

# St Patrick's Church

Collinsville, Connecticut

Dedicated 1852

*"It is here that through the strength of Heaven, we teach the Word, Jesus Christ, the Tradition of His Church and celebrate His Divine Mercy."*

Serving the communities of Avon, Burlington, Canton, Collinsville and St. Thérèse, Lilavois, Haiti



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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



December 2, 2018

### Ordinary Mass Schedule

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8am & 10am

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am

**Holy Days: See Bulletin for Times**

### 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.

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**Closed Friday**



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# Mass Intentions

Saturday .....	Dec 1	5:00 pm <u>Robert Mangiante, Jr. and Elizabeth Mangiante</u> requested by Their Family
Sunday .....	Dec 2	8:00 am <u>No Intention</u> 10:00am <u>Parishioners of St. Patrick's</u>
Monday .....	Dec 3	8:00 am <u>No Intention</u>
Tuesday .....	Dec 4	8:00 am <u>No Intention</u>
Wednesday .....	Dec 5	8:00 am <u>Anil Pachori (5th Anniversary of Death)</u> requested by The Pachori Family
Thursday .....	Dec 6	No Mass
Friday .....	Dec 7	No Mass
Saturday .....	Dec 8	5:00 pm <u>Special Intention</u>
Sunday .....	Dec 9	8:00 am <u>Parishioners of St. Patrick's</u> 10:00am <u>Amalia and Casimiro Cobiaich</u> requested by The Romanzi Family

*Pew Marker: If you have requested the Mass intention, please bring up the Gifts for the offertory. See the ushers for the pew marker.*

*Mass Intentions: You may honor a special family event or a deceased loved one with a Mass intention by contacting the Parish Office or visiting [www.sp4c.org](http://www.sp4c.org), click the "About" tab, and fill in the "Contact Us" form.*

## MESSAGE FROM FR. COLLINS

Dear Friends in Christ,

With our celebration of the solemnity of Christ the King last weekend, we entered the concluding week of our liturgical year which nicely coincided with the annual thanksgiving celebration. Marked with various family gatherings and feasts, many of us within the period, had the opportunity to celebrate with beloved ones and friends the common heritage we share as one people. In the movement through time and seasons, we are constantly reminded of the need to be thankful for who we are as a people of God, and for all we have been given.

This weekend we begin a new liturgical year with Advent. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "...when we celebrate the liturgy of Advent, we as a Church...makes present the ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the savior's first coming, we (the faithful) renew our ardent desire for Christ's second coming" (CCC 524). As a season of grace, Advent season invites us to open the doors of our hearts for Christ who also comes to us every day in different ways. As such, through our liturgical celebrations, especially within this season of Advent, we profess our faith that NOW is the time of our preparation for Christ.

Since it is a special time of new beginning, the season of Advent is filled with beautiful images of hope and promise. Our liturgical readings, gestures and signs during this Advent season draw our attention to Christ who is the light of our life. Making the journey of Advent in a meaningful way would help us to celebrate Christmas season in a more fruitful manner. Therefore, when we find ourselves caught up in the secular Christmas frenzy or tied up in running around doing all those 'Christmas things' of shopping and decorating, may we remember that it is the person of Christ and the meaning he gives to our life that inform the true spirit of the season.

I want to seize this opportunity to thank Cameron Daly for his work with us within the past few months. Cameron's last week of work with us as the parish DRE ended this past Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 2018. The current faith formation needs of our parish necessitated the elimination of his position. In the coming weeks and months, we will be making determinations on having a permanent position for a coordinator of Faith Formation programs in the parish. Cameron's leaving will not change any of the plans that we already have in place for the "Christ Our Life" program which is in progress. In the meantime, David Humbarger, Richard Stoops and Yvonne Stoops will continue to assist us with "Christ our Life" program, while Sarah Hollenbeck will continue to teach the First Holy Communion/Reconciliation class, and Peter Fortier and Irene Fortier will continue their work with Confirmation candidates and our Youth group. Indeed, we thank the members of our parish Faith Formation Ministry team for their dedication and service.

May God continue to bless you all.

In Christ,

*Fr. Collins*



## Liturgical Ministers

### Liturgical Minister Scheduling

It is time to prepare the Liturgical Minister's Schedule for the First Quarter of 2019 (Jan, Feb, Mar).

**All Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers** need to e-mail your **unavailable** dates to [ps@sp4c.org](mailto:ps@sp4c.org) by December 17, 2018. The new schedule will be published by December 20, 2018.

Any parishioners who are interested in serving as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Server should contact the Parish Office.

**CHRISTMAS  
MASS  
SCHEDULE**



**December 24th**  
5:00pm & 10:00pm

**December 25th**  
8:00am & 10:00am

### **Regular Bulletin Deadline — Tuesdays, 12 pm**

**Dec 16th Bulletin Due - Dec 10**

**Dec 23rd Bulletin Due - Dec 17**

**Dec 30th Bulletin Due - Dec 19**

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**WOMEN of ST. PATRICK  
MEETING & CHRISTMAS PARTY!!**

**Tuesday ~ December 11, 2018 ~ 6:30pm**

All women of the parish are invited to the WSP December meeting and annual Christmas Party. Please plan on joining us for an evening of fun as we celebrate Christmas and all our accomplishments in 2018!

Please bring an appetizer, snack or dessert (finger foods).

