

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 21-22, 2017

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass times: Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 10:45am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Confession: Saturday: 4:30 pm or
by appointment.

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

INVITATION FROM OUR PASTOR

Please join me for a Wine and Cheese Social at St Patrick - all are welcome it will be on this Tuesday (October 24th) at 630 pm here at St. Patrick. There will be time for a Q & A with the pastor and then plenty of cheese (and wine). Come and have fun!

-Father Rossi



MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

In one of the daily Mass readings this week, Jesus is mad at people because they reject him. He is mad because they have been given by God what is needed to follow him and believe and yet they still don't.

"While still more people gathered in the crowd, Jesus said to them, 'This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it, except the sign of Jonah. Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. At the judgment the queen of the south will rise with the men of this generation and she will condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and there is something greater than Solomon here. At the judgment the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because at the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here.'" Luke 11:29-32.

Jesus is mad because those people from Nineveh were given less and did more with it. He is mad because the Queen of Sheba was given less and did more with it.

What do I mean? Both the Ninevites and the Queen of Sheba were folks from Old Testament times. And when they encountered God's preachers, they did something about it. Those folks knew way back then that what they were hearing was something unusual, and special.

Then, Jesus comes along and preaches to people of his day, but they are not impressed. They reject what he has to say. And Jesus was way better than Jonah and Solomon!!! They should have been blown away!

God expects more, the more he gives someone.

We cannot simply say to ourselves, 'well I'm not too bad of a person, I never killed anyone.' I hear that often as to why we don't need to go to confession.

God does not measure all people with the same measuring stick. For some people, an inch on the measuring stick is actually 2 feet. And for others, an inch is really only 1 millimeter.

This may seem unfair; shouldn't God judge us all with the same measuring stick? Actually no, he does not. And the reason why is because everyone has a different expectation based on what God has already given them.

Now when I say that, I am not talking about financial success in life. I am talking about spiritual graces. God gives more faith to some and less to others. God gives more graces to some and less to others. This is because he has something he is expecting as a result of those gifts, he is expecting a return on his investment. If he invests 10 graces, he wants a payout on 10 graces. If he invests only 5, he will only want a payout on 5.

Hearing Jesus is more spiritual graces than hearing Solomon or Jonah. Jesus wasn't getting his return on investment and that made him upset.

So if you want to please Jesus, don't compare yourself to other people because you don't know how much grace they have been given in their lives. They may have been given less, in which case you'll always condemn them or just become lazy because you're comparing yourself to someone who couldn't possibly do you what God expects from you. Or they may have been given more, in which case you'll never measure up. Spend your time recognizing what God has given to you, and give him his return on investment. — Father Rossi



COMMUNION MEDITATION SONG

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Women, Wine, and the Word:

Our October gathering will be Friday 10/27/17 from 6.30pm to 8.30 pm in the St Patrick social hall. This month's topic will be "Prayer to Peace" and will include a great short DVD presentation. All ladies are invited to join us for our monthly gathering, please invite your friends & family as well and bring a light snack or wine to share for an evening of great discussion and fellowship. Please let Donna Baird know if you plan to attend at 804.888.3470 or at donnahbaird@yahoo.com

Celtic Games: It's that time of year! The 2017 Celtic Festival and Highland Games will be held this year October 28 & 29 at RIR. And once again we need your help to make and sell the World-Famous St. Patrick's Irish Coffee! We need help both days setting up, serving and selling, a great way to work with old and new friends! This is always a Wonderful fundraiser for St. Patrick's! Last year your hard work brought in \$15,000 for our ministries. Please consider helping this year! A signup sheet will be in basement after Sunday mass.

SENIOR TRIP: Tuesday, Oct 24th-Fall leaf peeping trip to Walton's Mountain Museum, Carter Mountain Orchard, and lunch at Mitchie's Tavern in Charlottesville. The bus will leave St. Patrick Church at 0730--Contact Heather Coleman for a seat on the bus!

COAT DRIVE: It is that time of year again when the Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual kids coats campaign during the month of October. Please consider donating a new or clean lightly used child's coat. There will be a box for your donations in the social hall. All coats will benefit area children in need in the through Catholic Charities.

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars **the next Sharing Sunday which will be November 5th.** Please bring non-perishable food items.

Fr Rossi says HELP!!! - I need your old clothes (gently used), especially men's clothes, and hygiene products (toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, soap, etc). **St. Peters is starting their clothes closet again in preparation for winter.** We also need blankets! Please give us your old gently used stuff. You probably need to make room in your closet and these folks really need your help. Please, please, please do it!!! You can bring your stuff by St Peter Tues-Fri 9am-2pm (this is preferable) or you can just bring it to Church and there will be a big box in the back of Church. Thank you. - Fr Rossi

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): The RCIA is the process where the Catholic Church welcomes new adult members into the Church. Adults wishing to learn more should contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held at mass the first Sunday of the month. Baptism class is required prior to Baptizing your first child. **The next class will be held on 11/5/17 at 1pm in the parish hall.** If you are interested in attending a class & scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner.

Visitation to the sick and homebound – If you or someone you know would like a visit and Holy Communion at their home. Please call the office at 737-8028. Office staff will ensure the information will be relayed to Visitation Ministry individuals.

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SPC Emergency #: 804-402-1221 - If someone is dying or has died & you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.

Bulletin: All bulletin submissions must be emailed to Michelle Dawson the Tuesday prior by noon.



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