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Mrs. Terry St. Gelais: (860) 916-6163

Lectio Divina

Mr. Rich Stoops: (203) 910-5588

Youth Ministry Program

Coordinator Needed

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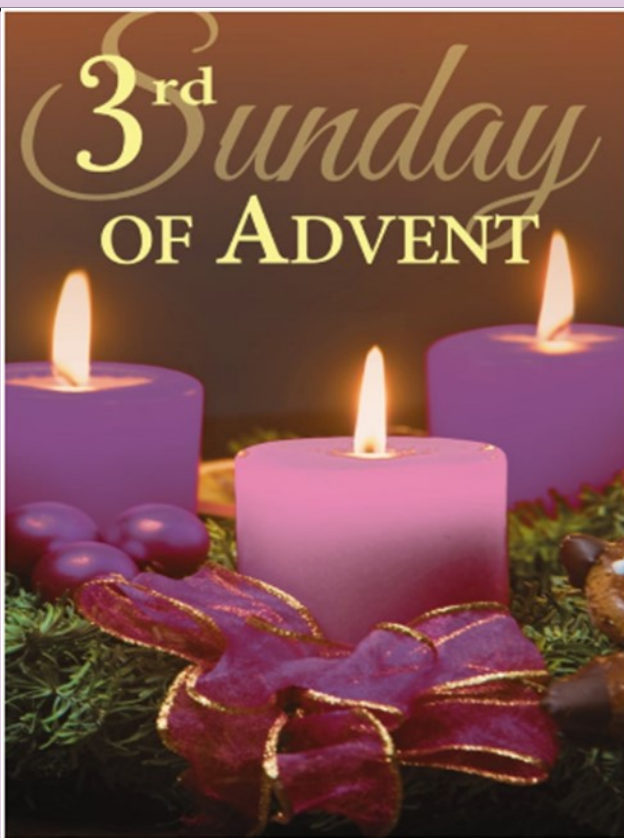
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

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 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

Monday, December 15

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Tuesday, December 16

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Wednesday, December 17

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Thursday, December 18

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, December 19

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, December 20

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

Sunday, December 21

8:00 am Frank Lauretti Jr. as requested by Christine & Rich Masotti

10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Faith Formation

DATE	TIME	EVENT
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

Dec 24 - Jan 4 - NO CLASSES CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY



Wishing you and
your family a
blessed
Christmas and a
happy New Year!



Welcome Newly Baptized

Congratulations to the parents of

Arlo Lucas Farkash

Who was baptized here on Sunday,
December 7, 2025

Parish Support

Week of 12/2/25 to 12/8/25

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.

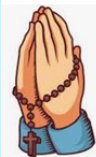


Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration

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.



In Loving Memory

"Audray McCue"

Who was buried in our St Patrick's Burlington Cemetery on Tuesday, December 2

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



We would like to extend our gratitude for everyone who helped make our 'Breakfast with Santa' a fun event for the children of our parish! Your kindness is appreciated!

Reflections—Everyday Stewardship The Season That Gives Back

I don't have anything left to give.- You can't pour from an empty cup.—All I do is give. Who is giving to me?

Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I'm sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that's parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons — seasons of the year, but also seasons of life — that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability — maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

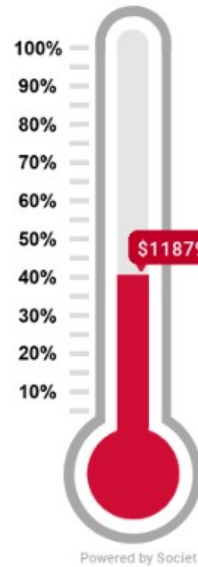
The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth.

If you think you don't have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was depleted brings new life.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Goal: \$30000



2025 ANNUAL PASTOR'S APPEAL

As of 12/7, we have raised **\$11,879** 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!



Advent Day of Prayer & Adoration:

On **Wednesday, December 17**, following the 8 A.M. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar for personal prayer and adoration throughout the day. Frs. Don LaSalle, S.M.M. and Bill Considine, S.M.M. will hear confessions from 6:00-7:00 pm. We will conclude the day at 7 P.M. with an Advent reflection and benediction. Please sign up for an individual prayer time slot at the church's main entrance.

Lectio Divina

"To be ignorant of Scripture is to be ignorant of Christ" (Saint Jerome)

Lectio Divina, *Praying with the Scriptures*, first and foremost, links us directly to Jesus. He is the WORD made flesh. Our eyes are fixed on the Risen Lord as we pray, meditate and contemplate on a Scripture passage and by his grace we become able to Listen to Him as He speaks to our hearts from that Holy Scripture. **Lectio Divina** challenges us to walk our spiritual journeys guided by Jesus's WORD. It draws us out of our comfort zone, invites us to grow, gives us grace to be healed deeply and to experience His presence in the Word. Come join us this Thursday, **December 18th at 6:00pm** on the stage downstairs. Contact: Yvonne (860)707-0838 or Rich Stoops (203) 910-5588 for info or questions.



**Advent
Reconciliation
Monday,
December 15
6:00 pm to
7:00 pm**

CHRISTMAS MASS
Schedule
DECEMBER 24 • 4:00 PM & 8:00 PM
DECEMBER 25 • 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

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

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE-

Third Sunday of Advent—Matthew 11:2-11

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: **"What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?" (Matthew 11:7).** He's not just describing the crowd's mis-aimed pursuit. He's naming our tendency to chase after what's flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can't satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn't a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

— Father John Muir
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Just a Friendly Reminder...

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Saint of the week - Immaculate Conception

"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!" December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - **the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary.



St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ!

The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!
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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 keysacasey@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 15	Pageant Rehearsal 6:00pm
December 17	Advent Day of Prayer & Adoration Starts after 9:00 am mass
December 18	Lectio Divina 6:00 pm
December 18	Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
December 19	Christmas Concert 7:00 pm



Men's Retreat Jan 16-18, 2026 Theme: Pilgrims of Hope!

Holy Family Retreat Center West Hartford, CT.
(75th Anniversary)

Faith is a journey! We never know where it will take us.. During this year's retreat we can become better Pilgrims of Hope. Hope is a theological virtue given to us as a gift from God. Hope can be difficult to explain but we know that when we have it we never want to lose it! Join us on this journey -a sacred pilgrimage with God.

More information available on these Themed retreats at Holy-familyretreat.com

You may even be able to attend your first retreat without any cost. Come and join the men from your parish and other local churches who will attend the same retreat. Similar retreats are also available for Women, the first one being Jan 9-11

St. Patrick's Chairpersons:

Tom Turick 860-605-9092

Moe Poirier 860-693-4692

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

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