

THE MOST REVEREND MICHAEL R. COTE, BISHOP OF NORWICH

The Cathedral of Saint Patrick

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Rector, Msgr. Anthony S. Rosaforte
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In Residence: Rev. Brian Romanowski
Wedding Coordinator, Sunnie Robinson
School Principal, Mrs. Catherine Reed
CCD Director, Sr. Kateri
Music Director, Mr. Douglas Green
Secretary, Mrs. Sheila Habeeb

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Radio Mass 9:00 a.m., WICH 1310 AM
Daily: Mon-Fri 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon
Saturday 7:00 a.m.
Blessed Virgin Novena Mass Monday 7:00 p.m.

MINISTRY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children are expected to receive a Catholic upbringing in their family life, to worship regularly at Sunday Mass and to participate in ongoing Religious Education. Our Programs include:

Catholic School, Pre K-8, Weekdays
Religious Ed. Program, Pre K-8, Sundays
Confirmation classes grades 8 & 9 (2 year-program)

CARE OF THE SICK

Please advise us of parishioners who are sick or in the hospital, that we might keep them in our prayers, and if possible, visit them. Anyone who is unable to celebrate the Eucharist with us in Church is urged to advise us so that we might share Communion with them at home.

NEED PRAYERS?

Call St. Patrick Prayer Line to request prayers. Contact Bea Mackenzie 887-3355 or Jane Morosky 887-6681.

LITURGY

Order of Mass	#202
Processional Hymn	#387
Kyrie	#317
Readings	#1008
Gospel Acclamation	#208
Holy, Holy	#214
Memorial Acclamation	#215
Great Amen	#218
Lamb of God	#220
Recessional Hymn	#400

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Patrick Cathedral Parish is a Roman Catholic community of the Diocese of Norwich, CT which seeks to put the love of Christ into action by:

- Providing for the spiritual nourishment of the community.
- Living according to the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.
- Reaching out to those in need.
- Extending the love of Christ to all who come into our midst.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Each Sunday at 11:30 a.m.
Please call for appointment.
Reconciliation: Confessions heard Mon-Fri at 11:15am
Mon: at 6:15pm and Sat. at 4:00pm

Marriage: Arrangements should be made with the church one year before the date. The Diocese requires a marriage preparation program.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Catechumenate is the process of welcoming new members into the Roman Catholic Church. It is meant for those who are not baptized, baptized into another Christian Church or baptized into the Catholic Church but have yet to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Classes begin in September. Contact the rectory for information.

NEW PARISHIONERS

New parishioners are welcome to our Parish Community. Please call us at the rectory to register. We want to know you and serve you. We hope that you will take an active part in our parish.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Rev. Joseph B. Whittel, Patricia Evans,
Mother M. Theresita Jeannotte, SCMC,
Sara St. George Davis

**Third Sunday
Of Advent**

December 17, 2017

9:00 Sunday Mass: Cathedral Choir
10:30 Sunday Mass: Bells of St. Patrick
5:00 Sunday Mass: Ed Stoltz, organist

The Weekly Offertory last weekend amounted to \$8,860.00.
Makeup for the Monthly Collection amounted to \$374.00.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

*The First Collection Christmas Day is for the needs of the Parish
(operating expenses).*

*The Second Collection will be a special collection (your gift to your parish)
to help defray the cost of the property insurance bill.*

The total bill is \$75,222.00.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY:

Pope Francis has warned, "When a sick person is not placed at the center and considered in their dignity, attitudes arise which can even lead to profiteering on other people's misfortunes. The growing health poverty among the poorest segments of the population is due precisely to the difficulty of access to care. "Let us pray that in transforming the HHS federal mandate, religious rights of the Catholic Church will be safeguarded.

TOYS FOR CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS TIME:

Anyone wishing to donate a toy to brighten a Child's Christmas may place it in the crib in front of the statue of St. Joseph. (Unwrapped Please).

