

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

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:

“Thus it is that John the Baptizer appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance which led to the forgiveness of sins...The theme of his preaching was: ‘One more powerful than I is to come after me. I am not fit to stoop and untie his sandal straps. I have baptized you in water; he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit.’...So, beloved, while waiting for this, make every effort to be found without stain or defilement, and at peace in his sight.”

We hear the message of John the Baptist so frequently that it might fall on deaf ears. He called, yes, challenged his listeners to examine their lives, change their way of living and in the words of Peter to be without stain or defilement.

In the past there were few detergents. One brand or another was used for all laundry needs. We then became sensitive to retaining colors and not too harsh on fabrics. Special products were developed to remove stains and those tricky spots. They speak of the power found in products to achieve a perfect wash.

Although advent is a time of anticipation and waiting, our preparedness is of great importance. Four short weeks allow us to focus on the baptism in the Holy Spirit and the power the Spirit pours into our lives. Are we serious about advent? Do we need that power today? Am I committed to preparing the way of the Lord in my own life, at home, with those who enter the circle of my friends? Do I speak of my spiritual preparation and not just shopping for gifts? The gift of the Spirit of Jesus is the reason for our advent.

Together let us prepare the way of the Lord.



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 into this world. 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*!

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

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

Celebrants for Saturday, December 13 & Sunday, December 14

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

Give thanks for religious. A parishioner writes, “We thank God today and every day for every religious sister who taught in school, not only our ABCs, but also to love God.” Share your gratitude for the Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to **Next Week's Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.**

December Poor Box
St. Patrick's Toy Drive

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.
God bless, Msgr. Sal

Food Collection

This Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 12, 13, and 14, 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.

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.

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 17.** For more information please email Melissa Mitchell at mbuelow@gwu.edu.

Wednesday, December 17

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.

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Vigil

4:45 p.m. Christmas carols
5:30 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass
(choir and instruments)

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. and 12 noon

Mass Intentions & Readings December 6 – December 13, 2014

Saturday Vigil, December 6

5:30 p.m. Michael Pacheco †

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8

8 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

10 a.m. Eliseo H. Paulino †

12 p.m. McManus and Crosby Families

Monday, 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. Judy Arkes †

11:00 a.m. Francis & Alice Marie McGonagle †

12:10 p.m. Marcella Colloca †

5:50 p.m. Dominik Pettey †

Tuesday

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14

12:10 p.m. Robert J. Courtney, Jr. †

Wednesday

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

12:10 p.m. Jose P. Angeles, Sr. †

Thursday

Saint Damasus I

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

12:10 p.m. Ira Siegler †

Friday, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab /

Lk 1:26-38

12:10 p.m. Pierre Pelmont

Saturday

Saint Lucy

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13

12:10 p.m. Margaret Williams †

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. If you are able to help, please bring your new and clean coat to the sacristy during the week or on weekends. **Thank you.**