

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 2015

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

“The crowds asked John, ‘What are we to do?’ In reply he said, ‘let the man with two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same.’... ‘Teacher, what are we to do?’... ‘What about us?’...The people were full of anticipation wondering in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah...Using exhortations of this sort, he preached the good news to the people.”

If we only took seriously the questions posed by the crowds, the tax collectors and soldiers, how different this advent and Christmas would be. We might ask ourselves, what have I done, what am I doing, and be led to decide what I am going to do.

Rather than be overwhelmed by the advertising, the commercialism and consumerism which affect us all, be brave, pause and ask the questions posed above. Am I able to give something to someone in need, rather than to one who has no need? Am I able to recognize the Christ waiting to receive my help, through a kind word, a gentle smile or warm embrace?

Can I speak to someone else about my concern for a victim of injustice, abuse or neglect, showing the pity and compassion Christ showed for them at this time when we are told and flooded by others informing us of our ‘so called needs.’ Our thoughts expressed by word and attitude can be the most welcome of all Christmas gifts.

May this third week of advent speak to our hearts.

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.

Gifts From Little Bethlehem: Looking for meaningful gifts for Christmas or other special occasions? *On Wednesday, December 16* 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.

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.

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.

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



Volunteers are needed to decorate the church on *Wednesday, December 23*, following the 12:10 p.m. Mass. It won't take long and we will have fun doing it.

Celebrants for

Saturday, December 19 & Sunday, December 20

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

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.

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

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, Thursday, December 24: Parking garage opens at 4:00 p.m. and closes at 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25: Parking garage opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 1:30 p.m.

New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31:

Parking garage closes at 7:30 p.m.

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1: Parking garage closes at 1:30 p.m.

National Shrine's Christmas Dinner for Those In Need: The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception 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. The Basilica is located at 400 Michigan Ave., NE and is walking distance from the Brookland-CUA Station on Metro's Red Line. Those interested in volunteering can sign-up online at www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner or by calling the Basilica at 202-526-8300.

The 2016 St. Joseph Sunday Missal is also now available to order. This pocket-sized missal is a wonderful tool to help TV Mass viewers to understand the Mass and actively participate in it. The missal provides each Sunday's prayers, readings, and responses, so viewers can unite with the prayers of the priest and recite or sing their parts with understanding and devotion. If you, or someone you know, would like a copy, please contact Rebecca Contini at rcontini@adw.org or 301-853-4485 (\$7 suggested donation per copy. Please send to Sunday TV Mass, P.O. Box 29260, Washington, DC 20017.)

**Mass Intentions & Readings
December 12 – December 19, 2015**

Saturday Vigil, December 12

5:30 p.m. Regina Braddock †

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18

8 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

10 a.m. Mary Ila

12 p.m. Francis & Alice Marie McGonagle †

Monday

Saint John of the Cross

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a / Mt 21:23-27

12:10 p.m. Beverly Serrell †

Tuesday

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

12:10 p.m. Herminio Agustin †

Wednesday

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

12:10 p.m. Sacred Heart

Thursday

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

12:10 p.m. Ralph Paduano †

Friday

Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25

12:10 p.m. Salvatore F. Criscuolo †

Saturday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25

12:10 p.m. Patricia and Kathryn



Adult and Family Rally & Mass for Life: All are invited to attend the Adult and Family Rally & Mass for Life at St. Matthew's Cathedral (1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW) *on Friday, January*

22, 2016, the morning of the March for Life. The Rally begins at 9am and will feature keynote speakers Mark and LaRee Pickup. Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville will celebrate Mass at 10am, with Fr. Dan Leary as homilist. Prior to participating in the annual March for Life, come join in this celebration of our faith and of the dignity of life! Please register to attend at www.adw.org/jan22. Contact the Department of Life Issues at (301) 853-4555 or prolife@adw.org with any questions.

**December Poor Box
St. Patrick's Toy Drive**