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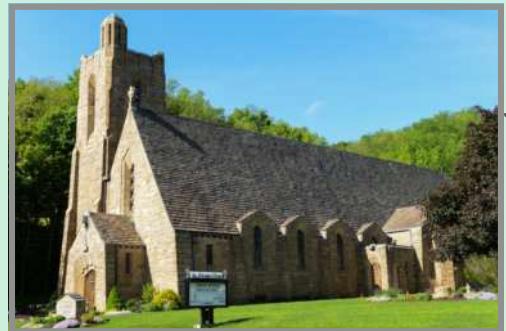


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### Parish Ministries

#### **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**

Mrs. Carline Thurston: (860) 899-4044

#### **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

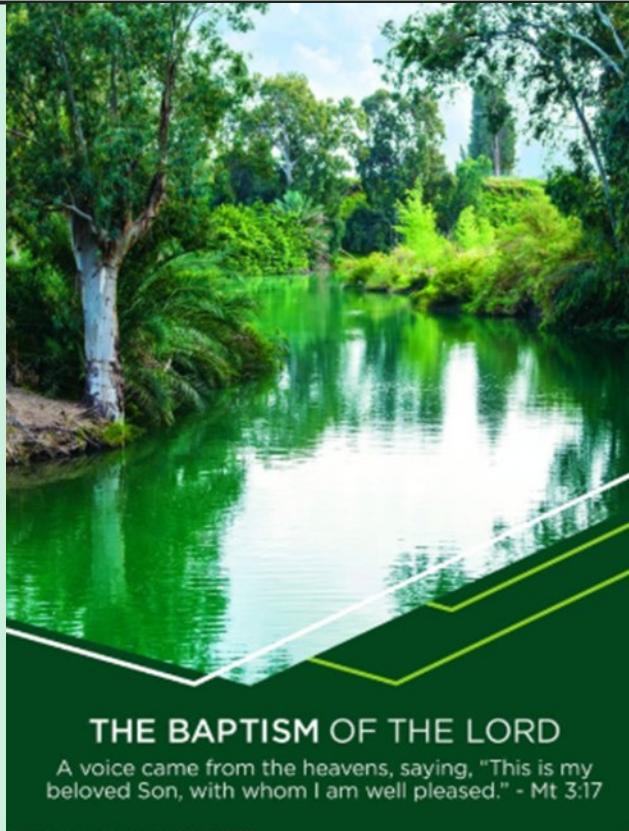


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#### **St Patrick's Cemeteries**

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.

#### 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.

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, January 10

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

### Sunday, January 11

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

### Monday, January 12

8:00 am No Mass

### Tuesday, January 13

8:00 am No Mass

### Wednesday, January 14

8:00 am Nickolas Yaroshuk as requested by the Lamberty Family

### Thursday, January 15

8:00 am No Mass

### Friday, January 16

8:00 am No Mass

### Saturday, January 17

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

### Sunday, January 18

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

10:00 am Special Intention as requested by Lori Kluessendorf

## Parish Support

### Week of 12/23/25 to 12/31/25

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 1963.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1446.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 3,409.00

**Facilities** \$ 0.00

### Monthly -Facilities Fund

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 407.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 0.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 407.00

**Grand Total:** \$ 3816.00

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

### Week of 1/1/26 to 1/7/26

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 4,252.51

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 1,179.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 5,431.51

**Facilities** \$ 140.00

### Monthly -Snow Plowing

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 730.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 170.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 900.00

**Grand Total:** \$ 6,471.51

*Thank you for your generous and continued support*

## Faith Formation

DATE	TIME	EVENT
<b>Dec 24 - Jan 4 - NO CLASSES CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>		
		<i>Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year!</i>
Jan 11	9-10 AM	Class Group A
	11:15-12:30	Confirmation Year 1
	12:45-2:00	Confirmation Year 2
	6-7 pm	First Holy Communion
	6-7:30 PM	Class Group B
Jan 18	<b>NO CLASSES - Martin Luther King Jr Day</b>	

### 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

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



### Women of St Patrick January Meeting

### & Healthy Eating Presentation

Tuesday - January 13, 2026-6:30pm

**ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO** ...The Women of St Patrick's January meeting and special presentation. There will be a brief meeting at 6:30 pm , as we wrap up the 2025 year and plan for 2026!

Following the brief meeting....The WSP are pleased to welcome one of our parishioners...

**Teresa Martin Dotson ,MS, RD, CD-N**

Owner of Nutrition Solutions for Life, LLC

Presentation...Happy Healthy New Year!!

Forget the "fads" and "diets", learn how nutritious and delicious food is a way to a healthier you!! Bring your questions!!

Please plan to join us for a healthy and informative evening. The presentation will begin at 7:15 , if you would like to attend only the presentation. ***Light refreshments will be served.***

## Reflections—Everyday Stewardship

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### Lessons from Baptizing a Frog

