

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

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:

“Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he orders the man at the gate to watch with a sharp eye.’”

A new season of grace begins, advent, when we remember the first coming of Christ, anticipate His future coming and discern His presence among us today. The image of the traveler found in the person of Jesus is so appropriate.

We have been given our personal, as well as collective tasks. He has placed certain responsibilities in our hands. As disciples we are called to be faithful followers, stellar examples as parents, responsible members of His flock and enthusiastic in the practice of our faith.

A person on watch is there to provide safety from danger, but also to seize opportunities to serve. How many needs can be answered, how many wounds can be healed, how many chances for growth in the life of the church are offered to us, but we fail to take advantage.

The church needs ministers at worship, teachers as catechists, sponsors for RCIA candidates. The church needs models for our youth, and support for our aging and homebound. Who is ready to respond to these needs?

Advent offers a new beginning. Are you ready? His coming today is what is all important.

Celebrants for

Saturday, December 6 & Sunday, December 7

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



St. Nicholas Children’s Mass

Sunday, December 7, 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 Advent season 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*!

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Following the 12:10 p.m. Mass, on *Friday, December 5* there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 1:25 p.m.

Monday, December 8, 2014
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

Scripture Study: Meeting the first and third Wednesday of each month, our small group will continue our Scripture Studies. The goal of the group is to help participants grow in their faith in a fun, intimate, warm setting. Each session runs from 6:30-8:00pm and “cost” for participation is bringing snacks for the group once or twice during the program. The next meeting is **December 3**. For more information please email Melissa Mitchell at mbuelow@gwu.edu.



Annual Christmas Concert at the National Shrine: *On Friday, December 5*, the Choir of the Basilica, in conjunction with the Chorus and Symphony Orchestra of

The Catholic University of America, will present their Annual Christmas Concert for Charity. This festive concert of beautiful Christmas music is free and open to the public. The concert begins at 7:30pm and seats fill up quickly. No tickets or reservations are required; arrive early to guarantee seating. The Basilica is located at 400 Michigan Ave., NE, offers ample free parking, and is walking distance from the Brookland-CUA Station on Metro’s Red Line. For more information please visit www.nationalshrine.com or call (202) 526-8300.

Fall Theology on Tap: DCCatholic presents its Fall Theology on Tap series: “Things to Know by 30”. Join us Tuesday evenings through **December 9** at Buffalo Billiards in Dupont Circle! All young adults (21-late 30s) are invited for Happy Hour from 6-7pm with a talk and Q/A to follow from 7-8pm. Learn more about the two speakers each night at www.facebook.com/DCCatholic/events.

St. Patrick will be having the penance service, “Come Home for Christmas,” on Wednesday, December 17. 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. Please consider helping out because we do need more volunteers this year. Thank you.

The 2015 Martin Luther King, Jr. Mass will be held on **Saturday, January 17, 2015** at Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Church in Washington, DC.

Mass Intentions & Readings November 29 – December 6, 2014

Saturday Vigil, November 29

5:30 p.m. Eleanor V. Pastier †

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Mk 13:33-37

8 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

10 a.m. All Souls †

12 p.m. Mary Porkony

Monday

Is 2:1-5 / Mt 8:5-11

12:10 p.m. Colleen Margaret Davey †

Tuesday

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

12:10 p.m. Richard and Donna

Wednesday

Saint Francis Xavier

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

12:10 p.m. Adelaide Hume †

Thursday

Saint John Damascene

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

12:10 p.m. James Leroy Hill †

Friday

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

12:10 p.m. Walter Bradley †

Saturday

Saint Nicholas

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

12:10 p.m. Erewarigha Hart

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions for December

General Intention: That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will. *Missionary Intention:* That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.



St. Patrick Church is participating in “**Joseph’s Coats of Many Colors Coat Drive**” an archdiocese-wide coat drive for children, women and men who are in need. Items in good condition and clean are now being collected. Warm coats in sizes **XL and up** are especially needed. If you are able to help, please bring your donation to the sacristy during the week or on weekends. **Thank you.**