



**The Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral**  
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**The Shrine Church of Most Precious Blood**  
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**Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 6, 2015**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Vigil**

5:30 PM English

**Sundays**

9:15 AM English 10:15 AM Chinese  
 11:30 AM Spanish 12:45 PM English  
 7:00 PM English

**Monday-Friday**

8:00 AM Spanish, 12:10 PM English

**Masses at St. Michaels's Chapel on Mulberry Street North of the Basilica**

**Saturday**

8:00 AM Spanish

**VESPERS (Evening Prayer)**

First Sundays at 7:00pm with Mass

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM  
 Sundays 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM  
 Anytime by Appointment

**Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament**

Every First Friday from 7:30 pm  
 with Benediction at 9:15pm in the Cathedral

**Spanish Prayer Group**

Fridays 7:30pm

**Cursillistas Meeting**

Sundays after the 11:30am Mass (Spanish)

**Pastor - Monsignor Donald Sakano**  
**pastor@oldcathedral.org**  
**Rev. Andrew Thi – Resident Vicar**  
**Deacon Paul Vitale**

**Visiting Celebrants:**

Rev. George Kuhn  
 Rev. Brian McWeeney  
 Rev. Umberto Bordoni  
 Rev. Carlos Mullins  
 Rev. Edward Hopkins, LC  
 Rev. Jason Smith, LC  
 Msgr. Roman Russo  
 Rev. Fabian Grifone, OFM  
 Rev. Louis Troiani, OFM  
 Rev. Philip Phan, Vietnamese Apostolate

**Director of Music - Jared Lamenzo**  
**organist@oldcathedral.org**

**Wedding Coordinator - Rosa Jimenez**  
**rosa@oldcathedral.org**

**Saturday/Sabado-December 5, Advent Weekday, Mass for the Unborn**

**8:00AM (Eng)** Por el alma de Luis Diaz y Natividad Jimenez  
 Invita Ramona Diaz

**5:30PM (Eng)** For: Rose Ann Tkaczyk  
 By: Toni Granello & Paula Cossidenti

**Sunday/Domingo-December 6, Second Sunday of Advent**

**9:15AM (Eng)** For: Catherine Giovinazzi  
 By: sister, Vinnie

**10:15AM (Chi)** In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 By: Huang Jin Hang

**11:30AM (Spa)** Por el eterno descanso de Charlie Fernandez  
 y Alejandro Nuñez

**12:45PM (Eng)** For: Benito Pulice  
 By: wife, children and grandchildren

**7:00PM (Eng)** For: Ronnie Costa  
 By: Cotona Family

**Monday/Lunes-December 7, Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**8:00AM (Spa)** Por el eterno descanso de Dulce Sanchez  
 Invita Angelina Nuñez y sus hijos

**12:10PM (Eng)** For: The people of the parish

**Tuesday/Martes-December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**8:00AM (Spa)** En acción de gracias por Eddie Rios y familia  
 Invita Angela Diaz

**12:10PM (Eng)** For: John Ciarcia  
 By: Sarah Fearon

**Wednesday/Miercoles-December 9, Advent Weekday**

**8:00AM (Spa)** En acción de gracias Al Divino Niño invita  
 Angelina Nuñez

**12:10PM (Eng)** For: The people of the parish

**Thursday/Jueves-December 10, Advent Weekday**

**8:00AM (Spa)** Por el eterno descanso de Steven Diaz invita  
 su madre

**12:10PM (Eng)** For: The 10th Annivesary Mass for Mayor  
 General Joseph A. Healey  
 By: The 69th Regiment

**Friday/Viernes-December 11, Advent Weekday**

**8:00AM (Spa)** En acción de gracias por la salud de Miriam  
 Feliciano invita su hija y familia

**12:10PM (Eng)** For: The people of the parish

**Saturday/Sabado-December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**8:00AM (Spa)** Por el alma de Maria Filomena Nuñez y  
 Floiran Collado invita Agustina Rodriguez

**5:30PM (Eng)** For: Lorrain Christiansen  
 By: Patricia Fersch

**Sunday Offerings**

**\$3,423.00**

# Music at the Basilica

## Music for the Second Sunday of Advent

During Communion, the Basilica Schola will sing a selection from Handel's Messiah, one of the cornerstones of Western music. Though a piece of music most often associated with Advent and Christmas, Charles Jennens' libretto is concerned with Jesus' nativity, death, resurrection, and ascension in its entirety. And the Glory of the Lord is a well-loved chorus—it follows the famous tenor solo Ev'ry Valley Shall Be Exalted from Isaiah 40:4. "And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed" is Isaiah 40:5. Unlike Handel's other oratorios, the singers in Messiah never assume dramatic roles; there is little use of quoted speech; and there isn't a dominant narrative voice. In his libretto, Jennens' intention was not to dramatize the life and teachings of Jesus, but to acclaim the "Mystery of Godliness".



