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Coordinator Needed

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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



5th Sunday OF LENT

"'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, 'Untie him and let him go.' Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him." Jn 11:43-45

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, March 21

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

Sunday, March 22

8:00 am Buddy Lester as requested by Donna Potwin & Phyllis Cappa

10:00 am Healing Mass for Brook Brazer

Monday, March 23

8:00 am Patricia White as requested by Jane Tully Lamberty

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Wednesday, March 25

8:00 am William Tully as requested by Jane Lamberty

Thursday, March 26

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, March 27

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, March 28

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

Sunday, March 29

8:00 am Stanislaw Piendak as requested by the Collins Family

10:00 am Special Intention as requested by Lori Kluessendorf

Faith Formation

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mar 22	9-10 am	Class Group A Bridge Team Meeting 
	11:15 am	Confirmation Year 1
	12:45 pm	Confirmation Year 2
	6-7:20 pm	First Holy Communion
	6-7:30 pm	Class Group B
Mar 29	9-10 am	Blessing Bag Project - All Grades
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



Easter Youth Choir

The Youth Choir will meet immediately following the 10:00 am mass in the choir loft. It will meet from 11:00 am till 12:00 noon for the next three weeks. This choir will be singing for the 10:00 am mass on Easter Sunday. For additional information contact our Music Director, Chris Casey at keyscasey@aol.com.

Parish Support

Week of 3/12/26 to 3/18/26

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2680.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 975.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 3,655.00

Facilities \$ 35.00

Monthly - N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 0.00

Grand Total: \$ 3,690.00

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

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PRAYER - FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY Blessing for New Life

God, in Your goodness, restore our hope.
Where we feel imprisoned, break our chains.
Where we feel discouraged, bring us light.
Where the ground feels dry,
break through with life anew.

Amen

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR

When I am driving throughout the United States, I enjoy seeing the billboards that dot the highways speaking for God. A couple of my favorites: "Life is short. Eternity is not. --God"; and "Let's meet at my house this Sunday, before the game. --God." God must have a pretty big advertising budget because he has billboards in pretty much every state!

One billboard I saw read, "You asked God for a sign, and here it is!" After a chuckle, I realized that we are always looking for a sign. We say we believe, but sometimes, we act like we just want to be sure.

In the Gospels, Jesus performs miracles and healings so that people would believe. The healing of Lazarus was surely a profound moment for all who were there. Jesus was able to show that he has power over even death itself, a foreshadowing to his resurrection that will occur in the not too distant future. For all who doubt, be assured that Jesus is the giver of life. He has given living water to the woman at the well, sight to the blind, and now has raised a man from the grave.

As Easter draws ever closer, how many more signs do you need? What else can Jesus do to convince you that his call on your life comes from the source of all life? As the US Bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship lays out, we have been challenged, we are asked to choose, and then our lives will be transformed. May all the signs of God around us, even billboards on the side of the road, move us to choose a path of giving of ourselves like Jesus.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Lenten Mission with Fr. Don LaSalle, S.M.M.

Join us for the last session of our Lenten mission on Wednesday, March 25 at 7 PM. See the flyers at the back of the church for details.



Congratulations!

We congratulate St Patrick's Church recipients of this year's **Archdiocesan St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation: Richard and Yvonne Stoops**

On Sunday, March 15th, Richard & Yvonne were honored by Archbishop Coyne at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph along with men and women from around the archdiocese with this special award.

For many years both Richard & Yvonne have shown great devotion to our parish. We offer our utmost thanks to them and we applaud the many ways in which they live their faith here in our community.



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.



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!



ACTIVITIES FOR THE

HOLY WEEK 2026

Holy Thursday April 2

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM

Holy hour follows immediately after the 7:00 PM mass

Good Friday April 3

Liturgy at 3:00 PM

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday April 4

Easter Food Basket Blessing - 10:00 AM

Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday April 5

Masses at 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: In the New Testament, how many times does Jesus tell us we need to forgive our enemies?

Answer: Seventy times seven times.

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Readings for the week of March 22, 2026

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE-

5th Sunday of Lent—John 11:1-45

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence:

"Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43) The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, **"Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44)**. That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

Lenten challenge: Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

— Father John Muir

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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 5 - MAR 21/22

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

WEEK 6 - MAR 28/29

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us on Wednesday, March 25 7:00pm for
Eucharistic Adoration

Saint of the week - Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo's

He was a 16th-century Spanish inquisitor and judge who became the Archbishop of Lima, Peru, and a tireless missionary. Although not a priest when appointed, he traveled extensively across South America, walking thousands of miles to baptize and confirm, including Saint Rose of Lima. He was known for defending the rights of indigenous people against colonial abuse and for organizing the Church in Peru. He is honored as a patron of native rights, Latin American bishops, and Peru, celebrated for his dedication to evangelization and defending the poor.



Women of St Patrick Scholarship Applications Now Available

Applications for the WSP Memorial Scholarship are now available in the vestibule of the church. The WSP will be presenting scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are active members in St Patrick Parish and plan to further their education in the Fall 2026. This includes a four or two year college, vocational school or training and online study. The scholarships are given in memory of the deceased members of the WSP and Ladies Guild.

Completed scholarship applications are due by **APRIL 23, 2026 at 12 noon!** Completed application may be submitted any time before April 23 2026 at Noon and are to be placed in the designated box located in the vestibule of the church (Monday - Wednesday 8:00 am - 3:30 pm or during normal mass hours) or in the marked box on the front porch of rectory (Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 3:30 pm). **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**



EASTER BASKET FOOD BLESSING Holy Saturday~ April 4 ~ 10:00 am

The **"Blessing of the Easter Basket"** is one of the most beloved and enduring traditions of Eastern Europeans on Holy Saturday during Easter. Baskets contain a sampling of Easter food and are brought to church on Holy Saturday to be blessed. The Easter food items and other items have a specific significance.

Please plan on creating your own family Easter basket and bring it to **St Patrick's Church** to be blessed on Holy Saturday!

Save The Date

Please save the date for the 4th Annual Sparkle for Hope to Benefit Divine Hope Mission on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at the beautiful Raymond Family Farm in New Hartford. More details will follow. For more information about Divine Hope Mission, visit www.divinehopemission.com





March 24	Finance Council Meeting 6:30 pm
March 25	Lenten Mission & Lenten Day of Prayer & Adoration 7:00 PM
March 26	Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Choir Loft
March 27	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.

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Please scan the QR code with your phone's camera or visit
<https://forms.gle/PMvLTppxPxsfCKGH7>
 to get started.

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