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Mr. Chris Casey: (860) 904-8138

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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

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Parish Council President

Mr. Rob Dupre: (860) 299-3335

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Mrs. Carline Thurston: (860) 899-4044

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CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

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

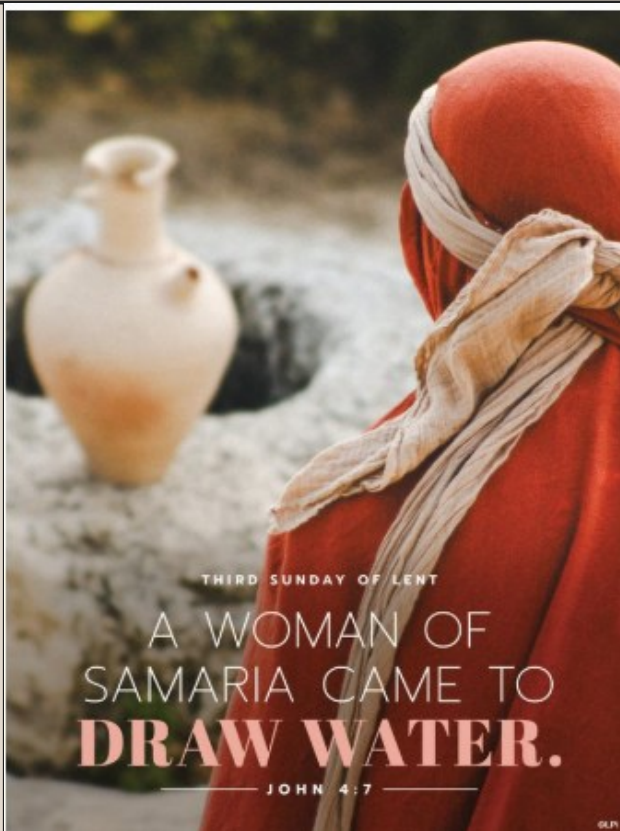
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

Usher/Greeter Ministry

Mr. David Sherman: (860) 810-8594

Women of St. Patrick's

(860) 693-8727



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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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, 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

Monday, March 9

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Tuesday, March 10

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Wednesday, March 11

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Thursday, March 12

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, March 13

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, March 14

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

Sunday, March 15

8:00 am Frank Lauretti Jr. as requested by Christine and Richard Masotti

10:00 am Dominick Ciotto Jr.

Parish Support

Week of 2/26/26 to 3/4/26

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 3760.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1315.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 5,075.00

Facilities \$ 20.00

Monthly - Snow

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 940.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 243.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 1,183.00

Grand Total: \$ 6,278.00

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

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.

Faith Formation

DATE	TIME	EVENT
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

Lectio Divina

St. Jerome said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." Come and pray with the Scriptures and be enlightened and transformed by the Holy Spirit speaking directly to you at Lectio Divina. We meet downstairs on the stage area at 6pm on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. We will see you this coming Thursday, March 12th. Contact Rich or Yvonne Stoops at 203-910-5588 with any questions.



In Loving Memory

"Laura Curran"

Whose funeral mass was on March 4 here at St Patrick's

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

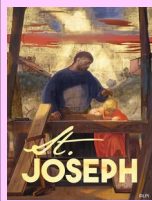
When I think about the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, I think of my father. This Gospel reading that we use every year for the First Scrutiny of the RCIA was always my favorite to discuss with those who would be baptized in just a few weeks at the Easter Vigil. Not that many years ago, my father was one of those elect. That year, the story was more powerful than ever.

The woman went frequently to the well looking to get the water that would sustain her body. But in the story, Jesus tells her of a different kind of water, one that gives life and quenches even the driest of thirsts. The story tells us that she put down her water jar and ran to the town telling of her encounter with the One who may be the Christ. She left that jar at the well. She did not need it anymore.

I encounter people all the time that spend their days going up the hill to draw water. They are tired and spent. My father was one of those. But with the gift of baptismal water, that constant chore is now over. There is no need to travel up that hill.

