Jan 5	Bell Choir Rehearsal Church 7:00 pm
Jan 9	Human Needs Meeting Parish Hall 7:00 pm

**Come Join Us!**  
**Men's Retreat at Holy Family Retreat Center,**  
**West Hartford, CT**  
**Jan 13-15, 2022**  
**Theme: A Missing Peace**

Peace is something we crave but rarely find for more than a short time. Holy Family Retreat staff will guide us to understand how to achieve the peace Jesus meant for us to have, and equally important, to share it in our families and in our world. Through prayer, presentations, discussions, good food, fellowship and time for pure relaxation during the retreat, you are sure to find a Missing Peace in your life. For registration information and any questions contact Moe Poirier at (860) 693-4692 or Tom Turick at (860) 605-9092.



**Who is influencing your life?**  
**Whose voice are you allowing to shape who you are?**

The New England Catholic Biblical School offers accredited two year and four year certificates in Biblical Studies for adult learners and is now enrolling *virtual and in-person* classes for the 2023-24 academic year. Find out more at [www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org](http://www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org), or contact us: [catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org](mailto:catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org)

**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) \_\_\_\_\_

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New Registration  Change of Information  Request Envelopes