

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

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

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

“Not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of him. On the third day they came upon him in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. All who heard him were amazed at his intelligence and his answers. ‘Why did you search for me? Did you not know I had to be in my Father’s house?’ But they did not grasp what he meant....His mother kept all these things in her memory.”

How appropriate that today’s celebration follows so closely on the Bethlehem event of Christmas. We jump from the stable to the temple, twelve years, in just a few days. We will return to Bethlehem, but first we reflect on this search and rescue.

Anxious parents, seeking a lost child, for three days. Where can He be? At last in a second home, the temple, and in conversation with teachers in His Father’s house. A harried mother’s question and a clear concise answer ‘did you not know that I had to be?’

As parents we too worry about our children, where ever they are on their journey of growth. We try to feed, clothe and teach them well. By word and example, we bring them closer to the Lord.

As disciples, we too search for the Christ. We encounter Him at worship, where we offer prayer and praise. We encounter Him in the words of the bible. I might even decide to join a bible group, as well as read the scriptures at home alone or with my family. We encounter Him in our community of faith. It is not just me at mass or prayer, it is my ‘Holy Family’ where I share the values of the gospel in a challenging world.

The picture of our families might be quite distinct. A single parent, an elderly couple, a widow or widower, a single person or extended family of relatives and friends. We are family through our baptism and faith. May we look to the family which settled in Nazareth as a model, with trials and tribulations, challenges, hurts and sorrow, but centered on the Person of Christ.



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.

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

Celebrants for

Saturday, January 2 & Sunday, January 3

5:30 p.m. Vigil : Father MacIntyre

8:00 a.m. : Father McKee

10:00 a.m. : Msgr. Criscuolo

Noon : Father MacIntyre

Next Weekend’s Second Collection will be to support the upkeep and maintenance of our historic church. Thank you for your support.

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!*

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.

Thank you

On behalf of the priests and staff at St. Patrick, I want to express our appreciation for your generous Christmas envelope offerings, greeting cards and Christmas packages. We hope you had a blessed and enjoyable Christmas season.

Msgr. Sal

My gratitude to the volunteers who helped decorate the church for Christmas and to St. Patrick's *little helpers* at the Grand Hyatt Christmas Eve reception. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule. May you, your families and friends enjoy a holy and healthy New Year. *God bless, Msgr. Sal*

**Sunday, January 10
Baptism of Our Lord**

10:00 a.m. Mass
John Carroll Society at St. Patrick
Principal Celebrant and Homilist:
Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi



**Adult and Family
Rally & Mass for
Life:** All are invited
to attend the Adult
and Family Rally &

Mass for Life at St. Matthew's Cathedral (1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW) **on Friday, January 22, 2016**, the morning of the March for Life. The Rally begins at 9am and will feature keynote speakers Mark and LaRee Pickup. Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville will celebrate Mass at 10am, with Fr. Dan Leary as homilist. Prior to participating in the annual March for Life, come join in this celebration of our faith and of the dignity of life! Please register to attend at www.adw.org/jan22. Contact the Department of Life Issues at (301) 853-4555 or prolife@adw.org with any questions.

Volunteers Needed! Catholic Volunteer Network (www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org) based in Takoma Park, Md. is looking for part-time volunteers to provide assistance with mailings, data entry, and volunteer support. This is an exciting opportunity to be a part of our national efforts to support volunteers and missionaries serving with 200+ programs. For more information, please contact Katie Mulembe at 301-270-0900 ext. 14.

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.**

**Mass Intentions & Readings
December 26 – January 2, 2016**

Saturday Vigil, December 26

5:30 p.m. Huyen Nguyen †

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 / 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 / Lk 2:41-52

8 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

10 a.m. Helen Trent †

12 p.m. John P. Lacey †

Monday, THE HOLY INNOCENTS

1 Jn 1:5—2:2 / Mt 2:13-18

12:10 p.m. The Archdiocese of New York

Tuesday

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

12:10 p.m. Members of the Bates & Grefenstette families †

Wednesday

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

12:10 p.m. Jim Marsh

Thursday

1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18

12:10 p.m. Francis & Alice Marie McGonagle †

5:30 p.m. Robert Novak †

**Friday, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21

12:10 p.m. Thanksgiving

Saturday

Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28

12:10 p.m. Joseph Mondésir Fontin

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.

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