

# St. Patrick in the City

**Founded 1794**

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## **Sunday Masses**

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M. and 12 noon

## **Daily Mass**

Monday–Saturday: 12:10 P.M.

## **Confessions**

Saturday: 4:30–5:15 P.M.

Monday–Saturday: 11:30 A.M. to  
12 noon and by appointment

## **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

First Friday after the 12:10 P.M. Mass

## **Novenas**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday after 12:10 P.M. Mass

Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday after 12:10 P.M. Mass

## **Rosary**

Following 12:10 P.M. Mass Monday–Friday

## **Baptism**

Sundays by appointment.

## **Matrimony**

Registered parishioners preparing for matrimony must contact the rectory at least six months before a proposed wedding date.

Please do not set a marriage date before you consult a priest.

## **New Parishioners**

We welcome new parishioners. A registration form is available from the ushers or the rectory.

**Complimentary valet parking** is available in the parking garage adjacent to the church on 10<sup>th</sup> Street for those people attending the Saturday Vigil or Sunday Masses. Your ticket must be validated in the sacristy. The hours of operation are as follows: On Saturday the garage closes at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday the garage closes at 1:30 p.m.



## **Pastor and**

## **Chaplain, D.C. First Responders**

Rev. Msgr. Salvatore A. Criscuolo

## **Residents**

Rev. Frederick H. MacIntyre

Rev. Roderick McKee

## **Director of Music & Organist**

Mr. Ronald Stolk

## **RCIA Director**

Mr. Robert Quinlan

## **Sacristan & Facilities Coordinator**

Mr. Warren Sturdivant

## **Sacristan**

Mr. Peter Ceesay

## **Office Manager**

Mrs. Marie Y. Valcourt

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

“There an angel of the Lord appeared to him in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So Moses decided, ‘I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned.’ When the Lord saw him coming over to look at it more closely God called out to him from the bush... ‘come no nearer! Remove your sandals from your feet for the place where you stand is holy ground.’”

The encounter of Moses with God at Horeb is one of the profound meetings of one with God. The scene is easy to imagine. The curiosity quite natural. The conversation so direct and reassuring. The end result, Moses is given a mission and God reveals His name ‘tell them that I AM sent me to you.’

Our God is described as a God of surprises. How often the unexpected occurs. He reveals Himself not in earthquakes but in a gentle breeze. He touches people’s lives feeding them with oil and flour. Jesus heals the sick, restores sight to the blind, feeds the multitude, calms the sea and wind. What Pope Francis described in ‘Laudatio si’ (Praise to you) calls our attention to the environment, which is God’s creation, entrusted to our care.

Lent, our time in the desert, brings us to the mountain of Transfiguration, to Mount Horeb and eventually to the mount of Calvary. May we discover the Lord as we make this journey in the gift of nature, in the people who journey with us.

Our God of surprises wishes to reveal His saving presence and mercy to us all.

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



### The Light Is ON for You

There are Confessions on Wednesday evenings during Lent from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent, after the 12:10 p.m. Mass (3:00 p.m. on Good Friday)

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with **Faith Direct** will provide St. Patrick in the City with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes.

Join us in giving up envelopes **this Lenten season!** You can sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) using our church code: **DC90**, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available in the back of the church or the parish office. *God Bless, Msgr. Sal*

**Next Weekend’s Second Collection** will be to support the upkeep and maintenance of our historic church. Thank you for your support.

**2016 Lenten Food Drive:** Please pick up a paper bag in the vestibule of the church this weekend. Bags are to be dropped off at the Blessed Mother’s altar next weekend, **March 5-6**. Our collection will be donated to the Capital Area Food Bank. *Thank you for all you do to help the needy among us.*



**Volunteers needed for Come Home for Easter:** St. Patrick will be having the penance service, “Come Home for Easter,” on **Tuesday, March 15**.

By handing out flyers in the morning at a nearby metro stop, you can help bring back someone to the Church – it’s your gift to God. If you would like to help, you can email [office@saintpatrickdc.org](mailto:office@saintpatrickdc.org) or call the rectory at 202-347-2713.

### Celebrants for

**Saturday, March 5 & Sunday, March 6**

5:30 p.m. Vigil	: Msgr. Criscuolo
8:00 a.m.	: Father McKee
10:00 a.m.	: Msgr. Criscuolo
Noon	: Father MacIntyre

**This Weekend’s Second Collection** is to support **the Church in the Developing World**, which is directed to the Church in Latin America, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and the Church in Africa. The needs are great, while the faithful in these areas are often limited in what they can contribute to support their Churches. Bishops and faithful in all three areas express their gratitude for the help they receive to support basic ministries and services in catechesis, education, liturgy, and providing physical structures for their parishes. This is one way that Catholics in the archdiocese can stand in solidarity with those in need in many parts of the world. *Please give generously as you are able.*



**Novena to St. Patrick**

**O Great Apostle of Ireland, our Patron, so many are indebted to you for the great treasure of our faith. Receive our fervent thanks for the zeal and charity that has been an invaluable source of blessings to so many of our brothers and sisters. We ask your intercession for our temporal and spiritual needs to God. We pray great St. Patrick, that we always be devoted and loyal; our thoughts be of Jesus; our hearts be His shrine, so that when our life's path has ended, we may be found worthy of eternal salvation. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.**

Saturday, March 5 – Sunday, March 13  
Novena prayer is recited at Sunday Masses  
on March 6, March 13 and  
at the 12:10 p.m. daily Masses.

**March Poor Box:  
Downtown Cluster's Geriatric  
Day Care Center, Inc.**

The Center's work provides a safety net of comprehensive services to help seniors and their families cope with and learn strategies in dealing with the challenges of aging. *Thank you.*

**CRS RICE BOWL:** This week we pray for pregnant mothers, that they may have the medical and nutritional support they need to raise healthy, thriving children. Visit [crsricebowl](http://crsricebowl) for more information.

**Mass Intentions & Readings  
February 27– March 6, 2016**

**Saturday Vigil, February 27**  
5:30 p.m. Huyen Nguyen †

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 / 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 / Lk 13:1-9  
8 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors  
10 a.m. Tony Fitzgerald †  
12 p.m. Jay Sparks †

**Monday**  
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab / Lk 4:24-30  
12:10 p.m. Francis & Alice Marie McGonagle †

**Tuesday**  
Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35  
12:10 p.m. Ken Updegraff †

**Wednesday**  
Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19  
12:10 p.m. Andrew J. Narel, Jr.

**Thursday,**  
*Saint Katharina Drexel*  
Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23  
12:10 p.m. Rachele Liontop

**Friday**  
*Saint Casimir*  
Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34  
12:10 p.m. Truyen Tran †

**Saturday**  
Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14  
12:10 p.m. Anson Cook

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for March**  
*General Intention:* That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments. *Missionary Intention:* That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

**2016 CARDINAL'S APPEAL UPDATE**  
**The monthly statements for the Cardinal's Appeal pledges have been mailed. It is important that these pledges are paid so that our parish will reach and exceed our goal of \$171,000.00. Please be sure to make your pledge payment prior to the end of the month so that you will receive credit for it on your statement next month.**