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Coordinator Needed

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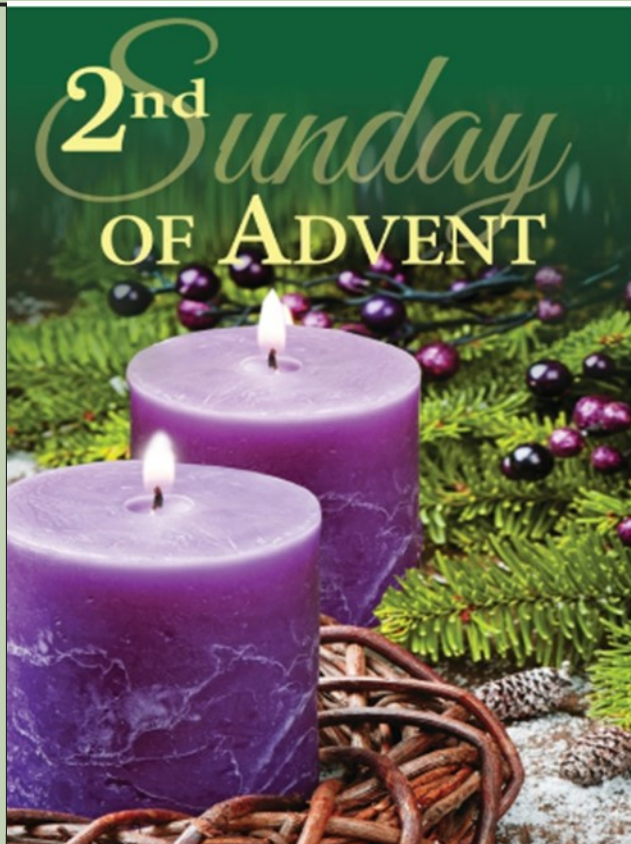
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

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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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, December 6

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

Sunday, December 7

8:00 am Buddy Lester as requested by Donna Ptwin

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

Monday, December 8

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Tuesday, December 9

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Wednesday, December 10

8:00 am Irene & Anthony Cassavechia as requested by the Cassavechia Family

Thursday, December 11

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, December 12

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, December 13

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

Sunday, December 14

8:00 am Antonio Otero as requested by Angela & Thomas Moss

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

Faith Formation

DATE	TIME	EVENT
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



Welcome Newly Baptized

Congratulations to the parents of

Brooks William Yankus

Who was baptized here on Sunday,
November 30, 2025

Parish Support

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

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,820.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 926.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 3,746.00

Facilities \$ 140.00

Monthly -N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 0.00

Grand Total: \$ 3,886.00

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

Week of 11/27/25 to 12/1/25

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,247.00

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: \$ 3,724.00

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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		



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.



THANK YOU !!!

The St Patrick Parish 2024 **GINGER-BREAD FAIR** was a **BIG SUCCESS!!**

Thank You ...To ALL the Women of St Patrick that helped make this year's fair a great suc-

cess! Thank you for sharing your time, talent, treasures and hard work planning and preparing for the fair throughout the year. The list of names that contributed to the success of the fair is far too long to list. Please know that your time and generosity are greatly appreciated!

Thank You ... To all those who helped plan & organize, advertised, set up, worked at the fair, helped clean up and decorated...transforming the parish hall into a *Winter Wonderland!!*

Thank You...To all our talented & gifted crafters that created unique handcrafted gift items and gift baskets. Thank you to all the bakers, candy, treats & jam makers, the teacup auction donors and volunteers, the 'gently loved item' table volunteers and our cashiers!

Thank You...To our Gingerbread Café's terrific cooks, volunteers and gingerbread bakers!

A Big Thank You...To our youth and teen volunteers that helped in so many ways throughout the weekend!

