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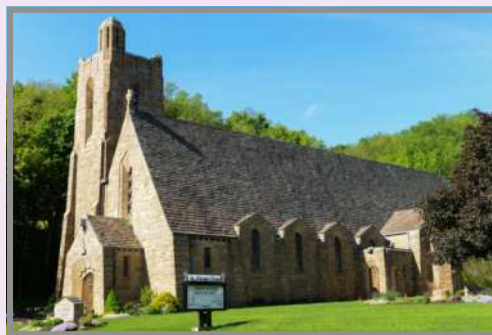


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Mr. David Sherman: (860) 810-8594

Women of St. Patrick's

(860) 693-8727



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake." - Mt 24:43

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, November 29

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

Sunday, November 30

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

10:00 am Laurie Lynn Rudzinski as requested by Ron & Toni Theriault

Monday, December 1

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Tuesday, December 2

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Wednesday, December 3

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Thursday, December 4

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, December 5

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, December 6

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

Sunday, December 7

8:00 am Buddy Lester as requested by Donna Potwin

10:00 am Laurie Lynn Rudzinski as requested by Ron & Toni Theriault

Faith Formation

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Nov 30	NO CLASSES	<i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>
Dec 7	9-10 AM	Class Group A BRIDGE TEAM MEETING
	11:15-12:30 PM	Confirmation Year 1
	12:45-2:00 PM	Confirmation Year 2
	6-7 PM	First Holy Communion
	6-7:30 PM	Class Group B
Dec 14	9-10 AM	Class Group A
	6-7:20 PM	First Holy Communion
Dec 21	9-10 AM	Class Group A
	11:15-12:30 PM	Confirmation Year 1
	12:45-2:00 PM	Confirmation Year 2
	6-7 PM	First Holy Communion
	6-7:30 PM	Class Group B



Bringing Up the Gifts this weekend of Nov. 29/30:

5:00 Mass -First Communion Candidates Brandon Casano, Jonathon Casano, Yvette Comer, & Peter Slavin

8:00 Mass -First Communion Candidates Kaylee Belmonte, Mary Hollenbeck, Ophelia Jamison, & James Marich

10:00 Mass -First Communion Candidates Mina LeBlanc-Nair, Jacob Manion, Daniel Violante, & Michael Violante

Parish Support

Week of 11/18/25 to 11/26/25

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 0.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 0.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 0.00

Facilities \$ 0.00

Monthly -N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 0.00

Grand Total: \$ 0.00

Due to the early publication date for this bulletin, weekly collection information is not available. It will be included in next week's bulletin.

BREAKFAST -WITH- SANTA

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6
8:00AM - 11:00AM
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JOIN SANTA, MRS. CLAUS, AND THE ELVES FOR A HOT BREAKFAST, CRAFTS, AND HOLIDAY CHEER! A SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$5 PER PERSON WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR. NO NEED TO RSVP!
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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 except for the months of November & December.

Schedule of Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration for 2025-2026

*December 17,	7:00 PM	April 29,	7:00 PM
January 28,	7:00 PM	May 27,	7:00 PM
February 25,	7:00 PM	June 24	7:00 PM
March 25,	7:00 PM		



MESSAGE FROM FR. COLLINS

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed time with family and friends. This weekend, we begin the season of Advent, a beautiful time of hopeful anticipation and preparation of our hearts for Christ. As we light the first candle of the Advent wreath, we reflect on the hope that this new season brings. Advent reminds us that we are a people of promise, called to live in joyful expectation of Jesus, the Light of the World, who illuminates our paths in the ways of His kingdom.

This time of year often brings a cascade of activity: shopping, decorating, planning, and countless commitments. Amid our busy lives, it can be easy to let these weeks pass by unnoticed or to feel overwhelmed by the demands of the season. However, Advent gently invites us to slow down and refocus on what truly matters: Christ, who desires to bring you peace, renew your spirit, and fill you with a hope that never disappoints.

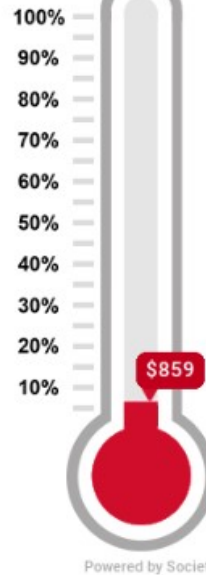
I encourage you to challenge yourself to make this year's Advent season truly fruitful and meaningful. Here are some simple suggestions: Consider creating an Advent wreath for your home, or set aside a few minutes each day to pray together, read a short Scripture passage, or reflect on an Advent devotion, whether as a family or individually. Follow the tradition of lighting the Advent candles each week. Extend the Light of the season by engaging in intentional acts of kindness and charity towards others, especially those who are struggling to find the joy of Christ in their lives. These simple practices can open you to the grace of Advent in a more fruitful and meaningful way.

Finally, I invite you to participate in our parish Advent programs in the coming weeks. We will have special opportunities to encounter God's mercy and love, including extra times for the Sacrament of Confession (Reconciliation) on **Mondays from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.**, beginning on **Monday, December 8**, throughout the Advent season. On **Wednesday, December 17**, we will also hold an Advent Day of Prayer and Adoration. Following the 8 A.M. Mass that day, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar for personal prayer and adoration throughout the day. We will conclude with an Advent reflection and benediction at 7 P.M. Please sign up for an individual prayer time slot at the church's main entrance. I also encourage you to participate in our parish's various charity programs and outreach efforts to assist those in need during this season.

