

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:

“The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and release to prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God...Do not stifle the spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test everything, retain what is good. Avoid any semblance of evil.”

Isaiah’s statement written six centuries before the time of Christ, is the statement Jesus used as He revealed His mission in His hometown of Nazareth. Today, the mission of Christ the Redeemer is no different, and in the words of Saint John Paul II, has been entrusted to the church. May we make it real and relevant.

By baptism we have been anointed, Christened. The name Christ means the Anointed One. I have a mission, I have been sent, to bring glad tidings to others, the ‘Joy of the Gospel’ of Pope Francis. I can and will ease the suffering of someone else, a sick friend, a lonely neighbor, through a card this year, or better a telephone call or visit. I can assist freeing someone from an addiction or habit that weighs them down, as we find in A.A. sponsors. Prisoners are not only the incarcerated, but refugees from war torn countries living in camps, separated from families cared for by Catholic Relief Services, Doctors without Borders, or Lamp For Haiti. In this way we announce a year of favor, we say ‘A Blessed Christmas.’

Decide today how the spirit will speak through you. Let the prophet Isaiah speak again through your actions. Test everything, but above all do something.



Thank you for your generous donations to St. Patrick’s Annual Toy Drive for needy children. Your gifts make our goal of 3,000 toys and gifts a reality. Many

children will be happy this Christmas because you cared.

Msgr. Sal

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.

Support Religious communities:

“Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to **today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious** provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

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 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**!

Celebrants for

Saturday, December 20 & Sunday, December 21

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

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

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.

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

Christmas Masses

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. (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, Wednesday, December 24:

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

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

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31:

Parking garage closes at 7:30 p.m.

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

Christmas Dinner for those In Need at the National Shrine: 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](http://www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner) or by calling the Basilica at (202) 526-8300.

Mass Intentions & Readings December 13 – December 20, 2014

Saturday Vigil, December 13

5:30 p.m. Alberto Raime's Family †

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 / 1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

8 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

10 a.m. Sid

12 p.m. John McCarron †

Monday

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

12:10 p.m. Marie Burke †

Tuesday

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

12:10 p.m. Walter Lenel †

Wednesday

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

12:10 p.m. Joseph Kaster & Family

Thursday

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

12:10 p.m. James Leroy Hill †

Friday

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

12:10 p.m. Dr. Vincent Casibang †

Saturday

Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38

12:10 p.m. Cherrie Doggett

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.**

