

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 10th 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.



Solemnity of Saint Patrick
Tuesday, March 17
11:30 a.m.
Prelude begins at
11:00 a.m.

Pastor and

Chaplain, D.C. First Responders

Rev. Msgr. Salvatore A. Criscuolo

Residents

Rev. Frederick H. MacIntyre

Rev. Roderick McKee

Rev. Fabrizio Meroni

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 Valcourt

Spiritual Reflection:

“God who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ - by grace you have been saved, raised up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.”

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has constantly reminded us that the greatest virtue is mercy. All other virtues surround it.

St. Paul told the Ephesians, and us, that because of mercy, we have salvation in Christ Jesus. This comes to us through grace, which is the life of God, given as a gift, not earned, but accepted.

How often we take this gift for granted. How rarely do we recognize the gift of God’s grace in others. How rapidly we gloss over the inspired words which Paul included in his letter, words like ‘brought to life’, immeasurable riches, His kindness.

Reflecting upon The Word will strengthen us to continue our Lenten journey, for it is in completion of the paschal mystery where we place our hope.

Yes, ‘we are His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.’ ‘Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.’

Celebrants for

Saturday, March 21 & Sunday, March 22

- 5:30 p.m. Vigil: Father Meroni
- 8:00 a.m. : Father Meroni
- 10:00 a.m. : Father McKee
- Noon : Father MacIntyre

Our eGiving provider ***Faith Direct*** is sponsoring a 2015 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Bracket Challenge with cash prizes going to individual parishes! If your bracket finishes in the top three, ***Faith Direct*** will make a donation to St. Patrick in the City!

1st Place: \$1,000 2nd Place: \$500 3rd Place: \$250

Plus, ***Faith Direct*** will be awarding \$500 to the parish with the most Bracket Challenge entries! This is a fun and free way to support St. Patrick in the City! Sign up today at <http://www.faithdirect.net/bracketchallenge!>

God Bless, Msgr. Sal

The Season of Lent



The Light Is ON for You

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

Stations of the Cross

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

2015 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 21/22**. Our collection will be donated to the Capital Area Food Bank. *Thank you for all you do to help the needy among us.*



***St. Joseph,
foster father of Jesus,
pray for us***

**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.*

Hungering for Peace

We journey with **CRS Rice Bowl** to Lebanon to be present to a people who themselves are on a journey. Here we meet a family of Syrian refugees, a family perhaps not so unlike our own. We are challenged through our almsgiving this week to reach out to those who are forced to flee their homes, who are seeking shelter in a land of peace.

Volunteers needed for Come Home for Easter

St. Patrick will be having the penance service, "Come Home for Easter," on **Tuesday, March 31**. 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, there are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board, you can email office@saintpatrickdc.org or call the rectory at 202-347-2713.

This year, the theme of the Cardinal's Appeal is, "Seek first the kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33). Contributions to the Cardinal's Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal if you have not already done so. Envelopes are located in back of the church. *Thank you.*

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for March

General Intention: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person. *Missionary Intention:* That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

PROUD TO BE IRISH?

The nation's largest and oldest Irish-Catholic organization has several Divisions meeting in the District and DC AREA! The Ancient Order of Hibernians promotes Irish music, language, culture and our Roman Catholic faith. Men of Irish birth or descent should contact *Mike Delaney (202) 510-1874*. You can apply online at www.aoh.com. Happy Irish-American heritage month!!

Having Unresolved Feelings After Abortion? Do you feel like God could never really forgive you and you surely cannot forgive yourself?

A support group is forming on **Mar. 19, 2015** to help you overcome this pain, in your life. Spend time with others who faced an unplanned pregnancy and found themselves having an abortion. In this support group, you will experience the safety and encouragement you need, to heal and become whole. **Project Rachel Ministry**, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, is hosting "An Experience of Hope," support group for women who have feelings of shame, guilt, sadness and other difficult emotions, over their abortion experience. Call or e-mail Alma Maltez 301-853-4565.

Mass Intentions & Readings

March 14 – March 21, 2015

Saturday Vigil, March 14

5:30 p.m. Allan Dizon and Family

Sunday, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21

8 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

10 a.m. Mary Welby †

12 p.m. Salvatore F. Criscuolo †

Monday

Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

12:10 p.m. Alison E. Brown †

Tuesday

Saint Patrick

Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16

11:30 a.m. Most Rev. John J. Russell †
(10th Pastor of St. Patrick's)

Wednesday

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

12:10 p.m. Most Rev. William T. Russell †
(7th Pastor of St. Patrick's)

Thursday, SAINT JOSEPH

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

12:10 p.m. Kenneth Updegraff, Jr. †

Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

12:10 p.m. Charles Patrak †

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53

12:10 p.m. Francis & Alice Marie McGonagle †

Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

This workshop will instruct the faithful on how to serve effectively as an EMHC in the parish setting as well as when taking Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins. It is intended primarily for those who wish to be certified as an EMHC in the Archdiocese of Washington, but it is open to all. The workshop will be offered from 9am–12noon on **Saturday, March 28** at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center in Hyattsville (5001 Eastern Ave.). A \$5 registration fee can be paid at the door. Please RSVP by emailing liturgy@adw.org. If you have additional questions, you may call the Worship Office at 301-853-4594. Please do not call the Worship Office to register.