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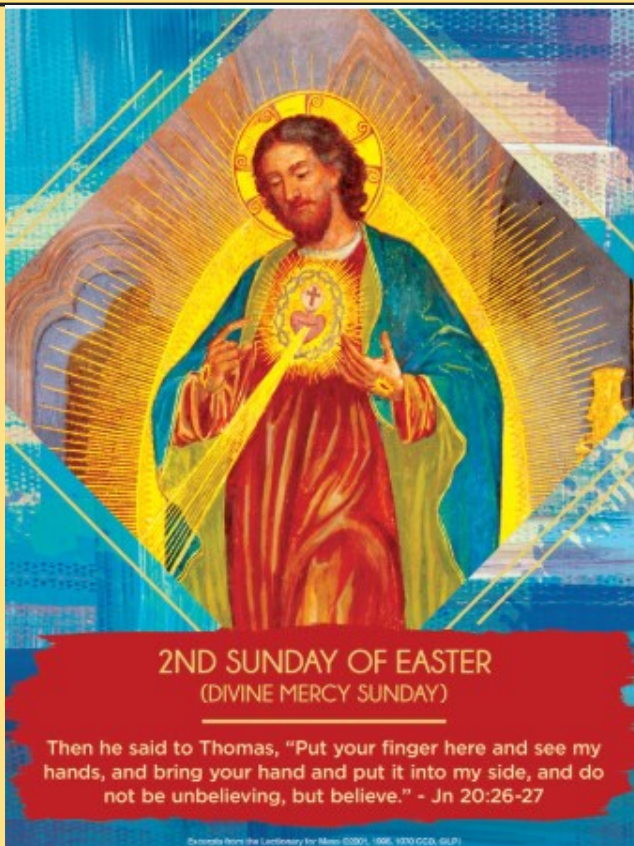
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

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Women of St. Patrick's

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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

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, April 11

5:00 pm Healing Mass for Susan Graham as requested by the Beup Family

Sunday, April 12

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

10:00 am Patricia Fournier as requested by Irene & Peter Fortier

Monday, April 13

8:00 am No Mass

Tuesday, April 14

8:00 am No Mass

Wednesday, April 15

8:00 am Domenica (Dolly) DiMeo as requested by the DiMeo Family

Thursday, April 16

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, April 17

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, April 18

5:00 pm Robert Willis as requested by the Willis Family

Sunday, April 19

8:00 am Domenica (Dolly) as requested by the DiMeo Family

10:00 am Andrew & Dorothy DeVito as requested by the DeVito & St Gelais Family

Faith Formation

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Apr 3	7 pm	YOUTH STATIONS OF THE CROSS
April 5 - April 18 NO CLASSES Easter & April Vacation		
Apr 19	11:15 am	Confirmation Year 1
	12:30 - 2 pm	Confirmation Year 2 - Check-ins
	6-7:20 pm	First Holy Communion Mandatory Rehearsal
Apr 26	9-10 am	Group A Classes
	2:30 pm	Celebration of Confirmation
	4:45 pm	Celebration of First Reconciliation
	6-7:30 pm	Group B Classes
May 1	5:15 pm	Mandatory Rehearsal & Celebration for FHC
May 2	10 am	Celebration of First Holy Communion



Welcome New Parishioners!

A warm welcome to
The Desanti Family

It's a delight to have them join our parish family here at St Patrick's Church.

Parish Support

Week of 3/31/26 to 4/8/26

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 3,362.75

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,790.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 5,152.75

Facilities \$ 295.00

Monthly - Easter

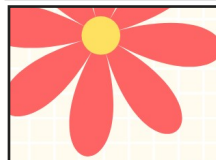
Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 2,560.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 383.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 2,943.00

Grand Total: \$ 8,390.75

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



Women of St Patrick Meeting

TUESDAY APRIL 14, 2026

6:30 PM

PARISH HALL

All WSP members & all women of St Patrick's are invited!

We'll be discussing future plans for the upcoming year and plans for the 2026 Gingerbread Fair!!

**Following the business meeting ...
Light refreshments.**

**Catch up with your WSP Sisters of Faith!
join us for an evening of meeting other women of the parish and learning about the WSP !**

Please join us in offering your warmest congratulations and prayers to those who have recently reached significant milestones in their faith journeys.

Stephen and Sean Janecko

Celebrated their full reception into the Catholic Church and First Reconciliation on March 29, 2026 and received their First Holy Communion on April 5, 2026.

Michael and Daniel Violante

Celebrated their First Reconciliation on March 22, 2026 and received their First Holy Communion on April 5, 2026.

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." — John 6:35



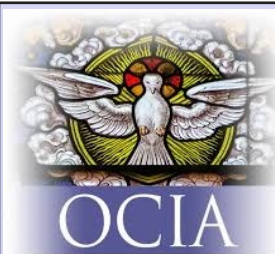
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR

Due to the constant unchecked flow of data and information through the Internet, it can be hard to know when a story is real news or rubbish. It never ceases to amaze me when someone I know has bought into some crazy fake news story. Sometimes the story is just so unbelievable: celebrities who gained two hundred pounds in a month, women having babies who were never pregnant, or people actually being seen who are dead! Like Elvis!

The apostle Thomas found the news that Jesus was alive just too far-fetched to believe. But he didn't first hear the news on the Internet or read it standing in the grocery store checkout line. His friends told him. His fellow apostles told him they had actually seen the Lord with their own eyes. Their testimony was not enough. He needed proof.

