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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:45 am Weekday: 12:05 pm

Holy Day: Call the Parish Office or See Notices

Confession: Mon. thru Fri., 11:45 am

4th Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2017

Mass Intention: John Damaduk

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE #586

Awake O Sleeper Rise from Death

PSALM #796

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

OFFERTORY #610

How Good the Name of Jesus Sounds

COMMUNION #609

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

RECESSIONAL #752

The Master Came to Bring Good News

Holy Communion – *This is a reminder that Holy Communion, in the Catholic Church, is reserved to actively practicing Catholics. If you are not Catholic or have not been actively practicing your faith, then please refrain from receiving Communion. If you would like to learn how to be welcomed to full Communion, we would love to help. All you need to do is contact a priest. Our contact info is in this bulletin.*

LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

TODAY'S MASS

8:30 am: Maggie Wilkins Extraordinary Ministers: Doug Dewing, Tom Fahed, Adriane Allen-Henderson

FINANCE: Kathleen & Anthony Seal, Kris Mednikov

10:45 am: Marie Martinelli Extraordinary Ministers:

Joe Naman, Mimi Schoof, Nancy Gowen

FINANCE: Steve Gerloff, Richard Williams

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am: Norma Bunchman Extraordinary Ministers:

Barbara Goode, Bill Lipchak, Samantha Perez

FINANCE:

10:45 am: Joe Naman Extraordinary Ministers:

Jim Martinelli, Marie Martinelli, Joe Naman

FINANCE:

HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED

David Adams, Joseph Birchett, Rollo Brown, Steve Campbell, David Coffman, Bill Holzgreffe, Shirley Hudson, Camilla Hull (mother of Doyle Hull), Connie Klyver, (friend of Ginnie & Marilyn), Maria Konwerska, Cathy Lipchak, Emma Mednikov, Jim Melton, Nancy Naman, Jesse Oliver, Darnetta Robinson, Rachel Robinson, Marilyn Reilly, Nancy Severns, Beulah Taylor. Thank you for your prayers.

If you know of anyone who is sick, hospitalized, homebound, or dying and desires a visit from a priest, please call or email us. Without your help, we have no way of knowing.

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.: Mass Intention: Grace Berry

Tues.: Mass Intention: Robert Andrews

Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Wed.: Mass Intention: Maria Williams

Thurs: Mass Intention: Patricia Barnett

Fri.: Mass Intention: Shirley Mauritsen

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Hello everyone!

I hope your Lent continues to be filled with many graces. Mine has been filled with many graces which is good, because I need the strength to do the work!

I want to ask you a question today in regards to the first reading. Is it better to be Samuel or David? The first reading is about the prophet of God, Samuel, whom the Lord chose to be the one who would find David. David, as we heard in the first reading, was selected amongst his brothers as the one chosen by God for the great role of being the king of Israel. Remember what it said today, there were a bunch of brothers, all of which looked stronger and bigger and older, but Samuel listened to God and chose the one God wanted, David.

And don't underestimate how important (the eventual) King David was. He was the king of Israel and is in fact in the great, great, great, great, great (and many more)...grandfather of Jesus Christ! The lineage is right there at the beginning of the book of Matthew.

But when I say, which one is 'better', I really mean which one is more important? Samuel or David? David was king and ancestor of Jesus. But David would not have become king without Samuel. All the great things God worked through David would have been negated had somebody come and chosen one of those other brothers...but Samuel was a chosen of God as well, and was able to make God's choice and pick David. So which one is more important?

I would say both. I don't think we can say one is more important than the other. For God to ultimately bring about His overall plan, it required faithfulness from both the initially called and the later called, from those whose roles are more hidden and those whose roles are more prominent, from both Samuel and David.

And this is my point for today: we never know in our lives how our acts of faithfulness will play out in the many generations to come. We may never even see the full extent of the great and powerful work God is going to accomplish 14 generations from now that very much hinged on our small act of fidelity that we committed today!

This is a great encouragement to us to be faithful in small as well as big matters today, because who knows what God has planned for the future. One small thing we do now, might be a critical item in the creation of God's next Saint John Paul II, or in the formation of God's next Saint Francis of Assisi. We just don't know.

But we do know, that if we are faithful, first and foremost, in even the smallest aspects of our lives...if we do not hold back an area from God but give ourselves fully and even in the ways we are not used to, then we will not be a hindrance but rather a perfect aid to God accomplishing His plan for humanity.

We may even be the subject of a gospel one day!

Fr. Rossi

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart.” Let your spouse see into your heart better by working through a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend is March 31 – April 2 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information, visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

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Outreach & Social Ministry – Information was not available at the time of printing.

The Bishop Barron series <i>Pivotal Players</i> immediately following 8:30 am Mass. All are welcome.

Join parishioners of St. Patrick Church at the 32nd Annual Irish Festival on March 25 and 26 , North 25 th and East Broad Streets, in historic Church Hill. Bagpipes, Irish dancing, live bands, Celtic vendors; Irish beverages, food, family area. Since 1980's the festival has assisted St. Patrick's in its mission, donated \$500,000+ to charitable, educational, and religious programs. <i>'Twill be a sin to miss it!</i>
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Lighthouse Ministries CDs and Booklets – We are now offering CDs and Booklets on various Catholic topics. The CDs are great for listening to when you are driving. We hope you will check them out. We are asking for a small donation to cover the cost. If you have any suggestions, please contact Kathy Buttner.

COFFEE – downstairs in the Parish Hall after each Mass on Sunday.

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