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Group

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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.

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, 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

Monday, May 25—Memorial Day

8:00 am No Mass

Tuesday, May 26

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patricks

Wednesday, May 27

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patricks

Thursday, May 28

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, May 29

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, May 30

5:00 pm Russell Kluessendorf as requested by Marianne & Paul
Cassavechia

Sunday, May 31

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patricks

10:00 am Parishioners of St Patricks



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

Pentecost Prayer

Come Holy Spirit,
Descend upon us and fill us with the fire of Your love!

Remind us of Your dreams for us,
ignite us with new zeal,
place new visions on our hearts,
and the grace to work alongside You.
Amen.



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Parish Support

Week of 5/14/26 to 5/20/26

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,777.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,002.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 3,779.00

Facilities \$ 20.00

Monthly - N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ **0.00**

Grand Total: **\$ 3,799.00**

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



Thank You!

**St Patrick Church is sparkling
clean for Pentecost!!**

Thank You to the following parishioners who rolled up their sleeves and volunteered their time and energy to clean our beautiful church on Saturday morning, May 16...Jennie Akerlind, Nancy & Charlie Babcock, Kristine Dobrowolski, Mikayla Collins, Dave Sherman, Lisa Farren, Cindy Gavin, Sarah & Mary Hollenbeck, Rose Marie Howes, Kim & Brad Laurie, Bonnie Murone, Paul Pfau, Terry & Roger St Gelais and our organizers Brenda & Larry Sullivan and Debbie & Ralph Vilardi!

Your efforts helped create a clean and welcoming environment for all to join us in worship!!

Word of Life † May 24

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis' "Day for Life Greeting"

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In Loving Memory

"Ruth Simmons"

"Richard Cantwell"

**Both had funeral masses here at St Patrick's
Church this past week**

*May their souls rest in peace. May God grant comfort &
consolation to their family and friends*

**MESSAGE FROM FR. COLLINS:
EXPRESSING GRATITUDE**

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate this weekend the feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples gathered in the upper room in prayer and with "one accord", empowering them to proclaim the truth and love of Christ with courage and boldness, my heart is filled with gratitude for each of you for the love and kindness you showed me last weekend as I celebrated the 18th anniversary of my priestly ordination and my birthday.

Your prayers, cards, gifts, warm greetings, and best wishes were a blessing to me. I am especially grateful to all who organized the Coffee Hour and provided the delicious goodies, especially the Women of St. Patrick and others who generously contributed. What makes our parish so special is not only our beautiful church, but the people who fill it with the warmth of faith, kindness, generosity, and love.

You continue to bear witness to what it means to be a family of faith, walking together with Christ and supporting one another along the way. Once again, I thank you for your love and support, and most especially for your prayers. Please know that I am deeply grateful for each of you and that I hold you and your families in my prayers as well.

May God continue to bless you all and fill you with the gifts of His Spirit.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Fr. Collins

Virtues, Explained!

Piety

Piety is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and is related to the virtue of justice.

St. Thomas Aquinas writes, "Piety denotes the reverence which we give to our faith and to our country. And since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety... therefore the gift whereby a man, through reverence for God, works good to all, is fittingly called piety." (*Sum.*, II:II, 68, Art. 4)

The virtue of piety, which can be understood most easily as giving due reverence to God, should not be confused with "popular piety," which refers to external expressions of devotion that are unique to specific places and environments. The virtue of piety describes a person's fulfillment of their duty to God and the precepts of the Church; popular piety describes other practices that enliven their desire to fulfill that duty.

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Pasta Dinner Fundraiser to Support the Haiti Ministry

St Patrick Church, Collinsville, and Our Lady of Knock Parish, Farmington

Entertainment by the Casey Sisters



Thursday, June 4, 2026

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

St. Patrick Church,

Collinsville

Parish Hall

Tickets: \$25 per person

Ticket Sales:

Sat., 5/23 after 5 pm Mass

Sat., 5/30 and Sun. 5/31 after all

Masses



Proceeds will contribute to the Haiti Ministry's ongoing support for the Feeding Program and Teacher Salaries at **Ste. Thérèse de L'Enfant Jésus in Lilavois, Haiti.**

Questions? Sharon Fuller: (860) 916-7610



PARISH OFFICE

WILL BE

CLOSED
FOR 
MEMORIAL DAY

**NO MORNING MASS ON
MONDAY, MAY 25**

Readings for the week of May 24, 2026

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

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 24, 2026 Pentecost Sunday John 20:19-23

"He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'" (John 20:22-23)

For those of us who go to confession regularly, there is often a familiar frustration: "Why do I keep confessing the same sins?" It can feel like a loop, cleansed but unchanged.

