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Coordinator Needed

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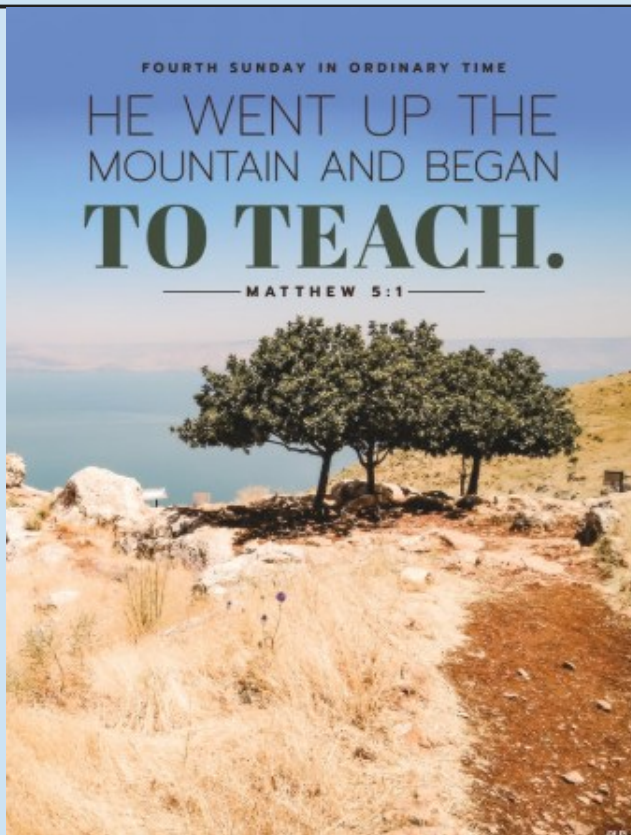
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

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Mr. David Sherman: (860) 810-8594

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(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, January 31

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

Sunday, February 1

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Monday, February 2

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Tuesday, February 3

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Wednesday, February 4

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Thursday, February 5

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, February 6

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, February 7

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

Sunday, February 8

8:00 am Buddy Lester as requested by Donna Potwin

10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Faith Formation

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Feb 1	9-10 AM	Class Group A
	6-7:20 pm	First Holy Communion
	6-7:30 pm	7th grade & Mrs. Sanzo's Class
Feb 8	9-10 AM	Class Group A
	11:15 am	Bridge Team Meeting
	12:45 am	Confirmation Y1
	2-3 pm	Confirmation Y2
Feb 15	12:45 am	First Holy Communion
Feb 22	6th grade	
	12:45 am	Confirmation Y2
Feb 22	9-10 AM	Class Group A
	11:15 am	Confirmation Y1
	12:45 am	Confirmation Y2
	6-7 pm	First Holy Communion
	6-7:30 pm	Class Group B



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

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

Parish Support

Week of 1/22/25 to 1/28/25

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 1,624.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 849.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 2,473.00

Facilities \$ 38.00

Monthly -N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 0.00

Grand Total: \$ 2,511.00

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



St Patrick's Parish Office Update!

Terry St. Gelais, our Parish Office Administrative Assistant, is away and will return to the office on **March 4, 2026**. The regular office hours of **Monday through Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm** will remain unchanged. **Jodi Dickson** will be helping us with covering the office tasks Mon - Thurs during this period. If you call when no one can answer the phone immediately, please leave a message with your number, or you can send us an email at aa@sp4c.org. We will certainly get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your patient understanding and cooperation.



Bringing Up the Gifts this weekend of Jan 31/ Feb 1

5:00 Mass -First Communion Candidates

Mary Hollenbeck, Jonathan & Brandon Casano, James Marich, Stephen & Sean Janecko

8:00 Mass -First Communion Candidates Ophelia Jamieson, Kaylee Belmonte, Peter Slavin, Gavin Niemann

10:00 Mass -First Communion Candidates Sophia Lee, Mina LeBlanc-Nair, Jacob Manion



Welcome New Parishioners!

A warm welcome to

Pedro Miura

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

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

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Countercultural Then and Now

Sometimes I wonder what this world will look like when my children get to be my age. Everything seems to be changing so rapidly and much of that change doesn't seem to be for the good. I do think in some ways the Church is experiencing resurgence and a strengthening, but it will have to be in the face of an increasing culture of atheism and selfishness.

Of course, I bet my parents wondered the same thing when I was a child. As much as things change, they remain the same. When Jesus gave his Sermon on the Mount, I would guess some parents there were having the same kind of worries. But Jesus proposed a way of life in the beatitudes that was countercultural then and is countercultural now.

In his book, *Life of Christ*, Fulton Sheen said this: "The Sermon on the Mount is so much at variance with all that our world holds dear that the world will crucify anyone who tries to live up to its values." Living a stewardship way of life means bringing the beatitudes into our daily lives in a profound way. However, it also means living in a way that others may not understand or they may even turn away from us because of it. But with the reward in the end being the kingdom of heaven, the choice is really a matter of life and death, *eternally* speaking.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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All Faith Formation Families are invited to our next FAMILY MASS & FELLOWSHIP



SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

**Mass @ 4 pm
followed by dinner and fun!**

Who will be crowned the **TRIVIA** champions?

A variety of soups and salad will be served. Please **RSVP & sign up** to contribute by **Sunday, February 22**

RSVP HERE



Virtues, Kindness, Explained!

In the modern lexicon, the quality of "kindness" is often equated with politeness — but real, virtuous kindness is so much more. Virtuous kindness is a way of seeing others through the eyes of God.

God is not polite — God is kind, and His kindness is abundantly evident in all of creation. It was suspicion of this divine kindness that precipitated the fall of Adam and Eve (CCC 214), and it was this unfailing kindness that facilitated our own adoption as God's children, conformed to the image of His son (CCC 257).

Also known as benevolence or beneficence and derived from the theological virtue of charity, kindness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22) and is a central theme in the famous parable of the Good Samaritan. In practicing kindness and seeking the good of another without prejudice or condition, the Samaritan reflects God's own plan of loving kindness for us.

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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.

Regular Bulletin Deadline — Tuesdays, 12 pm

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February 2, 2026



Readings for the week of February 1, 2026

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE-

February 1, 2026—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 5:1-12a

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time.

He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: **"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad" (Matthew 5:11-12).** Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad.

- Father John Muir

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Word of Life † February 1

"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned."

Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021
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Saint of the week - St Blaise



You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Vocation or Calling

Question:

Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

Answer:

A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call.

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FEBRUARY

February 3	Parish Council Meeting 6:30 pm Parish Hall
February 5	Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Church
February 7	Appreciation Dinner Parish Hall 6:00 pm
February 10	WSP Meeting Parish Hall 6:30 pm

Saint Patrick Parish



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

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