The organ postlude is based on the Advent hymn Creator alme siderum, which is the hymn for Vespers until Dec. 16. It was written by Jehan Titelouze (c. 1563-1633), a French poet and composer of the early baroque. He is considered the father of the French organ school due to his published organ collections, as well as his work on what was at the time the best organ in France (in Rouen) and the foundation of the French classical organ. Titelouze was also a friend of Marin Mersenne, an important French music theorist and mathematician (yes, of Mersenne prime fame for you armchair mathematicians out there).

### Basilica Schola

The Basilica Schola is back for the 2015-2016 season. We already have welcomed some new members, but hope you will join us too! We schedule informal "auditions" during the year for anyone interested in joining. It is a great way to enhance your spiritual life, meet fellow parishioners, and deepen your understanding of the tradition. Contact Joshua, our Cantor: [cantor@oldcathedral.org](mailto:cantor@oldcathedral.org) to learn more. Hear our latest recording, available on iTunes, and find out more about the music ministry at <http://oldcathedral.org/music>.

### Upcoming Events

December 8: Special Year of Mercy Mass with Bishop O'Hara, with the choir singing the Missa Alma Redemptoris Mater by the Spanish master Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611).

December 13, 12:45PM: The Basilica Schola will sing the Missa Syllabica by Arvo Pärt (b. 1935). A procession to the Holy Doors at the Church of the Most Precious Blood will conclude with the opening of the Holy Doors and Advent carols sung by Basilica Voices.

December 24, 10:30 PM: Our annual concert of carols followed by midnight mass at 11:00 PM.

### ERBEN RENEWAL:

#### Restore Our Pipe Organ!

We are in **great need of financial support** to restore and protect the Erben. Donations to the organ fund can be made to St. Patrick's Old Cathedral, with the memo "Erben Organ Restoration Fund." Join the "Erben Renewal" Facebook page to find out about music at the Basilica, and the world-class 2,500 pipe Henry Erben organ, one of the great pipe organs of America:

<http://facebook.com/erbenorgan>.

Contact Director of Music (Jared) [organist@oldcathedral.org](mailto:organist@oldcathedral.org) for more info.

### National Night Of Prayer For Life on Tuesday December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Uniting our prayers with Catholics across the country to bring back the world to Christ and end abortion. The hours are 9PM-1AM were chosen to coincide with the time Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to St Juan Diego, and to include our four time zones. It will be hosted this year by **The Catholic Daughters of the Americas at the Church of The Holy Innocents, 128 W37th St, NYC.**

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 6PM Mass in the Extraordinary Form for the Feast of The Immaculate Conception. The program will begin at 9PM. The hour of unity, with Benediction, is 12PM- 1AM.

### BUSY PERSON'S RETREAT

**Are you prepared in your heart, mind and soul for the coming of Christ?**

December 4th-5th  
Starts 6:30pm Friday Night  
Ends 6:30pm Saturday

\$50/person  
Held at Most Precious Blood  
[Tony@oldcathedral.org](mailto:Tony@oldcathedral.org)

### Young Adult Advent Mass & Happy Hour

Wednesday December 16th  
6:30pm  
Our Lady of The Rosary  
7 State Street NYC

Join other NYC young adults for an evening mass and drinks!

### Looking to Volunteer and Give Back this Holiday Season?

We work with **ACE and Bowery Mission** and other charities all year long. Give back to those that need it the most.

For further details, please contact Jill Gadwood  
[jill.gadwood@gmail.com](mailto:jill.gadwood@gmail.com)

# Bulletin Board

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

THE SOLEMNITY OF  
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
Tuesday, December 8

**Masses at the Basilica**  
8:00 AM (Spanish) & 12:10 PM (Eng)  
**Mass at Most Precious Blood**  
12:10 PM & 6:30 PM

BLESSING OF  
THE NATIVITY OF MERCY  
at **Church of The Most Precious Blood**  
Tuesday, December 8  
6:15 PM - Blessing of the presepio  
6:30 PM - Mass  
7:15 PM - Blessing of Christmas Trees

BLESSING OF HOLY DOORS  
OF MERCY  
Sunday, December 13  
12:45 pm - **Mass at the Basilica**  
1:45 pm - Procession down Mott St.  
2:15 pm - Arrival at the Church of the  
Most Precious Blood for Blessing of the  
Holy Doors, Hymns and Blessings.

## THE MISSION

It's time to go the Confession  
and prepare for  
The HOLY YEAR OF MERCY  
And THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

There will be lots of priests hearing  
Confessions in the Basilica on  
Friday, December 11, 5-9 PM  
And Monday, December 14, 5-7 PM

Friday's Schedule, December 11  
4:00 PM Mass in the Basilica  
5:00-9:00 PM Street Evangelization  
7:00 - 9:00 PM - Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you are expecting a new born baby or  
if she/he is already here, be sure to let  
us know. Then go to our website and  
acquaint yourself with what to do next  
to be prepared for the renewal of your  
own baptismal vows and the baptism of  
your child. Next Session for parents and  
godparents is Monday, December 7th at  
7:00pm.

**Want to join the parish?**

Go to [www.oldcathedral.org](http://www.oldcathedral.org)

## OUR GIVING TREES

Every year, during the four weeks  
of Advent, there are TWO TREES  
in back of the church.

One tree will enable you to give a  
gift to a hospitalized child. Tags on  
the branches describe gender and  
age.

The other tree is an opportunity  
for you to give a gift to a homeless  
person at The Catholic Work. It  
will have tags describing what is  
needed.

**New socks, underwear, gloves  
and hats for The Catholic  
Worker.**

**Toys for children who are  
hospitalized**

## PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

The Basilica and the Shrine Church  
of the Most Precious Blood is  
sponsoring a Pilgrimage to Naples  
and Rome from May 3rd to 13th in  
2016 (4 days in Naples / 4 days in  
Rome). Consult our website for  
more information or call the parish  
office and ask for a brochure. Keep  
in mind that it will be a Holy Year  
in Rome enabling us to visit the  
Holy Doors in St. Peter's Basilica.  
Also, there will be renewal of wed-  
ding vows in Naples.

## Our Daily Mass Book 2016 is here

You may call the Parish House in  
order to request masses for next  
year.

## BACK IN THE CHURCH!

Our 200th Anniversary is over!  
Now that we are back in the church  
for Sunday Masses, please be aware  
that there is work that is still not  
finished. Among the items are: the  
Altacracia Chapel, the elevator, the  
stain glass windows, the painting of  
the walls, the finishing on the wain-  
scoting, the courtyard ramp for the  
mobility impaired and the stones for  
the entrance steps.

## ADVENT IS HERE ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 ~ THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent, the four-  
week liturgical season that prepares for the Incar-  
nation of the Son of God. While not a penitential  
season like Lent, we are called nevertheless to en-  
ter into a mindset of reflection, restraint and re-  
newal. The vestments that the priest wears is vio-  
let and the altar is decorated sparsely, usually with  
branches or simple purple-colored flowers.

The ADVENT WREATH reminds us of God Him-  
self, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no  
beginning or end. The **green of the wreath** speaks  
of the hope that we have in God, the hope of new-  
ness, of renewal, of eternal life. **Candles** symbolize  
the light of God coming into the world through the  
birth of His son. The **four outer candles** represent  
the period of waiting during the four Sundays of  
Advent, which themselves symbolize the four cen-  
turies of waiting between the prophet Malachi and  
the birth of Christ.



Three of the  
candles are violet  
and one is pink.  
Each candle repre-  
sents one of the  
weeks in Advent,  
the pink one is rep-  
resents the Third  
Sunday of Advent,  
known as *Gaudete  
Sunday*.

## TRADITION PRESERVATION CAMPAIGN

**Benefactors** will be sought for many of the  
restored sacred objects in the church, including the  
Cross above the Altar, the Tabernacle, the Stations  
of the Cross and Resurrection painting by Frank  
Mason.

**Plaques** - The existing plaques on pews and other  
places within the church will be respected and  
restored. The pews are due back into the church in  
September.

## The Sheen Center for Culture & Thought

The newest Arts Center in New York, locat-  
ed at 18 Bleecker Street, (Elizabeth Street )  
was established by the Archdiocese to  
promote culture and thought consistent with  
values that consistent with the Catholic  
Church. To learn more go to  
[www.sheencenter.org](http://www.sheencenter.org)

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**Week of December 6, 2015**

**Saturday, December 5, First Saturday**

5:30 PM (Vigil) In Honor of the Blessed Mother By: Elluzzi Family

5:30 PM (Vigil) For: Philip & Antoinette Vita By: Children

**Sunday, December 6— Second Sunday of Advent**

10:00 AM In Honor of the Immaculate Conception  
By: Lillian Tozzi

**Monday, December 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

12:10 PM In Honor of the Immaculate Conception  
By: Mary Rizzo

12:10 PM For: Elizabeth Smith By: sister, Mary

**Tuesday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:10 PM In Honor of the Immaculate Conception  
By: Frances Casalini

**Wednesday, December 9, Advent Weekday**

12:10 PM For: Filomena (Fannie) Vitagliano 1st Anniversary  
By: daughter, Jovan

12:10 PM For the Faithful at Most Precious Blood Church  
By: concerned parishioners

**Thursday, December 10, Advent Weekday**

12:10 PM For: Antonio & Letizia Rizzo By: Mary Rizzo

12:10 PM For: The Faithful at Most Precious Blood Church  
By: concerned parishioners

**Friday, December 11— First Friday, Weekday**

12:10 PM For: Frank Rizzo By: sister, Mary Rizzo

12:10 PM For: Frank Rizzo By: wife, Teresa & Family

**Saturday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe**

5:30 PM (Vigil) For: Concetta Fama By: sister Anna Esposito &  
Family

5:30 PM (Vigil) For: Joe Di Pilato, Frank Rinaldi & Joe Pascarelli  
By: Andy Marmo

5:30 PM (Vigil) To Honor St. Lucy/In Memory of Fannie & Nicholas  
Elluzzi By: Elluzzi Family

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Vigil**

5:30 PM

**Sundays**

10:00 AM English

2:00 PM Vietnamese

**Monday-Friday**

12:10 PM English

**HOLY DAYS of OBLIGATION**

Vigil: 5:30 PM

**HOLY DAYS**

8:00 AM & 12:10 PM

**Office Hours:**

10AM—6PM Daily or by Appointment

**CONFESSIONS**

Before Masses or by Appointment

**BAPTISM**

By Appointment

**DEVOTIONS**

Monday	Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Tuesday	St. Anthony of Padua
Wednesday	San Gennaro
Thursday	St. Jude
Friday	St. Padre Pio (1st Friday)

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**BULLETIN NEWS**

**December 5-6, 2015**

**CHURCH ITEMS:** Most Precious Blood is in the final stages of preparation in anticipation of the arrival of the Presepio - The Nativity of Mercy. Pews have been removed to make room for this original piece of art; the Church floor has been cleaned and waxed; a platform is being built on which the Presepio will be displayed, and new candle stands are being installed. The new candle stands bring us back to the good old days when we were able to light the wick of a real candle. Somehow, it's much more meaningful to light a candle as opposed to pressing a button. The construction of these particular stands and the type of wax they are made of makes this process safer and easier to maintain than it was years ago. Once a candle has been lit and burns itself out, the residue falls to the bottom of its receptacle and can then be disposed of. There is no dripping wax to contend with, no clean-up of the candle stands themselves. The flame is smaller than in past years and will not flare up and cause concern of any kind. Once again, ALL are invited to attend the blessing of this hand-crafted Presepio, the Mass which follows immediately after the blessing, and the tree-lighting ceremony in the courtyard once Mass is concluded. We hope to see all of you there.

**REST IN PEACE, Cha-Cha.** At this time, we would like to pay homage to John 'Cha-Cha' Ciarcia who passed away on November 21st. Cha-Cha was an icon of Little Italy. He was dubbed the 'Mayor of Little Italy' due to his love of this neighborhood - his neighborhood -- and his dedication to not only preserving it but to bringing it back to its original vibrancy and unique flavor that made it such a great place to live and to visit. From the tremendous turn-out at his wake and funeral Mass, it was evident that he was loved by so many people. People from both coasts and all walks of life attended services to honor him and to say goodbye, although he is not someone who will easily be forgotten. Although his funeral Mass took place at the Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral, Cha-Cha had a soft spot in his heart for Most Precious Blood Church. We were heartened to hear Tony Danza say the very same thing during his moving eulogy about Cha-Cha. Mr. Danza said "Cha-Cha loved Little Italy, Most Precious Blood and, of course, San Genaro". Our sincere condolences go out to Cha-Cha's family, friends and all who knew and loved him. As someone said in remembering him, a light has been extinguished on Mulberry Street with this great loss. Cha-Cha was larger than life; one-of-a-kind. He will be missed.

**MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD SENIOR CLUB:** wish to thank Alex and Mandy Catenaccio for their generosity toward our seniors this past November 18th, the second of our Senior Club luncheon meetings. Their restaurant, Il Piccolo Bufalo, donated the entire lunch from salad through dessert. We pray their generosity and kindness come back to them tenfold. Our next Senior Luncheon Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 15, 2015. As always, lunch will be at 1:00 PM immediately following the 12:10PM Mass and will take place in the rectory dining room.

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