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Coordinator Needed

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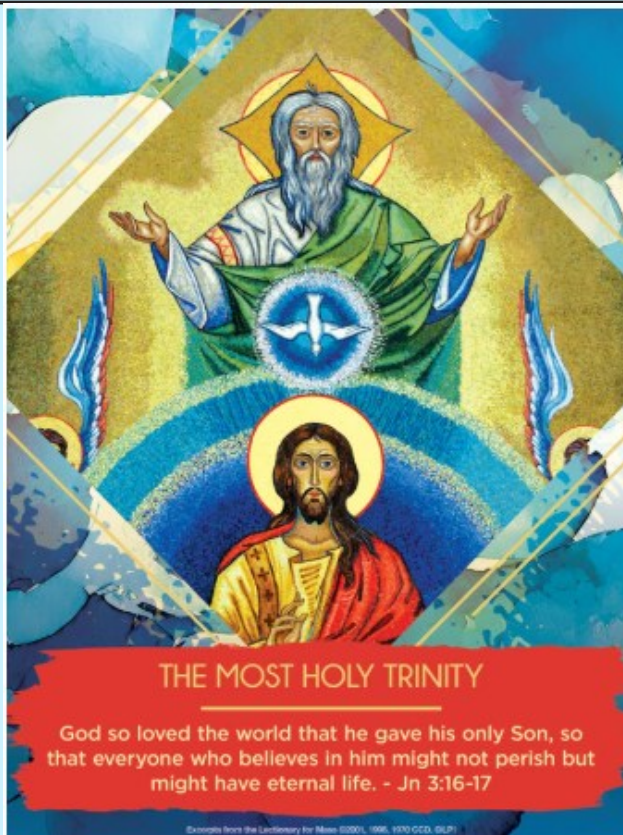
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

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Mr. David Sherman: (860) 810-8594

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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 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 Russell Kluessendorf as requested by Al & Joan Bombassei

Monday, June 1

8:00 am Charles Sullivan as requested by Jane Lamberty

Tuesday, June 2

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patricks

Wednesday, June 3

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patricks

Thursday, June 4

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, June 5

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, June 6

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patricks

Sunday, June 7

8:00 am Buddy Lester as requested by Donna Potwin

10:00 am Parishioners of St Patricks

Parish Support

Week of 5/21/26 to 5/27/26

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,582.70

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 874.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 3,456.70

Facilities \$ 25.00

Monthly - N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ **0.00**

Grand Total: **\$ 3,481.70**

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



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 is available at the church entrances.

Word of Life † May 31

"Dignity is a gift from God, who created the human being in his own image and semblance (cf. Gen 1:26). It is not something that is obtained by merit or effort; nor does it depend on what we possess or achieve. It is a gift that goes before us: it is born of the look of love with which God wanted us, one by one, and continues to want us."

Pope Leo XIV, Message to Participants in "Building Communities that Safeguard Dignity"

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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.

**REGISTRATION
OPENS JUNE 1**

**ST. PATRICK
FAITH FORMATION**

**CLASSES BEGIN
IN SEPTEMBER!**

**GENERAL FAITH
FORMATION
GRADES
1 & 3-6**

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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

June 24 7:00 PM

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR

After years working for the Church, I can honestly say that even though I feel closer to God, I still cannot fully grasp all that is God. The complexity of God has been the source of many volumes by many writers and theologians. The crazy reality of growing in a relationship with God is that the more you get to know God, the more complex God becomes.

But I think that is true of human relationships as well. I feel like I can really peg a person one way or another after only meeting him or her a few times, but my wife and children continue to perplex me. Getting to know someone means you begin to uncover the layers of personality, feeling, and emotion that make up each human being. For those who see God as only a force or a light, God is simply defined. But for those who seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ, the God we find in relationship has many layers as well.

But that which we do know for certain about God comes to us primarily from the person of Jesus. He called us to a way of life by not only teaching us about how to live, but by showing us the example of his life. Our God is defined by generosity, sacrifice, compassion, and, of course, love. The more we incorporate these characteristics into our own life, the more we bear witness to the true nature of God. Then others can see a God that is a little less complex because they understand him through you and me. Our life will speak more than all the volumes written by all the theologians.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Virtues, Explained!

Obedience

Disobedience was humanity's original sin. Conversely, obedience became the instrument of humanity's reconciliation to God.

Scripture calls man's submission of his own intellect and will to God, the author of revelation, "the obedience of faith." (CCC 143) "To obey in faith is to submit freely to the word that has been heard, because its truth is guaranteed by God, who is Truth itself," we read in the Catechism (CCC 144).

We see perfect obedience shown by Christ amidst his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. His human will dreads what will come — "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me" — but his divine will, which is never at odds with his human will, submits to the Truth: "Yet, not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39). Despite his fear, he embraces the divine will for man to be redeemed, and so we say that he was "obedient unto death." (Philippians 2:8)

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In Loving Memory "Mark David Glowacki"

Whose funeral mass was held at St Patrick's Church this past week

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

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

Saint Patrick Parish's Annual Parish Picnic & Ministry Fair

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

FOLLOWING THE
10:00 OUTDOOR
MASS

Please join us
for this family
friendly, time
honored event!