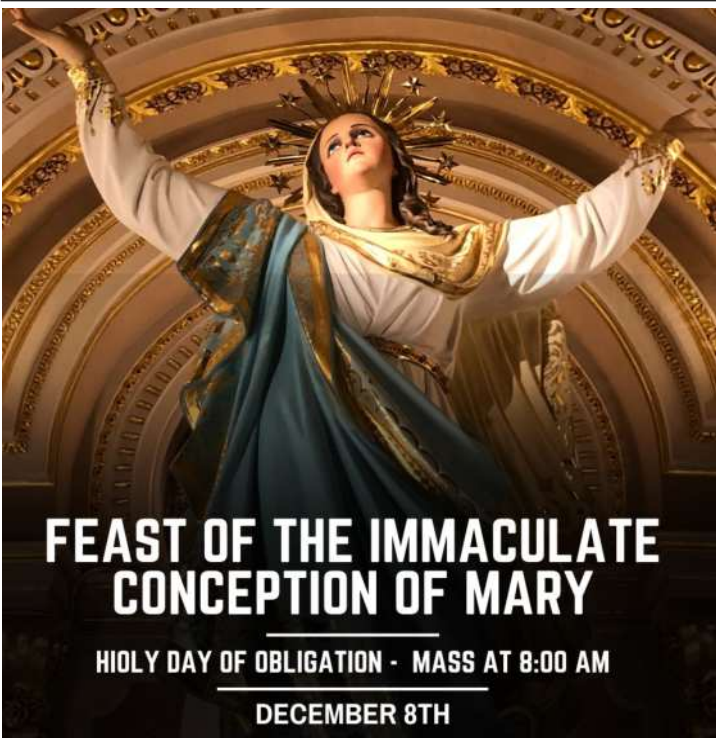
A Heartfelt Thank You...To all the husbands and families of the Women of St Patrick!

Thank you for all your support, assistance, patience and love throughout the year as we plan and prepare for the Gingerbread Fair!

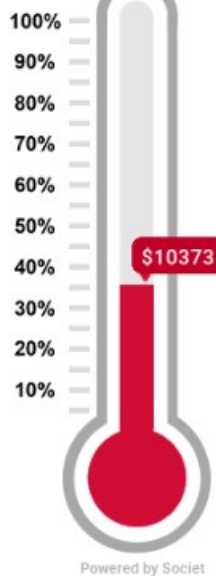
A Special Thank You is extended to all our St Patrick parishioners and members of the community who visited the Gingerbread Fair, purchased items, bought tickets for the Teacup Auction and enjoyed a bite to eat at the Gingerbread Cafe'

Thank you for your support! It is greatly appreciated!

The Women of St Patrick Wish You & Your Families A Very A Blessed Christmas !



Goal: \$30000



2025 ANNUAL PASTOR'S APPEAL

As of 12/1, we have raised **\$10,373** towards our goal of \$30,000.

Thank you to those who have already contributed!

If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Pastor's Appeal. Donations of any amount are appreciated and will go towards funding the replacement of 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!

Word of Life † December 7

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn how at respectlife.org/support-her.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

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!

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Readings for the week of December 7, 2025

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

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde,
19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE- Second Sunday of Advent Matthew 3:1-12

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating “locusts and wild honey” (Mark 1:6). It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts. But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we’re each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it’s time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It’s time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That’s the honey. Savor it!

John didn’t avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we’ll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

— Father John Muir

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Saint of the week -Our Lady of Guadalupe



When Mary appeared to Juan Diego as Our Lady of Guadalupe, she had encouraging words for him. “Am I not here, I who am your mother?” In the image on Juan Diego’s tilma (tunic), Mary identifies herself with the Aztec people. She has their hair and features, their symbolic maternity dress. She incorporated their important symbols of the sun, moon, and stars. Today’s Mass includes two Gospel options. Both are familiar passages from the Gospel of Luke - the Annunciation and the Visitation. Both are equally relevant to today’s feast because Mary’s yes to Christ isn’t only to care for him but to come to us. Our Lady of Guadalupe is pregnant. The image bears witness to Mary’s yes to conceive the Savior of the World. But even in her pregnancy, she goes to care for Elizabeth. Now Mother to all the world, Mary comes to the aid of her children, reminding them of her presence among them.



YOUTH CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Rehearsal for the Youth Christmas Choir will be on Sunday, 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**.



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After the concert, there will be a reception in the hall downstairs. We would love to have a variety of food offerings. Please sign up in the vestibule –or– scan the QR code if you would like to make, bake, or bring something!





December 8	Pageant Rehearsal 6:00 pm
December 9	Parish Council Meeting Parish Hall 6:30 pm

Saint Patrick Parish

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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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 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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