

# SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

**October 28-29, 2017**

## **Thirtieth 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



### **All Saints Day:**

All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation.  
Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday,  
November 1, at 7pm.

## **MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:**

Good day all. I would like to start by saying a very grateful thank you to all the people who volunteered and worked so hard at our Barbeque Blast at St John last weekend. To our master chef, to our coordinators, to all those who helped setup and take down, to the ladies of the women's council and to the parish staff, thank you very much. It was an excellent day: good fellowship, amazing food and perfect weather. God smiled upon us and gave us a wonderful day.

I love the Fall. I love the cooler air. It's great for running and leaving your windows open at night. I was discussing this with my mother a week ago, and she said she loves it as well but it also makes her sad because she says it means that another year has passed.

I am not as old as her and I don't know what I will feel like when I am her age (she'd beat me if I said her age). I am sort of in between as to whether I mind if the years pass swiftly or slowly.

It's funny how when you are young you cannot wait to get old; old enough to drive, old enough to buy beer (legally), old enough to 'do what you want.'

And then we get a little older and we are not so sure it's that great to get old: driving isn't that fun, beer gives us a beer belly, and usually when we have the 'do what we want' feeling it leads to mistakes and sins.

But there are two excellent things to be excited about when getting old. And these ones are legit (that means 'real'...that's the way to young hipsters say it).

The first is that you get smarter. You get wiser.

I am convinced there is no substitute for age when it comes to wisdom. There is just some things (most things) you cannot learn in a book. You have to experience it. You have

to go through it. And until you do, you just don't know what the heck you are talking about (most young people). In fact, I would say almost all the virtues increase with age; you become more prudent, more temperate, for self-controlled, more thoughtful in what you say and do.

Forget the world. The world has this one way wrong. They think it's great to be young, when you're immature and stupid. And they throw out and disrespect older people, thinking they don't offer anything anymore. In fact, it is at that time older folks offer the best we as humans have available to us, because at that point they have seen the most and their advice is the best and most accurate.

Secondly, the second good thing about getting old, and very simply put, the older you are the closer you are to heaven. It is very simple. Heaven is our destination. Heaven is where perfect and eternal joy is experienced. Life is a battle. Heaven is eternal happiness.

It takes faith to be able to say this, to say 'I can't wait to get to heaven.' And even more than that, it takes even more faith to be able to live with that same attitude as we battle through all that life throws at us. It takes a lot of faith to be able to look to the joys offered to us ahead in Heaven rather long for the past, especially in the midst of affliction or sickness or pain.

But we have to look forward and know what awaits ahead. A Christian always looks forward. Not back. A Christian's joy and hope is never in some longing for a return to their youth, but for a rebirth to another life...to be born again.



## **COMMUNION MEDITATION SONG**

### **How Great is Our God**

The splendor of the King,  
clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice,  
all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light,  
and darkness tries to hide.  
And trembles at his voice,  
trembles at his voice.

### **Refrain:**

How great is our God, sing with me,  
How great is our God, all will see,  
How great, how great is our God.

Age to age He stands,  
and time is in his hands,  
beginning and the end,  
beginning and the end.  
The Godhead, three in one,  
Father, Spirit, Son,  
the lion and the lamb,  
the lion and the lamb.

### **Bridge:**

Name above all names,  
Worthy of all praise, My heart will sing,  
How great is our God.

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**2018 Sunday St. Joseph Missals:** are now available for a minimum donation of \$3.00.

### **St. Patrick Christmas Concert**

All parishioners from St. John, St. Patrick, and St. Peter are invited to the annual St. Patrick Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us for an afternoon of music celebrating the upcoming birth of the Savior.

### **Vocalists Needed – Christmas Concert**

All musical parishioners from St. John, St. Patrick, and St. Peter are invited to participate in a special Christmas concert choir. We will rehearse 3 times before the concert on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The first rehearsal will be on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at St. John at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in singing or playing an instrument, please contact Angie Pometto at 703-772-6866 or apometto@gmail.com.

### **Lectors Needed – Christmas Concert**

This year's Christmas Concert will incorporate several Scriptural readings to tell the story of Jesus' birth. We need 3-5 lectors to share their gifts at this concert. Anyone interested in helping should contact Angie Pometto at apometto@gmail.com.

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

**All Souls Day:** On Thursday, 11/2/17, the Church celebrates the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed—All Souls Day. St John will celebrate a special Mass of Remembrance at 7:00pm. All are invited to attend this special celebration, where there will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of your deceased loved ones. We invite you to bring a small framed photo in remembrance to place at the altar. We ask that you also place your name and phone number on the back of the picture. After mass these photos will be moved to the altar located at the commons and they will remain there during the month of November as a visual reminder of those who have gone before us.

**VCC voter education materials to learn candidates, principles before voting:** On Tuesday, 11/7/17, Virginians will cast ballots in several important elections: races for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general, as well as for their local Virginia delegate seat. All these races are important. Catholics are encouraged to turn to principles of Catholic social teaching to guide them as well as to prayer as they weigh how to cast their ballots. The Virginia Catholic Conference 2017 voter education materials, including candidate comparisons and Catholic principles, are available and printable from the Conference website at [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org). The Conference neither supports nor opposes candidates for public office.

**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 the first Sunday during mass each 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.



## CHURCH SUPPORT AS OF 10/22/17

### **Weekly**

<i>Actual</i>	\$2,245.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$4,221.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$1,976.00)

### **Year to Date**

<i>Actual</i>	\$57,600.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$71,757.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$14,157.00)

**Attendance for October 21st = 32 / October 22nd = 126**