CARDS & CALENDARS:

We are collecting unused Christmas cards and calendars for those in prison to use. Please leave them in the box in the vestibule. Thank you.

FOR BEAUTIFUL RELIGIOUS GIFTS FOR

CHRISTMAS VISIT THE MERCIFUL SAVIOUR GIFT SHOP

ED or MARIE FUSCO
(860) 837-0079

M-T-W 10 am - 5 pm
Th-F 10 am - 6 pm
Sat 10 am - 3 pm



Merciful Saviour Gift Shop

392 So. Main St., Colchester, CT 06415

Christian Books, Bibles, Music
Greeting Cards, Jewelry
Rosary Beads

Statues, Crucifixes, Church Supplies
Gifts for Sacramental Celebrations
Eternal Lights and Candles

38th Annual

Festival of Lessons and Carols

The Story of Christmas

*In Scripture and Song
Presented by the
Choirs of the Cathedral*

Sunday, December 17
7:30 p.m.

St. Patrick Cathedral
213 Broadway
Norwich, Connecticut

Admission Free



*Welcome to
St. Patrick Cathedral
213 Broadway Norwich, Ct.*

Our warmest welcome to all who
celebrate with us whether
long-time residents or newly
arrived in our parish. If you
are not registered, please
complete the form below and
drop it in our collection basket
or mail it to the parish office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

THANK YOU!

Do you remember, "Hail, Hail, the gangs all here?" Our version is "Hail, Hail, the donors are here." The contributions keep coming into the poor box. Thank you for making our job of reaching out to "The Christ of the Poor" much easier.

THE POWER OF PRAYER:

Consider saying three Hail Mary's for your needs. Offer a petition as you receive the Most Holy Eucharist. Most of all please say "Thank You" when a prayer is answered.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to Mr. Mark Kulos for donating the trees surrounding the crèche in front of the school and at the Bishop's residence.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, 4:00 PM VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS

12:00 MIDNIGHT MASS

CAROLS BEGIN AT 11:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM AND 5:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

