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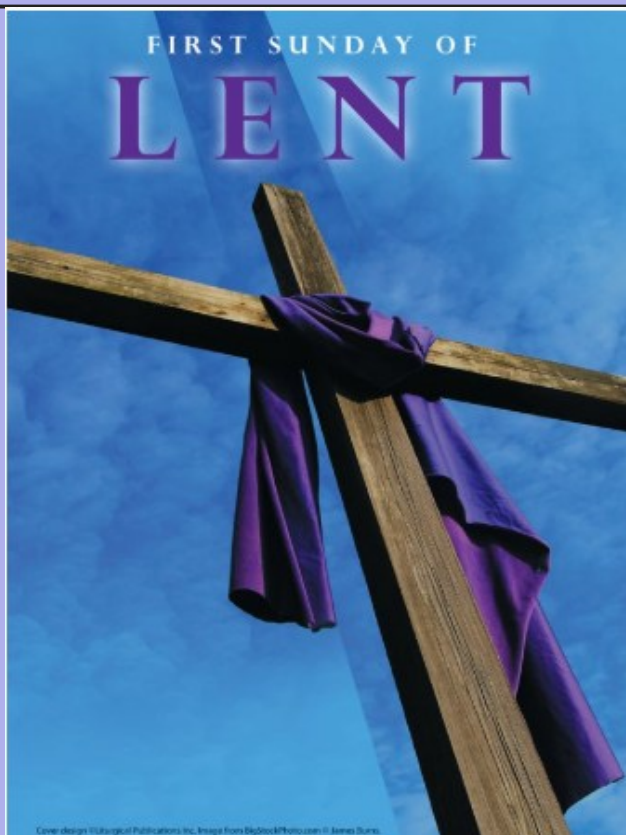
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Mr. David Sherman: (860) 810-8594

Women of St. Patrick's

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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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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, February 21

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

Sunday, February 22

8:00 am Jean Lamothe as requested by her husband Rob Lamothe

10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Monday, February 23

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Tuesday, February 24

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Wednesday, February 25

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Thursday, February 26

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, February 27

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, February 28

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

Sunday, March 1

8:00 am Pierrette LeDuc

10:00 am Deceased Members as requested by the Family

Faith Formation

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Feb 15	12:45 pm	Confirmation Y2
Feb 22	9-10 am	Class Group A
	11:15 am	Confirmation Y1
	12:45 pm	Confirmation Y2
	6-7 pm	First Holy Communion
	6-7:30 pm	Class Group B
Mar 1	4 pm	Family Mass & Fellowship
Mar 8	9-10 am	Class Group A Bridge Team Meeting 
	1:45 pm	Confirmation Retreat Y1 & Y2
	6-7 pm	First Holy Communion
	6-7:30 pm	Class Group B



Bringing Up the Gifts this weekend of Feb 21/22

5:00 Mass - First Communion Candidates - Jonathan & Brandon Casano, James Marich, & Michael & Daniel Violante

8:00 Mass - First Communion Candidates - Mary Hollenbeck, Gavin Niemann, Ophelia Jamieson

10:00 Mass - First Communion Candidates - Mina LeBlanc, Peter Slavin, Jacob Manion

Parish Support

Week of 2/12/26 to 2/18/26

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2446.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1410.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 3,856.00

Facilities \$ 30.00

Monthly - N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 76.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 76.00

Grand Total: \$ 3,962.00

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

THE Blessing Bag PROJECT

The Faith Formation Program will be collecting items for unhoused members of our local communities during Lent. Please place donated items in the basket labeled "Blessing Bag Project" located in the vestibule of the church. Monetary donations should be labeled and handed to an usher. Please email our Faith Formation Coordinator, Jessica Sanzo, with any questions at ffd@spcolct.org. Thank you for your support!

WEEK 1 - FEB 21/22

ORAL HYGIENE:
TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTHPASTE,
& FLOSS

WEEK 4 - MAR 13/14

COMFORT:
TRAVEL-SIZE FACIAL TISSUES,
TRAVEL-SIZE HAND LOTION &
'CHAPSTICK' WITH SPF

WEEK 2 - FEB 28/MAR 1

PERSONAL HYGIENE:
MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DEODORANT
OR SMALL PACK OF BODY WIPES

WEEK 5 - MAR 21/22

FIRST AIDE:
TRAVEL-SIZE HAND SANITIZER
& BAND-AIDES

WEEK 3 - MAR 7/8

TREATS:
MINTS, HARD CANDY, GUM

WEEK 6 - MAR 28/29

HEALTHY SNACKS:
GRANOLA BARS, BEEF JERKY,
PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS, ETC.



Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration

Please join us on Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00 PM for Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration



The Season of Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, **February 18 2026** and ends just prior to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on **Thursday, April 2, 2026**.

We have a few copies left of the "**Little Black Book**" containing daily Lenten reflections. You can pick up a copy of the Book, as well as the flyer of the entire Lenten schedule, at the main entrance of the church.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Everyday Stewardship

Can you believe Lent is here already? It seems like not that long ago I was decorating a Christmas tree! Time waits for no one and that is why it is important to make a mindful commitment now to not let this Lenten season pass you by. It is a great time to focus on growing as an everyday steward. The temptations are always there to procrastinate or to give in to spiritual laziness, but the Church's observation of Lent offers us so many tools to help us get on track. Increased devotions such as Stations of the Cross, various parish missions, or Lenten-focused literature are all gifts that your parish may be offering to assist you in this season.

