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Mr. Chris Casey: (860) 904-8138

Building & Grounds Committee

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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

Mr. Moe Poirier: (860) 693-4692

Tom Turick: (860) 605-9092

Parish Council President

Mrs. Sarah Hollenbeck: (860) 693-8499

Imago Dei (Pro-Life) Ministry

Mrs. Carline Thurston: (860) 899-4044

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CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

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

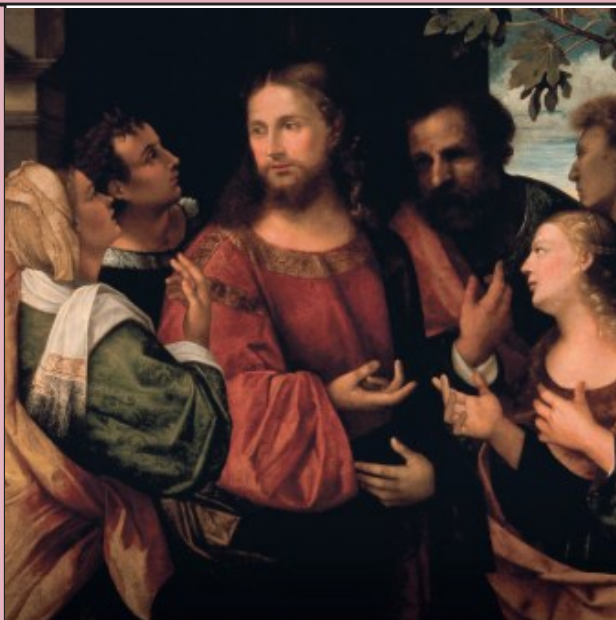
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

Usher/Greeter Ministry

Mr. David Sherman: (860) 810-8594

Women of St. Patrick's

(860) 693-8727



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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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

*Youth Ministry &
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ym@spcolct.org

Chris Casey

Music Director

keyscasey@aol.com

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, August 15

5:00 pm Enderline Anaeché

Sunday, August 16

8:00 am Henryka Moson & Jerzy Murglin as requested by daughter and granddaughter

10:00 am Donald Drummey as requested by Jeanne & Gideon Banville

Monday, August 17

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patricks

Tuesday, August 18

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patricks

Wednesday, August 19

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patricks

Thursday, August 20

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, August 21

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, August 22

5:00 pm Sean Cassavechia as requested by a friend

Sunday, August 23

8:00 am Buddy Lester as requested by Donna Potwin

10:00 am Charlotte & David Nadeau as requested by Jeanne & Gideon Banville

Parish Support

Week of 8/6/26 to 8/12/26

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,690.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 2,168.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 4,858.00

Facilities \$ 0.00

Monthly – Facilities Fund

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 687.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 268.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 955.00

Grand Total: \$ 5,813.00

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

Hello SUMMER!

As you pack your bags and head out on vacation, please remember that our Parish work never takes a break. You can ensure your regular contributions continue uninterrupted by setting up recurring donations, use online giving or double up another time. It's safe, easy, and guarantees we maintain our existence all season long!

All you do for our Parish is appreciated!



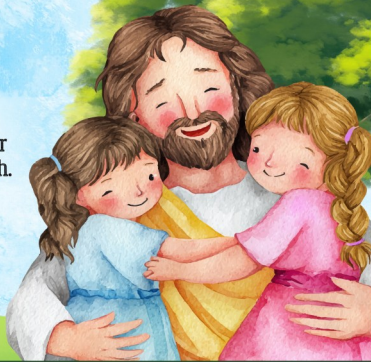
There's still time to Register!

Join us for the 2026-2027
Faith Formation year at St. Patrick's!

- Classes start in September
- Sacramental Prep Classes
- General Faith Formation Classes

- Register on our website:
www.sp4c.org

- Are you called to assist within our program? We are seeking individuals willing to share their love with the youth of our parish. No experience necessary! If you are interested, please contact our FF coordinator at ffd@spcolct.org.



Coming In September!!

**WSP Annual
Mum Sale**

More details to come!



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



Welcome New Parishioners!

A warm welcome to
Bailey Killian

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



OCIA PROGRAM TO BEGIN!

The **OCIA Program (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)** will begin on **Friday, September 4th at 6:00 PM** for any adults who are interested in becoming Catholic or adults who were baptized only. This interesting and exciting program will instruct candidates in the foundations of the Catholic faith and prepare them to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil, when they will receive the sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation). Meetings will be held once per month on the first Friday of each month from September through April for 90 minutes and will explore many aspects of the faith in an interactive format. If you have been considering conversion to the Catholic faith or, if baptized, receiving the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation, or if you know someone who has an interest, or if you would just like to talk about the process, please contact Deacon Ken Bangs at 860-881-7785 or at dcn.bangs@aohct.org, or call the Rectory at 860-693-8727 to leave your contact information. We look forward to speaking with you!

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

If you are an adult who has already received the sacraments of Baptism AND Holy Communion but, for whatever reason, never received the sacrament of Confirmation, here is your opportunity to do so! Adult Confirmation classes, a separate program from OCIA, is preparing to begin in October. The program will meet monthly, brushing up on Church teachings, developing a fruitful prayer life, reinforcing the importance of the sacrament of Confirmation and preparing you to receive this grace in order to:

- Become a full member of the Catholic Church!
- Be able to serve as a Catholic Sponsor for Baptisms and Confirmations!
- Move forward in your spiritual journey!
- Receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit!

If you have not received the sacrament of Confirmation, **CALL NOW!** You may contact the **Rectory at 860-693-8727** to express your interest and to leave your contact information. Those who complete the program will receive the sacrament along with the youth confirmandi at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford in May 2027! We look forward to hearing from you!

