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Mr. Peter Hollenbeck: (860) 693-8499

Choir Director

Mr. Chris Casey: (860) 904-8138

Building & Grounds Committee

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Haitian Ministry

Mrs. Sharon Fuller: (860) 916-7610

Human Needs Ministry

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

Lectio Divina

Mr. Rich Stoops: (203) 910-5588

Youth Ministry Program

Coordinator Needed

ym@spcolct.org

Liturgy Committee

Call Rectory: (860) 693-8727

Men's Fraternity

Mr. Rich Stoops: (203) 910-5588

Men's Retreat

Mr. Moe Poirier: (860) 693-4692

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Parish Council President

Mrs. Sarah Hollenbeck: (860) 693-8499

Imago Dei (Pro-Life) Ministry

Mrs. Carline Thurston: (860) 899-4044

Rosary at Cherry Brook

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CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

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

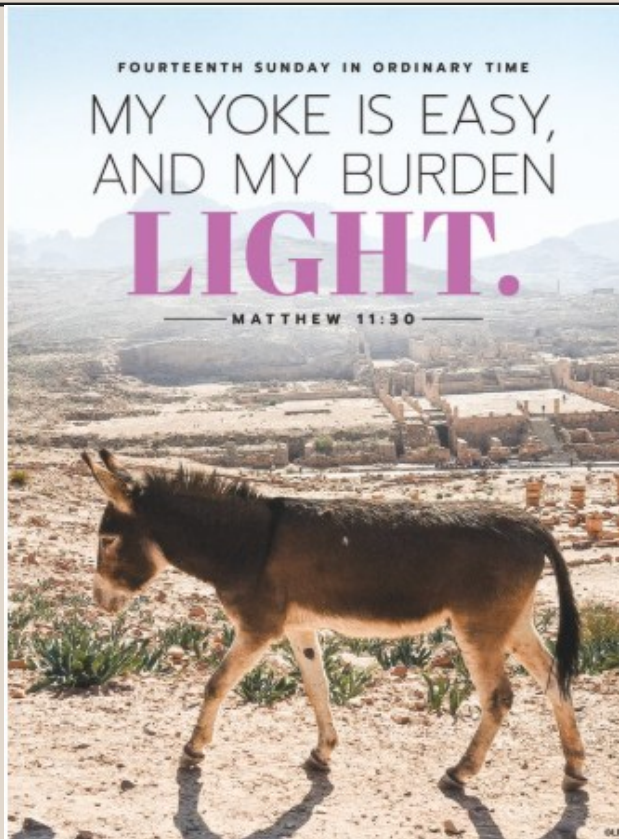
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

Usher/Greeter Ministry

Mr. David Sherman: (860) 810-8594

Women of St. Patrick's

(860) 693-8727



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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Coordinator Needed

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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

Typically, the last Wednesday of every

Month from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

(Please check the bulletin for any schedule changes.)

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, July 4

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patricks

Sunday, July 5

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patricks

10:00 am Lenore & Joseph Birsen as requested by the Kluessendorf Family

Monday, July 6

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patricks

Tuesday, July 7

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patricks

Wednesday, July 8

8:00 am David Buchanan as requested by the Lamberty Family

Thursday, July 9

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, July 10

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, July 11

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patricks

Sunday, July 12

8:00 am Walter & Pat Klimczak as requested by the Klimczak Family

10:00 am Russ Kluessendorf as requested by WSP

Parish Support

Week of 6/25/26 to 6/29/26

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,125.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 987.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 3,112.00

Facilities \$ 0.00

Monthly - N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ **0.00**

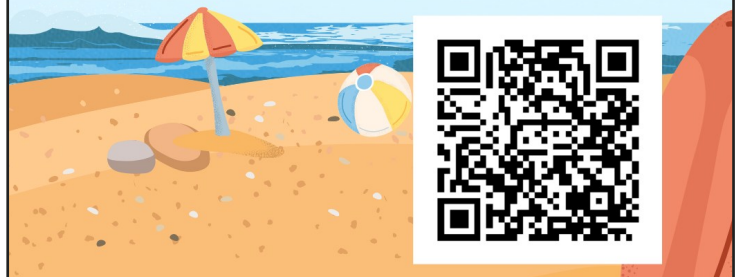
Grand Total: \$ **3,112.00**

Thank you for your generous and continued support of our St Patrick's family!

