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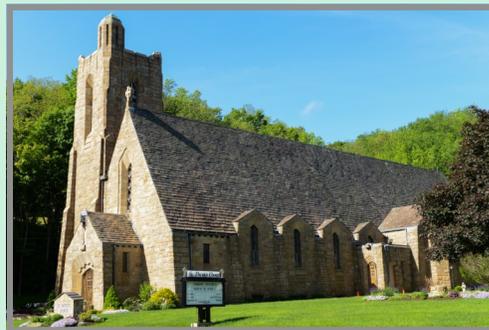


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## Parish Ministries

### **Altar Server Ministry**

Mr. Peter Hollenbeck: (860) 693-8499

### **Choir Director**

Mr. Chris Casey: (860) 904-8138

### **Building & Grounds Committee**

Peter Hollenbeck: (860) 693-8499

### **Haitian Ministry**

Mrs. Sharon Fuller: (860) 916-7610

### **Human Needs Ministry**

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

### **Lectio Divina**

Mr. Rich Stoops: (203) 910-5588

### **Youth Ministry Program**

Coordinator Needed

ym@spcolct.org

### **Liturgy Committee**

Call Rectory: (860) 693-8727

### **Men's Fraternity**

Mr. Rich Stoops: (203) 910-5588

### **Men's Retreat**

Mr. Moe Poirier: (860) 693-4692

Tom Turick: (860) 605-9092

### **Parish Council President**

Mr. Rob Dupre: (860) 299-3335

### **Imago Dei (Pro-Life) Ministry**

Mrs. Carline Thurston: (860) 899-4044

### **Rosary at Cherry Brook**

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### **Social/Hospitality Ministry**

CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

### **SPYRIT 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Youth**

#### **Group**

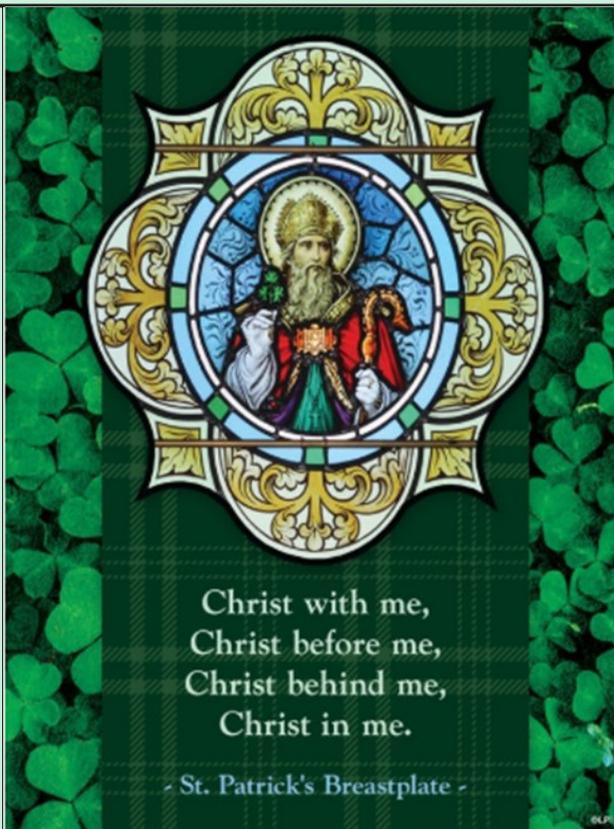
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### **Usher/Greeter Ministry**

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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**Chris Casey**  
*Music Director*  
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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, March 14

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

### Sunday, March 15

8:00 am Frank Lauretti Jr as requested by Christine and Richard Masotti

10:00 am Dominick Ciotto Jr.

### Monday, March 16

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

### Tuesday, March 17

8:00 am Richard Kisner

### Wednesday, March 18

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

### Thursday, March 19

8:00 am No Mass

### Friday, March 20

8:00 am No Mass

### Saturday, March 21

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

### Sunday, March 22

8:00 am Buddy Lester as requested by Donna Potwin & Phyllis Cappa

10:00 am Healing Mass for Brook Brazer

# Parish Support

### Week of 3/5/26 to 3/11/26

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2428.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1467.00

**Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 3,895.00**

**Facilities \$ 254.00**

### Monthly - N/A

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 0.00

**Monthly Collection Total \$ 0.00**

**Grand Total: \$ 4,149.00**

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

## Traditional

### MENU

Corned beef & cabbage with a pasta side • Cranberry salad • Homemade Irish soda bread  
Variety of drinks including Guinness & wine  
Dessert

## St. Patrick Parish's Annual

# St. Patrick's DAY DINNER



*Saturday, March 21st*

FOLLOWING THE 5:00 MASS

**\$20 per person**

Children 12 & under are free

Tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekends of Feb. 28/Mar. 1, Mar. 7/8, & Mar. 14/15. Cash, check, or Venmo payments are accepted. Limit of 80 tickets to be sold.

