



# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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## *The First Sunday of Advent*



### **Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

*Saturday, 4:00 pm ❖ Sunday, 10:00 am*

Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 am

First Friday, 10:00am

Holy Days of Obligation, 12:00 Noon and 6:30 pm

### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday, 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm or by appointment

## The Second Sunday of Advent

**FIRST READING:** (Isaiah 11:1-10) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (Romans 15:4-9) Gospel (Matthew 3:1-12)

### **PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE HOSPITAL OR ON HOSPICE:**

Nino Odgers. Please keep all the sick and their caregivers in your prayers.

**OUT OF RESPECT** for the privacy of our parishioners, names of those who are in the hospital are not listed in the bulletin without prior approval by the individual or an immediate family member if the individual is unable to speak for themselves.



**PRAYER BOOK:** The prayer book in the narthex is available for all prayer requests. Please pray daily for these requests.

**PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:** Especially our families, friends and loved ones who are currently in active military service: Carlos Aguirre (Stateside) Darren Armentrout (Stateside), Darryl Balcom (Stateside), Jeremy Barton (Stateside), Joseph Byrd (Stateside), Matthew Cavender (Stateside), Melissa Dooley (England) Andy Easter (Afghanistan) Jaren Garton (Deployed) Brian Gibson (Iraq), Heath Gober (Iraq), Michael Anthony Grinston (Stateside), Andrew Hays (At Sea) Samantha Higgins (Stateside), Scott Jones (Stateside), Daniel Jordan (Stateside) Jenny Malone (Stateside), David Miller (Stateside), Richard Parvin (Qatar), Joey Serio (Iraq), Ben Perry (Qatar), and John Toombs (Afghanistan) . Please keep all of our brave men and women in your prayers. **If you know of any parishioner who should be added to or removed from this list, please contact the office.**

**PLEASE JOIN OUR PARISH!** We would love to have you as a registered member of St. Patrick. If you would like to join our parish, please pick up a Census Card in the narthex, fill it out and put it in the collection basket.

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES** Mickey Davidson. Please keep these, all the homebound, and their caregivers in your prayers. If you know of any parishioner who should be added to or removed from this list, please contact the office.

### **NOVEMBER ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE:**

Please pick up the pictures of your loved ones from the Altar.

### **WEEKLY FINANCE REPORT**

<i>Account</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expense</i>	<i>Diff.</i>
<i>Operations</i>	3,913.00	3,142.33	770.69
<i>Capital Imp.</i>	190.00	3,040.60	(-2,850.60)
<i>Approved BF</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00

### **EVERYONE NEEDS A NEW CENSUS CARD!**

Every family must have a family card and each member a member card. NOTE: by Gift Bearer please indicate Saturday or Sunday. Write in Angel Tree Ministry and Pray Shawl Ministry. By Emergency Phone please indicate name and relationship.

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES MINISTRY**

**SCHEDULE:** Thank you for the response to the plea for Ministers for our Christmas Masses. Looks as though Midnight Mass and Christmas Day will be the ones needing some volunteers at this time. The schedule for December is in the November 24th bulletin and the **Christmas / New Year will be in the Bulletin on December 8th.** If you are willing to serve, please be early so we do not replace you and cause chaos right before time to be with Jesus in Holy Mass. When a substitute has taken a place for a no-show, they **sign in** for that position on the white ministry sheet (not the schedule). So if you are late (Volunteers are expected 15 minutes before Mass time) we have asked someone to fill in for you. Thank you !!!

### **COLD AND FLU SEASON IS HERE!**

Please remember that it is not a sin to miss Mass when you are sick. It is also not a sin to miss Mass if you need to stay home with a sick child. Even if it is "just a cold" In fact it is more in keeping, with Jesus's commandment to love, for you to protect others from getting the flu or a cold. Remember an illness, that is "just a cold" to you, could be detrimental to the health of someone else. Especially the very young, the elderly, and those with compromised respiratory or immune systems. Please stay at home when you are ill and keep your children at home when they are ill.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent:** Stay awake! The Lord is coming. Be ready! (Matthew 24:37-44) Let us pray that during this time of Advent we will discover the presence of God in many ways. (**Vocation View is sponsored by Serra Club**)

### *Growing in Faith*

**FAITH FORMATION** Wednesday evening classes are held in the Family Life Center classrooms below the gym. Classes resumes this Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30 pm SHARP !

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** Sunday's during the 10:00 am Mass unless otherwise noted. This is for children ages 3 through 2nd grade. No registration is necessary for CL attendance.

**RCIA:** Considering joining the Catholic Church? Catholic but never confirmed? Need to make your First Communion? Want to be baptized? Let us help you! Check out our RCIA classes for adults considering joining the Catholic Church. Come and Learn. For more information, please call the church office. Next class is Tuesday, at 6:00 pm. Unless otherwise noted.



