

# 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

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:**

“...He (Simeon) took him in his arms and blessed God in these words: ‘Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word. For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed displayed for all the people to see; a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel.’ ... ‘The Lord sets a father in honor over his children; a mother’s authority he confirms over her sons.’”

At the direction of Pope Francis a synod on the family has taken place in Rome. Reflections and reactions have been sought, as the church considers the gift, the needs and the hopes of families in an age when family life has radically changed.

Today we meet the Holy Family of Nazareth. Not unlike ourselves many difficulties and trials came their way. Living as refugees, itinerants, as working laborers, and finally facing trial and condemnation, we can identify with them with the challenges of today.

The prayer of Simeon, part of the night prayer of the church, can be ours as well, as we recognize the presence of the Christ among us during these holidays. It was the Spirit that moved Simeon to take Him in his arms and praise God. May we, as we bring this year to a close, express, as he did, our gratitude for the Lord’s presence in so many ways during this year. May we thank God for support in time of need. May we see the light of Christ in our lives and be that light for members of our family. May we take Him in our arms too.

May our fathers mirror the goodness of Joseph caring for and protecting their children. May our mothers bring the warmth, kindness and understanding of Mary, the heart of the home at Nazareth. May the Christ, born anew in our hearts allow us to live blessed by the presence of God’s grace in our lives. May all the virtues mentioned by Paul in Colossians 3, be manifest in our homes.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Masses at

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

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

*God’s blessings to all in the New Year*

**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.**

**Celebrants for**

**Saturday, January 3 & Sunday, January 4**

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

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

The Rectory will be closed on **Thursday, January 1 and Friday January 2.**

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](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*

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Following the 12:10 p.m. Mass on *Friday, January 2*, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 1:25 p.m.

**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*

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

**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. I hope you had fun.

*God bless, Msgr. Sal*

**Sunday, January 11**  
**Baptism of Our Lord**

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

**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.**

**Chamber Concert at Franciscan Monastery**

On Saturday, January 10 at 7:30pm, the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land (1400 Quincy St., NE) will host a free chamber concert of music for brass and organ with works by Manfredini, Corelli, Stamm, and Loelliet. It will feature Phil Snedecor (trumpet), Steve Hendrickson (trumpet), and Russell Weismann (organ). This concert is part of the National Symphony Orchestra's "NSO in Your Neighborhood" program. For more information, call the Franciscan Monastery at 202-526-6800, x374.

**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](http://www.dcpriest.org), or email [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) for more information.

**Mass Intentions & Readings**  
**December 27 – January 3, 2014**

**Saturday Vigil, December 27**

5:30 p.m. Dennis Healy †

**Sunday, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3 / Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 / Lk 2:22-40

8 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

10 a.m. Francis & Alice Marie McGonagle †

12 p.m. Helen Walsh †

**Monday**

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

12:10 p.m. James Smith †

**Tuesday**

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

12:10 p.m. Lorenza Arqueza †

**Wednesday**

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

12:10 p.m. Olivia Naples †

5:30 p.m. Barbara Hines-Randolph

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

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

12:10 p.m. Truyen Tran †

**Friday**

*Saint Basil the Great & Saint Gregory Nazianzen*

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

12:10 p.m. Barbara James Wade †

**Saturday**

*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

1 Jn 2:29—3:6 / Jn 1:29-34

12:10 p.m. Rev. Msgr. Denis Stafford † (6<sup>th</sup> Pastor)

**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 contact Sharon A. O'Brien at [sharonaobrien@msn.com](mailto:sharonaobrien@msn.com), 301-651-8190 or Ellen-Jane Pairo at [ejandbillpairo@verizon.net](mailto:ejandbillpairo@verizon.net), 301-933-3546.