

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 at 11:00 a.m.

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. John McNerney

Director of Music & Organist

Mr. Ronald Stolk

RCIA Director

Mr. Robert Quinlan

Sacristan & Facilities Coordinator

Mr. Donald Holloman

Sacristan

Mr. Peter Ceesay

Office Manager

Mrs. Marie Y. Valcourt



HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

“John in prison heard about the works Christ performed, and sent a message through his disciples to ask him, ‘Are you He who is to come’ or do we look for another?’ In reply Jesus said to them: ‘Go back and report to John what you hear and see: the blind... cripples... lepers... the deaf... the dead... and the poor have the good news preached to them. Blest is the man who finds no stumbling block in me.’”

So wrapped up in the commercialism and consumerism, the question posed by John certainly is appropriate for us. Who is it we are waiting for? Who is it we are looking for? It is not just a simple, but a profound question. Where is our search leading us?

When Jesus began His mission, He used the prophet Isaiah to explain His role. The Baptist asks the question for us, and we have the answer right in front of us. We too are to go back and report to others who Jesus is for us, what He does for us. So many today are spiritually blind, or deaf, hurting and even fallen from grace. But the Christ whose coming we commemorate and celebrate in two weeks asks us to go and tell others, as did the disciples of John. May we all ‘prepare the way of the Lord.’



**Wednesday,
December 14
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.

Gifts From Little Bethlehem: Looking for meaningful gifts for Christmas or other special occasions? *On Wednesday, December 14* Little Bethlehem Christian Group will be in the vestibule of the church selling hand carved olive wood religious items. Profits from the sales go to support Christianity in the Holy Land. For additional questions, visit www.little-bethlehem.com.

This weekend is 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.



Christmas Decorating: On Friday, December 23, we will decorate the church **at 9:30 a.m.** for Christmas. To volunteer, please call 202-347-2713.

December Poor Box
St. Patrick’s Toy Drive

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 for your continued support of our parish family!
God Bless, Msgr. Sal

Celebrants for

Saturday, December 17 & Sunday, December 18

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

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.

Share Mercy with People in Need

Catholic Charities, the social service arm of the Church, encourages you to share mercy by serving people in need. Come make a difference in someone’s life – and your own! Please visit and apply at www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/volunteer.



Saturday, December 24

Christmas Vigil

4:45 p.m. Christmas carols

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

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. (Choir) and 12 noon

Complimentary valet parking during the Christmas and New Year's Masses is available in the parking garage located on 10th Street next to St. Patrick's Church as follows:

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24:

Parking garage opens at 4:00 p.m. and closes at 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25: Parking garage opens at 7:30 a.m. and closes at 1:30 p.m.

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31:

Parking garage closes at 7:30 p.m.

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1: Parking garage opens at 7:30 a.m. and closes at 1:30 p.m.

National Shrine's Christmas Dinner for Those

In Need: The Basilica of the National Shrine will sponsor dinner for those who are alone or in need on *Christmas Day, December 25*. Volunteers are needed to assist in preparing, serving, and delivering meals as well as assisting with other logistics. Those interested in volunteering can sign-up online at www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner or by calling the Basilica at 202-526-8300.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December

General Intention: That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over. *Missionary Intention:* That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.



St. Patrick Church is participating in "**Coats of Many Colors Coat Drive**" an archdiocese-wide coat drive for children, women and men who are in need. New and gently

used coats are being collected until January 31. Coats in sizes **XL and up** are especially needed. If you are able to help, please bring your coats to the sacristy during the week or on weekends. **Thank you.**

**Mass Intentions & Readings
December 10 -- December 17, 2016**

Saturday Vigil, December 10

5:30 p.m. Art Quintana †

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

8 am. Parishioners and Benefactors

10 a.m. Harold C. Shablom Jr. †

12 noon Jerome E. Miller †

Monday, 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. Thanksgiving

Tuesday

Saint Lucy

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 / Mt 21:28-32

12:10 p.m. Opal Hamilton †

Wednesday

Saint John of the Cross

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25 / Lk 7:18b-23

12:10 p.m. Andrew and Diana Schwartz

Thursday

Is 54:1-10 / Lk 7:24-30

12:10 p.m. Molly Moran

Friday

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8 / Jn 5:33-36

12:10 p.m. Bates & Greffenstette Families †

Saturday

Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17

12:10 p.m. Patrick C. Collins

Luminarias at the Franciscan Monastery: Honor your loved ones this Christmas by dedicating a luminaria at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land. They will be remembered in the friars' prayers and names will be placed on the candles that will illuminate the beautiful Rosary Portico from Christmas Eve to New Year's Eve. Come for the blessing and lighting **at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve** (1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC) and for an open house **on Dec. 27, 4:30-5:15 p.m.**, followed by Mass, or visit anytime. Order at fmgg.org or contact Joe Bozik, at 202-244-4833 and gardenguild@gmail.com; \$10 donation is requested.