The resurrection of Jesus gives us not only hope, but also a reason to be his disciples. We have not seen with our own eyes but, like Thomas, we have a community, the Church, that has relayed the truth to us. This same Jesus now calls us to go forth to spread the Gospel. More unbelievable than that, we have, through the gifts we have been given, a chance to change and even save lives. The day may come that you, moved by this news of the risen Lord, will be an agent of his love to the point where someone will tell the tale that you, a follower of Jesus, actually helped to change his or her life. Pretty unbelievable, right?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Congratulations to our OCIA Catechumens

Justin Campbell, Kialeigh Gill, &
Erik White

Who were initiated into the Catholic Church and received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation during the Easter

Vigil Mass on April 4.

Congratulations to our OCIA Candidates

Kimberly Laurie, Ashley Miller, Michael Miller

Who received the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation during the Easter Vigil mass on April 4.

*Reborn in Baptism Confirmed in the Holy Spirit
Nourished by the Eucharist.*



Coming Soon!

Helen D'lubac
Memorial Geranium Sale

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BLESSING BAG PROJECT

THANK YOU!

The Faith Formation Program would like to thank all of the generous donors who helped make our 2026 Blessing Bag Project a success!



BUILD DAY

On Palm Sunday, students and families gathered to build Blessing Bags with the donations that were collected during Lent.



HELPING OTHERS

178 Blessing Bags were assembled and distributed to unhoused members of local communities including Bristol, Torrington, & Hartford.

MESSAGE FROM FR. COLLINS:

APPRECIATION, REPLACING SOME WORN-OUT EXTERIOR WOOD WALLS AT THE RECTORY, AND ARCH-BISHOP COYNE'S MAY VISIT

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we move forward into the joyful Easter season, carrying the grace of Lent and the sacred days of Holy Week in our hearts, I want to sincerely thank all who participated in our Lenten and Holy Week events, activities, and liturgical celebrations. Whether you came quietly to pray, brought a family member or friend, served behind the scenes, or helped us sing, you made a difference and enriched our liturgical worship experience.

Thank you to our liturgy committee and everyone who decorated the church. As usual, you did a wonderful job creating a fitting worship space. You transformed our church into a place that truly supported prayer: where our hearts could be lifted, the Word heard, and the mysteries of Holy Week celebrated with reverence and beauty.

A special word of gratitude goes to Chris Casey, our Music Director, as well as our cantors, general choir, youth choir, bell choir, and all instrumentalists. Thank you for the prayer you offered through music and the countless hours of preparation most people never see. To all who served in our liturgies: ushers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and altar servers; thank you for serving with such devotion. Your services help all of us participate more fully and prayerfully in the liturgy.

I also want to express appreciation to Deacon Ken Bangs and our parish staff, especially Terry St. Gelais, Office Administrative Assistant, and Jessica Sanzo, Faith Formation Coordinator. Thank you for the many big and small things you do to keep St. Patrick's moving forward, especially during a busy season like Lent and Holy Week.

As many of you know, replacing some worn-out exterior wood walls of the rectory was the target project for the Pastor's Annual Appeal for 2025/2026. Thanks to your generosity, work has begun and will be completed in the coming weeks.

Finally, please save the date. We look forward to welcoming Archbishop Christopher Coyne, who will visit our parish and celebrate Mass with us **at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, May 24, 2026**. After Mass, we will gather for light coffee hour refreshments to be organized by the Faith Formation Bridge Team.

Thank you again for all that you do to make St. Patrick's such a vibrant, welcoming, and faith-filled community. May the Risen Christ fill you with his peace, renew your hope, guide and bless you all this season and always!

In Christ,
Fr. Collins

Saint of the week -St. Martin I Pope and Martyr

Fourth child of the Anglo-Scottish nobleman William Stewart **Pope Martin I** also known as **Martin the Confessor**, was the bishop of Rome from 21 July 649 to his death 16 September 655. He had served as Pope Theodore I's ambassador to Constantinople, and was elected to succeed him as pope. He was the only pope when Constantinople controlled the papacy whose election had not awaited imperial mandate. For his strong opposition to Monothelism, Pope Martin I was arrested by Emperor Constans II, carried off to Constantinople, suffered brutal imprisonment and exile in Crimea, where he died from neglect and abuse. He is considered a saint by both the Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church, as well as the last pope recognised as a martyr. His life is celebrated as a testament to defending the faith, even when facing persecution from political authorities

PLEASE VOLUNTEER

WE NEED YOU!

The Parish Council needs 2-3 young parish members to serve on the Parish Council.

Should be at least a sophomore in high school, confirmed or in confirmation studies.

If you have questions, are interested or know someone who is please contact, Walter at wklimczak57@gmail.com.



A Heartfelt Thank you

Heartfelt gratitude is extended to all those who volunteered countless hours in helping to prepare our Liturgical celebrations for Easter.

A parish requires a team of dedicated volunteers who share their love for Jesus and our parish by giving of their time and talent.

From those who help transform the environment for the various Liturgical seasons, we are grateful... you are all such a blessing.

We especially would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Easter Flowers/Decorations.

Your monetary contributions helped provide a beautiful environment from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday. This included everything from pots, plants, and other supplies, as well as the formal arrangement used for Holy Thursday and Easter.

Your generosity was greatly appreciated!



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.



April 14	WSP Meeting Parish Hall 6:30 pm
April 15	Bell Choir Church Loft 7:00 pm

Readings for the week of April 12, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE-

2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

John 20:19-31

"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.'" (John 20:27)

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I'd want to sarcastically murmur, "Well, good for you." I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: "I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?" My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

Divine Mercy Challenge: This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

Father John Muir

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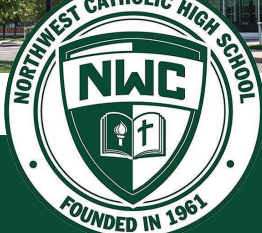




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