



The Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral
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Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 20, 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 19, Late Advent Weekday

8:00AM (Eng) Por todos los miembros de nuestra parroquia
5:30PM (Eng) For: Caterina Parmentola
 By: Toni Pulice Pati

Sunday/Domingo-December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:15AM (Eng) For: Nellie DeCarlo
 By: Bonica Family
10:15AM (Chi) In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary
 By: Joseph Fan
11:30AM (Spa) Por los cursillistas y por las almas de Jose Antonio,
 Juana y Rafael Reyes invitan sus familias
12:45PM (Eng) For: Jimmy Stravato
 By: sons-in-law
7:00PM (Eng) For: Brian & Eileen Dalton
 By: Hazel Dalton

Monday/Lunes-December 21, Late Advent Weekday

8:00AM (Spa) Por el eterno descanso del alma de Jose Antonio
 Reyes invita Jose y Agustina Rodriguez y familia
12:10PM (Eng) For: Marcel and Jeannine LeBloas

Tuesday/Martes-December 22, Late Advent Weekday

8:00AM (Spa) En acción de gracias por el cumpleaños de Felix
 Fernandez invita su madre Angelina Nuñez
12:10PM (Eng) For: Yvette Coelho-Adam
 By: daughter, Daphne Coelho-Adam

Wednesday/Miercoles-December 23, Late Advent Weekday

8:00AM (Spa) Por el alma de Esther Rodriguez
 By: Family
12:10PM (Eng) For: Vincent Spota
 By: sister, Ann

Thursday/Jueves-December 24, Late Advent Weekday

8:00AM (Spa) Por todos los miembros de nuestra parroquia
12:10PM (Eng) For: Vivian DeSimone Depole
 By: daughter, Kim
5:30PM (Eng) For: Marisa Sarubbi
 By: Mom and Brother

11:00PM (Eng) Midnight Mass

Friday/Viernes-December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

9:15AM (Eng) For: The people of the parish
10:10AM (Chi) For: The people of the parish
11:30AM (Spa) Por todos los miembros de nuestra parroquia
2:00PM (Eng) For: The people of the parish

Saturday/Sabado-December 26, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

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

Sunday Offerings
\$3,563.00

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA



MUSIC FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Music for this Sunday starts with the beautiful Advent Introit *Rorate caeli*. A great work of art, the chant is musical word-painting in its highest form. It is proper to Advent IV, though it also occurs throughout Advent as the Versicle and Response after the reading at Vespers. At the end of the Mass, after the closing hymn, you'll here Brahms' variations on the German hymn, *O Heiland reiß die Himmel auf*, based on that chant (it is a choral piece which I've transcribed for organ). Brahms wrote three sets of Motets (Opus 29, 74 and 110); this one reflects Brahms' high art of contrapuntal writing, very much influenced by his familiarity with Bach, but combined with the new tools of the Romantics. It is a *tour de force* in expressivity through harmonic writing. Another Romantic is on the program this weekend: the great organist, composer, and pedagogue César Franck (1822-1890). A well-loved teacher at the famed Paris Conservatoire, he influenced many, and as an organist, he held the post at St. Clothilde from 1858 until his death. We hear Franck's *Ave Maria* from 1863; the Offertory antiphon is *Ave Maria* this week. Among the hundreds of settings of the *Ave Maria*, this one is unique. I'm not going to say more than that, since there is so much in it. One rarely hears Franck's choral music, which is a shame!

MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS

Our concert of carols starts at 10:30 PM, with prelude music starting 10:20 PM. Be sure to get a seat! This year we will have a treble choir consisting of Schola members, accompanied by piano, organ, and violinists Emily Ondracek and Eric Peterson. The prelude to the concert will feature a rare work by the Italian baroque master Francesco Manfredini (1684-1762): his Christmas Concerto. The concert will have carols from around the world, including the Huron carol; a work from the Colonial Music Archives in Guatemala; and lots of standards. The Mass will have a choral *Kyrie* and *Agnus Dei* from Josef Gabriel Rheinberger's (1839-1901) *Mass in A Major "in nativitate Domini"* and a very special motet by Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643). The evening ends peacefully, with the annual singing of Silent Night.