This Lent, if you are one of the baptized, reclaim the gift of your baptism. Stop climbing that hill in search of something that can only quench your thirst temporarily. You encountered Christ and have the everlasting, living water already. Put down that water jar. Your new life has only just begun.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Congratulations to Richard and Yvonne Stoops

We congratulate Rich and Yvonne Stoops on their nomination to receive the Saint Joseph Archdiocesan Medal of Appreciation. Archbishop Coyne will present the Medal to them and other nominees from various parishes of the Archdiocese at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford, on Sunday, March 15, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. Congratulations, Rich and Yvonne Stoops, and thank you for your witness of faith and service in our St. Patrick's parish.



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.** Come and experience the Mercy of God through the power of the Sacrament.



Lenten Mission with Fr. Don LaSalle, S.M.M.

Join us for one, two, or all three sessions beginning this Wednesday at 7 PM. See the flyers at the back of the church for details.

Word of Life † March 8

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life"

(The Gospel of Life 28).

Join Thousands of People from Around Connecticut

Mark Your Calendar



For Further Information go to CTMarchforLife.org



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!!!

Regular Bulletin Deadline — Tuesdays, 12 pm

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Readings for the week of March 8, 2026

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

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14
and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk
18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE-

March 8, 2026 3rd Sunday of Lent John 4:5-42

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, "Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way." That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: **"One sows and another reaps" (John 4:37)**. He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— Father John Muir

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Saint of the week -St. Frances of Rome



One of the greatest mystics of the fifteenth century; born at Rome, of a noble family, in 1384; died there, 9 March, 1440.

Her youthful desire was to enter religion, but at her father's wish she married, at the age of twelve, Lorenzo de' Ponziani. Among her children we know of Battista, who carried on the family name, Evangelista, a child of great gifts (d. 1411), and Agnes (d. 1413). Frances was remarkable for her charity to the poor, and her zeal for souls.

She won away many Roman ladies from a life of frivolity, and united them in an association of oblates attached to the White Benedictine monastery of Santa Maria Nuova; later they became the Benedictine Oblate Congregation of Tor di Specchi (25 March, 1433) which was approved by Eugene IV (4 July, 1433). Its members led the life of religious, but without the strict cloister or formal vows, and gave themselves up to prayer and good works. With her husband's consent Frances practiced continency, and advanced in a life of contemplation. Her visions often assumed the form of drama enacted for her by heavenly personages. She had the gift of miracles and ecstasy, as well as the bodily vision of her guardian angel, had revelations concerning purgatory and hell, and foretold the ending of the Western Schism. She could read the secrets of consciences and detect plots of diabolical origin. She was remarkable for her humility and detachment, her obedience and patience, exemplified on the occasion of her husband's banishment, the captivity of Battista, her sons' death, and the loss of all her property.

On the death of her husband (1436) she retired among her oblates at Tor di Specchi, seeking admission for charity's sake, and was made superior. On the occasion of a visit to her son, she fell ill and died on the day she had foretold. Her canonization was preceded by three processes (1440, 1443, 1451) and Paul V declared her a saint on 9 May, 1608, assigning 9 March as her feast day. Long before that, however, the faithful were wont to venerate her body in the church of Santa Maria Nuova in the Roman Forum, now known as the church of Santa Francesca Romana.

@Catholic Encyclopedia

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Blessing of Living Water

Lord, where there has been dryness in my life, bless me with Your living water!
Where I fear to dream of new hope and growth, bless me with Your living water!
Where I'm thirsty for new and abundant life, bless me with Your living water!
Drench the parched earth with Your promise, bless me with Your living water!
Amen.

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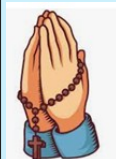
Welcome New Parishioners!

A warm welcome to

The Krier Family

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

It is hoped that they will grow in faith and community.



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.



March 9	Human Needs Committee Meeting 7:00pm Parish Hall
March 10	WSP Meeting 6:30 pm Parish Hall
March 12	Lectio Divina 6:00 pm Parish Hall Stage Area Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Choir Loft
March 13	Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Church

THE *Blessing Bag* PROJECT

The Blessing Bag Project- to support unhoused members of our community - continues throughout Lent. 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 3 - MAR 7/8

TREATS:
MINTS, HARD CANDY, GUM

WEEK 5 - MAR 21/22

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

WEEK 4 - MAR 13/14

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

WEEK 6 - MAR 28/29

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



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

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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