St. Patrick Parish Hospitality Ministry

St. Patrick seeks individuals with a gift, desire, and passion for hospitality to serve in our Parish Hospitality Ministry. This ministry is at the heart of parish life. Whether we are welcoming new parishioners, celebrating feast days, or gathering for special events, sharing a meal brings our community together in a meaningful way.

The Hospitality Ministry Team:

- Plan simple menus for parish dinners and receptions.
- Purchase the necessary food and supplies (using parish funds).
- Recruit and organize volunteers to help prepare, cook, serve, and clean up.
- Coordinate food preparation so that no one person carries the entire workload.
- Work with parish staff and other ministry leaders to determine the needs for each event.

No one has to do everything alone. As a hospitality ministry team, your main role is to organize, coordinate, and encourage others to share their gifts.

We are looking for people who:

- Have a welcoming spirit and would enjoy helping build parish community,
- Enjoy cooking or organizing meals,
- Are comfortable coordinating volunteers,
- Are dependable and well organized.

This is a wonderful opportunity to put your talents at the service of Christ by helping create a warm and welcoming parish where everyone feels at home.

If you feel called to this ministry or want to learn more, please email **Terry St. Gelais**, our parish Admin Assistant, at aa@sp4c.org or call her at **860-693-8727**.



All parishioners are welcome to donate
home crafted gift items,
theme baskets or baked good.

Summer is a great time to plan and work on
your crafts, baskets and for checking your recipes

Please plan to volunteer, donate & attend!

Word of Life † August 16

"No sin, failure, humiliation or exclusion can diminish the profound value of a human life that God has willed and called into being. The fundamental dignity of each person, therefore, is neither acquired nor earned, nor does it need to be justified."

Pope Leo XIV, *Magnifica Humanitas* © 2026, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.



Readings for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 16, 2026- Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 15:21-28

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, **"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David."** At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. **"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."** But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. **"Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."** Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, **"O woman, great is your faith,"** it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

— Father John Muir

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Thank You !

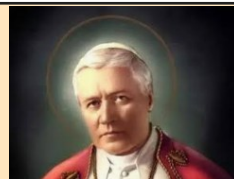
The Haiti Ministry is thankful to all who attended the **Pasta Dinner fundraiser on June 4, 2026**. Thank you for the wonderful entertainment by the KC Sisters. We raised just over \$4,000 to support the Feeding Program and contribute to Teacher salaries at Ste. Thérèse de L'Enfant Jésus in Lilavois Haiti. Your donations and donated baskets for the Teacup Raffle were much appreciated.

Upcoming Events:

Save the Date: September 29th - Fundraiser at American Flatbread in Canton.

Honoring Ste. Thérèse and Praying for the People of Haiti: Early October - more details in September.

Saint of the week - St. Pius X



St. Pius X (1835 – 1914), born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto, was from the Austrian Empire in what is now modern-day Veneto, Italy. He was the 257th Pope and served from 1903 until his death in

1914. St. Pius X's love for the Eucharist was evident from a young age and he carried this devotion throughout his life. As Pope, he emphasized the importance of fostering a personal relationship with Jesus through the Sacrament, advocating for its accessibility to all Catholics, regardless of social status.

One of St. Pius X's most significant contributions to the Church was the role he played in lowering the age of eligibility for First Communion. Recognizing the significance of early spiritual formation, he sought to enable children to receive the Eucharist as soon as they reached seven years old.

He believed that children could experience the profound graces of the Eucharist, grow in their faith at an early age, and that the reception of Holy Communion regularly in a child's life would set the foundation for a lifetime of spiritual growth, safeguarding the integrity of Church doctrine.

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DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO WORK WITH THE YOUTH IN ASSISTING THEM GROW IN THEIR FAITH JOURNEY AND RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST AND THE CHURCH?

There is an open part-time position at St. Patrick's Parish, Collinsville, Connecticut, for a Confirmation and Youth Ministry Coordinator. This person will work with the pastor to develop and implement a confirmation preparation program for parish youth and lead the youth group and other parish youth activities beyond confirmation.

Duties will include, but are not limited to teaching Confirmation Preparation classes and help recruit other volunteers to help with the programs; ensures all adults working with youth have had a background check and are Virtus-trained; assists with parish projects and encourage youth to participate; organizes retreat experiences and days of prayer for youth; plans field trips around the 4 pillars of youth ministry (Prayer, Service, Learning, and "the three F's—food, fellowship, and fun); coordinates community volunteer service hour opportunities for parish youth; fosters open communication between parents and the parish youth ministry team; and recruits, trains, assigns and evaluates the youth ministry activities and leaders.

Qualified candidates must possess knowledge of Catholic theology, an understanding of and commitment to the Catholic Church and its mission, strong organizational skills, be self-motivated, and be a good role model and faithful witness of the faith to the youth.

To submit a resume or request a copy of the position description, please email: fr.anaeche@aohct.org

You may also submit your resume via mail to:

Rev. Collins I. Anaeche, Ph.D.

Pastor,

St. Patrick's Parish

50 Church Street,

Collinsville, CT 06019.



August 17	WSP Core Team Meeting
August 27	Lectio Divina 6:00 pm Parish Hall

Have you Notice- Our updated Reconciliation Room?

We are blessed to share that our parish reconciliation room has been recently updated to provide a more prayerful, welcoming environment for the Sacrament of God's Mercy. The refreshed space is designed to help you experience peace and healing. Confessions are available Saturdays at 4:00 pm. Come experience God's loving forgiveness!





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