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 chari-
ties 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)

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

Midnight Mass

The Mass starts at 11:00 PM
with caroling at 10:30 PM

Other Christmas Masses

Dec. 24 - 5:30 PM Vigil

Dec. 25 - 9:15 AM,
10:15 AM (Chinese)

11:30 AM (Spanish),
12:45 PM

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

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 describe gender and age.

The other tree is an opportunity for you to give a gift to a homeless person at The Catholic Worker, established by Dorothy Day

New socks, underwear, scarves 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 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 20 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent (*Gaudete Sunday*), the four-week liturgical season that prepares for the Incarnation of the Son of God. While not a penitential season like Lent, we are called nevertheless to enter into a mindset of reflection, restraint and renewal. The vestments that the priest wears is violet and the altar is decorated sparsely, usually with branches or simple purple-colored flowers.

The ADVENT WREATH reminds us of God Himself, 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 newness, 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 centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ.



Three of the candles are violet and one is pink. Each candle represents one of the weeks in Advent, the pink one represents 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.

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 19-20, 2015

Saturday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

5:30 PM (Vigil) For: Marie Fabiani (1st Anniversary) by:
Frances & Barbara Casalini

5:30 PM (Vigil) For: Fanny Pontillo (1st Anniversary) by
By: Frances & Barbara Casalini

Sunday, December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM For: Fred Fabiani By: Fabiani Family

10:00 AM For: Antonio & Letizia Rizzo by: Teresa Rizzo
& Family

Monday, December 21, Advent Weekday

12:10 PM Intention of the Donor

Tuesday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday

12:10 PM For: Nancy Piccirello
by: daughter, Judy Lemole

Wednesday, December 23 Late Advent Weekday

12:10 PM For: John "Cha-Cha" Ciarcia

**Thursday, December 24, Late Advent Weekday, Christmas
Day**

12:10 PM Intention of the Donor

Friday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

**NO MASS AT MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD
CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES AT ST. PATRICK'S
OLD CATHEDRAL
9:15 AM (English)
10:10 AM (Chinese)
11:30 AM (Spanish)
12:45 PM (English)**

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

5:30 PM (Vigil) Santo & Antoinette Aimone by: D. Aimone

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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 19-20, 2015

PLENARY INDULGENCE: Most Precious Blood Church had the honor of having the main entrance doors on Baxter Street designated Holy Doors of Mercy which were blessed by Bishop O'Hara this past Sunday, December 13th. They will remain Holy Doors until November 20, 2016, the official end of the Extraordinary Year of Mercy. We are receiving many inquiries as to how one goes about gaining a plenary indulgence. The following will explain the steps necessary for you to follow so that you can receive your special blessings and plenary indulgence(s).

***Baptized Catholics (the faithful) in the state of grace (free from mortal or grave sin) who have the intention of gaining a plenary indulgence must:**

Have an interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin or less grave sin;

Have sacramentally confessed their sins (Sacrament of Reconciliation) within 20 days after performing the indulgenced work (pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy);

Receive the Holy Eucharist within 20 days after performing the indulgenced work (pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy). (It is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass but, for the indulgence, only Holy Communion is required);

Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father within 20 days after performing the indulgenced work (pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy). This prayer is up to the individual, but customary and suggested prayers are: the Profession of Faith (Creed from the Mass), or one 'Our Father' and one 'Hail Mary';

It is appropriate but not necessary that Sacramental Confession, reception of the Holy Eucharist, and prayer for the Pope's intentions take place at the time of the indulgenced work (pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy).

RECEPTION FOLLOWING HOLY DOOR BLESSING: We extend our sincere thanks to Karen King, wife of John 'Cha-Cha' Ciarcia and owner of Alleva's Dairy for her very generous donation of food that was served at a small reception after the blessing of the Holy Doors. We are confident Cha-Cha was smiling down on her from heaven for this gift to a church he loved.

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD SENIOR CLUB: We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Robert Ianniello, owner of Umberto's Restaurant for providing salad, bread and a delicious pasta dish for this month's senior luncheon. Since this was so close to Christmas, we wanted to present our seniors with a small token and Ralph Tramontana, owner of Sambuca's Café, donated mini panettones which were given to all seniors as they left the luncheon. Those who left early and did not receive one can come to the rectory office and pick theirs up. As always, we pray our benefactors are blessed; may their kindness & generosity be returned to them tenfold. Our next MPB Senior Club luncheon will be on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 1:00 pm.

INFORMATION SHEET

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