Readings for the week of May 31, 2026

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

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/ Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/ Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/ Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/ Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 31, 2026 The Most Holy Trinity -John 3:16-18

I was 16 years old on a youth group retreat in the mountains. One night, I opened my heart to the message being proclaimed: that God so loved the world that He sent His Son for us. Later, I lay under the pine trees and looked up at the countless stars. They seemed different. No longer cold, distant balls of chemical reactions, they appeared as an expression of God's love, as if He were giving those stars directly to me. The truth of God sending His Son changed how I saw the whole universe.

That is what today's Gospel reveals: **"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."** (John 3:16) The universe is not just a whirl of impersonal forces or empty space. At its heart is a gift: the Father eternally giving the Son, not to condemn, but to bring life.

This is not abstract doctrine but deeply personal. God gives His Son for you and me. Each human life is precious enough to be caught up in that eternal gift.

It is in the Mass where we encounter this most directly. In the Word proclaimed, in the assembly gathered, in the priest, and above all in the Eucharist, the Father once again gives His Son. What looks like bread and wine is the drama of the Trinity, laboring to love us here and now.

The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve but the blazing Truth at the center of everything: the Father gives the Son for you and me. Lord, help us to see this more clearly.

— Father John Muir

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Saint of the week - St. Justin Martyr

St. Justin Martyr (c. 100 – 165) was born in the Palestinian province of Samaria in the town of Flavia Neapolis to Greek parents. Justin's education was a classical mix of history, poetry, rhetoric, and philosophy. The future saint was fascinated by philosophy and studied in the various schools from stoicism to Socratic and Pythagoras to Platonic. Although he favored the Platonic school, he felt that the philosophical schools were missing something.

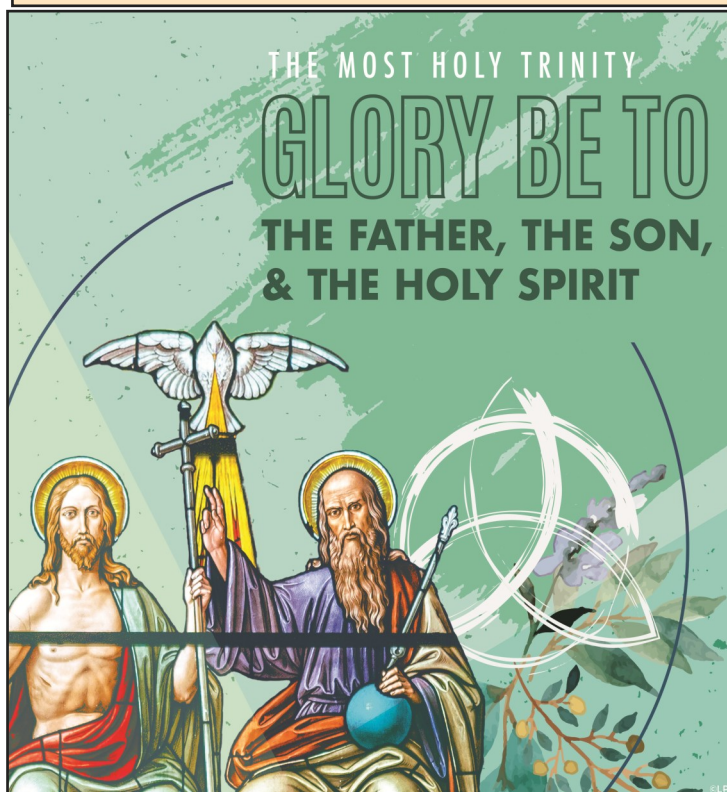


Justin continued to seek a higher truth. He was struck by the Christians he saw being persecuted for their beliefs. He observed these early martyrs go to their deaths fearlessly and wondered at the truth and peace they carried. He met an old man who spoke to him of the prophecies of the Jewish people and of Christianity. These powerful witnesses worked a conversion in Justin, and he was baptized around the age of 30.

The saint was most likely an ordained deacon, spending time at Ephesus with the Jewish population, and in Rome. He is most well known as the author of apologies, or explanations, of the early Church. These important texts give detailed descriptions of the early Church. The elements of faith and the Mass he gives correlate directly to how Catholics believe and practice today. His witness also shows that the Church of the second century read from the same texts as we do, he mentions the first three Gospels, the letters of Paul and 1 Peter, and is the first known to quote the Acts of the Apostles.

Eventually, Justin's evangelical activity caused him to be arrested in the reign of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius in 165. He, along with six companions, was scourged and beheaded by Rusticus, a prefect of Rome. An eyewitness account of his martyrdom still survives. St. Justin Martyr, pray for us!

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June 2	Parish Council Meeting Parish Hall 6:30 pm
June 9	WSP 5:00 Mass & Dinner following the mass
June 14	Outdoor Mass for 8:00 am & 10:00 am masses

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

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.
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