With the Passion being the focus of Lent, it is easy to contemplate the value of true generosity. How could someone give more than Jesus? He gave until his life was spent on a cross. When contemplating how we can increase our generosity in all aspects of our life, we only need to look to the cross. Of course, this also brings home to us that more may be asked of us than we bargained. The temptation is to not give too much, out of fear that we might face persecution or worse.

But we take solace in the fact that we are disciples of One who had the same temptations. He overcame those temptations. He rejected the easy way out. His love and generosity could not be contained. He gave it all so that you and I have the chance to do the same. This Lent, look to the greatest example of stewardship that ever lived. Jesus will show us the way to observe a Lent that will soon bring forth great Easter fruit.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Stations of the Cross

Beginning on **Friday February 20, 2026** and continuing throughout the Lenten Season, Stations of the Cross will be held every **Friday at 7:00 pm**.



CONFESSION

In addition to Saturday, 4 pm confessions, we will have Confessions every **Monday, 6 pm-7 pm throughout the Lenten Season**, beginning Monday, February 23. Come and experience the Mercy of God through the power of the Sacrament.

Regular Bulletin Deadline — Tuesdays, 12 pm

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Traditional

MENU

Corned beef & cabbage with a pasta side • Cranberry salad • Homemade Irish soda bread
Variety of drinks including Guinness & wine
Dessert

St. Patrick Parish's Annual



Saturday, March 21st

FOLLOWING THE 5:00 MASS

\$20 per person

Children 12 & under are free

Tickets will be sold after all
Masses on the weekends of Feb. 28/Mar. 1,
Mar. 7/8, & Mar. 14/15. Cash, check, or Venmo
payments are accepted.
Limit of 80 tickets to be sold.

Take Up Our Cross

Question:

What does Jesus mean when he talks about taking up our cross?

Answer:

Our journey of faith begins in baptism. When we are faithful to it, we find God's plan for us, his way of allowing us to participate in his saving work, which in turn becomes for us our own salvation. Stated simply, we share in the mission of Jesus each day. We live our life with all of its ups, downs, joys, and sorrows in union with the mission of Jesus. Our work then is holy. It is joined to the cross, God's will for Jesus — the way in which he destroys sin and death and makes eternal life possible. His sacrifice accomplishes what we ourselves cannot do.

To take up the cross, then, means that we share in the mission of Jesus and so embrace the sufferings of the cross. It is our daily life made holy, given a redemptive mission. It is our purpose and goal to unite our life to that of Christ. St. Paul says it best, "If we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection" (Rom 6:5).

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Readings for the week of February 22, 2026

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE-

February 22, 2026 1st Sunday of Lent
Matthew 4:1-11

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith.

Today's Gospel begins: **"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1).** The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.

Lenten Challenge: This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one "desert" into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.

— Father John Muir
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Lectio Divina This Lent we are all invited to slow down and listen, slow down and see, and to receive the grace to have the Living Word accompany us on our faith journey. During Lectio Divina (a prayerful hearing of the Scripture that transforms us) we let Scripture speak in its own way, at its own pace. We discover God's voice and He speaks what we need to hear. Come and spend quiet time with the Holy Word on Thursday, February 26th at 6:00 pm downstairs on the stage area. Contact Yvonne (860) 707-0838 or Rich Stoops (203-910-5588) for more information or with questions.

Saint of the week - St. Polycarp of Smyrna



As a disciple of St. John, the Evangelist, St. Polycarp was able to hear about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection directly from those who witnessed it.

Because Polycarp was ordained as Bishop of Smyrna by St. John, he is one of three chief Apostolic Fathers, along with Clement of Rome and Ignatius of Antioch.

During his life Polycarp defended the Church against heresies. His important writing, the *Letter to the Philippians*, quoted the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles, stressing Paul's authority in the Church and setting out clear arguments against the gnostic heresy that denied Christ's divinity.

The early period of the Church was a dangerous time to be a Christian and like many, St. Polycarp was martyred. He was captured by Romans and sentenced to burn at the stake. However, the fire did not touch him, instead rising up like sails around him. Seeing that the flames would not injure Polycarp, the Romans stabbed him instead. The Martyrdom of Polycarp is perhaps the earliest fully preserved account of a Christian martyr.

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have the
opportunity
to **do good**,
do not
let it go by.

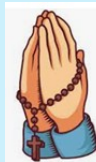
St. Polycarp

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Word of Life † February 22

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent
usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection



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.

FEBRUARY

February 25	Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm Church
February 26	Lectio Divina 6:00 pm Parish Hall Stage Area
February 26	Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Choir Loft
February 27	Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Church

Saint Patrick Parish



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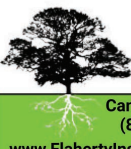


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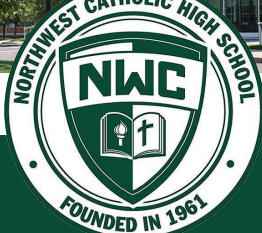
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