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Coordinator Needed

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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.

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Please enter through the rear entrance of the Church

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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, May 9

5:00 pm Special Intention as requested by Marianne & Paul
Cassavechia

Sunday, May 10

8:00 am All Mothers of St. Patrick's

10:00 am Enderline Anaechie

Monday, May 11

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Tuesday, May 12

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Wednesday, April 13

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Thursday, May 14

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Friday, May 15

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, May 16

5:00 pm Enderline Anaechie

Sunday, May 17

8:00 am Fr Collins

10:00 am Fr Collins

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Word of Life † May 10

"Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Radical Solidarity"

Parish Support

Week of 4/30/26 to 5/6/26

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 3,019.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,615.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 4,634.00

Facilities \$ 65.00

Monthly - Lawn Care

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 818.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 418.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 1,236.00

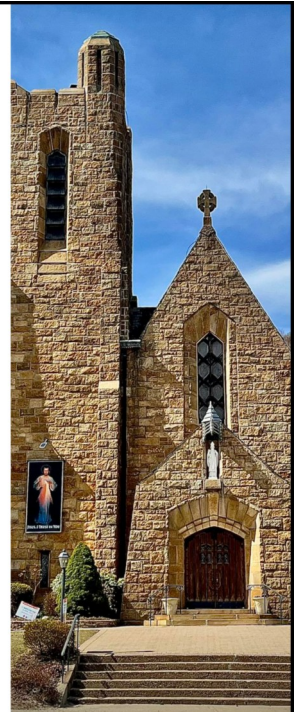
Grand Total: \$ 5,935.00

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

PARISH COFFEE HOUR

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Following the 10 am
mass, celebrated by
The Most Reverend
Christopher Coyne,
Archbishop of
Hartford



ASCENSION DAY OF JESUS CHRIST

• **Thursday, May 14, 2026 Mass at 8:00 am** •

It is a sacred day remembering the ascension of the Lord into heaven.
Let us rejoice and celebrate with faith, love, and gratitude in our hearts.

**MESSAGE FROM FR. COLLINS:
INCREASING SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Dear Friends in Christ,

At our last Finance Council meeting in March, we reflected with gratitude on the ongoing strength of our parish. We also spent some time discussing how we can continue to maintain the financial stability of our parish. Thanks to your faithful support, our parish remains strong, and I am deeply grateful. Your generosity and commitment continue to sustain the viability of our parish and all that we are able to do together.

One important point during the Finance Council meeting was the need to increase parish revenue, which comes mainly from offertory contributions, charitable giving, and other donations by parishioners. While our financial foundation remains strong, revenue has remained relatively unchanged in recent years, even as the cost of goods and services has risen. In simple terms, many of us have given about the same amount year after year, even though prices today differ greatly from when those amounts were first set. Additional support will help us cover increased utility costs, fund ongoing maintenance projects, and expand our ministries and outreach programs to better serve the community.

I know these are challenging economic times, and the increased cost of living affects everyone, some more than others. Like our families, the Church feels the impact of higher prices for oil, utilities, maintenance, and other essentials. At the same time, we continue to grow the parish and improve our church properties. Thanks to your support of the Annual Pastor's Appeal, we recently completed exterior improvements to the rectory. We also plan to update the reconciliation room to make it a more welcoming place to encounter Christ's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession.

With that in mind, I invite those whose means allow to consider increasing their offertory and financial support of the parish. This may be a good time to review and adjust what you give through the collection, the envelope system, or the online giving platform, especially if those amounts were set years ago, when prices were different.

I understand well the many demands on you and your families, and I thank you from my heart for your faith, your love for this parish, and your continued support.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Fr. Collins

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR

My children could never succeed without their mother and me. That isn't me thinking too much of ourselves, it is just a fact. No one can find success in life in total isolation. I could never have become who I am today without my parents, various teachers and mentors, and my wife. Truth be told, I probably owe a lot of who I am to my children as well.

I can only imagine the fear and concern of the first disciples when it was apparent that Jesus was not going to be with them much longer. Some probably thought since Jesus had risen from the dead, he might just live with them in the same way forever. But Jesus tried to calm their fears by assuring them, "I will not leave you orphans." He said he would continue to come to them and that he would send the Spirit to be with them at all times. They would not have to continue what he had started and preach the good news to the ends of the earth on their own.

We may sometimes feel that we are alone. We may at times try to do too much or show others that we are independent and strong. However, without the help of others, without the help of God, true success will always elude us. Our actions and words can become empty. The gifts we have received can either be cultivated in secret and in the shadows, or we can welcome the help that God provides in his Spirit, his community, and the sacraments he gave us. By working together the world will truly know the power of the risen Lord.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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**W S P M E E T I N G
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SALAD NIGHT

TUESDAY

MAY 12, 2026

6:30 PM

PARISH HALL



**YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND THE WSP MAY MEETING AND
SALAD NIGHT !**

**A VARIETY OF SALAD GREENS , TOMATOES AND DRESSINGS
WILL BE PROVIDED ! ALONG WITH ROLLS AND BREAD.
PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE SALAD INGREDIENT OR SALAD
TOPPING TO SHARE.**

**COFFEE, TEA, OTHER BEVERAGES AND DESSERTS WILL BE ALSO
BE SERVED!**

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THIS FUN AND INFORMATIVE
EVENING!**

Readings for the week of May 10, 2026

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 10, 2026 6th Sunday of Easter John 14:15-21

In my family, we can hardly speak about orphans without tears. My father was adopted as a baby. He frequently told us stories of how his parents welcomed him not just into their home but into their hearts. It was never merely a relocation or a legal transaction. It was the joy of being chosen, of receiving a family, a name, and a place where he belonged forever. Even in his later years, recalling that gift still moves him to tears of tender gratitude.

That is the kind of tenderness behind Jesus' words in today's Gospel: **"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."** (John 14:18) He is going away, but not abandoning us. Instead, he sends us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit — his own Spirit, shared with the Father — who dwells in us. Through the Spirit, Christ is present in us, and we are present in him. His Spirit gives us a home and a family.

We deepen this knowledge in the sacraments, in prayer, and in the daily life of the Church. The Spirit is the bond of belonging, the power that makes us God's sons and daughters, not spiritual orphans. And this is not a one-time event. There is always a deeper outpouring of the Spirit available to us, a fresh appropriation of the promise that we are never abandoned.

If only we could be as grateful as my dad is for his adoption, realizing that we have been adopted by God Himself. In Christ, we are never left as orphans.

— Father John Muir

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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

May 27	7:00 PM	June 24	7:00 PM
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Saint of the week -Our Lady of Fatima

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children—Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos—received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97.

Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.

The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church's worldwide calendar in 2002.



In Loving Memory

"David Dubois"

Who was buried in Calvary Cemetery on
Friday, May 1

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



Blessing for Mother's Day

Dear Lord,

Pour your goodness and grace upon the women of our community today in a special way. For mothers: fill them with joy and blessing.

For those who have lost children: hold them in their sorrow.

For those who have hoped for children: surround them with Your love.

For those who have lost a mother: may they know Your comfort.

For those carrying difficulty on this day: bring them consolation.

Bless all women this day. Thank you for the love they bring to this world, no matter their circumstances or story.

Amen. ©LPi





May 12	WSP Meeting 6:30 pm Parish Hall
May 24	Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne to celebrate mass at 10:00 am.
May 24	Coffee Hour after 10:00 am Parish Hall

Saint Patrick Parish

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We Want Your Questions!

Have comments or suggestions?
Yes, we take those too!

We want to hear from you.
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to get started.

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