



**The Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral**  
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**The Shrine Church of Most Precious Blood**  
**National Shrine of San Gennaro**  
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**Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 24, 2017**  
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**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

**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

**Spanish Prayer Group**

Fridays 7:30pm

**Cursillistas Meeting**

Sundays after the 11:30am Mass (Spanish)

**Saturday/Sabado-December 23, Late Advent Weekday**

**8:00AM (Spa)** Por todos los miembros de nuestra parroquia  
**5:30PM (Eng)** For: Kenneth Nielsen  
By: Sari Nielsen

**Sunday/Domingo-December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**9:15AM (Eng)** For: Linda O'Donnell  
By: O'Donnell Family  
**10:15AM (Chi)** In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary  
By: Paul Yan  
**11:30AM (Spa)** Por las almas de Coralia, Edilio y Manuel Beltrez  
Invita Margarita Beltrez  
Por el eterno descanso de Juan Adames  
**12:45PM (Eng)** For: Ann J Kilkenny  
By: James & Cathy Quigley  
**5:30PM (Eng)** For: Leonard Borg  
By: Greg Lynch  
**11:00PM (Eng)** Midnight Mass

**Monday/Lunes-December 25, The Nativity of the Lord**

**9:15AM (Eng)** For: Raquel Leonardo & Family  
By: daughter, Sonya  
**10:15AM (Chi)** In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary  
By: Thomas Thi  
**11:30AM (Spa)** Por los miembros de nuestra parroquia  
**12:45PM (Eng)** For: Marisa Sarubbi  
By: Mother

**Tuesday/Martes-December 26, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr**

**8:00AM (Spa)** Por el alma de Ana Julia Rodriguez  
Invita su familia  
**12:10PM (Eng)** For: Peter Fitzpatrick  
By: O'Donnell Family

**Wednesday/Miercoles, December 27, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**

**8:00AM (Spa)** En Acción de Gracias por el Cumpleaños de Felix Fernandez invita su madre Angelina Nuñez  
**12:10PM (Eng)** For: Alice Leone  
By: Connor Flatz

**Thursday/Jueves-December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

**8:00AM (Spa)** For: Robert G. Fuller  
By: Friends of the Erben Organ  
**12:10PM (Eng)** For: David Mahoney  
By: Susan & Bobby Mauro

**Friday/Viernes-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: David Mahoney  
By: Susan Martini

**Saturday/Sábado-December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

**8:00AM (Spa)** Por el eterno descanso de Pablo Fernandez invita Francisco Fernandez  
**5:30PM (Eng)** For: Mary & Pat DeBonis  
By: daughter, Antoinette

**Pastor - Monsignor Donald Sakano**

**[pastor@oldcathedral.org](mailto:pastor@oldcathedral.org)**

**Rev. Andrew Thi – Resident Vicar**

**Deacon Paul Vitale**

**Visiting Celebrants:**

Rev. Jason Smith, LC  
Rev. Richard Dillon  
Rev. Richard Adams  
Rev. Brian McWeeney  
Rev. Carlos Mullins  
Rev. Fabian Grifone, OFM  
Rev. Louis Troiani, OFM  
Rev. Philip Phan, Vietnamese Apostolate  
Rev. Robert Campagna, O.F.M. –Minister Provincial  
Rev. Patrick Boyle, O.F.M. - Vicar Provincial

**Director of Music - Jared Lamenzo**

**[organist@oldcathedral.org](mailto:organist@oldcathedral.org)**

**Wedding Coordinator - Rosa Jimenez**

**[rosa@oldcathedral.org](mailto:rosa@oldcathedral.org)**

**Sunday Collection:**

**\$4,518.00**

**Baptism Preparation Session: Monday ~ January 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM**

## \* A Blessed Christmas to All

Christmas is celebrated from The Nativity of the Lord (Dec.25) to The Baptism of the Lord (Jan 8).

