

# 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 10<sup>th</sup>  
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



**Fourth Sunday  
of Advent**

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

“Greetings from Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart to proclaim the gospel of God which he promised long ago... the gospel concerning his Son who was descended from David... Through him we have been favored with apostleship, that we may spread his name and bring to obedient faith all the Gentiles among whom are you who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ.”

Not a Christmas card, but the beginning of a special inspired letter which Paul sent to the Roman community. He knew who he was, no identity problem. He knew his role as both servant and apostle. His greeting is directed to us, and like the many cards we receive and send, we realize we are servants and apostles too.

We are to spread His name because we have been invited to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We have the same mission to bring others to the Lord. It might be someone in my family who has wavered in the practice of the faith. It might be someone weighed down with a hurt or problem, asking us to help lift them in this time of need. It might be that person next to us, curious because I belong to Christ, and they only need our simple invitation. Our response can be a Christmas card and gift for them. ‘Come Lord Jesus.’



**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Thank you to all volunteers** who were so good to give of their time and talents to organize and pass out fliers for our “**Come Home for Christmas**” celebration this past Wednesday.

*May the Lord reward you for being an instrument of peace for this wonderful day of reconciliation and “coming home”*

*Msgr. Sal*

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](http://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 24 &**

**Sunday, Christmas Day, December 25**

5:30 p.m. Christmas Vigil: Msgr. Criscuolo & All

8:00 a.m.: Father McNerney

10:00 a.m.: Msgr. Criscuolo

Noon: Father McKee



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.

The Rectory will be closed on *Monday, December 26 and Monday January 2, 2017.*

**St. Patrick's Toy Drive: Thank you to everyone who donated a wonderful assortment of toys this Christmas.** Your generosity means that those children will have a wonderful surprise and beautiful gifts on Christmas.  
*Msgr. Sal*

**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](http://www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner) or by calling the Basilica at 202-526-8300.



**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.**

**Concert and Liturgy Celebrating Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: On Saturday, January 14, 2017,** the Archdiocese of Washington will celebrate the national recognition of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with our annual liturgy, celebrated this year at St. Thomas More Church (4275 4th Street SE, Washington, DC). The 5pm Mass will be celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville. The Mass will be preceded by a concert and a Veneration of the Relics of the African Saints, and music will be provided by the Archdiocesan Gospel Mass Choir. Please email [culturaldiversity@adw.org](mailto:culturaldiversity@adw.org) or call 301-853-4469 for more information.

**Mother Teresa Vocation Society Annual Day of Recollection: On Saturday, January 28, 2017** from 9am-2pm, Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations for the Archdiocese of Washington, will lead a day of recollection at Annunciation Church in Washington, DC (3810 Massachusetts Ave., NW). It is not required to be a member of the Mother Teresa Vocation Society to attend this event! For information visit [www.dcpriest.org](http://www.dcpriest.org) or contact Maris Moriarty at [moriartym@adw.org](mailto:moriartym@adw.org) or 202-636-9020.

## Mass Intentions & Readings December 17 -- December 24, 2016

### Saturday Vigil, December 17

5:30 p.m. Jimmy Williams

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24

8 am. Parishioners and Benefactors

10 a.m. Leslie Andrews †

12 noon Tylor Bell-Rogers

### Monday

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

12:10 p.m. Warren Sturdivant †

### Tuesday

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

12:10 p.m. Cherrie Doggett

### Wednesday

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-45

12:10 p.m. Luke Shanahan

### Thursday

1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56

12:10 p.m. Rosemary O'Callaghan †

### Friday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Lk 1:57-66

12:10 p.m. Peter and Cindy Choy

### Saturday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Lk 1:67-79

12:10 p.m. Alberto & Virginia Villanueva †

### Men's Discernment Retreat

**From Friday, February 3** through **Sunday, February 5, 2017**, men in their 20s, 30s or 40s who are considering a call to the priesthood are invited to attend a discernment retreat at Saint John Paul II Seminary in Washington, DC (145 Taylor St., NE) led by priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. The weekend will offer time away from your daily routine and will provide an opportunity for prayer and reflection to examine God's call. There is no fee to attend. Registration is now open at [www.dcpriest.org](http://www.dcpriest.org), or email [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) for more information.

### 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.