Hello **SUMMER!**

As you pack your bags and head out on vacation, please remember that our Parish work never takes a break. You can ensure your regular contributions continue uninterrupted by setting up recurring donations, use online giving or double up another time. It's safe, easy, and guarantees we maintain our existence all season long!

All you do for our Parish is appreciated!



Planning for Peace of Mind: Parish Cemetery Plots

Have you considered securing a resting place for yourself or your family? Purchasing the right of interment in our parish cemetery ensures you remain connected to our faith community. To learn more about **Calvary Cemetery**, available plots, our pricing, or to schedule a peaceful visit, please call the parish office at 860-764-4426




REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 1

ST. PATRICK FAITH FORMATION

CLASSES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER! [MORE INFO](#) 

GENERAL FAITH FORMATION GRADES 1 & 3-6 **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** **CONFIRMATION GRADES 7,8,9, & 10+**

 *In Loving Memory*
"Donald Drummey"

A funeral mass is scheduled at St Patrick's Church for Sat. July 11 at 11:00 am

May his soul rest in peace. May God grant comfort & consolation to his family and friends



4th Annual Sparkle for Hope

A fun evening of community, compassion, connection, and fundraising to support Divine Hope Mission

Please join us for the 4th Annual **Sparkle for Hope**, a joyful evening of fellowship and giving to support **Divine Hope Mission** and the building of a **Healthcare Center in Umume-Obodoukwu, Nigeria**. The event will be held on **Thursday, July 16, 2026**, from **5:00–8:00 P.M.** at **Raymond Family Farm** in New Hartford, Connecticut.

The evening will feature the legendary **Joe D'Ambrosio**, the nine-time recipient of the Connecticut Sportscaster of the Year, as MC and keynote speaker, along with dinner, live music, and auctions and raffles to support this life-giving mission.



Tickets are **\$65 per person** or **\$120 per couple**. You may also support the mission by donating an auction or raffle item, becoming a sponsor, or making a one-time or recurring gift.

To purchase tickets or learn more, visit <https://divinehopemission.com/>, call (860) 209-1215, or email press@divinehopemission.com.



You can also see the posters at the church entrances or scan the QR code. If you can't attend, you can still contribute by making a one-time or recurring **donation**.

Divine Hope Mission brings hope to communities in Nigeria through outreach, practical support, and the construction of a healthcare center that will provide essential care to those in need.

Join us at **Sparkle for Hope** for an unforgettable evening of community, music, and generosity. Reserve your tickets today and help spread **hope** to those in need.



COME TO PRAY The church is opened from 8:00 am—4:00pm, Monday through Wednesday for anyone who wishes to come & pray. Please use the side door near the water fountain.



Parish Event Scheduling and Annual Planning Reminder

We are grateful for the many parishioners who share their time and talents in service to our church and community. Your dedication strengthens our parish family, and we encourage all who are not yet involved in parish life to prayerfully consider joining a ministry, committee, or group. We are stronger when each person shares the gifts God has given them.

To ensure parish events and programs are coordinated thoughtfully and serve the whole community, we ask all ministries, committees, groups, and individuals to follow the guidelines below:

- All parish events, social, spiritual, or liturgical, including Advent and Lenten programs, must receive prior approval from **Fr. Collins** before they are scheduled or publicized.
- Events announced without approval may need to be canceled.
- Because meeting space is limited, regular ministry and committee meeting schedules must be coordinated with **Terry St. Gelais**, Parish Office Administrative Assistant, to prevent conflicts.

We encourage all parish ministries, committees, and groups to use the summer months to prayerfully plan events and meeting schedules for the coming year. Please seek necessary approvals and submit your full schedule for the **September through June** parish year so space and resources can be arranged smoothly.

Please submit all planned and approved events by Thursday, August 6.

Please note that Faith Formation classes receive scheduling priority, and hall use will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Thank you for your cooperation, generosity, and continued commitment to the life of our parish. May God bless all our efforts as we work together in faith, love, and service.

Empathy, Explained!

