

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

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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.



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

“May the Lord increase you and make you overflow with love for one another and for all, even as our love does for you. May he strengthen your hearts, making them blameless and holy before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the holy ones.”

We end a month and begin a new season of prayer. The advent season rushes upon us, and in the coming weeks we will be filled with activity, busyness and excitement, recalling the birth of Christ and anticipating His coming to us each and every day.

The words of instruction of the scripture can be the word of greeting on the cards you write and receive, as it reflects a wish, not just for Christmas, but our task for every day of advent. Words like ‘overflow’ or ‘strengthen,’ ‘blameless’ and ‘holy’ mark our approach to this season of joy and peace.

May the first gift you receive or give be for yourself, to take a few minutes each day in quiet prayer, telling the Lord what your desire is for this season of preparation. Those few minutes can be the source of internal peace and the comfort we need, in order to recognize the presence of the One who is to come.

Don’t let advent become a ‘lost season’ but a great opportunity to reflect on the Incarnation and our need for Christ’s coming today.

Celebrants for

Saturday, December 5 & Sunday, December 6

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



St. Nicholas Children’s Mass

Sunday, December 6, 10:00 a.m.

On the final day of our Christmas Toy Drive for needy children, we invite you to bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends next Sunday and join us for this special children’s Mass. Please bring an unwrapped toy or gift for a boy or girl (to age 18) and place it in the Toy Box in the vestibule of the church. You may also make a donation by cash or check and we will buy the toys. Please help make Christmas brighter for the needy children by sharing your blessings.

December Poor Box
St. Patrick’s Toy Drive

With the busy times of Thanksgiving and the Season of Advent right around the corner, enrolling in **Faith Direct** today is a great way to ensure your gifts of treasure to St. Patrick in the City are received even if you may be out of town. Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net - our Church Code is DC90. Already using *Faith Direct*? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account this fall.

Thank you in advance for your support and for using *Faith Direct*!

God Bless, Msgr. Sal

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Following the 12:10 p.m. Mass, on *Friday, December 4* there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 1:25 p.m.

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

Monday (Vigil) 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 8, 2015
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
A holy day of obligation
Masses at 7:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. followed by
Advent Music at 6:15 p.m.
St. Patrick’s Choir sings music for the season.
Freewill donations to benefit
the Christmas Toy Drive

St. Patrick will be having the penance service, **“Come Home for Christmas,” on Wednesday, December 16.** By handing out flyers at a nearby metro stop, you can help Jesus proclaim the Kingdom of God. If the day brings back one person to the Church, it is a gift from you to God. You can volunteer by signing up on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church, or contact the rectory at 202-347-2713 or office@saintpatrickdc.org. Thank you.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions for December
General Intention: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving. *Missionary Intention:* That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

An Advent Day of Reflection for Men and Women in the Consecrated Life, entitled "The Tender Mercy of Our God," will be held *on Saturday, December 5* from 9am-3pm at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center (5001 Eastern Ave., Hyattsville, MD 20782). This event is FREE with breakfast (beginning at 8:30am) and lunch provided. In order to estimate food preparation, please RSVP by November 30 to Jessica LaFortune at 301-853-4490 or lafortunej@adw.org. Please be sure to include the name(s) of those attending, community initials, and the email address and phone number where you can be reached.

Jubilee Year of Mercy: Opening of Holy Doors
To help us experience the joy of rediscovering and rendering fruitful God’s mercy, Pope Francis has called for a Jubilee Year of Mercy, which commences on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 8 and will conclude on Sunday, November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Christ the King. In the Archdiocese of Washington, the commencement of the Jubilee Year of Mercy will be celebrated by the opening of two Holy Doors by Cardinal Donald Wuerl. For the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception *on Monday, December 7*, Cardinal Wuerl will open the Holy Door at St. Matthew's Cathedral at the 5:30pm Mass. *On December 8*, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Cardinal Wuerl will open the Holy Door at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at the 12:00noon Mass. For more information about the Jubilee Year of Mercy, please visit mercy.adw.org.

Mass Intentions & Readings November 28– December 5, 2015

Saturday Vigil, November 28

5:30 p.m. Colleen Margaret Davey †

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jer 33:14-16 / 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 / Lk 21:25-28 / 34-36

8 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

10 a.m. ALL SOULS

12 p.m. Meggie Farrell †

Monday, SAINT ANDREW

Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22

12:10 p.m. ALL SOULS

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24

12:10 p.m. Members of Bates & Grefenstette Families †

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37

12:10 p.m. Theresa McCarthy †

Thursday

Saint Francis Xavier

Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21, 24-27

12:10 p.m. Alfred V. McCarthy †

Friday

Saint John Damascene

Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31

12:10 p.m. Robert C. Brewer II †

Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26 / Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

12:10 p.m. Regina Braddock †

"Light The City" Evangelization Night

On Saturday, December 5 from 7-11pm, St. Matthew's Cathedral will host an evening of prayer and street evangelization. A training for evangelization volunteers will begin at 7pm. This will be followed by a prayer service with Adoration, which will take place while teams of volunteers head out on the streets and invite passers-by to come into the cathedral to light a candle, pause peacefully in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament, and talk with a priest. Come pray for peace in the world and in our communities! For more information and to register, please visit www.adw.org/light, and if you have additional questions, please contact Mike Owens at 301-853-5347 or owensm@adw.org.