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Mr. Chris Casey: (860) 904-8138

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ym@spcolct.org

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Mr. Rich Stoops: (203) 910-5588

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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 27

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Patrick

Sunday, December 28

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

10:00 am Paul & Beverly Bags as requested by the Bangs Family

Monday, December 29

8:00 am No Mass

Tuesday, December 30

8:00 am No Mass

Wednesday, December 31

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

Thursday, January 1

8:00 am Parishioners of St Patrick

Friday, January 2

8:00 am No Mass

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

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 12/11/25 to 12/17/25

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,888.00

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 981.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 3,869.00

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: \$ 3,879.00

Thank you for your continued support of St Patrick's Parish

Week of 12/18/25 to 12/22/25

Weekly Collections (Envelopes & Cash): \$ 2,647.26

Weekly Collection (Online Giving): \$ 936.00

Weekly Collections Total (Env./Cash/Online): \$ 3,583.26

Facilities \$ 25.00

Monthly -Fuel Offering

Monthly Collection (Envelopes & Cash) \$ 1,039.00

Monthly Collection (Online Giving) \$ 41.00

Monthly Collection Total \$ 1,080.00

Grand Total: \$ 4,688.26

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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
- The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, January 1, 2025**
- On **New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1** there will be an 8:00 am mass
- There will be only **one weekday mass on Wednesdays** at 8:00 am on **January 7, January 14, January 21 and January 28.**
- Our weekly **Wednesday Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration** at 7:00 pm is scheduled for **January 28.**

Just a Friendly Reminder...

Your offertory donations can be made online by clicking the link on our website or by visiting: St. Patrick Church Collinsville Connecticut - COLLINSVILLE, CT | Online Giving (osvhub.com)

Reflections—Everyday Stewardship RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

God's GPS Never Fails

I use GPS wherever I go, and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn, and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost!" or "Rerouting!" The problem is, when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or by pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don't trust my sense of direction. And I haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade!

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey. Yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass, and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the Divine, we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God, through prayer, will help us see all we have as a gift. God, through prayer, will lead us away from materialism and selfishness and toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God's GPS signal is never really lost.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Confessing Sins

Question:

If I go to the Sacrament of Penance and end up repeating the same sins, does that mean I do not have a strong enough intention to amend my life?

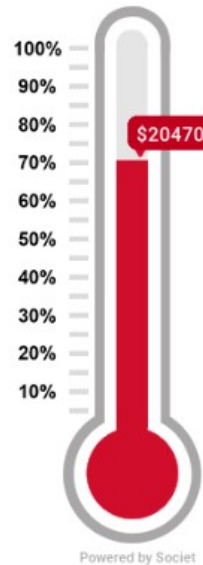
Answer:

There is a popular expression that says, "Be patient. God isn't finished with me yet!" Growing in faith and holiness is an ongoing, life-long project, and our struggle with sin is at the heart of it. As St. Paul says, the good he intends to do, he does not do. The evil he does not intend, he does! It is not always a lack of intention, but more often the allure of evil that makes it difficult to change.

When we confess our sins, we are to come with a fully contrite heart. You need to reflect on your true feelings toward your actions before approaching the sacrament. After confession, there are strategies you can make to avoid falling into the same traps of sin. First, pray for and seek out strength and perseverance through multiple sacraments, charitable work, and personal sacrifice. Second, avoid occasions of sin when you might fail or be sorely tempted. In doing these things, remind yourself daily that it is a spiritual war we wage, and with God's grace, we will succeed.

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Goal: \$30000



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 appre-
ciated and will go towards funding
the replacement of some of the
worn-out exterior wood walls of the
rectory, which require urgent atten-
tion. We hope you will prayerfully
consider participating in this Ap-
peal.

Thank You!



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

Holy Family Retreat Center West Hartford, CT.
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Faith is a journey! We never know where it will take us.. Dur-
ing 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 sac-
red 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

The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God is
a liturgical celebration observed on **January 1st**
which falls exactly one week
after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christ-
mas.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is honored as the Moth-
er of God because she conceived and gave birth to Christ, who
is the incarnation of God the Son, the Second Person of the
Blessed Trinity.

It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the
birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of
Mary Mother of God, we are not only honoring Mary, who was
chosen among all women throughout history to bear God in-
carnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God
and fully human.



Readings for the week of December 28, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Next 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

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE-

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect.

But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love.

In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: **"Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee..." (Matthew 2:13, 20).** First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear.

May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence.

— 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 or call (860) 693-8727. You can request a Mass for yourself, for others, or for loved ones who have passed away.

Saint of the week –St. Gregory Nazianzen



The story of St. Gregory of Nazianzen (325 – 390) is a great example of how ordinary people can do extraordinary things! Baptized at the age of 30, St. Gregory eagerly accepted his friend St. Basil the Great's request to join him in a newly founded monastery. But soon after, St. Gregory's father, a bishop at the time, needed help in his diocese. According to the story, St. Gregory was ordained a priest almost forcefully, and only reluctantly accepted the responsibility asked of him.

He managed to avoid a split that threatened when his father made compromises with believers of the Arian heresy. At 41, St. Gregory was chosen Suffragan Bishop of Caesarea, and soon after came into conflict with the Emperor Valens, who supported the Arians. In addition, his friendship with Basil, his archbishop, became strained.

After with the death of Valens, St. Gregory was called to rebuild the faith in Constantinople, which had been under Arian teachers for more than three decades. He dreaded being drawn into a vortex of corruption and brutality, but he managed to stay at a friend's home, which soon became the only orthodox church in the city. In such surroundings, he began giving the great sermons on the Trinity for which he is famous today. In time, Gregory did rebuild the faith in the city, but at the cost of great suffering, slander, insults, and even personal violence.

St. Gregory Nazianzen shares his feast day with St. Basil the Great.

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Word of Life † December 28

"Dearest St Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life (www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph)

"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"



January

January 1	New Year's Day Mass 8:00 am
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!

We want to hear from you.
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Thank you!

New Member Registration /Change of Registration

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