

St. Patrick in the City

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HOLY WEEK

MARCH 30 MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Mass at 12:10 p.m.

Confessions from 11:30 a.m. – 12 noon

MARCH 31 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Mass at 12:10 p.m.

“Come Home for Easter”

Penance Service at 12:10 p.m.

with individual confessions

Confessions will also be heard from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.,
10:00 – 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

APRIL 1 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Mass at 12:10 p.m.

Confessions from 11:30 a.m. – 12 noon
and 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

APRIL 2 HOLY THURSDAY

Mass at 12:10 p.m.

Confessions from 11:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Mass of the Lord’s Supper

5:30 p.m. (choir) Washing of feet
and procession of the Blessed Sacrament
Church open until 9:00 p.m.

APRIL 3 GOOD FRIDAY

No Mass today

Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday at 11:45 a.m. (choir)

Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m.

Confessions from 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. and
following the Stations of the Cross until 4:30 p.m.

APRIL 4 HOLY SATURDAY

No 12:10 and 5:30 Masses

Confessions from 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.



Pastor and

Chaplain, D.C. First Responders

Rev. Msgr. Salvatore A. Criscuolo

Residents

Rev. Frederick H. MacIntyre

Rev. Roderick McKee

Rev. Fabrizio Meroni

Spiritual Reflection:

“The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.’... ‘My God, my God, why have you abandoned me... But you O Lord, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me’... Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross...”

The events of this week are so well known. We enter the holy city with our palms. We sit at the table for the Passover meal. Puzzled as Jesus humbly washes feet, we receive our mandate to serve others.

We leave for the Garden of Olives and are asked to pray, if only for an hour. Jesus is taken, arrested like a common criminal, unjustly tried and condemned. Savagely led through the streets, He is hoisted upon a cross and left to die. With Mary and John we remain faithful at the foot of the cross. Good Friday sadness will lead to Easter joy.

The events of Holy Week continue today. Many are walking the Via Dolorosa as refugees, asylees, the terminally ill, homeless and unemployed. The passion continues to be played out where others, like Christ, seek our compassion and support.

The Lord does not abandon them, as the psalm states, when we respond to their need.

Celebrants for**Easter Vigil, April 4 & Easter, April 5**

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil:	Msgr. Criscuolo
8:00 a.m.	: Father Meroni
10:00 a.m.	: Father McKee
Noon	: Father MacIntyre

“Come Home for Easter”**Penance Service****For all active and inactive Catholics**

Tuesday, March 31, 12:10 p.m.

Priests will hear individual confessions during the 12:10 p.m. Mass

Additional individual confessions

7:30-8:30 a.m., 10:00-11:00 a.m. and
4:00-5:00 p.m.

A collection of hand carved unique Olive wood religious items made in the Holy Land will be available for purchase from the Little Bethlehem Christians in the vestibule of church.

The Light Is ON for You

There will be Confessions on *Wednesday, April 1* from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. on **Good Friday**

Good Friday’s Abstinence and Fasting

Catholics age 14 and over abstain from meat. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are to observe a modified fast (one full meal a day).

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

This weekend’s Second Collection is the Holy Land Collection at the Good Friday Liturgy.

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are especially aware of the Holy Land. Parishes in the archdiocese are asked to take up a special collection *on Good Friday (April 3)* to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians there depend on the collection for their lives. Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. **The Good Friday collection** is requested by the Holy Father. Please be as generous as your abundance allows.

Check out **St. Patrick’s** Website at www.saintpatrickdc.org to access our weekly bulletin.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Please keep all those making their final preparations for the sacraments in your prayers. During the Easter Vigil on *Saturday, April 4 at 8:00 p.m.*, our catechumens will be baptized and our candidates will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Hungering for Seeds of Home

We follow Jesus this week on our Lenten journey as he enters into Jerusalem, a community he knew well. **CRS Rice Bowl** asks us, too, to prayerfully enter into our own communities, to find those who are hungry and thirsty, who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we encounter in our daily lives?

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.*

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.

Quo Vadis Events for High School Men

A *Quo Vadis* Excursion Day for high school-aged men will be on *Sunday, April 19*. It will be an all-day excursion to Sugarloaf Mountain in upper Montgomery County, including a hike, lunch, a talk, Mass, and fellowship. The 7th Annual *Quo Vadis* Camp for high school-aged men will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary from July 19-22. The four-day camp includes prayer, talks, sports, and much more. For more information visit www.dcpriest.org, email vocations@adw.org, or call the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020.

Catholic Singles of Greater Washington is an organization for single Catholics, ages 21 to 65-plus, enjoying each other's company in a wide variety of social, religious, and cultural settings. Please find out more about us at <http://dcsinglecatholicpro.org> or call Tricia at 301-460-9195.

Mass Intentions & Readings March 28 – April 4, 2015

Saturday Vigil, March 28

5:30 p.m. Margaret O'Hogartaigh †

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

8 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

10 a.m. Beverly Menard

12 p.m. Francis & Alice Marie McGonagle †

Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11

12:10 p.m. Salvatore F. Criscuolo †

Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

12:10 p.m. John Mulrone †

12:10 p.m. *Penance Service*

Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25

12:10 p.m. Bill Conway

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15

12:10 p.m. Ryan Saba †

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

5:30 p.m. Allston Lee and Dora Lee Williams †

Good Friday

Is 52:13—53:12 / Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9 / Jn 18:1—19:42

11:45 a.m. *Solemn Liturgy*

3:00 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*

Holy Saturday

No 12:10 or 5:30 p.m. Masses

April 4 Easter Vigil Saturday 8:00 p.m.

During this liturgy, our catechumens will be baptized and our candidates will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

April 5 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (choir) and 12 noon (choir)

Complimentary valet parking is available in the parking garage located on 10th Street next to St. Patrick's Church for those people attending Mass. The hours of operation are as follows: for the *Saturday Vigil*, the lot closes at 11:00 p.m. and on *Easter Sunday* the lot closes at 1:30 p.m. Your ticket must be validated in the sacristy.