Saint Patrick Catholic Church

November 24th & 25th, 2018

Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mass times:

Saturday at 5:30pm & Sunday at 10:45am

Nursery is available during 10:45 mass.

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

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

<u>Message from our Pastor:</u>

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. I LOVE that title. I love that title because it gives so much glory to God. It rightly proclaims that He is indeed the King of the whole entire universe.

But today I have a very simple question for YOU!

Is Jesus Christ the Lord of your life?

We know He is the King of the Universe, but is He the Lord of YOUR life?

If may seem like a simple question and maybe you think to yourself 'of course He is.'

But it is in fact a very serious question and one you should consider.

If Jesus Christ is the Lord of your life, that means He is the Lord of ALL your life. That means that there is no part of your life where you do not obey His will. It means you do what He wants in all aspects of your life.

Is He the Lord of you priorities? If so, then you know He puts Himself as the number one priority and for our own good. Do you give Him the first moments of your day? Or any part of your day for that matter? If not then it's hard to truthfully say He is the Lord of your life.

Is He the Lord of your relationships? If so, that means you conduct your relationships (marriages, boyfriends, girlfriends, etc.) in ways that He approves of. If you currently do not conduct your relationships in ways that He approves of, then it's hard to truthfully say He is the Lord of your life.

Is He the Lord of your money? If so, that means you give Him the first fruits of what you earn, like Abel. If you currently do not, then it's hard to truthfully say He is the Lord of your life.

Is He the Lord of your tongue? If so, that means what you say with it does nothing to dishonor Him. If you say things that dishonor Him, then it's hard to truthfully say He is the Lord of your life.

Is He the Lord of your mind? If so, that means you think like He thinks and believe what He believes. But if you think you know better than Him and especially what He has taught us through His Church and the teachings of the Church, then it's hard to honestly say He is the Lord of your life.

Is He the Lord of your will? If so, that means you submit your will to His. This is absolutely primary. If you do what you want and live your life how you want to live and give no regards to what God wants you to do with your life, then it is absolutely impossible to say He is the Lord of your life. That's a fact.

And remember, when we die, God in His mercy says that if we have made Him the Lord of our life while we were on earth, then He will allow us to reign with Him in Heaven forever. Jesus Christ as the Lord of your life makes for a great life. And an even better eternity.

- Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

<u>Thank you:</u> Thank you to everyone who donated turkeys to St. Francis home for their Thanksgiving celebrations. We donated over 20 turkeys!

Appalachian Giving Tree: The Knights of Columbus will be collecting Christmas gifts for families living in Appalachia, the poorest part of Virginia where the need is great. We will be collecting presents for 3 families. Please consider taking a tag or tags from the tree in the vestibule the next 3 Sundays & return the wrapped gift with the tag attached no later than 12-9-18. Any questions please contact Eddie & Donna Baird at 804.986.2898. Many Thanks

SENIOR TRIP: Tuesday Dec 11, 2018--Illuminate Light Show Meadow Event park. The bus will leave the church at 630pm. Contact Heather Coleman if you would to reserve a seat. Hope to see you there.

<u>Donation Request</u>: Do you have Catholic prayer cards, medals, medallions or etc. that you have extras of or aren't using but not sure what to do with them? Please consider donating them to our religious education program here at St Patrick where they will be explained and given to our children. They can be left in the box on small table in the vestibule of the church.

<u>Please, Save the Date!</u> Our Annual Christmas Concert will be held at St. Patrick on **Sunday, December 9**^{th,} **2018 from 3:30 to 5:00pm.** Admission to the concert is free, but please consider bringing a donation of non-perishable food or new baby items to benefit those in great need in our community.

<u>Sharing Sunday</u>: Mark your calendars now for the next Sharing Sunday which is <u>December 2nd</u>. Remember your nonperishable food items.

JOB OPENING AT THE PARISH — Our parishes (St Patrick, St John & St Peter) are currently looking for a bookkeeper to help us keep our books. The job is about 15-20 hours per week, flexible hours, and the ability to work partially from home. Pay commensurate with experience. Please email the office if you are interested. We would like to have a parishioner who loves their parish and wants to make our parishes even better. Please let us know if you have any questions — Fr Rossi

<u>Baptisms</u> - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. Upcoming class dates are 1/6,3/31,7/7, and 10/6. If you are interested in attending a class or scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. Please note you may attend class prior to the birth of your baby.

Cybercrime hitting the Dioceses: Cybercrime is hitting dioceses nationwide. If/when you receive an email that shows the parish's pastor or a parish priest as the sender requesting you to purchase a gift card, rest assured it is a scam. Parishioners can and should contact the parish to verify the legitimacy of any suspicious request received through email.

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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.

Church Support as of 11/18/18

Weekly

Actual \$3,772.22 Budgeted \$3.981.00 Difference -\$209.00

Year to Date

Actual \$58,841.18 Budgeted \$83.601.00 Difference (\$24,759.82)

Count: **11/17**: 26 and **11/18**: 131