Pentecost reveals a hopeful perspective. When the Risen Jesus breathes on his ashamed and fearful disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, he echoes Genesis, when God breathes life into Adam. This is not just primarily the removal of guilt, but new creation.

In confession, we receive more than forgiveness. We receive a fresh outpouring, the breath of the Spirit, and a renewed mission. Jesus does not say to us, "You're forgiven, now go back to your old life." He says, so to speak, **"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."** (John 20:21)

That is why penance is not just saying a few prayers. It is re-orientation. It is the Spirit summoning us to live differently: with mercy and healing.

Just as Adam was sent into the world, and the Apostles were sent out after Pentecost, so too we are sent from the confessional — not just clean, but consecrated.

Pentecost Challenge: After your next confession, ask the Holy Spirit for one way you can participate in Christ's healing will for you. Then take one small, concrete step, and do not look back.

— Father John Muir

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Saint of the week – St. Philip Neri

St. Philip Neri (1515 – 1595) was born in Italy and went to school as a child at the Dominican monastery in Florence. His family had hopes that he would work with his uncle, a wealthy merchant, and ultimately inherit his business and fortune but, shortly after beginning his work with him, Neri had a personal conversion. He decided to move to Rome to live a life of service.



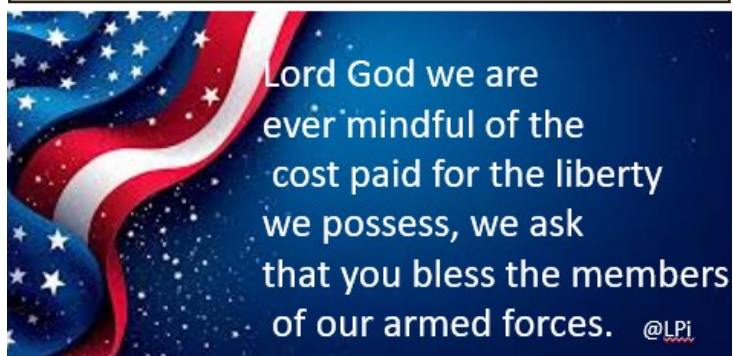
For 13 years in Rome, Neri lived as a layperson, daily engaged in prayer and the apostolate. Even as a layperson he brought the Gospel of Jesus to everyone he met. He was eventually ordained to the priesthood and became known as a compassionate confessor, quick to disarm those around him with a joke or a kind word.

He is remembered as extremely approachable and jovial. He was kind, entertaining, and spontaneous in his approach which inspired many. He led prayer groups and excursions to visit other churches which often included music and picnics, and his council was sought by rich and poor alike. He was a strict vegetarian and was known to relocate animals and birds found inside the church back into the wild.

St. Philip Neri founded The Congregation of the Oratory. This secular order included priests and brothers and did not bind them under religious vows, but instead by a *bond of charity*. These men lived together in community and served those in need with happy hearts.

St. Philip Neri's ability to increase his fellow religious leader's faith coupled with his closeness with the common people in Rome cemented his reputation as the Apostle of Rome, called by God to evangelize the Holy City. His Congregation of the Oratory is still active today accomplishing the same mission. St. Philip Neri, pray for us!

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Welcome New Parishioners!

A warm welcome to

Anissa Alcantara

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



May 25	Parish Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday. No Monday morning mass
May 27	Holy Hour and Eucharistic Celebration 7:00 pm
May 28	Bell Ringers Church Choir Loft 7:00 pm

Saint Patrick Parish

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We Want Your Questions!

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Yes, we take those too!

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