### The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Vigil Mass on Sunday, Dec 31 at 5:30 PM; Monday, Jan 1 Masses at 8:00AM(Spa) & 12:10PM (Eng)

There will be no Mass at 7:00 PM on Sunday, Dec. 31

#### Our Lady of China

Our new image of The Blessed Virgin Mary artfully crafted in Italy will be blessed together with the images of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel on The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, January 7, 2018 at 12:45pm Mass  
Bishop John O'Hara, Celebrant

- \* **Masses from Monday to Saturday** —8:00 AM & 12:10 PM—will be celebrated in the Parish house at 263 Mulberry Street, until the Daily Mass Chapel in the Basilica finishes construction.
  - \* **Family Religious Education**, including preparation for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion, Penance and Confirmation in conjunction with Basilica Voices is coming up in September. For more info contact Tony MacDonnell at [Tony@oldcathedral.org](mailto:Tony@oldcathedral.org) or call the Parish House.
  - \* **Moms & Tots, Thursdays from 10:30am-12pm ~ Parish House 263 Mulberry St.** This gathering in the Parish House will allow mothers with young children to spend some me together and strengthen their own spiritual lives. Please contact Tony at [tony@oldcathedral.org](mailto:tony@oldcathedral.org) for more information.
  - \* **San't Egidio, Fridays at 6:30pm Church of the Most Precious Blood** Join this Catholic lay movement every Friday evening at the Church of the Most Precious Blood for prayer and service to the poor. For more information: <http://santegidiouusa.org/communities/new-york/>
  - \* **Communion & Liberation** ~ Communion and Liberation is a movement in the Church which has the purpose of forming its members in Christianity in order to make them coworkers in the Church's mission in all areas of society. They regularly meet on Fridays evenings for prayer and meditation. For more information or to attend a meeting, email [simonetta.ditalia@gmail.com](mailto:simonetta.ditalia@gmail.com) for more information and future dates.
  - \* **CNYC FIT Monday's Starting July 31st, 7:00pm Undercroft the Church** Stay fit with Pilates and a Yoga-like course each Monday evening while keeping up with prayer! Prayer and exercise go hand in hand. To sign up or for more info email [emma.dallman@archny.org](mailto:emma.dallman@archny.org)
  - \* **Bowery Walk ~ Third Tuesday of each month, 7:30pm Parish House, 263 Mulberry St.** Join us as we continue with the Malta Auxillary Committee our Lenten Bowery Walk. We will prepare meals in the Rectory and walk to local destinations handing out the meals to the needy. For more info or to sign up contact: [frances.asquith@googlemail.com](mailto:frances.asquith@googlemail.com).
- #### Music at the Basilica
- \* Interested in joining the Basilica Schola? The Schola is our fabulous volunteer choir that sings at Sunday 7:00pm Masses and major feasts throughout the year. Contact Michael Bodnyk, our Cantor, at [cantor@oldcathedral.org](mailto:cantor@oldcathedral.org) for more information.
  - \* Come and hear wonderful music at the Basilica. Fount out more about events on our Website <http://oldcathedral.org/concerts>.
  - \* Learn about the music you hear at mass by joining our Facebook page: <http://facebook.com/erbenorgan>
  - \* Join the Friends of the Erban Organ (FREO) to help preserve our magnificent 1868 Henry Erben pipe organ on the eve of its 150th Anniversary. FREO is a non-profit organization is committed to the preservation, restoration, and appreciation of the pipe organ through innovative performance and education programs for families and children. FREO recently welcomed Martin Scorsese as Honorary Chair of its Board. See <https://erbenorgan.org/> to learn more.

