

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.

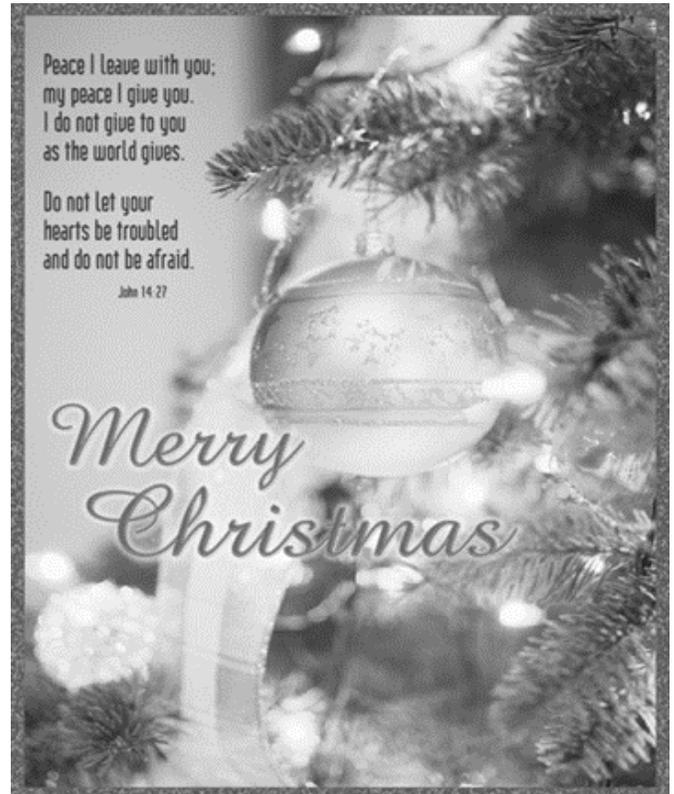
Matrimony

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 Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; hence, the holy offspring to be born will be called Son of God...To him who is able to strengthen you in the gospel which I proclaim when I preach Jesus Christ, the gospel which reveals the mystery hidden for many ages...to him, the God who alone is wise, may glory be given through Jesus Christ unto endless ages. Amen.”

Gabriel’s response to Mary’s question of how this can happen, reveals the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in her life and in the lives of believers. We sometimes forget the existence of this gift and power in our lives. As we bring the season of advent to its climax with the birth of Christ, we ask that He be born anew, with new power in our lives. We not only recall the Bethlehem event, but live the Bethlehem experience today.

The concluding words of praise, the doxology or hymn of glory taken from the letter to the Romans, becomes a Christmas gift and greeting for all of us, as we are called to preach the Good News, glad tidings, the gospel, no longer hidden but made manifest in the Child of Bethlehem and in enthusiastic believers today. May the Word of God, and the Word which became flesh, take root in our lives.

Christmas Masses**Wednesday, December 24****Christmas Vigil**

4:45 p.m. Prelude

5:30 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass
(choir and instruments)**Thursday, December 25****Christmas Day***A holy day of obligation*

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.

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 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 27 & Sunday, December 28**

5:30 p.m. Vigil: Msgr. Criscuolo

8:00 a.m. : Msgr. Criscuolo

10:00 a.m. : Father McKee

Noon : Father McKee

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

The Rectory will be closed on **Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26.**

December Poor Box
St. Patrick's Toy Drive



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

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 or by calling the Basilica at (202) 526-8300.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses at

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

Thursday, January 1 at 12:10 p.m.

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.*

Men's Discernment Retreat: From *February 6-8, 2015*, Cardinal Donald Wuerl invites men in their 20's – 40's who are considering a call to the priesthood to attend a discernment retreat at Saint John Paul II Seminary 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. Visit

www.dcpriest.org, or email vocations@adw.org for more information.

Mass Intentions & Readings
December 20 – December 27, 2014

Saturday Vigil, December 20

5:30 p.m. Breda Ward †

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Rom 16:25-27 / Lk 1:26-38

8 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

10 a.m. Olivia Naples †

12 p.m. Bob Hinger

Monday

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

12:10 p.m. James Marcera †

Tuesday

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

12:10 p.m. Vito Lauro †

Wednesday

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

12:10 p.m. Huyen Nguyen †

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

5:30 p.m. Zosima Dacula †

Thursday, NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

10:00 a.m. Truyen Tran †

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

Friday, SAINT STEPHEN

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

12:10 p.m. Colleen Margaret Davey †

Saturday, SAINT JOHN

1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8

12:10 p.m. Elizabeth Carr †

Faith and Forgiveness in Difficult Family Situations: On *Saturday, January 10, 2015*, Fr. Scott Hurd will speak on "Faith and Forgiveness in Difficult Family Situations" at the Church of the Annunciation in Washington, DC (3810 Massachusetts Ave., NW). Fr. Hurd's talk is based on his research and his books, *Forgiveness: A Catholic Approach* and *When Faith Feels Fragile*. Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW), this event begins with Mass at 9am followed by continental breakfast and the program. Please pre-register so that the number of persons attending can be anticipated: Sharon A. O'Brien at sharonaobrien@msn.com, 301-651-8190 or Ellen-Jane Pairo at ejanbillpairo@verizon.net, 301-933-3546.