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Mr. Chris Casey: (860) 904-8138

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Youth Ministry Program

Coordinator Needed

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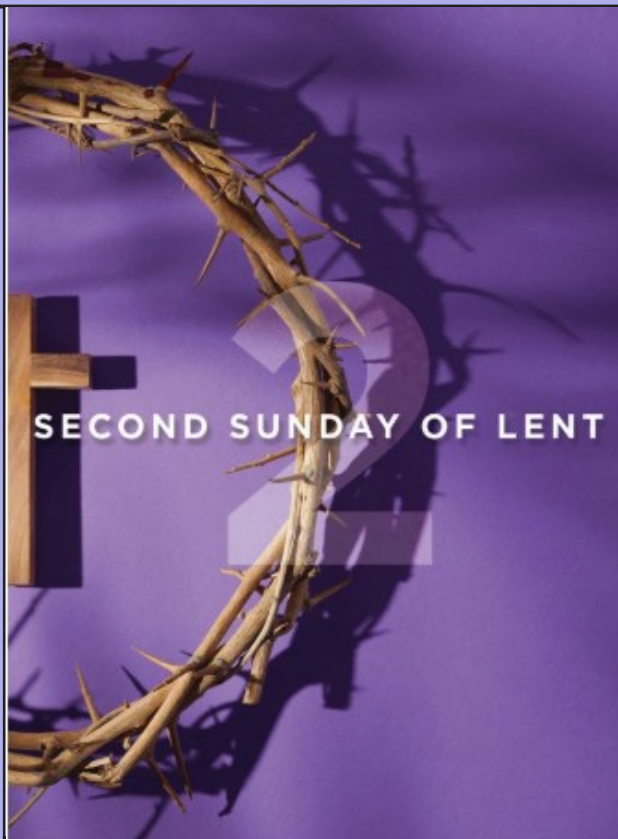
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

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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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 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

Monday, March 2

8:00 am Michell Pawl as requested by her Family

Tuesday, March 3

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Wednesday, March 4

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Thursday, March 5

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, March 6

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, March 7

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

Sunday, March 8

8:00 am Carol Lauretti as requested by Christine and Richard Masotti

10:00 am Mark Niehaus

Parish Support

Week of 2/19/26 to 2/25/26

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2316.20

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1169.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 3,485.20

Facilities \$ 65.00

Monthly - N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 30.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 46.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 76.00

Grand Total: \$ 3,626.20

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

Faith Formation

DATE	TIME	EVENT
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
Mar 15	9-10 am	Class Group A
	11:15 am	Confirmation Year 1
	12:45 pm	Confirmation Year 2
	6-7:20 pm	First Holy Communion
	6-7:30 pm	7th Grade & Mrs. Sanzo's Class

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

St. Patrick's
DAY
DINNER

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.



Women of St. Patrick's March Meeting & Soup Social

Tuesday~March 10, 2026~6:30 pm

All women of the parish are invited to attend the Women of St Patrick Meeting and Soup Social! What a great way to spend a chilly March evening !!

Come join us and enjoy a sampling of a variety of homemade soups, chowders, and stews!! Bread/rolls, dessert, and coffee/tea will also be served!

The WSP encourage all women of the parish...of all ages, to attend this fun and tasty evening!! Learn about the WSP, enjoy a delicious meal and make friends!!!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Catherine Doherty said, "Yes, stewardship pertains to everything and I am responsible for my part of that everything." I am reminded of that quote when I read the words from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, "Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Both point to our own responsibility as a disciple, as well as the reality that we are not alone. We live with God in community. We each have our part to play in the kingdom of God.

Lent is an important time to focus on how our stewardship way of life causes us to sacrifice and, at times, experience hardship. If we find that we never seem to feel our sacrifice, then it is a good time to ask ourselves if we really are fully living as good stewards, cultivating what we have been given, and then offering it all back to God. If we only give from our excess, then we will never understand the meaning behind the words of St. Paul and Catherine Doherty.

This is why we must challenge ourselves. We must push ourselves to go that extra mile. It really is a way of exercising our stewardship muscles. So as this Lenten season is still in its first weeks, what can you attempt to do that really pushes you out of your comfort zone? Can you double or triple your prayer time during the season? Can you search your household and give to charity more than just things you don't need anymore, but also things you still want? Is there someone to visit a few times before Easter than can no longer get out? Whatever it is, the strength will come from God to take greater care of your part of his everything.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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The Season of Lent

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.



The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the unhoused, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2026 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are



Welcome Newly Baptized

Congratulations to the parents of
Logan Krier

Who was baptized here on
Sunday, February 22, 2026



Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration

Our Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration will be held on the last Wednesday of the month.

Schedule of Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration

March 25	7:00 PM	May 27	7:00 PM
April 29	7:00 PM	June 24	7:00 PM



Stations of the Cross

Throughout the Lenten Season, Stations of the Cross will be held every **Friday at 7:00 pm.**

Please join us!



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.



In Loving Memory

"Mary Ellen & Ilmar Filhaber"

Whose funeral mass was on February 28 here at
St Patrick's

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



Remembering Mark Niehaus - July 14, 1958 — November 27, 2025.

We were shocked to learn recently that Mark Niehaus, who was active in our parish and served as Parish Council President before moving to Little Rock, AR, with his family, passed away on November 27, 2025. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and bless his family with consolation.

For the full obituary of Mark Niehaus, please see:

www.smithfamilycares.com/obituaries

Regular Bulletin Deadline — Tuesdays, 12 pm

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Readings for the week of March 1, 2026

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

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt
23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-
21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk
15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn
4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE-

March 1, 2026 - 2nd Sunday of Lent -Matthew 17:1-9

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, **"his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light" (Matthew 17:2).** That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the "artifact" you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

— *Father John Muir*

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Word of Life † March 1

The Gospel of Life is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (*The Gospel of Life* 5).

Saint of the week -St. Katharine Drexel



Born in Philadelphia, St. Katharine Drexel (November 26, 1858 – March 3, 1955), grew up to become one of the first American-born saints.

Her mother passed away when she was only five weeks old. Her father, a renowned banker, remarried a wonderful woman, and together they raised St. Katherine Drexel and her two sisters in a life of privilege. Both financially and spiritually well-endowed, the Drexels were devout Catholics and set an excellent example of true Christian servitude with prayer and care for the poor.

After her father's death, St. Katharine considered joining a contemplative order. However, during an audience with the Pope while on a trip to Rome with her sister, when she asked for more missionaries to be sent to the American West, the Pope asked her to become a missionary herself! Now known as the Apostle for Social Justice, St. Katharine gave up her inheritance and instead devoted her life to the material and spiritual well-being of Black and Native Americans. She established the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored, and together they opened a boarding school in Santa Fe, the first of 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 states. At the time of her death, she had also established a system of 63 schools, including Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic university in the United States for African Americans. Believing that education was the key to opportunity, her love of the Blessed Sacrament sustained her mission.

At 77, she suffered a heart attack and was forced to retire from active ministry. She spent the next 20 years of her life in quiet yet intense prayer. She died at the age of 96 and was canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II. St. Katharine Drexel, pray for us!

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Violent Conflicts

Question:

What is the Christian attitude towards violent conflicts?

Answer:

In the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches us "Blessed are the peacemakers" and to "love your enemies." All human beings are made in God's image and likeness. We are one human family — brothers and sisters despite what divides us. Christians have the obligation to prioritize peaceful means to resolve conflicts. War wreaks a toll on a nation. Civilians bear a disproportionate burden of this cost during the war itself and as the nation rebuilds. However, those in authority have the obligation to protect the innocent.

During the gradual fall of the Roman Empire, theologians began to theorize that war could be just if it was a defensive measure of last resort. The "Just War Theory" was later expanded by St. Thomas Aquinas, who also included moral obligations during the war itself, including the protection of civilians. Those in public authority have the obligation to carefully examine their motives, agendas, and rationale for violent force. Should a cause be just, those who fight and defend under such circumstances must be valued and honored. They deserve our support both during and after the war.

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March 5	Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Choir Loft
March 6	Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Church

Saint Patrick Parish

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

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

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Young & Old Alike!

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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☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Information ☐ Request Envelopes

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