## Faith Formation

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mar 15	9-10 am	Class Group A
	11:15 am	Confirmation Year 1
	12:45 pm	Confirmation Year 2
	6-7:20 pm	First Holy Communion
	6-7:30 pm	7th Grade & Mrs. Sanzo's Class
Mar 22	9-10 am	Class Group A
		Bridge Team Meeting 
	11:15 am	Confirmation Year 1
	12:45 pm	Confirmation Year 2
	6-7 pm	First Holy Communion
	6-7:30 pm	Class Group B



### Easter Youth Choir

The Youth Choir will meet immediately following the 10:00 am mass in the choir loft. It will meet from 11:00 am till 12:00 noon for the next three weeks. This choir will be singing for the 10:00 am mass on Easter Sunday. For additional information contact our Music Director, Chris Casey at [keyscasey@aol.com](mailto:keyscasey@aol.com).

### PRAYER - FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

#### Blessing to See

Bless us, Lord, to see as You see.

Remind us that heartbeats and hopes can outshine outward show.

That quiet witness can overcome violence and darkness.

That Your Light can break like the dawn.

Amen.

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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR**

**The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Gracious**

Vacations can be great times for refueling the body and renewing bonds within a family and between friends. No matter how good the vacation was, it is almost always good to get home when it is over. Sleeping in our own bed, taking a shower in our own bathroom, and resting on our own couch are some of the aspects of home we can miss while on the road. That's why encountering truly gracious and hospitable people while we are away is so important. These people are not family, but they sure can provide for us a glimpse of home. They can be waiters at a restaurant, desk hosts at a hotel, or even Uber drivers. They enrich our lives if for only a moment, yet that moment can make all the difference.

When disciples of Jesus Christ act in a gracious manner to all those they meet, they provide a glimpse of home. This home is not in a house in a particular location, but it is a home prepared for all of us for eternity. No matter how comfortable we may be in our earthly homes, it truly pales in comparison to eternity with God. In that heavenly home, there is no darkness, only light. There are no tears, only joy. There is no hate, only love.

We are ambassadors for heaven by how we offer ourselves to others. Our stewardship of hospitality allows others to see a glimpse of what God promises to us. Unless we truly step up and act in a gracious manner, will those we encounter ever know the Truth? I hate it when I am on the road and fail to meet people full of joy and welcome. At least I can look forward to coming home. What do those along the way look forward to in the next life that you can't show them a glimpse of in this one?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Lenten Mission with Fr. Don LaSalle, S.M.M.**

Join us for one, two, or all three sessions beginning this Wednesday at 7 PM. See the flyers at the back of the church for details.

**Word of Life † March 15**

“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ” (*The Gospel of Life* 84).

**Join Thousands of People from Around Connecticut**

**Mark Your Calendar**

For Further Information go to [CTMarchforLife.org](http://CTMarchforLife.org)



**CONFESSION**

In addition to Saturday, 4 pm confessions, we will have Confessions every **Monday, 6 pm-7 pm throughout the Lenten Season.** Come and experience the Mercy of God through the power of the Sacrament.



**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**

March 25	7:00 PM	May 27	7:00 PM
April 29	7:00 PM	June 24	7:00 PM

**The Season Of Lent**



**THE Blessing Bag PROJECT**

The Blessing Bag Project- to support unhoused members of our community - continues throughout Lent. Monetary donations should be labeled and handed to an usher. Please email our Faith Formation Coordinator, Jessica Sanzo, with any questions at [ffd@spcolct.org](mailto:ffd@spcolct.org). Thank you for your support!

