

# 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 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. Roderick McKee

Rev. John McNerney

Rev. George Palliparambil

Rev. Daniel Carson

## 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



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

**“Be patient my brothers until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer awaits the precious yield of the soil. He looks forward to it patiently while the soil receives the winter and spring rains. You too must be patient. Ready your hearts because the coming of the Lord is at hand.”**

We have met the prophet Isaiah, listened to the announcement of John the Baptist and joined with Mary as the third figure of advent. All have reminded us to prepare, ready our hearts, and reflect on what the coming of the Savior means for us today.

A restless world pays little attention to the need for and presence of a Savior. Many good people pay only lip service to the Bethlehem birth as a fond memory. Hurting people are looking for the presence and mercy of Jesus, which we are able to bring, but somehow, we forget our role.

We do not seek a blown reed, someone luxuriously dressed, but a prophet calling us to make the Lord’s presence known and felt.

Let’s use the example given to us by James. The stores and florists are filled with poinsettias, bright reds, whites and some hybrids. The farmer must prune, water, and then cover them for specific hours to have them bloom at the proper moment. When you see a plant, remember the patient care of the farmer preparing, and then prepare yourself.

**Wednesday, December 18**



**Come Home for Christmas**

Mass at 12:10 p.m.

Penance Service with individual confessions  
12:10 p.m.

Confessions will also be heard  
7:30 - 8:30 a.m., 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
and 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Celebrants for**

**Saturday, December 21 & Sunday, December 22**

5:30 p.m. Vigil:	Father Carson
8:00 a.m.:	Father Palliparambil
10:00 a.m.:	Father McNerney
Noon:	Msgr. Criscuolo

**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.

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

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**



**Thank you** for your generous donations to **St. Patrick’s Annual Toy Drive** for needy children.

Your gifts make our goal of 3,000 toys and gifts a reality. Many children will be happy this Christmas because you cared.

**Msgr. Sal**

**RCIA: "Would you like to be of assistance to those coming into the Church?"** Please consider being a **sponsor** this season of one of the members of **RCIA** at St. Patrick’s. Contact Bob Quinlan at [bbquinlan@gmail.com](mailto:bbquinlan@gmail.com) for more information. "



**Tuesday, December 24**

**Christmas Vigil**

4:45 p.m. Prelude

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

**Wednesday, December 25**

**Christmas Day**

10:00 a.m. (Choir) and 12 noon

Complimentary 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, Tuesday, December 24:** Parking garage opens at 4:00 p.m. and closes at 8:30 p.m.

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

**New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31:** Parking garage closes at 7:30 p.m.

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



**Christmas Decorating**

**On Monday, December 23,** we will decorate the church **after the 12:10 p.m. Mass** for Christmas. To volunteer, please call 202-347-2713.

Please join **St. Patrick's Fellowship Group every Wednesday at 7:00pm** for an hour of prayer and Bible Study! On the last Wednesday of each month, the Fellowship Group will hold a group Evening Prayer Hour in place of the usual Bible Study from 7-8pm in the church. There will be group prayer and time for private reflection. Please send inquiries to [stpatsfellowshipdc@gmail.com](mailto:stpatsfellowshipdc@gmail.com).



**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 may sign-up online at [www.nationalshrine.org/christmasdinner](http://www.nationalshrine.org/christmasdinner) or call the Basilica at 202-526-8300.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December**

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

**Mass Intentions & Readings  
December 14–December 21, 2019**



**Saturday Vigil, December 14**

5:30 p.m. Peter and Stephanie Kirsulis †

**Sunday, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

8 am. Parishioners and Benefactors

10 a.m. Leto Mangonon †

12 noon Lacey Carl Wilson, Jr. †

**Monday**

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a, Mt 21:23-27

12:10 p.m. Ann McGuire †

**Tuesday**

Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17

12:10 p.m. Marifel Bermudez

**Wednesday**

Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25

12:10 p.m. Dennis P. Mannion †

**Thursday**

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25

12:10 p.m. Tranquilina Mission †

**Friday**

Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38

12:10 p.m. Eric Fitzgerald

**Saturday**

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

12:10 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Woodward

**Blessing of the Bambinelli and Lighting of the**

**Christmas Tree at the National Shrine:** This year the National Shrine will host its annual Blessing of the Bambinelli and Lighting of the Christmas Tree on **Sunday, December 22** at the 4:30pm Mass. Bring the Baby Jesus from your Nativity scene to be blessed at the National Shrine on this Fourth Sunday of Advent. This annual tradition in St. Peter's Square features the Pope offering a special blessing after his weekly Angelus for all those who brought their Bambinelli. Following the Mass and Blessing of the Bambinelli, the National Shrine will bless and ceremoniously light the Christmas Tree as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Please come for this special opportunity to start your Christmas week! No tickets or reservations are required. The Basilica is located at 400 Michigan Ave NE and is walking distance from the Brookland-CUA Station on Metro's Red Line. For information please visit [www.nationalshrine.org](http://www.nationalshrine.org) or call (202) 526-8300.