**HUMAN NEEDS - TIS THE SEASON!**

Our Giving Tree is set up in the vestibule. Please stop by and pick a tag to help our community families this holiday season.



For specific instructions please pick up one of the flyers by the Giving Tree. Thank you!



**Week of 11/12/18 to 11/18/18**

Weekly Collections Total (Envelopes & Cash): \$5,331.00  
 Weekly Collections Total (Online Giving): \$962.50  
 Total Envelopes, Cash, and Online Giving: \$6,293.50

***Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our St. Patrick's parish family.***

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**



Beginning on December 5th, please join us every Wednesday evening from 7:00pm to 8:00pm for Eucharistic Adoration.

**MEN'S RETREAT AT HOLY FAMILY  
January 11-13, 2019**

***"No Ordinary Path: Holiness in Everyday Life."***

God has called all of us to lives of holiness. *No Ordinary Path* will explore ways that we can be attentive, intentional, and cooperative with God's grace in serving the world. Together we will take a journey, with the hope of discovering that who we are and what we do *matters*. We'll reflect on how living an ordinary life of holiness can lead to extraordinary happiness and peace.

Men of St. Patrick's, are you willing to commit the time to join us on this journey? St. Patrick's will even cover the cost of a parishioner's first retreat. Please consider inviting a family member, friend, or coworker to attend with you.

The same retreat is also available for women on the weekend of Jan 4-6. What a beautiful Christmas present for your spouse!

For more information please call Moe Poirier at (860) 693-4692 or Ted Jastrzebski at Holy Family at (860) 521-0440.

**19th Annual Breakfast with Santa**

Please come and share a delicious breakfast and meet Santa! Santa and his helpers will be in the church hall on Saturday, December 15th from 8:00am to 11:00am. The "Jolly Old Soul" in the red suit will be there to greet everyone and take photos.



His helpers will be serving up a delicious breakfast of pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage and beverages, with smiles, crafts and Christmas carols in the background. All this for the Santa's meager asking of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Proceeds from the breakfast will support the L.E.G.A.C.Y. high school youth group. If you have any questions please contact Peter Fortier at (860) 205-6846 or [peter.fortier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:peter.fortier@sbcglobal.net).

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

***Collection Next Weekend 12/9***

Please support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.

**SPYRIT Annual Advent Candle Fundraiser**

After each Mass this weekend, December 1-2, our youth group will be selling sets of Advent Candles. Each set costs \$10. The funds raised support our activities throughout the year.



**CHRISTMAS YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS**

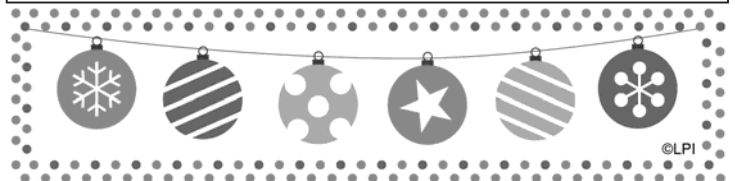


Christmas youth choir rehearsals will begin on Sunday, December 2nd.

The rehearsals will be from 11:00am to 12:00pm immediately following the 10:00am Masses.

**Advent Evening Retreat at Trinita!**

Advent is a time of waiting and preparing. How will you approach this season? Come explore with us at this interactive evening retreat on Thursday, December 13th at 6:30pm! Shawnee Baldwin, former youth and young adult ministry coordinator for the Archdiocese of Hartford will present this very special evening. Please call Trinita by 12/7 at (860) 379-4329 or email [trinita@charter.net](mailto:trinita@charter.net) to register. Trinita Retreat Center, 595 Town Hill Road, New Hartford, CT 06057. Suggested donation \$10.00.







December 3	Human Needs Meeting - 7:00pm in the Hall
December 4	Parish Council Meeting - 6:30pm in the Hall
December 5	Eucharistic Adoration - 7:00pm in the Sanctuary
December 6	Pro-Life Meeting - 6:30pm in the Hall
December 8	SPYRIT - 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Hall
December 9	LEGACY - 6:00pm-7:30pm in the Hall
December 10	Haiti Meeting at St. Mary's - 7:00pm
December 11	Women of St. Patrick's - 6:30pm in the Hall



**Envelopes for  
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS  
and  
EASTER FLOWERS**



The donations from the Christmas Flowers and Easter Flowers Envelopes, which are given in memory of deceased loved ones, *will now also* be used to purchase *live flowers* throughout the year for the Sanctuary. *This means that during the year when live flowers are used in the Sanctuary, they are placed there in memory of your deceased loved ones.*

**The Use of Live Flowers vs. Artificial Flowers**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in November of 2000 published guidelines, "*Built on Living Stones.*" for church art and architecture that touched on seasonal decorations. It states that "*the use of living flowers and plants, rather than artificial greens, serves as a reminder of the gift of life God has given to the human community.*"

*From The Catholic Answer, the online magazine of Our Sunday Visitor, Msgr. William J. King, answering a question on artificial flowers, wrote a beautiful explanation for using live flowers: "Theologically, the use of fresh flowers and greens reminds us of the beauty and dignity of God's creation, as well as the transitory nature of life itself. That a cut flower would give itself to the splendor and loveliness of the Mass — if only temporarily — is a reminder of the self-offering of Christ in His dying and rising."*