**WEEK 3 - MAR 7/8**

**TREATS:**  
MINTS, HARD CANDY, GUM

**WEEK 4 - MAR 13/14**

**COMFORT:**  
TRAVEL-SIZE FACIAL TISSUES,  
TRAVEL-SIZE HAND LOTION &  
CHAPSTICK WITH SPF

**WEEK 5 - MAR 21/22**

**FIRST AIDE:**  
TRAVEL-SIZE HAND SANITIZER  
& BAND-AIDES

**WEEK 6 - MAR 28/29**

**HEALTHY SNACKS:**  
GRANOLA BARS, BEEF JERKY,  
PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS, ETC.



**Stations of the Cross**

Throughout the Lenten Season, Stations of the Cross will be held every **Friday at 7:00 pm.**

**Please join us!**

## Readings for the week of March 15, 2026

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/  
Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and  
13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn  
5:17-30

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27  
and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk  
2:41-51a

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-  
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Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/  
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE-

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent—John 9:1-41

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, **"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2)** They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: **"Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him."** He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: **"I am the light of the world" (John 9:5)**. He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light. Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you *not* see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

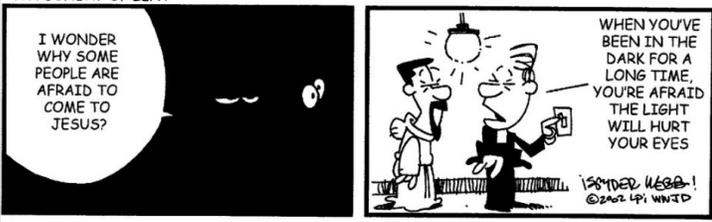
Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

**Lenten challenge:** Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

— *Father John Muir*

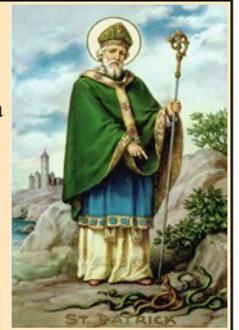
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### 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



## Saint of the week - St Patrick

Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.



St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ.

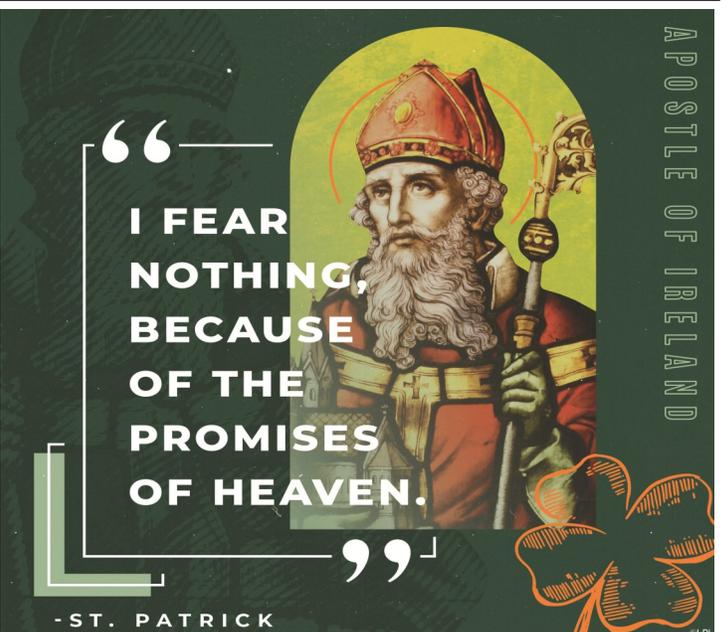
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## Women of St Patrick Scholarship Applications Now Available

Applications for the WSP Memorial Scholarship are now available in the vestibule of the church. The WSP will be presenting scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are active members in St Patrick Parish and plan to further their education in the Fall 2026, This includes a four or two year college, vocational school or training and online study. The scholarships are given in memory of the deceased members of the WSP and Ladies Guild.

Completed scholarship applications are due by **APRIL 23, 2026 at 12 noon!** Completed application may be submitted any time before April 23 2026 at Noon and are to be placed in the designated box located in the vestibule of the church (Monday – Wednesday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm or during normal mass hours) or in the marked box on the front porch of rectory (Monday – Thursday 10:00 am – 3:30 pm). **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**





March 18	Lenten Mission with Fr Don Lasalle 7:00 pm
March 19	Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Choir Loft
March 20	Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Church
March 24	Finance Council Meeting Parish Hall 6:30 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.

**Open to ALL PARISHIONERS**  
*Young & Old Alike!*

*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:

St Patrick Church, 50 Church St, Collinsville, CT 06019

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