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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

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Mr. Moe Poirier: (860) 693-4692

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Parish Council President

Mrs. Sarah Hollenbeck: (860) 693-8499

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Mrs. Carline Thurston: (860) 899-4044

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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



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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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

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 18

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patricks

Sunday, July 19

8:00 am Patty Andersen as requested by the Klimczak Family

10:00 am Robert Schock requested by Irene & Peter Fortier

Monday, July 20

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patricks

Tuesday, July 21

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patricks

Wednesday, July 22

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patricks

Thursday, July 23

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, July 24

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, July 25

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patricks

Sunday, July 26

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patricks

10:00 am Don Drummey as requested by Al & Joan Bombassei

Parish Support

Week of 7/9/26 to 7/15/26

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 4,071.35

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 3,002.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 7,073.35

Facilities \$ 0.00

Monthly – Facilities

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 763.30

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 88.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 851.00

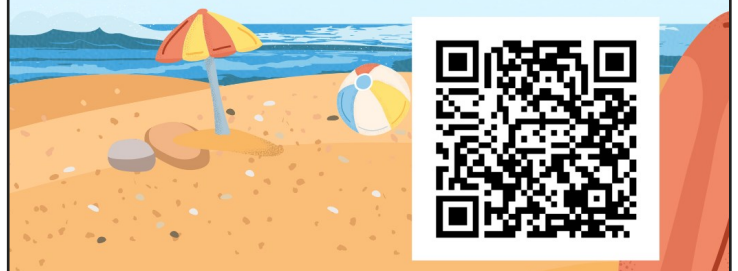
Grand Total: \$ 7,924.35

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!



REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 1

ST. PATRICK FAITH FORMATION

CLASSES BEGIN
IN SEPTEMBER!



GENERAL FAITH
FORMATION
GRADES
1 & 3-6

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CONFIRMATION
GRADES
7,8,9, & 10+

Word of Life † July 19

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
"Married Love and the Gift of Life"



In Loving Memory Of
"Sean Cassavechia"

**A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on
Wednesday, July 22 at 11:00 here
at St Patrick's Church**

Your paragraph text

DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO WORK WITH THE YOUTH IN ASSISTING THEM GROW IN THEIR FAITH JOURNEY AND RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST AND THE CHURCH?

There is an open part-time position at St. Patrick's Parish, Collinsville, Connecticut, for a Confirmation and Youth Ministry Coordinator. This person will work with the pastor to develop and implement a confirmation preparation program for parish youth and lead the youth group and other parish youth activities beyond confirmation.

Duties will include, but are not limited to teaching Confirmation Preparation classes and help recruit other volunteers to help with the programs; ensures all adults working with youth have had a background check and are Virtus-trained; assists with parish projects and encourage youth to participate; organizes retreat experiences and days of prayer for youth; plans field trips around the 4 pillars of youth ministry (Prayer, Service, Learning, and "the three F's—food, fellowship, and fun); coordinates community volunteer service hour opportunities for parish youth; fosters open communication between parents and the parish youth ministry team; and recruits, trains, assigns and evaluates the youth ministry activities and leaders.

Qualified candidates must possess knowledge of Catholic theology, an understanding of and commitment to the Catholic Church and its mission, strong organizational skills, be self-motivated, and be a good role model and faithful witness of the faith to the youth.

To submit a resume or request a copy of the position description, please email: fr.anaeche@aohct.org

You may also submit your resume via mail to:

Rev. Collins I. Anaeche, Ph.D.

Pastor,

St. Patrick's Parish

50 Church Street,

Collinsville, CT 06019.



A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 29 at 11:00 here at St Patrick's Church

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: When bishops from around the world gather in council to make decisions for the Universal Church, what is the council called?

Answer: An Ecumenical Council

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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.



In Loving Memory
"Shirley & Frank Kucia"

Were burial in Calvary Cemetery this past week..

May their souls rest in peace. May God grant comfort & consolation to their family and friends



In Loving Memory
"Donald Drummey"

A funeral mass was held this past weekend and burial was in Calvary Cemetery .

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

Readings for the week of July 19, 2026

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 19, 2026- Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 13:24-43

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. **"It's supposed to be God's Kingdom on earth,"** he said, **"but it's full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can't the Church just be better?"** That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing. But Jesus' parables in today's Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, **"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field,"** yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God's reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small. Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God's quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.

When we see the Church's flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds. Amen.

— Father John Muir

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Just a Friendly Reminder...

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You can also donate online through our website <https://osvhub.com/sp4c/giving/funds>.

Saint of the week - St. Bridget of Sweden



Saint Bridget or Birgitta was born in 1303, the daughter of Birger Petersson, governor of Uppland and his wife Ingeborg Bengtsdotter. She was married to Ulf Gudmarsson, who became governor of the province of Nericia. They had eight children, all of whom survived past infancy which was rare for the 12th century. One of their daughters would become St. Catherine of Sweden.

Saint Bridget was hailed as a mystic and her visions, which began in her early childhood when she had visions of Christ Crucified, made her somewhat of a Middle Ages celebrity. Her vision of the Nativity of Jesus even influenced the art of the Nativity through the Baroque era! She is said to have predicted the Vatican State. Saint Bridget's Revelations, which she dictated to Peter Olafsson, the prior at the Cistercian monastery of Alvastra near which she retired after her husband's death in 1344, were published in 1492. They have since been published in many languages and can still be purchased today.

Some of her most profound visions regarded the founding of a new religious order which would be primarily for women, ruled by an abbess, but with a separate house for monks who would serve as order chaplains. Her visions detailed everything from the abbey church to the clothing that would be adopted as the nun's habit, and how the order would be ruled. King Magnus II of Sweden granted Bridget land and buildings.

The order, called the Bridgettines or the Order of the Most Holy Savior was approved by Pope Urban V in 1370. Saint Bridget was canonized in 1391 by Pope Boniface IX and in 1999 Pope John Paul II named her one of the Patron Saints of Europe.

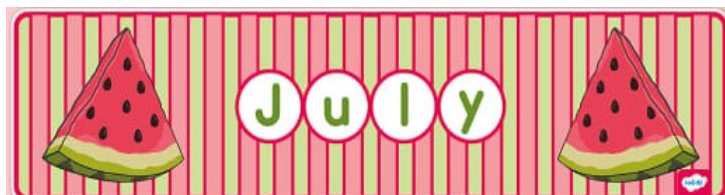
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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Do What Needs to Be Done

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill! — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS @LPi



July 23	Bell Choir Church Choir Loft 7:00 pm
July 30	Lectio Divina Parish Hall 6:00 pm

Saint Patrick Parish

We Want Your Questions!
Have comments or suggestions?
Yes, we take those too!

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<https://forms.gle/PMvLTppxPxsfCKGH7>
 to get started.

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Thank you!

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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.

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