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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 14

5:00 pm Zachary Goodwin as requested by the Hyde Family

Sunday, February 15

8:00 am Theresa Morgan as requested by the McMahon Family

10:00 am Zana Tauro as requested by a Friend

Monday, February 16

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Tuesday, February 17

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Wednesday, February 18

8:00 am Jeanne Tully as requested by the Lamberty Family

Thursday, February 19

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, February 20

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, February 21

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

Sunday, February 22

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Faith Formation

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Feb 15	12:45 pm	Confirmation Y2
Feb 22	9-10 am	Class Group A
	11:15 am	Confirmation Y1
	12:45 pm	Confirmation Y2
	6-7 pm	First Holy Communion
	6-7:30 pm	Class Group B
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



Welcome New Parishioners!

A warm welcome to
The Boulay 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.

Parish Support

Week of 2/5/26 to 2/11/26

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 3114.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1711.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 4,825.00

Snow \$ 125.00

Monthly - Facilities Fund

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 695.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 364.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 1,059.00

Grand Total: \$ 6,009.00

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

THE Blessing Bag PROJECT

The Faith Formation Program will be collecting items for unhoused members of our local communities during Lent. Please place donated items in the basket labeled "Blessing Bag Project" located in the vestibule of the church. 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 1 - FEB 21/22

ORAL HYGIENE:
TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTHPASTE,
& FLOSS

WEEK 4 - MAR 13/14

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

WEEK 2 - FEB 28/MAR 1

PERSONAL HYGIENE:
MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DEODORANT
OR SMALL PACK OF BODY WIPES

WEEK 5 - MAR 21/22

FIRST AID:
TRAVEL-SIZE HAND SANITIZER
& 'BAND-AIDES'

WEEK 3 - MAR 7/8

TREATS:
MINTS, HARD CANDY, GUM

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

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		

Regular Bulletin Deadline — Tuesdays, 12 pm

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MESSAGE FROM FR. COLLINS: LENT AS A SEASON OF RENEWAL

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we approach the start of this year's Lenten season with the Mass of **Ash Wednesday on February 18th**, I invite everyone in the parish to make this a time of personal spiritual renewal. It is understandable that talk of Lent can evoke mixed emotions. We may want to grow closer to God, but also feel anxious about what to give up, whether we will stick to it, and how to manage one more thing in our busy lives. If you feel this way, you are not alone. Lent is not meant to add stress; it is an invitation to something deeper and life-giving.

The heart of Lent is not performance, but conversion and a 40-day journey of renewal and *reset* that leads us to the joy of Easter. Lent is a season of retreat for the whole church, a path we walk together, inviting us to listen to God's call: *"Come back to me. Let me refresh your spirit. Let me help you become the person you were created to be."* Lent is not about projecting perfection or checking boxes on a spiritual to-do list. It is about opening ourselves to God for renewal, allowing God to work in the messy and beautiful reality of our daily lives. Think of Lent as spring cleaning for the soul. Just as we open windows to let fresh air into our homes, Lent invites us to open our hearts to God's grace, clear out what weighs us down, and make room for what truly matters.

This Lent, we are called not just as individuals but as a parish community to spiritual renewal by embracing the spirit of the season. There are many ways for you to engage, from the **Friday Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm** to **Monday Confessions at 6:00 pm**. Don't let these pass you by. Please check the flyer in last weekend's bulletin for all our Lenten programs and activities. If you did not get the flyer, you can pick one up at the main church entrance.

I am also excited to invite you to a special opportunity for renewal: **Our Lenten Mission with Fr. Don LaSalle, S.M.M.**, Director of the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield. Fr. Don will join us for three **Wednesday evenings, March 11, 18, and 25 at 7:00 pm**, to guide us deeper into the heart of the season. The last time we had a Lenten Mission was in 2020, but we did not complete it because of Covid. We look forward to this Lenten Mission being inspiring, practical, and deeply nourishing for our faith journey. Mark your calendars and plan to bring a friend or family member.

On **Wednesday, March 25**, the last day of the mission, after the 8 am Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar for personal prayer and adoration throughout the day. **Confessions will be available from 6:00 to 7:00 pm**, followed by praise and worship songs, then a reflection on the day's topic by Fr. Don LaSalle. The evening will conclude with a benediction. Please sign up for a prayer time at the church's main entrance.

