

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.



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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2015

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

“In every prayer I utter, I rejoice as I plead on your behalf, at the way you have all continually helped promote the gospel from the very first day. I am sure of this much, that he who has begun the good work in you will carry it through to completion right up to the day of Christ Jesus...It is my wish that you may be found rich in the harvest of justice which Jesus Christ has ripened in you, to the glory and praise of God.”

Greeting card writers cannot compare with such beautiful words offered today by Saint Paul. He reveals the content of his prayer, prayer for others, tracing the journey of members of this first Christian community. He made them feel good, reflecting on what he saw in them, and offered his thanks to God for what He had done for them.

Today the message is no different as we direct our focus to the advent message of John, to ‘prepare the way of the Lord.’ We do so by straightening our lives, ironing out the bumps in our road, and seriously accept God’s challenge for us in Advent 2015. The good work He has begun must continue as we live the message Paul sent to the Philippians.

When worrying about what to get others and do for others, take a hint at putting Paul’s words into practice for yourself and those for whom you care. John went about proclaiming announcing a call for change, personally and collectively. The church echoes the same message for us today. Make this second week special.



St. Patrick welcomes you to this morning’s Children’s Mass at 10:00.
“For through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus”. Galatians 3:26

In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming New Year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting St. Patrick in the City through Faith Direct, both you and our parish can more easily project your future contributions. You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: **DC90**, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available in the parish office.

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

God Bless, Msgr. Sal

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

Celebrants for

Saturday, December 12 & Sunday, December 13

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

Next weekend the Archdiocese of Washington will take up the **annual second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious**. Our participation in this collection gives us an opportunity to be a witness of Our Lord’s love and mercy for the men and women religious who have contributed so much to Catholic faith formation in the U.S.A. Please give generously as you are able.

Donations for Flowers for Christmas

Please help beautify our church as we prepare for the Birth of Christ. The envelope for Christmas Flowers has been sent to you and I ask that you please consider giving this year so we can continue to make our historic Church beautiful for each of us and for the many visitors who come here. Thank you.

This weekend we have the Rite of Welcoming for the members of RCIA who are joining the church at Easter. Let us welcome and keep them in our prayers during this Advent season as they continue this journey.

December Poor Box
St. Patrick’s Toy Drive

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

Wednesday, December 16

Come Home for Christmas

12:10 p.m. Penance Service with individual confessions. Confessions will also be heard 7:30-8:30 a.m., 10:00-11:00 a.m., and 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Vigil

4:45 p.m. Christmas carols

5:30 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass (choir and instruments)

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. and 12 noon

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.

Blessing of the Bambinelli and Lighting of the Christmas Tree at the National Shrine On Sunday,

December 20, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will host its second annual Blessing of the Bambinelli and Lighting of the Christmas Tree at the 4:30pm Mass. Bring the Baby Jesus from your Nativity scene to be blessed at the National Shrine on this Fourth Sunday of Advent. This annual tradition in St. Peter's Square features the Pope offering a special blessing after his weekly Angelus for all those who brought their Bambinelli. Following the Mass and Blessing of the Bambinelli, the National Shrine will bless and ceremoniously light the Christmas Tree as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Join us for this special opportunity to start your Christmas week! Please visit www.nationalshrine.com or call (202)526-8300.

Mass Intentions & Readings

December 5 – December 12, 2015

Saturday Vigil, December 5

5:30 p.m. Francis & Alice Marie McGonagle †

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bar 5:1-9 / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6

8 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

10 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. James Leroy Hill †

12 p.m. Raymond Gomez †

Monday

Saint Ambrose

Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26

12:10 p.m. Marie White †

5:30 p.m. Brian Shaughnessy †

Tuesday, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

7:30 a.m. Mondésir Joseph Fontin †

11:00 a.m. Guy Amatucci †

12:10 p.m. Mary Ann Melchiorre †

5:30 p.m. RCIA Students

Wednesday

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30

12:10 p.m. Theodore and Maureen Webber †

Thursday

Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15

12:10 p.m. Alfonse Spoto †

Friday

Saint Damasus I

Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

12:10 p.m. Brian Shaughnessy †

Saturday, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab / Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

12:10 p.m. Steve Murphy

Food Collection

This Friday, Saturday and Sunday, **December 11, 12 and 13**, St. Patrick will be collecting non-perishable food items for people in need. If you would like to donate food, please leave your donations at the Blessed Mother's altar. Thank you.

Find the Perfect Gift This Advent: Christmas joyfully celebrates the Perfect Gift, the fulfillment of God's love in Jesus. This Advent, take time out of the busyness of the season to find true peace. Find out more at www.FindThePerfectGift.org.