**SHAWL MINISTRY:** The Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet this Monday. Please join us on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. If you know of someone who is sick or in the hospital in need of comfort and prayers please let us know. Interested in joining? Call Mary Evans.

**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP:** We would like to ask you to keep all the people who have received items from the ministry in your prayers. We have been active since 2011 and are still going strong. Lately we have been hit hard with "young" people in need of prayers as well as many parishioners. Please see the bulletin board for more information.



**MUSIC MATTERS:** Choir Rehearsals will be all December Sundays at 9:00 am unless otherwise communicated to members by Director. Choir will lead music for the 10:00 am Mass following those rehearsals.



**OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS:** Learn ways you can help The Birmingham Diocese Scholarship program.

**ALABAMA STATE KOUNCIL OF AUXILIARY LADIES OF THE K of C** College Scholarships for Catholic Women. Apply now.

**SUPPORT YOUR SEMINARIANS:** Seminarians addresses are on the bulletin board. They need prayers, donations and encouragement. Write them a letter or send them a care package, and pray regularly for them.

### **Youth Scoops**



**SPIRIT** has started their annual Fruit Basket sale. We will be taking orders from now through December 8th. Baskets will be available for pick up the weekend of December 14th & 15th Fruit baskets are \$25. See any SPIRIT youth member or adult leader.

### **OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES**

**MORE AD SPACE:** We now have more advertising space in the bulletin. Let your fellow parishioners know all about your business. For more information and rates call Ann Tulloss or Anthony Brooklere



**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP:** The Alabama State Kouncil of Auxiliary Ladies of the Knights of Columbus will award a \$750 scholarship to two (2) deserving women. Each recipient must be a practicing Catholic living in Alabama. She may be a high school senior, someone already in college, a woman who would like to return to college, or one desiring to pursue a graduate degree. To apply please see the flyer on the bulletin board or call the church office. Entries must be postmarked by November 30, 2019.

**CALLING ALL LADIES!** The ladies Auxiliary is always looking for new members. If you are interested we meet the 1st Thursday of every month!! We would love to have you! We have fun and we eat and pray together. Looking forward to seeing ya !! (You do not have to be married to a Knight to join the Ladies Auxiliary)

**MEETING:** The Knights of Columbus will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Charles L. Blanchard Knights of Columbus room. Mass is at 6 p.m. in the Chapel. Food will be served after Mass. All Knights are urged to attend.

**COAT DRIVE:** The Knights of Columbus will be collecting clothing donations starting November 7 through the month of December. We will take men's and women's coats and outerwear items (gloves, toboggans). Also, men's underwear and socks (new only). Please make sure any items you donate are clean and ready to wear. Thank you for your help.



**SVDP MEETING:** The next meeting will be held after Mass on Sunday, December 8, 2019. All are welcome to join us. We will also meet on Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**SHOP AT AMAZONSMILE:** Amazon will donate a portion of any online purchase to SVdP. Simply click the icon on the SVdP page on St. Patrick website to place your order. Donations will be computed by AMAZON and automatically transferred to our account.

## **OUT**

Canned Green Beans  
Canned Corn  
Canned Green Peas  
Canned Fruit  
Canned Greens  
See Brown Bag List For Other items

**First Sunday of Advent** There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we long for the coming of the Lord. **As you put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord.**

**SAINT ROSE ACADEMY** is seeking to hire a full-time business manager to begin work in January. The Business Manager is responsible for all financial and human resource operations of the school including ensuring compliance with all accounting and regulation compliance requirements. The Business Manager is principally responsible for the oversight of financial records of the school, human resource, accounts payable, and accounts receivable. Interested applicants may contact Sister Mary Juliana, Principal of Saint Rose Academy at [smjuliana@saintroseacademyop.com](mailto:smjuliana@saintroseacademyop.com) with their cover letter, updated resume, and references.



**ANGEL TREE AND PENNIES FROM HEAVEN** The Angel Tree still has Angels. The Pink (for girls) and the blue (for boys) angels are for gifts for children whose parents can use help during this beautiful season. You are asked to buy the suggested gift or any age appropriate gift(s) and return the gifts **unwrapped** in a plastic bag with the angel attached no later than Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. The Pennies from Heaven money and the Lavender Angels money are for gifts for shut-ins and for those in need during the holidays. Please put your monetary donation in the envelope and place the Lavender Angel in the collection basket. THANK YOU for your support of this ministry and for your generosity. All funds not used for the above will be used to help our parishioners in need throughout the year as well as

those in our community.