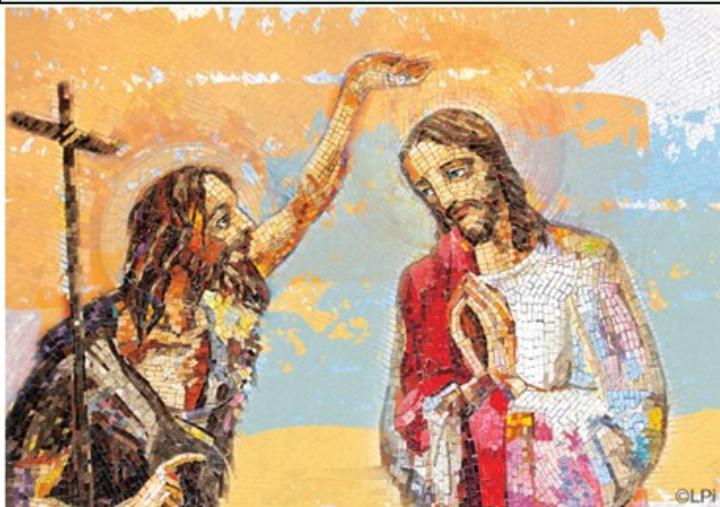
I used to lead an RCIA session on baptism, where I would bring in my Kermit the Frog toy from when I was a child and pretend to baptize it. It was a session I especially made sure I led when we had children preparing for Easter sacraments. You would think Kermit would have become super holy having been baptized so many times, year after year. But, if he had been real, he would not have been any holier due to multiple baptisms than he was after the first baptism. He couldn't be re-baptized. (Not to mention, of course, he is a FROG.)

When Jesus came to John for baptism, he transformed the baptism of repentance that John was practicing into a baptism of redemption. And although we are called to repentance over and over in our life, redemption comes to us only once. We cannot get baptized again in the Jordan or Sea of Galilee because of romantic notions, or come into the Catholic Church by a second baptism so we can start all over. Our baptism, whether we can remember it or not, is a one-time deal. But it is the real deal. Whether you feel it or not, you are sealed for Christ, and the stain of original sin has been washed away.

Too many of us take that moment for granted. Yes, you may have been baptized as an infant. But much time has passed since then, and you can work to understand the impact that it had on your life. We sometimes look for a good time to begin living a stewardship way of life. However, that time already passed, and God has been waiting. We are called to reflect on our baptism and respond to the call it has placed on our lives. We can respond and be disciples, or we can be like Kermit the Frog, always searching for a new start that never comes.

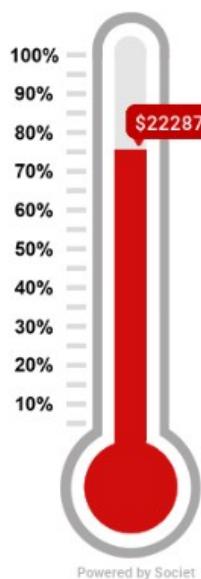
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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.

Goal: \$30000



## 2025 ANNUAL PASTOR'S APPEAL

As of 1/4/26, we have raised **\$22,287** 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!**



## 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 [Holyfamilyretreat.com](http://Holyfamilyretreat.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



## Thank You! - Human Needs Committee

Thank you for your help with the **Giving Tree and Family to Family** this Christmas season. **For the Giving Tree**, we helped sponsored 6 families from Burlington which included 7 children and 1 adult. For Canton we collected 46 gift cards totaling \$1,870 as requested by Canton Senior & Social Services. These gift cards were distributed to Canton families in need as identified by Canton Senior & Social Services. **For Family to Family**, we sponsored 10 families from the Maria Reina de la Paz Parish in Hartford.

*Thank you for your generosity especially during this year and for your continued support of our ministry.*

## Readings for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17  
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17  
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE-

### January 11, 2026 -The Baptism of the Lord - Matthew 3:13-17

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called "Behind the Mac-Greatness." It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their Mac-Books. The narration says, "There's a certain kind of person who doesn't wait for greatness. They make it." It's a compelling message. There's beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can't anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today's Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn't preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: **"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."** It's not a reward for success. It's not earned. Before he does anything "great," Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: "You are my beloved." That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

— Father John Muir

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## In Loving Memory

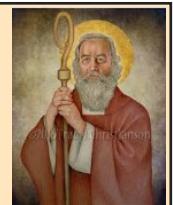
### "Pierrette LeDuc"

Who's funeral mass was on January 7, here at St Patrick's

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

## Saint of the week -St Hilary of Poitiers

### Bishop and Doctor of the Church



Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX. @LPi

## Parish Office Notes

Fr Collins is away and will be back towards the end of January 2026. Msgr. Joseph Disciacca is covering the masses and celebrating other sacraments that require the ministry of a priest. Please note the following:

- The weekend mass schedule will remain unchanged
- There will be only **one weekday mass on Wednesdays** at 8:00 am on **January 21 and January 28**.
- Our monthly **Wednesday Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration** at 7:00 pm is scheduled for **January 28**.

## Word of Life † January 11

"Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own. Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world. Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying. Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"A Prayer for Hope"

## Mass Intentions—Just to let you know !

Beginning in **January 2026**, the suggested donation for all mass intentions, whether on weekdays or weekends, will be **\$15**. You are welcome to give more if you wish. To schedule a mass intention, please email the parish office at [aa@sp4c.org](mailto:aa@sp4c.org) or call (860) 693-8727. You can request a Mass for yourself, for others, or for loved ones who have passed away.



# January

January 13	WSP Meeting Parish Hall 6:30 pm
January 15	Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Church

### St Matthew School, Forestville, CT

Please join us for our upcoming Pre-K3 through Grade 8 Open House on **Sunday, January 25, from 10:00 am-12:00 pm** to discover a school family where your child will flourish! Questions before you visit? Contact Kate Ricci, Administrative Assistant, at 860.583.5214 or [kricci@smsct.org](mailto:kricci@smsct.org).



St. Matthew School is hosting an Open House for Pre-K3 through Grade 8 on Sunday, January 25, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. The flyer features three photos: two students, the school crest, and a student in a mascot costume. Contact information: 860.583.5214, [smsct.org](http://smsct.org).

### 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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