

St. Patrick Church

Collinsville, Connecticut

Dedicated 1852

"It is here that through the strength of Heaven, we teach the Word, Jesus Christ, the Tradition of His Church and celebrate His Divine Mercy."

Serving the communities of Avon, Burlington, Canton, Collinsville and St. Thérèse, Lilavois, Haiti



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Parish Ministries

Altar Server Ministry

Mr. Peter Hollenbeck: (860) 693-8499

Choir Director

Mr. Chris Casey: (860) 904-8138

Building & Grounds Committee

Peter Hollenbeck: (860) 693-8499

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

Rosary at Cherry Brook

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Social/Hospitality Ministry

CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

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

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Usher/Greeter Ministry

Mr. David Sherman: (860) 810-8594

Women of St. Patrick's

(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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Coordinator Needed

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Chris Casey

Music Director

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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.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 16

5:00 pm Enderline Anaeché

Sunday, May 17

8:00 am Fr Collins

10:00 am Fr Collins

Monday, May 18

8:00 am Fr Collins

Tuesday, May 19

8:00 am Edward & Rita Kizlak & Son as requested by the Kozlak Family

Wednesday, April 20

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patricks

Thursday, May 21

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, May 22

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, May 23

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patricks

Sunday, May 24

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

10:00 am Mary Fournier as requested by Peter & Irene Fortier



Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

On Thursday, **June 11**, the Bishops of the United States will consecrate our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at an anticipatory Mass for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart.

As a parish family of St. Patrick's, we will commemorate this event and join in the consecration with a special Mass on **Friday, June 12 at 8:00 am**.

During the Mass, we will say the consecration prayer together. Holy Cards with the Consecration Prayer are available at the church entrances.

Feel free to pick up copies and use them during personal and family prayers.

You are also encouraged to offer the Litany of the Sacred Heart as a private devotion, especially on Fridays. A holy card with the litany will be available at the church entrances next week.



Come and pray with the Scriptures and be enlightened and transformed by the Holy Spirit speaking directly to you at Lectio Divina. We will meet on

Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 pm downstairs in the parish hall on the stage area. Contact Rich or Yvonne Stoops at 203-910-5588 with any questions.

Parish Support

Week of 5/7/26 to 5/13/26

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 3,400.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,262.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 4,662.00

Facilities \$ 0.00

Monthly - Facilities Fund

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 756.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 321.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 1,077.00

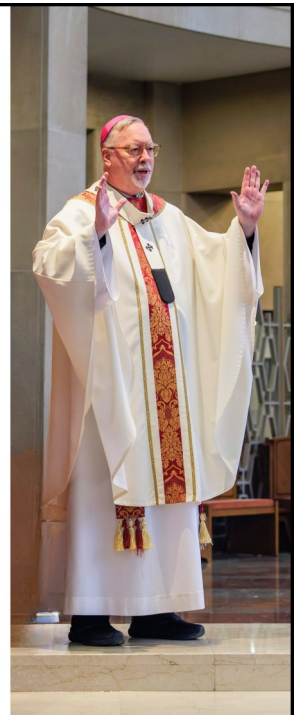
Grand Total: \$ 5,739.00

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



Thank You!

Thank you to all who purchased geraniums and for those who made generous monetary donations to support the **WSP Annual Helen Dlubac Geranium Sale!** Proceeds from the geranium was \$929 and will go towards maintaining the beauty of our parish grounds.

Thank you to Rose Marie Howe and her team for overseeing this year's geranium sale

Have a relaxing summer and God Bless!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR

The Easter season is almost over. This season is always a tougher one for us Catholics. We get Advent and Lent: preparation. We are on board with Christmas, mainly because we like to keep up our decorations until someone tells us the exact day we must take them down. But Easter as a season is a bit more difficult to observe.

The rest of the world has moved on. There are no Easter eggs left in store windows and all those religious movies on television have given way to reruns or season-ending episodes. It just feels like Easter anywhere ... except in the Church.

The truth is that it should feel like Easter all year-round in the Church. Every Sunday, we celebrate a mini-Easter. Our Lord is ALIVE! He is risen and alive, and we need to celebrate.

We also need to be about the work of the Lord. We are an Easter people who bear witness to his resurrection through our stewardship. If he had never risen, then we would be called to nothing by no one. But he lives! As this Easter season is drawing to a close, it is prudent to reflect on what his death and resurrection mean for each of us. How has it changed us? How does it motivate us? It doesn't look like Easter in most corners of the world, so it is up to us to bring a little Easter to every place we go and to everyone we meet.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Loyalty, Explained!

Pope Paul VI, in *Ecclesia Suam*, considered "loyalty, perseverance and self-sacrifice" to be the distinguishing marks of a Christian in a modern world that increasingly embraces relativism.

"The follower of Christ is not pliant and cowardly, but loyal and strong," he wrote.

The virtue of loyalty is closely linked to the virtue of obedience, wherein we freely submit ourselves to rightful authority. As Catholics, we are called to be loyal to our bishops, to Scripture and Tradition, to the teaching authority of the Church (the Magisterium), and to the Christian way of life.