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**MASS SCHEDULE - The Shrine Church of the Most Precious Blood**  
**Wednesday - 12:10 PM, Saturday Vigil - 5:30 PM**  
 Sunday - 2:00 PM (Vietnamese)  
**CONFESSIONS**  
 At the Basilica: Saturdays 4:30-5:30 PM Sundays 6:00pm—7:00 PM

**The Shrine Church of Most Precious Blood**  
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**Secretary: Emily DePalo Email: emilydepalo@yahoo.com**  
**Project Manager: William Russo**

**MASS LIST – DECEMBER 23-24, 2017**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2017**

5:30PM (Vigil) For: Anne & Lucille Caruso  
 By: Teresa & Joe Rizzo

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017 – The 4th Sunday of Advent/  
 Christmas Eve**

5:30PM (Vigil) For: Deceased Members of the DePalo,  
 Tichio & Parziale Families  
 By: Minnie & Emily

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017 – CHRISTMAS DAY**

NO MASS  
 OFFICE CLOSED

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017**

NO MASS

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2017 – St. John, The Apostle**

12:10PM For: Santo & Antoinette Aimone  
 By: D. Aimone

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2017**

NO MASS

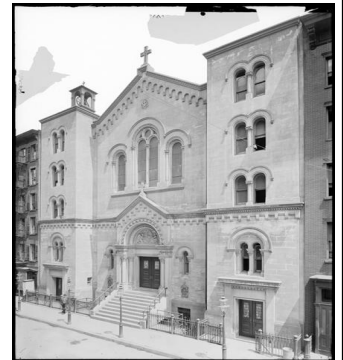
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2017**

6:30PM Sant' Egidio Prayer Service

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2017**

5:30PM (Vigil) For: Rocco Vita (2nd Anniversary in  
 Heaven)  
 By: sister Connie  
 For: Sam Fata  
 By: Camille & Eddie Welsh

**Saturday, December 23** Tonight's Saturday 5:30PM Vigil Mass satisfies your obligation for Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Advent (tomorrow). Sunday is also Christmas Eve, and there will be a Mass here at Most Precious Blood Church at 5:30PM; this vigil Mass satisfies your obligation for Christmas Day attendance. There will be music at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass which will be provided by organist Jeff Blocker. Mr. Blocker has been the organist at St. Joseph's Church, which is now closed, for the annual Masses for St. Rocco and San Vincenzo. Both of these societies have moved their statues and their annual Masses from St. Joseph's to MPB Church. Consequently, Mr. Blocker has moved his musical expertise here, as well. Please join us tomorrow night as we celebrate the birth of Jesus in our beautiful church. We thank Father Patrick Boyle, O.F.M. for making the request for this Mass, and we thank Msgr. Donald Sakano for giving us his blessing to go forward with it. **WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY BLESSED AND VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



**CHRISTMAS NATIVITY/TREE, ETC.:** In keeping with the Christmas spirit in Little Italy, Casa Bella Restaurant and Benito I Restaurant joined forces and graciously donated the beautiful Christmas tree that currently adorns our courtyard. The proprietors of these establishments wish everyone a very Merry Christmas; in their own words, "Buon Natale!"

We'd like to thank both Ralph Tramontana and Bill Russo for being the catalysts in getting the tree ordered and delivered on very short notice. Thank you, also, to Illuminations by Arnold who donated the labor to get the tree erected and decorated.

Many, many thanks to Adele Gallo of Casa Bella and Nick & James Bari of Benito I for their generosity making it possible for MPB to once again present a beautiful Christmas tree which our parishioners and visitors look forward to seeing every year.

**BUONGIORNO PROJECT:** We would like to acknowledge and thank Angel & Louis Marinaccio for their donation to the Buongiorno Project. As mentioned in previous weeks, the Buongiorno Project is a work in progress designed to repair and clean the magnificent works of art that grace the walls and ceiling of MPB Church. These paintings were created by the artist Donatus Buongiorno, hence The Buongiorno Project. His many other incredible works of art are displayed in other churches throughout New York and Italy. For those who are computer-literate, please research him to see the extent of the talent this man possesses; his genius was truly a gift from God.



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