**THE ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY** is planning a trip to New Orleans Monday through Thursday, Feb.10th-13th., 2020. Depending on the number of people, the price will range from \$300-\$400 per person, the more going, the less expensive the trip. This includes transportation there and a three night stay at the Drury Inn and Suites. The hotel stay includes breakfast daily and snacks and cocktails between 5p.m.-7p.m. Also included, the bus will take those interested to see the National Shrine of Blessed Frances Xavier Seelos located in the Lower Garden District. Father Seelos (1819-1867) possessed great mystical gifts due to his intense prayer life. A \$50 non refundable deposit is due December 8th, the day of the society's Christmas party and the full amount is due January 30th. To reserve call Joe Lovoy or Marie Swift. More details on the flyer on the society website [www.iahsbham.com](http://www.iahsbham.com)

**RETREAT:** The Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman will offer an Advent Day of Reflection on Saturday, December 7. Entitled *An Advent Journey with Early Monastic Women*, the retreat will be led by Sister Elisabeth Meadows, O.S.B. The day of reflection will begin at 9:30 am and conclude at 3:00 pm. The cost is \$30 and includes lunch. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center at [retreats@shmon.org](mailto:retreats@shmon.org).

**SIMBANG GABI** the 5th annual Simbang Gabi novena 2019 will be at St. Stephen Catholic Chapel, 1515 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Birmingham AL 35205 on December 14-22, 2019 at 7 pm. (except on Saturdays & Sundays Dec 14,16 & 21 at 10:00 am & Dec 15 at 8:00 pm.) For more information please email or call Gabriel Sapalaran (Director, Simbang Gabi 2019) at [gsapalaran88@gmail.com](mailto:gsapalaran88@gmail.com). You can also check our Simbang Gabi Facebook page (Simbang Gabi in Birmingham AL).



### **THE IRISH RETURN!**

Did you notice last weekend's "IRISH 12.07.19" bulletin insert? If you haven't figured out what it means, here's the answer: it refers to St. Patrick Boys Basketball returning after 15 years! We have a senior boys team (Grades 6-8) in Toy Bowl this year, and the team's first official game - their return to the court - is next Saturday, December 7, at 12 noon - and it's a home game!! THIS weekend, on Sunday, December 1, the team plays a scrimmage game against Our Lady of Sorrows, at 1pm. Admission is FREE to the scrimmage game, so please come support the boys. The game will be played in the gym at the Family Life Center and Toy Bowl's BEST concession stand will be open! Admission is free and nominal prices are charged in concession stand. All revenue supports our SPIRIT Youth. Follow the team on the church website at [SaintPatrickCC.com/Sports](http://SaintPatrickCC.com/Sports).



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

## Weekly Mass Schedule

Capital		Saturday	11/30	4:00 pm	Martin Fadlevich, Sr. -†
Improvement		Sunday	12/01	10:00 am	Mass for the People
		Monday	12/02	No Mass	
		Tuesday	12/03	9:00 am @ St. Stanislaus	
		Wednesday	12/04	9:00 am	Jude Crouch -†
		Thursday	12/05	9:00 am	Patti Holtzclaw - H
		Friday	12/06	No Mass @ St. Patrick	
		Friday	12/06	8:00 am @ St. Stanislaus	
School		Saturday	12/07	4:00 pm	Pat Evans - H
Subsidy		Sunday	12/08	10:00 am	Mass for the People

## Weekly Events and Meetings

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 01</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>The First Sunday of Advent</b>
		9:00 am	No Children's Liturgy Choir Angel Tree
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 02</b>		No Prayer Shawl Ministry
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 03</b>	6:00 pm	RCIA
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 04</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
		6:30 pm	Faith Formation
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 05</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 06</b>		<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 07</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass – The Second Sunday of Advent</b>
			Angel Tree
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 08</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Mass The Second Sunday of Advent</b>
		9:00 am	Children's Liturgy Choir St. Vincent de Paul meeting after Mass Last day to order Fruit Baskets Angel Tree

**DAILY MASS MINISTRY:** Volunteers are needed to be Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers during Daily Mass. If you would like to serve please check in at the office 15 minutes before Mass begins.

**LOST AND FOUND:** There are several articles in lost and found. Please call the Church Office for assistance.

**NEW CENSUS CARD PLEASE:** If any of your information has changed, please take the time to fill out a new census card completely. Not sure? Fill one out anyway and don't forget to mark your choices on the privacy line. That is, let us know if we may share your address and phone information with your fellow parishioners. This line is located on the Family Information portion under City / State / Zip

**VISITS TO THE SICK** If you are ill and in need of the Sacraments and would like a visit from Fr. Vernon, he has asked that you (or an immediate family member if you are too ill) contact him through the church office. The surest way of getting the message to Father is by speaking to him personally during office hours or calling the church office and leaving a message either on the answering machine or with a member of the office staff.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF CANS!** Thank you for your contribution of aluminum cans to benefit our youth programs at the church. Please remember to rinse your cans after use and do not crush them in any way so that they will fit into our can crusher properly. Finally, please deposit cans in the receptacle in the corner of the upper parking lot ensuring that they are placed in bags that are tied so that the cans do not fall out when retrieved by our volunteers. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and continue to **SAVE THOSE CANS!**