

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

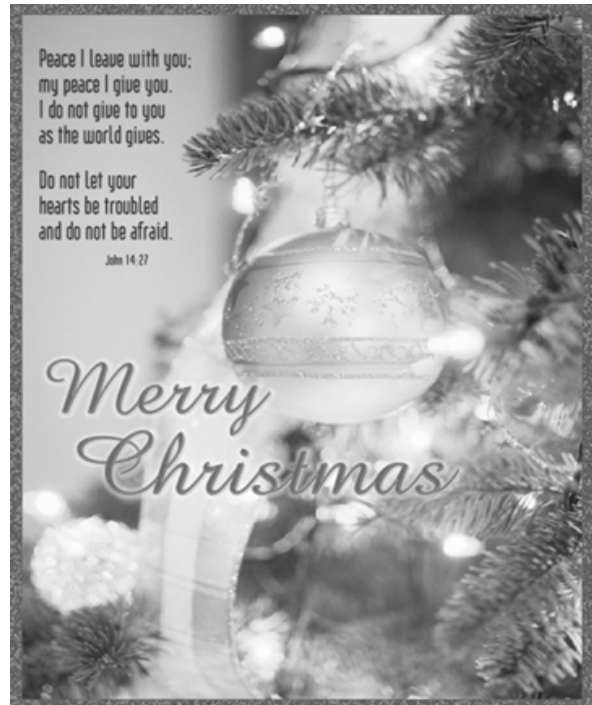
Registered parishioners preparing for matrimony must contact the rectory at least six months before a proposed wedding date.

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 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. 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

DECEMBER 24, 2017

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

“Do not fear, Mary. You have found favor with God. You shall conceive and bear a son, and give Him the name Jesus. Great will be His dignity and He will be called Son of the Most High.”

The great moment in the history of salvation, began with the visit of the angel Gabriel and the invitation to be the mother of Jesus. It is not surprising that Mary hesitated, questioned and then consented. Wouldn't you? Her response 'I am the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say' redirected the course of human history.

The celebration of the Bethlehem event tonight allows us not just to recall what happened, but to imitate Mary and permit the Lord to touch our lives in a truly special way. Our traditions and customs are rich as we relive Jesus' entering our lives again. The Simbang Gabi celebration of Filipino Catholics or Las Posadas of Latin Catholics lead us to the stable cave to meet and adore the Lord of history, the Lord of today. We have been praying 'Come Lord Jesus' for the four weeks of advent. Today, we welcome Him with joy.

As we celebrate this special night, may we be ready to open our door not just to Joseph and Mary, but Christ who comes to us.



Sunday, December 24
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon
Christmas Vigil
4:45 p.m. Prelude

5:30 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass
(choir and instruments)

Monday, 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, Sunday, December 24: Parking garage opens at 7:30 a.m. and closes at 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25: Parking garage opens at 8:30 a.m. and closes at 1:30 p.m.

New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31: Parking garage opens at 7:30 a.m. and closes at 1:30 p.m.

New Year's Day, Monday, January 1: Parking garage opens at 11:00 a.m. and closes at 1:30 p.m.

The Rectory will be closed on *Monday, December 25 and Tuesday December 26, 2017*

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 for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless, Msgr. Sal

Celebrants for

Saturday, December 30 & Sunday, December 31

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



**Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God
Monday, January 1, 2018
Mass at 12:10 p.m.**

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



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 at www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner or by calling the Basilica at 202-526-8300.



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.

Free! National Symphony Orchestra at the Monastery: The National Symphony Orchestra will perform a free chamber music concert at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America *on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 7 pm.*, as part of the NSO in Your Neighborhood concert series. NSO members Marissa Regni, violin; Rachel Young, cello; Paul Cigan, clarinet; and Lisa Emenheiser, piano will perform. A light reception follows. The Monastery is at 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017. Free parking; near Brookland-CUA Metro/H6 bus toward Ft. Lincoln. Information: myfranciscan.org and 202-526-6800.

Are you registered?

Why not join us and become a member of the parish. It takes a couple of minutes to register and you can get a form from one of the ushers or from the rectory next door during the week.

Give the Gift of Service

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back this holiday season by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

Mass Intentions & Readings December 23 – December 30, 2017



Saturday Vigil, December 23

5:30 p.m. James J. White III †

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. Rev. William D. Mannion †

12 noon Raymond Podguski †

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL

Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

4:45 p.m. **Christmas Prelude**

5:30 p.m. Mondésir & Marguerite Fontin †

Monday, THE 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. Jane Hassler †

12 noon Mary Virginia McEnhill McInerney †

Tuesday, SAINT STEPHEN

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

12:10 p.m. Colleen Margaret Davey †

Wednesday, SAINT JOHN

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

12:10 p.m. Ruby Carpenter Whitfield †

Thursday, THE HOLY INNOCENTS

1 Jn 1:5—2:2 / Mt 2:13-18

12:10 p.m. Stephanie Stewart

Friday

1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35

12:10 p.m. John Francis Matthews †

Saturday

1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40

12:10 p.m. Edward F. Krufka †

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Sunday, January 7 EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

10:00 a.m. Mass

John Carroll Society at St. Patrick

Principal Celebrant and Homilist:

Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi