



The Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral
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The Shrine Church of Most Precious Blood
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph ~ December 27, 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

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 26, St. Stephen, The First Martyr

8:00AM (Eng) Por todos los miembros de nuestra parroquia
5:30PM (Eng) For: Rose Silece
 By: Laura LaFauci

Sunday/Domingo-December 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:15AM (Eng) For: Rose & Louis Bonica
 By: Bonica Family
10:15AM (Chi) In Thanksgiving to the Lord
 By: Chen Jin
11:30AM (Spa) Por el eterno descanso de Charlie Fernandez invita su familia
12:45PM (Eng) For: Mary G. Glavin
 By: MaryM. Holtzman
7:00PM (Eng) For: Margaret Fradella
 By: Andrea Adair

Monday/Lunes-December 28, Late Advent Weekday

8:00AM (Spa) For: Ada Rios
 By: Susan and Bobby Mauro
12:10PM (Eng) For: John Confort
 By: Mauro Family

Tuesday/Martes-December 29, Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00AM (Spa) Por todos los miembros de nuestra parroquia
12:10PM (Eng) For: Rosemary Bacchi
 By: Pat Giordano

Wednesday/Miercoles-December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00AM (Spa) Por el alma de Francisco Maria Nuñez invita Agustina Rodriguez
12:10PM (Eng) For: Terence McConnell
 By: O'Byrne Family

Thursday/Jueves-December 31, Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00AM (Spa) En acción de gracias a La Virgen de la Virgen de La Altgracia por Nitida Grullón y familia
12:10PM (Eng) For: The people of the parish
5:30PM (Eng) For: Mary & Pat DeBonis
 By: daughter and grandson

Friday/Viernes-January 1, First Friday

8:00AM En acción de gracias al Sagrado Corazon de Jesus y por Jose Antonio Reyes invita el Grupo Sagrado Corazón de Jesús
12:10PM (Eng) For: The people of the parish

Saturday/Sabado-January 2, First Saturday

8:00AM (Spa) Por todos los miembros de nuestra parroquia
5:30PM (Eng) For: Robert Gordon
 By: Flatz Family

Sunday Offerings

\$3,563.00

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA



Music for Holy Family

The music for Holy Family includes "What Child Is This?", a Christmas carol whose lyrics were written by William Chatterton Dix, in 1865. He also penned a hymn we will sing next week, "As with Gladness Men of Old". Dix worked as an insurance company manager and was severely ill. He underwent a spiritual renewal that led him to write several hymns, including lyrics to this carol that was subsequently set to the tune of "Greensleeves", a traditional English folk song. The context of the carol centers around the Adoration of the Shepherds, who visited Jesus during his Nativity. The questions posed in the lyrics reflect what the shepherds were possibly pondering to themselves when they encountered him, with the rest of the carol providing a response to their questions. However, the piece is based on an Italian style of composition that did not reach England until after Henry's death, making it more likely Elizabethan in origin. It is a ground either of the form of a romanesca, which originated in Spain and is composed of a sequence of four chords with a simple, repeating bass, which provide the groundwork for variations and improvisation.

Upcoming Music Events

January 3, 7:00 PM Mass: Mass with chanted Vespers.

Join the Basilica Schola in chanting the psalms of Vespers at the 7:00 PM Mass. The congregation and Schola sing the psalm verses antiphonally, to Psalm tones that originated in the 8th and 9th centuries.

Basilica Schola

The Basilica Schola is in session for the 2015-2016 season. We already have welcomed 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 to learn more. Hear our latest recording, available on iTunes, and find out more about the music ministry at <http://oldcathedral.org/music>.

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 for more info.

Chancel Organ Project

Before we can restore the great Erben organ, we will need a chancel organ. It will be our main instrument when the Erben organ is restored, and will be used for smaller liturgies in the future. Most large churches have a "grand organ" and a "chancel organ". Ours is an incredibly rare 1859 Hall &



Labagh pipe organ that perfectly matches the Basilica's architecture, as well as the Erben's sound. In remarkable original condition, it was originally in a small Catholic church in Pennsylvania. It was made by Henry Erben's brother-in-law, sometimes business partner, and teacher, Thomas Hall. It is one of the items in our bicentennial brochure that needs a donor. For more information on this naming opportunity, contact Director of Music Jared Lamenzo at organist@oldcathedral.org.

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

Rosaries & History Books Need Christmas Gifts?

Pick up a rosary or history book today before or after mass.

Rosary: \$40

Book: \$10

You can also purchase during the week at the Parish House.

Weekday Masses

Weekday Masses take place at St. Michael's Russian Chapel (266 Mulberry Street) next to St. Patrick's Youth Center on weekdays.

Monday through Friday

8:00AM (Spanish)

12:10PM (English)

Second Collection

January 3, 2015 ~ Catholic Communication Campaign

Bulletin Board

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

THE HOLY DOORS OF MERCY

At 113 Baxter Street
Shrine Church of
The Most Precious Blood

The Holy Doors of Mercy will remain open 24/7. A plenary indulgence may be gained for all who pass through the doors and fulfill the prerequisites (confer website at www.oldcathedral.org).

The Nativity of Mercy is a finely crafted arrangement of Neapolitan figurines displaying the universal reach of God's mercy. It is on view at the Shrine Church of the Most Precious Blood.

The Pilgrimage to the Holy Doors of Mercy begins at the Basilica and ends at the Shrine Church of the Most Precious Blood. Confer our website

CHRISTMAS MASSES

The Solemnity of MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Friday, January 1

The Church professes its faith in the patronage of the Mother of Jesus, under her most ancient of titles, *Theotokos*, a Greek word signifying her role as the bearer of God.

Masses
8:00 AM - Spanish
12:10 PM - English/Basilica

Want to join our Parish?

Just visit us at
www.oldcathedral.org



Basilica Voices is our music program for youngsters in our Family Religious Ed Program. They will be singing here on **January 3rd** for our cultural (mostly Spanish) Christmas music before the 7:00 PM Mass. They'll be singing 7 pieces, starting at about 6:30PM.

THE SHEEN CENTER

The best in culture and thought, located at the corner of Bleecker & Elizabeth Streets -
www.sheencenter.org
Featuring
LaBoheme - next week
www.sheencenter.org

OUR GIVING TREES



*Thanks and Blessings
to all who contributed to the
Christmas Flower Fund
As well as those who
Participated in our
Giving Trees
making gifting-giving possible
for children in hospital and
homeless people.*

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 wedding vows in Naples.

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 Altagracia Chapel, the elevator, the stain glass windows, the painting of the walls, the finishing on the wainscoting, the courtyard ramp for the mobility impaired and the stones for the entrance steps.

ADVENT IS HERE ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 ~
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH

Today is the *Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*. With Advent complete, we now enter the Christmas Season which lasts until the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, on January 10. This is the true Christmas Season, a time when it is appropriate to sing carols, exchange gifts and make merry. Today's feast underscores the importance of the family in the formation of a solid Christian.

The feasts that follow Christmas Day remind us of the "cost of discipleship", particularly The Feast of St. Stephen (Dec. 26) and the Holy Innocents (Dec. 28). St. Stephen was the first martyr in the new Christian era and the Holy Innocents the first to die at the hands of persecutor soon after the birth of Christ.

The liturgical color for the Christmas Season is white. Instead of the four violet and rose candles in the Advent Wreath, we now behold a white candle signify the birth of the Savior.

The Christmas Season ends on January 10 when thereafter the Ordinary Time begins. It will last until February 10, Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the penitential season of Lent.



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.

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, January 4 at 7:00pm.

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Week of December 26-27, 2015

Saturday, December 26, St. Stephen, the First Martyr

5:30 PM (Vigil) For: Santo & Antoinette Aimone

By: D. Aimone

Sunday, December 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

10:00 AM Mass for the People

2:00 PM Mass in Vietnamese

Monday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

12:10 PM Intention of the Donor

Tuesday, December 29, Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

12:10 PM Intention of the Donor

Wednesday, December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

12:10 PM For: Tony Longordo by: M/M Frank Casalini

Thursday, December 31, Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity

12:10 PM For: Bella Chiarello by: M/M Frank Casalini

Friday, January 1, First Friday - New Year's Day

NO MASS AT MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

Mass will be held at St. Patrick's at 12:10 PM

Saturday, January 2, First Saturday

5:30 PM (Vigil) For: Andrew & Catherine Marmo and M/M Frank Coviello by: Andy Marmo

5:30 PM (Vigil) For: Michael Ricciuti
By: Fabiani 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

Monday	Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Tuesday	St. Anthony of Padua
Wednesday	San Gennaro
Thursday	St. Jude
Friday	St. Padre Pio (1st Friday)
Friday	The Community of Sant'Egidio
Saturday	Our Lady of Fatima (1st Saturday)

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BULLETIN NEWS – December 26-27, 2015

PRESEPIO/NATIVITY OF MERCY and HOLY DOORS: We are receiving many calls regarding the newest additions to our church. Apparently, the word is spreading that Most Precious Blood Church's main entrance doors on Baxter Street are now 'Holy Doors of Mercy'—a great honor. All Baptized Catholics have the opportunity to receive special blessings and plenary indulgences by walking through these doors. There is an information sheet outlining what you need to do to gain plenary indulgences in the sacristy and in the church. What you are required to do is not difficult; it simply requires faith in, and dedication to, your Catholic teachings. We are required to live a good life, free from sin. If we falter – and we all do at times – Confession and Holy Communion make it possible for us to begin each new day with a clean slate. We are also required to pray for our Holy Father, certainly an incredibly easy thing to do.

For information on these requirements, please visit www.oldcathedral.org.

Also, we ask those of you who can do so without creating hardship for yourselves and your families, to please consider making a donation to Most Precious Blood Church to help defray the cost of the Presepio, its maintenance, and whatever measures are necessary to insure its safety. As you know, until November 20, 2016 our church will be open overnight; security is required to keep everything and everyone safe: the Nativity, our parishioners and visitors, and the church itself. None of this is free, and anything you can do to help support the Holy Year of Mercy 'events' will be much appreciated.

CHRISTMAS: We hope everyone had a joyous and very Merry Christmas. As we look forward to 2016, let's all use our heads and be careful this coming weekend -- New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, especially if there's travel involved. In many cases, it's the other guy's irresponsible behavior that impacts us and causes us harm. Please keep your eyes open, stay alert, and have a wonderful, safe "ushering-in" of 2016. Happy New Year to all.

INFORMATION SHEET

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