Loyalty is distinct from admiration for a person or institution, and even from respect. Admiration and respect can be rightfully earned and rightfully lost. Virtuous loyalty does not swerve from its object, and it flows forth from the one who gives it.

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As we prepare for spring and moving into the mowing season, we kindly ask families to visit our **Calvary cemetery and Burlington cemetery** to remove holiday decorations, winter wreaths, and any other items placed on the ground.

Please remove items you wish to keep no later than **May 31, 2026**. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our grounds beautiful, safe, and tidy for all visitors!

Human Needs Committee—Thank You

We want to thank you for your continued support throughout the year! Due to your generous monetary donations we are able to make donations to both the Canton Food Bank & the Burlington Food Bank on a quarterly basis.

We'd like to share not only our gratitude for your donation but also the gratitude from the Canton Food Bank. Director, Jennifer Herbek, who recently sent us a lovely thank you:

Dear Terry and the Faithful members of the Human Needs Committee at St Patrick's,

Thank you so much for your continued support of the families at the Canton Food Bank. Your timely & thoughtful donations each week throughout Nov & Dec made a true difference in keeping our shelves filled – in fact we were able to relax limits on how much people could take and invited them to take as much as they needed to prepare meals for their families throughout the holidays. It was a blessing! Please share our gratitude with your congregation. All the best in the new year!

Jennifer Herbek, Director CFB.

**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH COUNCIL
MEETS ON JUNE 2 AT 6:30**

**COME
JOIN
US!**

**All parishioners are
welcome to attend. We'd
love to have you!**



Questions? Please email Sarah at shollenbeck923@gmail.com

Readings for the week of May 17, 2026

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

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 17, 2026 7th Sunday of Easter John 17:1-11a

Not long after my brother's first child was born, a beautiful little girl named Mary Elise, I asked him what it was like. Was he nervous? Overwhelmed? He said, "When I first held her, I was in such shock. I think I just said, 'I am your dad. I am your dad.'" That moment marked a deep transformation for him. He was not just holding a baby; he was stepping into a new identity. Over the years, I have seen him live his fatherhood with quiet sacrifice, joy, and faithfulness. It started with that moment of truth.

This, I propose, is a glimpse of what Jesus means when he prays, "**Consecrate them in the truth.**" (John 17:17) To be consecrated is to be set apart in love, not taken out of the world. Consecration sends us into it with a new identity, always one that binds us to him and to others in love. Our bond to Jesus and others is the deep truth that he continually renews.

Whenever we speak deep truths about ourselves, we experience this renewal: "I have sinned;" "I need help;" "I forgive you;" "I take you as my husband;" "I believe in one God..." Whether in confession, in the liturgy, or in a recovery group, truth heals and transforms.

And the deepest truth of all? That we belong to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Our lives are no longer just ours. We are his and he is ours.

Name one truth you need to step into more deeply, about yourself, someone else, or God. Maybe put it on a note on your mirror. Let that truth consecrate you this week.

— Father John Muir

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Just a Friendly Reminder...

Your offertory donations can be made online by clicking the link on our website or by visiting: [St. Patrick Church Collinsville Connecticut - COLLINSVILLE, CT | Online Giving \(osvhub.com\)](#)

Saint of the week - St Rita of Cascia

St. Rita of Cascia (1381 – 1457) had the opportunity to live her life as a wife, mother, widow, and eventually, member of a religious community. Born in central Italy,

St. Rita felt the calling to become a nun, but was pressured at a young age into marriage. During her 18-year marriage to a cruel man, she raised two sons. When her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons died, St. Rita decided to go back to her first love and attempted to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Her status as a widow caused some complications to her entering, but she eventually succeeded in professing vows.

Throughout her lifetime, St. Rita of Cascia was known for her prayerfulness and charity. She also experienced stigmata on her forehead, meditated frequently on Christ's passion, and cared for the nuns of her religious community and those in the lay community who came to her for counsel.

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Congratulations

Kaylee Belmonte, Brandon & Jonathon Casano, Yvette Comer, Mary Hollenbeck, Ophelia Jamieson, Mina LeBlanc-Nair, Sophia Lee, Jacob Manion, James Marich, Gavin Niemann, & Peter Slavin

They received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on April 26 and made their First Holy Communion on May 2.

"Do this in remembrance of Me."
— Luke 22:19



The 60th World Communications Day will be celebrated on **Sunday, May, 17, 2026** Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme "**Preserving human voices and faces,**" focusing on the need to protect human dignity, authenticity, and direct, personal connection in the age of artificial intelligence.



May 21	Lecto Divina Parish Hall stage area 6:00 pm
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.

We'd LOVE to hear from you!

Please scan the QR code with your phone's camera or visit

<https://forms.gle/PMvLTppxPxsfCKGH7> to get started.

Open to
ALL
PARISHIONERS
Young & Old Alike!



Thank you!

New Member Registration /Change of Registration

If you are new to the Parish, or have a new address, email or phone number, please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket.

It may also be mailed to:

St Patrick Church, 50 Church St, Collinsville, CT 06019

Name(s)_____

Street_____

City_____ Zip_____

Phone(s)_____

Email_____

☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Information ☐ Request Envelopes