May this Advent season fill your hearts with hope, bless your homes with peace, and renew your lives with the quiet joy that comes from knowing Jesus, who is our hope.

In Christ,
Fr. Collins

Goal: \$30000



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2025 ANNUAL PASTOR'S APPEAL

By now many of you have received a letter in the mail from Fr. Collins.

If you did not receive a letter, please take a copy from the Information Center in the vestibule of the church.

The goal for this year's appeal is **\$30,000**. One major project we hope to fund is replacing some of the worn-out exterior wood walls of the rectory, which require urgent attention.

We hope you will prayerfully consider participating in this Appeal.

Thank You!



WOMEN OF ST PATRICK MEETING & CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday ~ December 2, 2025 ~ 6:00pm

All women of the parish are invited to attend the **WSP December meeting!** Followed brief business meeting, we will be celebrating Christmas and all our good work throughout the year. Please bring your favorite Christmas cookie to share (with the recipe). *Hope to see you there!*

Reflections—Everyday Stewardship

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

This week we hear that ominous Gospel passage where Jesus tells us about people being taken from where they are and what they are doing when they least expect it, while others remain. This has been distorted by some for support into a spectacular idea of rapture, leading to many books and movies. A profitable genre has been created that sometimes preys on people's fears.

But in following Jesus Christ, there is no fear. What we are called to do is live each day as it were our last. Be mindful of all the opportunities around you to share love and the gifts God has given you. We will all be held accountable in the end, but it is not what we have done that will save us. Our salvation lies in the grace freely given to us by Jesus. When we choose to receive that gift and intentionally follow him, we are led to giving over our entire being totally to him.

This Advent, let's not allow ourselves to be caught up in all the craziness of the season, but instead give ourselves over to God to use for his glory. The Incarnation born in a manger is calling you. Have no fear!

@LPi

Readings for the week of November 30, 2025

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE- First Sunday of Advent Matthew 24:37-44

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation. Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos *will* come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

-Father John Muir

@LPI



YOUTH CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Rehearsal for the Youth Christmas Choir will be on Sunday, November 30, December 14, December 21 immediately following the 10:00 mass.

Anyone interested in joining the Choir please just show up. Rehearsals will end at 12:00 noon. The Choir will sing for the Christmas Pageant mass at 4:00 pm on December 24th. For more information, please **contact Chris Casey at 860-904-8138** or email him at **keyscasey@aol.com**.

Saint of the week -St Andrew



Saint Andrew was a fisherman in Galilee, along with his brother, Peter, when they were called by Jesus to leave their boat and become fishers of men. John's Gospel also places him as a follower of John the Baptist before he came to be one of Jesus' twelve Disciples. Beyond the scant references in the Gospels, not much is known of Saint Andrew's life. According to Christian tradition Saint Andrew, like many of his fellow Disciples, went out into Greece and Turkey to preach the Good News. A 4th century account of the saint's life tells of his martyrdom by crucifixion in Patras. Medieval accounts describe the cross used as X-shaped because Andrew said he was not worthy to die on the same style of cross as Jesus.

Famously, Saint Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland, the country's flag bearing the X-shaped cross associated with him. Legends claim that the saint either traveled to Scotland to spread the Gospel or that his relics were brought there by St. Regulus who had a vision telling him to take the bones to the end of the earth. Regulus set out and was shipwrecked on the coast of Scotland. Today relics of St. Andrew which had been held by the Vatican are now at a shrine in Patras.



Human Needs Committee 2025 The Giving Tree is up!!

Canton Social Services has requested **gift cards** only. Burlington has requested **wrapped gifts** (as we've done in previous years).

All gift cards and wrapped gifts must be returned to church by **December 21**. Stores suggested for gift cards are but not limited to CVS, Kohl's, Target, Shop-Rite, Stop & Shop, Walgreens, Ocean State Job Lot, Mobil or Citgo.

Please drop all wrapped gifts in the large bucket near the Giving Tree and place all gift cards in the collection box in church or the collection box on the rectory porch.

Any questions please call **Terry at 860-916-6163**

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry!



THANK YOU !! HUMAN NEEDS COAT DRIVE

Thanks to the continuing generosity of our parishioners throughout the year, the Human Needs Committee had sufficient funds in our account to purchase winter clothing for our coat drive without requesting additional donations specifically for that purpose. We were able to purchase a total of **63 men's, women's and children's coats, 30 pairs of gloves, 41 hats, 2 pairs of socks and 4 scarves**. As in the past, these items have been delivered to **Maria Reina de la Paz parish in Hartford** for distribution to members of their parish. Our donations fill a great need for folks in Hartford and they are much appreciated. **Thank you to all who have so generously supported the Human Needs Committee and its activities.**



December 1	Pageant Rehearsal 6:00 pm
December 1	Human Needs Committee meeting Parish Hall 7:00 pm
December 2	WSP Meeting & Christmas Party Parish Hall 6:00 pm

Saint Patrick Parish

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.

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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:

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