The virtue of empathy describes our ability to connect emotionally with the suffering of others. It's our interior capacity to appreciate and experience other people's feelings — to the extent, even, that we allow those feelings to impact our own decisions and our own actions.

Christ had empathy for us and for our state of imprisonment in original sin. He had empathy for the suffering we endure because of our self-imposed exile from friendship with God. This empathy meant that he sacrificed himself willingly for our salvation — he wanted to do it, because he had allowed our feelings to intermingle with his own.

Since empathy flows directly from charity, the theological virtue that enables us to love God and to love others, we can use charity as a way to increase the empathy we feel. If we find ourselves struggling to muster empathy in a particular situation, engaging in charity will liberate us from our state of self-centeredness.

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Readings for the week of July 5, 2026

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 5, 2026 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 11:25-30

This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded primarily on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture. Instead, our founders built a political community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today's Gospel. Jesus returns to his hometown.

The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, **"They took offense at him. Jesus said, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.'"** Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and culture. He has come to unite all people in himself.

At its best, America's national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals. For this reason, we can love our country with gratitude while situating patriotism within the broader horizon of faith.

Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ.

— *Father John Muir*

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Saint of the week - St. Maria Goretti

Have you heard of the patron saint of purity? Maria Teresa Goretti was an Italian virgin martyr of the Catholic Church, and one of the youngest saints to be canonized.



Born to peasant parents in southern Italy, St. Maria Goretti was a devout girl whose life was marked by difficulty. Her father died when she was nine, leaving her single mother with six mouths to feed. Two neighbors helped on the family farm, including a young man named Alessandro. He began making crude comments towards Maria. She repeatedly denied him. After several years, Alessandro attacked Maria to force himself on her. She resisted and, in his anger, Alessandro stabbed her. Maria died from the wounds' infections, but her last words were "I forgive Alessandro Serenelli, and I want him with me in heaven forever."

While he was in prison, Maria appeared to Alessandro with a bouquet of roses, one for each wound he inflicted.

In a true miracle of mercy, Alessandro experienced repentance, became a Franciscan brother after his release, and was later present at Maria's canonization. St. Maria Goretti, pray for us!

St. Maria Goretti is the patron saint of youth, teenage girls, chastity, purity, forgiveness, and victims of rape and assault

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Many young people want to make a path for themselves in life without the help and guidance of others. My own young adult son oftentimes refuses assistance because he feels that he must learn to go it alone and have his achievements based solely upon his effort. However, few truly get anywhere of circumstance without the aid of others.

The body of Christ only functions well when we move together and help each other. Unfortunately, too often parts of the body seek to do their own thing and do not integrate with the other parts. We use our gifts in ways that are only focused on our own gains and our own being. But be mindful, our gifts exist in us to be cultivated and shared with God and his people.

In the same manner, with Jesus as the head of this body, he is there for us as well. In Jesus we find our rest and assistance with our burdens. I cannot imagine life without the compassion and aid of our God. If it isn't bad enough that some people fail to lean on their brothers and sisters, some of them fail to ever turn to God.

This is never good stewardship. A stewardship way of life seeks to share and integrate with others, especially Jesus. We have been created for community. If we take seriously our discipleship, a true relationship with Jesus always beckons us into community with other believers. Here we are strongest. Here we are the most fruitful. Here we are Christ's body on earth.

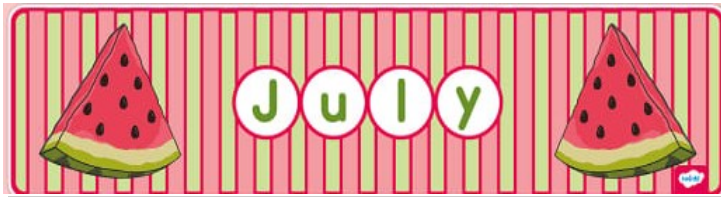
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our new
website ?*

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July 9	Bell Choir Church Choir Loft 7:00 pm
July 15	4th Annual Sparkle for Hope Raymond Family Farm 5:00 pm

Saint Patrick Parish

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We Want Your Questions!

Have comments or suggestions?
Yes, we take those too!

We want to hear from you.
We'd LOVE to hear from you!
Please scan the QR code with your phone's camera or visit
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to get started.

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Thank you!

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

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