**MONDAY, DEC. 18TH – 11:15 AM – 11:45 AM
AND 6:15 PM**

TUESDAY, DEC. 19TH – 11:15 AM – 11:45 AM

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20TH – 11:15 AM – 11:45 AM

THURSDAY, DEC. 21ST – 11:15 AM – 11:45 AM

FRIDAY, DEC. 22ND – 11:15 AM – 11:45 AM

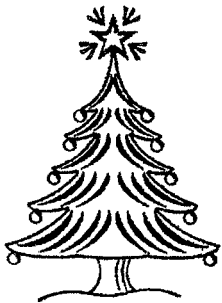
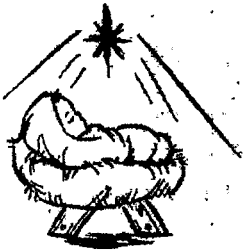
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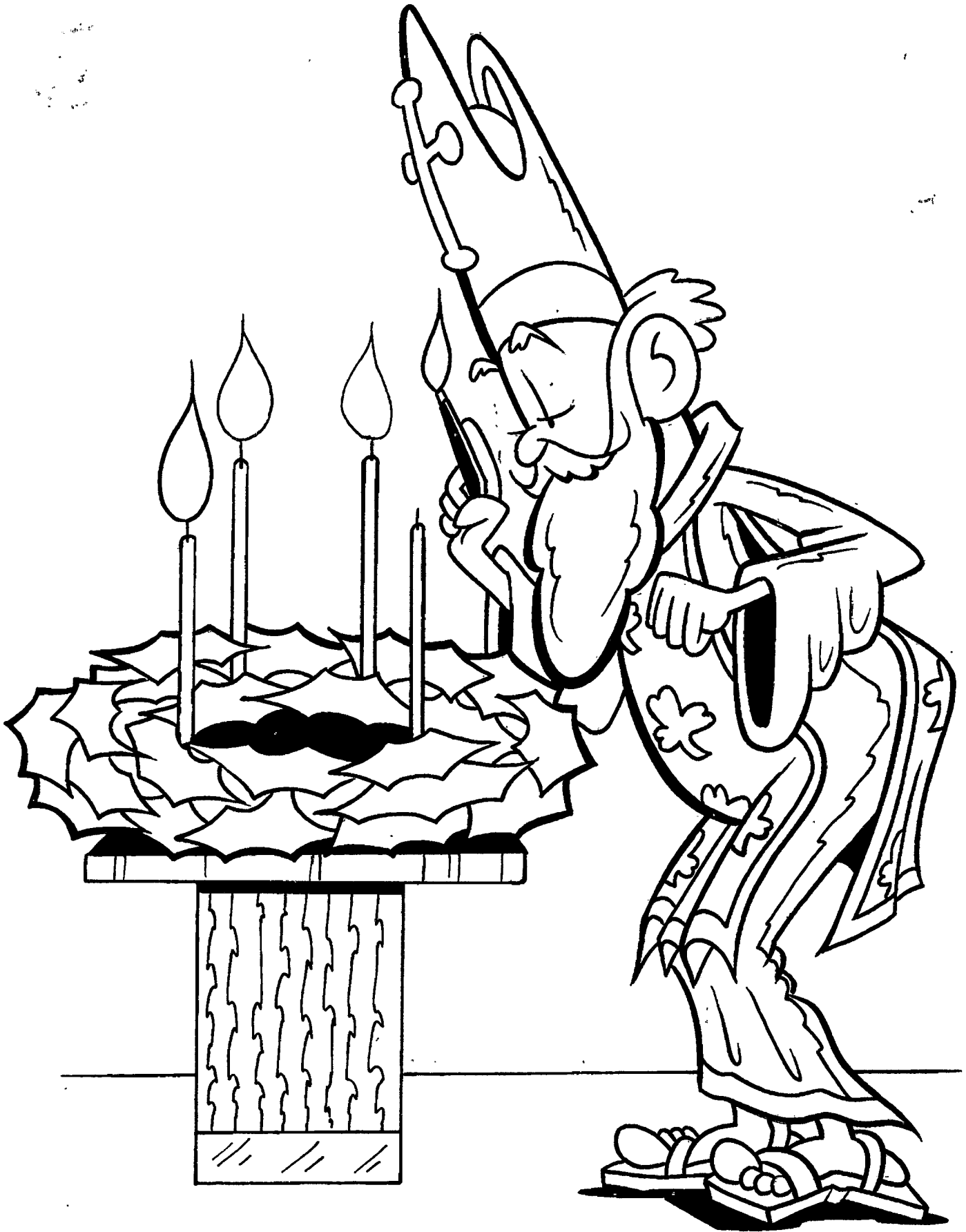
How Can We Help Others for Christmas? *(I'm glad you asked!)*



1. **Food Cards** or monetary donations for those in need. Especially cards from Walmart, Stop & Shop, Shop Rite, and Big Y.
2. **Prepare a meal for those unable to cook at home.** Most of these meals are heated in small ovens or microwaves.
3. **Items for Rosary Hill Cancer Hospital.** Items may be placed by the Baptismal Font.
4. **Food Items:** Hams, Turkeys and nonperishable food items. The nonperishable items may be left in the cathedral or brought to the rectory.
5. **Poor Box** - Please place your donation in the poor box. It is located in the rear of the cathedral to help those in need who come to the rectory door.
6. **Winter Coats** - may be dropped off in the front of the cathedral
7. **Cards and Calendars** - for those incarcerated.
8. **Adopt a Family** - purchasing gifts for children for Christmas
9. **Toys for Children** - New unwrapped toys may be left by the Baptismal Font. Don't forget the older children, gift cards are appreciated for them.



