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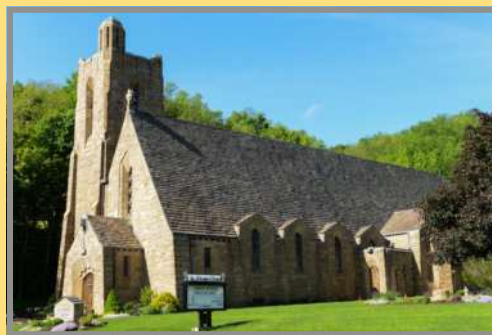


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## Parish Ministries

### **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

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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**

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

CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

### **Usher/Greeter Ministry**

Mr. David Sherman: (860) 810-8594

### **Women of St. Patrick's**

(860) 693-8727



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt 2:6

### **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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### **Coordinator Needed**

Youth Ministry &

Confirmation Coordinator

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### **Chris Casey**

Music Director

keyscasey@aol.com

### **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, January 3

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

#### Sunday, January 4

8:00 am Buddy Lester as requested by Phyllis Cappa

10:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

#### Monday, January 5

8:00 am No Mass

#### Tuesday, January 6

8:00 am No Mass

#### Wednesday, January 7

8:00 am Thomas Tully as requested by the Lamberty Family

#### Thursday, January 8

8:00 am No Mass

#### Friday, January 9

8:00 am No Mass

#### 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

### Faith Formation

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Dec 24 - Jan 4 - NO CLASSES CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		



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

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	NO CLASSES - Martin Luther King Jr Day	



#### 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

### Parish Support

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

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 0.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 0.00

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

**Facilities** \$ 10.00

#### 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.*



#### 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 7, January 14, January 21 and January 28.**
- Our monthly **Wednesday Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration** at 7:00 pm is scheduled for **January 28.**



#### Women of St Patrick

#### January Meeting

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#### 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

### Penances and Prayers

*God's glory, now, is kindled gentler than candlelight  
under the rafters of a barn:  
Eternal Peace is sleeping in the hay,  
And Wisdom's born in secret in a straw-roofed stable.\**

When I was younger, I wrote music to and recorded Thomas Merton's poem, "Epiphany Carol." If you have never read it, search it out on the internet. Merton's words are profound and paint a picture of the awesomeness of Jesus, the newborn King of Kings, lying in a simple straw bed. The shepherds and Wise Men are drawn to pay homage to the One who has been born above all others and brings with him hope for a broken world.

As Merton correctly points out, the gifts we are called to bring to this baby and lay at his feet are our prayers and penances, next to those gifts of worldly wealth. What is it that you have to bring to the stable on this feast of the Epiphany of the Lord? Unless those prayers and penances lead to a new way of living, our gifts will be void of meaning. What we lay before him speaks to the change in us that he has given to us by his birth. Our daily stewardship is resembled in those gifts. If we are to truly echo the kingdom of God in our lives and actions, what we ultimately offer to him is no less than our entire selves. This baby will give his entire self for us, and his work must continue through our hands and feet.

*While we unnumbered children of the wicked centuries  
Come after with our penances and prayers,  
And lay them down in the sweet-smelling hay  
Beside the wise men's golden jars.\**

\*Excerpts from "Epiphany Carol" by Thomas Merton

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## The Three Wise Men

**Question: Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men...who were they?**

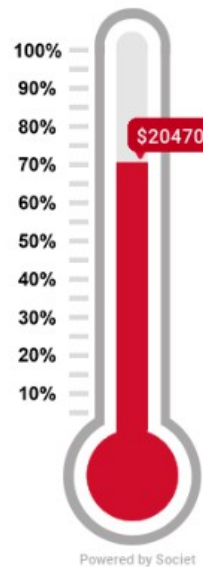
**Answer:**

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men *magoi*. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.

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Goal: \$30000



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## 2025 ANNUAL PASTOR'S APPEAL

As of 12/22, we have raised  
**\$20,470** 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 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



**Thank you! Thank You!**

**Thank You !!!**

**The names are too many to list**

Please know how grateful we are to all who volunteered during Advent and Christmas.

What a wonderful December we had here at St. Patrick's with the Advent Wreath Candle-Lighting, Gingerbread Fair, the Children's Christmas Pageant, and Christmas Music Concert and Reception!

We would also like to thank everyone that donated to our Christmas Flowers & Decorations!

We truly appreciate your service and your donations! May God Bless each and every one of you!

## Readings for the week of January 4, 2026

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE-

January 4, 2026—The Epiphany of the Lord  
Matthew 2:1-12,

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends. That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

—Father John Muir  
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## 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.



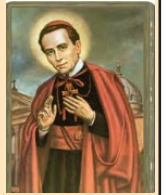
## Welcome Newly Baptized

Congratulations to the parents of

**Archer Norman Rosborg**

Who was baptized here on Sunday,  
December 28, 2025

## Saint of the week –St John Neumann



St. John Neumann is the patron saint of educators, immigrants, and, due to the miracles that secured his canonization, sick children. This is a fitting patronage as he was a lover of education and learning from a very young age. In fact, when he was a child, his mother called him “my little bibliomaniac” due to his preoccupation with reading. Born in 1811 Bohemia, in what is now the Czech Republic, he attended the university in Prague preparing for ordination. However, his local bishops were not ordaining new priests at the time because Bohemia was overstocked with priests. He inquired about ordination all over Europe but received the same answer everywhere. Not one to be deterred, John then applied to several United States dioceses. Receiving no immediate responses, the saint took a leap of faith and decided to just immigrate to the United States in 1836, during his 25th year, with only \$40 in his pocket. This risk paid off when he was ordained in New York a month later.

Early in his priesthood he worked primarily as a missionary to German immigrants in Buffalo. His missionary work also created an opportunity for him to spend time in Maryland, Virginia, Michigan, and Ohio. When he was 29, he joined the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), a congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to helping the poor and most abandoned. He was their first member to profess vows in the United States.

He was canonized on June 19, 1977, following three miracles, two of which regarded the healing of youth from grave illnesses. St. John Neumann was the first American man to be canonized a saint.

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## Word of Life † January 4

“Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

*“The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary”*

## "LECTIO DIVINA"

Have you ever heard God speak directly to you during the Mass readings? Have you heard Father Collins's homily reflect on the Word? Come and experience similar reflection and deep personal grace spoken to YOUR heart at our LECTIO DIVINA, Praying with the Scriptures meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. We meet on the stage area at 6pm. January meetings will be held on Thursday, January 8th and Thursday, January 22nd. Contact Rich Stoops at 860-305-2776 or Yvonne Stoops at 860-707-0838 for more information"

## St Patrick's 2026 Calendars Are Here!!

They are located by each of the church doors!!

# January

January 8	Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Church
January 13	WSP Meeting Parish Hall 6:30 pm

*Saint Patrick Parish*



**We Want Your Questions!**  
**Have comments or suggestions?**  
*Yes, we take those too!*

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*Thank you!*

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