

# 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.

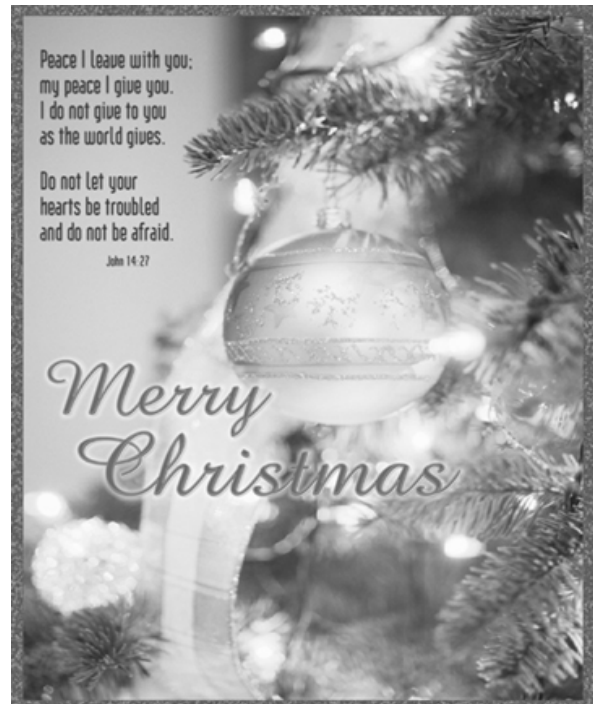
## Matrimony

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 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

## 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



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2015

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

**“Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, but who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me? The moment your greeting sounded in my ears, the baby stirred in my womb for joy. Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord’s words to her would be fulfilled.”**

At this time of the year people fill the airports, travel the highways, and spend time visiting relatives and friends. It is a time to come together to share special moments, life and love.

How true it was with the visitation of Mary to the house of Zechariah and the meeting of the two pregnant women. A special moment takes place with the encounter of John and the unborn Christ. We continually recite the recorded words of Elizabeth when we pray the Hail Mary. We honor her with a scripture quote. Her question of awe and wonder follows... ‘But who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?’

Pope Francis insists that to be a disciple, we must, like John, encounter Jesus. We find Him in history, but He lives history with us today. We too turn to him, learn more about Him, and then we too go out to announce our experience to others.

This is the joy of the gospel which we will celebrate before this week ends. Go back to the home of Elizabeth, listen to the conversation, reflect on its meaning in our present day, in your home, and make this fourth week of advent memorable.

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

***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*

The Rectory will be closed on *Friday, December 25 and Friday January 1, 2016.*

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 in advance for your support and for using *Faith Direct!*

*God Bless, Msgr. Sal*



### Christmas Decorating:

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

### Celebrants for

#### Saturday, December 26 & Sunday, December 27

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

**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*



On behalf of the priests, and staff of Saint Patrick's I would like to wish all of our parishioners, visiting family members and visitors to our city and church a blessed and joyful Christmas. I pray that all of you will always know the presence of the newborn Savior and that we will always remain faithful to His ways this Christmas and every day.

*Merry Christmas, Msgr. Sal*

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Masses at

**5:30 p.m. Thursday, December 31 (Vigil)**

**Friday, January 1 at 12:10 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**

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

**St. Giuseppe Moscati Guild of the Catholic Medical Association:** Calling all Catholic physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other healthcare professionals! The newly formed St. Giuseppe Moscati Guild of the Catholic Medical Association seeks new members who desire to live the Catholic faith in the practice of medicine. The Guild meets four to six times yearly for social events, CME presentations, and prayerful retreat. Email Marguerite Duane, MD, CMA Guild President, at [DC.CMA.Guild@gmail.com](mailto:DC.CMA.Guild@gmail.com).

**December Poor Box**

**St. Patrick's Toy Drive**

**Mass Intentions & Readings  
December 19 – December 26, 2015**

**Saturday Vigil, December 19**

5:30 p.m. Leo and Joella Malloy †

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Mi 5:1-4a / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45

8 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

10 a.m. Cherrie Doggett

12 p.m. Fred P. Campo †

**Monday**

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

12:10 p.m. Gregory Anderson †

**Tuesday**

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

12:10 p.m. The Clergy of the Brooklyn Diocese in NY

**Wednesday**

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

12:10 p.m. Ed Antis †

**Thursday**

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

12:10 p.m. Joan Marsh †

**VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF LORD**

Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25

5:30 p.m. David Boone †

**Friday, NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18

10:00 a.m. Truyen Tran †

12:00 p.m. Francis & Alice Marie McGonagle †

**Saturday, ST STEPHEN**

Acts 6:8-10 / 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22

12:10 p.m. Colleen Margaret Davey †

**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*

**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.