Please make sure all gift and food cards are activated before dropping them off.



MARK O'NEILL

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ROSARY HILL CANCER HOSPITAL COLLECTION

The Hawthorne/Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne, NY, care for the sick and the dying, at no cost to the patient. Just as last year, we will be collecting articles needed by the patients at the hospital. Please leave articles beneath the statue of St Joseph. Monetary donations may be put in any offertory collection, in an envelope marked, "Rosary Hill". Please make checks payable to "Rosary Hill Hospital".

ARTICLES NEEDED AND ENJOYED BY THE ELDERLY:

CANDY-Individually wrapped snack bars and hard candy.

COFFEE-Instant or regular (preferred).

HOT CHOCOLATE-Individual packets.

KLEENEX

FACE SOAP

MEN'S AFTERSHAVE LOTIONS

LADIES PERFUMES

TOWELS-(Bath, hand and face cloths).

SOCKS-Men's and women's.

LADIES NIGHTGOWNS AND MEN'S NIGHTSHIRTS

MEN'S ELECTRIC RAZORS AND PACKAGE RAZORS

COOKIES-In tins or boxes.

DENTAL FLOSS

PLIGRIP-FIXODENT

TOOTHPASTE/TOOTH BRUSHES

WASHABLE BLANKETS FOR SINGLE BEDS

NEW SHEETS-for single beds.

SLIPPERS-Non slip with backs (men's and women's)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION TO ASSIST THE POOR AND SUFFERING.

WE WILL BE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR ROSARY HILL TILL AFTER THE NEW YEAR!



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Christmas Message 2017

*"Till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices" O Holy Night*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this my fifteenth Christmas as your Bishop, I pray that the blessings and peace of the newborn Savior be yours in abundance and that you may know anew the depth of God's love for you. I am so grateful to be celebrating with you this grace-filled event of Jesus' coming into our world.

Christmas is best celebrated when we return to that first Christmas and celebrate its true meaning, Christ's birth. The Savior's birth unites us to God and to one another. As the Son of God becomes one of us, He not only joins us to God but he also makes possible our new status as God's children. His birth is celebrated in hearts that are open to God's love and in lives that share God's love through service to others, especially those in need. His love must be both lived and shared.

As we join in thanksgiving for the blessings we enjoy, we recognize, as disciples of Christ, that there are so many among us who need our help and comfort. There are families sadly separated from loved ones for the first time this Christmas. There are families coping with the loss of loved ones to eternal rest. We in the diocesan family profoundly miss our Chancellor and dear friend, Monsignor Brown, every day, even knowing he has reached everlasting glory in God's embrace. We know that Monsignor, at home with the Lord, is still watching over us with kindness and affection. Our faith helps each of us grasp the enormity of God's saving grace that brings strength and comfort when you lose someone in your life who means so much to you.

We recognize, too, that there are others suffering from illness, still others without work, or shelter, or the basic necessities of food, clothing, and medicine. All of our brothers and sisters in distress need to hear and see the message of God's love, the song of the Angels over Bethlehem, and the news of the Savior's birth. We must use our talents and gifts at Christmas and beyond to reach out joyfully and generously to hold every hand and lift every burden within our reach and power. We, ourselves, become the gift of Christmas.

In Jesus Christ, God is truly one with us. May astonishment and wonder fill our hearts. May our hearts and homes be manglers where Jesus lives, not only for a day but for all days! This Christmas, draw near to Christ. Find Christ in others, especially in the most vulnerable among us. Experience the joy of God's love in your life. The Church throws open its doors in welcome to you; come celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist with praise and thanksgiving. Invite others to join with you. "Take a step towards Jesus," into His open arms.

In the simplicity of that holy night in Bethlehem, life's deepest meaning is discovered. Our life is not complete without love, God's love. Merry Christmas to all! May the peace and joy of this holy season abide with you and your loved ones throughout the New Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