So, yes, give something up if that helps you, but more importantly, take on more: prayer, gratitude, forgiveness, works of charity, mercy, kindness, and time with the Lord. Let this be a Lent where we fall in love with our faith again and rediscover the joy of being God's beloved children and disciples of Christ, who have received his Holy Spirit to witness his truth and presence in our world.

May this year's Lenten season be a period of true renewal for each and every one of us at St. Patrick's.

In Christ,
Fr. Collins



The Season of Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, **February 18 2026** and ends just prior to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on **Thursday, April 2, 2026**.

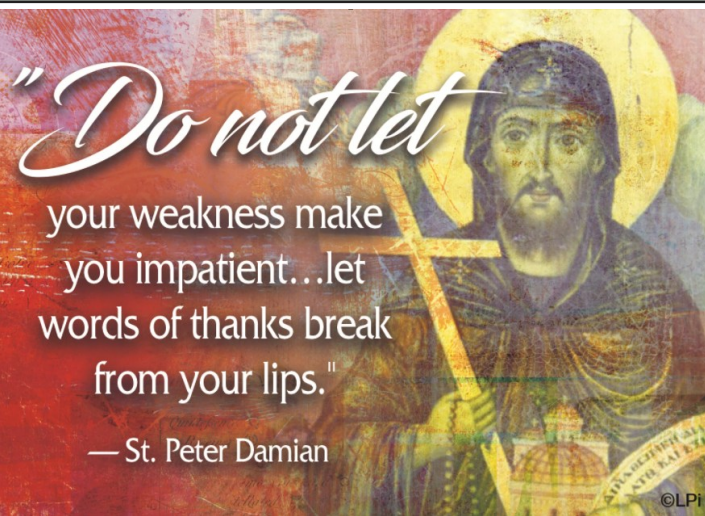
For those whose health permits, **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are **days of fasting and abstinence**. All **Fridays** in Lent are days of **ab-**

stinence. **Fasting** means refraining from eating foods between meals and eating only one full meal with the other two being lighter meals. It is required of those who are aged 18 to 59 on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. **Abstinence** means to refrain from eating meat. It is required of those aged 14 and older on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday** and all **Fridays** in Lent.



Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026
Mass Times 8:00 am & 7:00 pm



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.

Readings for the week of February 15, 2026

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE-

February 15, 2026—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 5:17-37

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: "NO." It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, **"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One" (Matthew 5:37).** He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

Lenten Challenge: Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere "yes" to something important, or a humble "no" to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

— Father John Muir

@LPi

Lectio Divina

"Come and encounter the Wise and Gentle Jesus as we pray with the Scriptures at St. Patrick's Lectio Divina group. We will be meeting the second and fourth Thursdays of the month (February 26th) at 6:00 pm downstairs on the stage area. Bring your open heart and hear God's voice with His WORD for you. For more information or any questions call Yvonne (203-707-0838) or Rich Stoops (203-910-5588)."

Saint of the week -

St. Peter Damian



St. Peter Damian was born in 1007 in Ravenna, Italy. He lost his parents at a very young age and one brother was left in charge of him. This brother treated him poorly and had him tend swine.

Once Peter was old enough, a different brother, who was the archpriest of Ravenna, noticed the neglected Peter and took him in to be educated. Peter added Damian to his name in honor of this brother. In school, Peter proved to be an apt student, and later became a professor.

While a professor, Peter constantly engaged in fasts and prayer. He then resolved to leave the world to enter monastic life. Even as a monk living in seclusion, he was a valuable reformer in the Church. He was friends with Pope Gregory VII and counseled many popes throughout his life.

While traveling to Rome to meet with the Pope, Peter was sickened with a fever in a monastery near Faenza. Eight days later, Peter Damian died on February 22, 1072. St. Peter Damian was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1828.

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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



Word of Life † February 15

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"
respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

FEBRUARY

February 18	Ash Wednesday Mass 8:00 am & 7:00 pm
February 19	Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Choir Loft

Saint Patrick Parish



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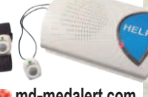
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