# FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 15, 2017

#### What in the world are you wearing?!

Almost every child or teen has heard a parent ask in a disapproving tone: "What on earth do you have on?" when we thought what we had on was fine; even pretty impressive! All of us are unique and clothes, for most, are a way that we express our individuality – or, at times – our conformity and connection with others (e.g., dressing like a favorite celebrity or best friend or wearing a uniform). What we wear says a lot about how we see and understand ourselves and how we want OTHERS to see and understand us. When it comes to deliberately dressing like someone you admire it pays the ultimate compliment: Not only, "I like you!" but, "I want to BE like you!" In other words, "I like you even more that I like myself!"

A friend of mine once said to me that the greatest tragedy today – spiritually speaking – is not that people don't obey the Commandments and do what's right. The greatest tragedy is that people have lost the desire to be close to God (if they ever had it). According to Pope Francis, the opposite of love is indifference. People's response today to the Christmas hymn with the memorable refrain, "Oh Come Let Us Adore Him" is "*That's ok, I'm good*". And that is the fallacy: That I think that I can be good without God.

In the Gospel today a guest is invited to God's wedding banquet – a symbol of the Kingdom and possibly heaven - but he arrives without the wedding garments that came with the invitation. When St Paul said in the Letter to the Romans: "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provisions for the flesh" (13:14) this guest replied: "That's ok. I'm good". When Paul said to the Galatians: "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ" this guest replied: "While I really appreciate the invitation, I have my own clothes I can wear to the banquet, but thanks!" The poor soul didn't realize that salvation comes not with the invitation itself, but with the acceptance of it. "Many are invited, but few are chosen" (Matthew 22:14). When God invites us into his Kingdom, he provides the proper attire for his guests: Christian Holiness. But we must choose to put it on. For Jesus Christ is not only a Savor to worshiped, but a garment to be worn daily, a path to be followed faithfully and a life to be lived passionately. The invitation has been given. God awaits your RSVP!

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Sunday, October 15, 2017

## Scripture Readings

28th Sunday In Ordinary Time Is 25:6-10a Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22: 1-14 or 22: 1-10 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time Is 45: 1, 4-6

1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22: 15-21



## 8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

- Living Oct Sylvia Monroe Mon Tues Oct 17 Zedekiah Smith - Deceased Wed Oct 18 Bernadette Mahoney - Living Thurs Oct 19 Grace Hansberry - Living Fri 20 Marie Racine Oct - Living

Attendance 835



#### **BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the School Cafeteria



# HOLY NAME DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday, October 28, 2017 10:00am - 4:00pm

Archbishop Carroll High School

All men are welcome



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#### THIS SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY . THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. NEXT SUNDAY'S COLLECTION IS FOR OUR PARISH POOR

St. Augustine School Love to Learn; Learn to Love

SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

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Harriet Parker

# Catholic Education Corner



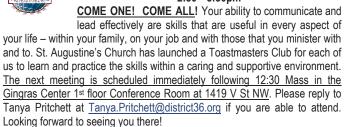
Saint Augustine School is now registering for the 2017-2018 school year for grades

Pre-K3, Pre-K4 through Eighth. For an application or more information, please contact Mr. Wilkins, Direction of Admissions at 202-667-2608 or email: admissions@saintaugustine-dc.org.

#### MAJOR DONORS FOR THE SCHOOL -**2 STILL NEEDED**

We want to THANK THE TWO PARISHIONERS THAT CAME FORWARD in the past two weeks and agreed to pledge \$5,000 a year over FIVE YEARS to support Saint Augustine Catholic School. WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR TWO PARISHIONERS OR BENEFACTORS WHO ARE WILLING TO BECOME DONORS FOR THE SCHOOL to bring the number of Donors back up to the TWENTY needed. If you have the means and believe that God might be calling you to be a Major Donor to the School. Please pray about it and see our Pastor Fr. Patrick Smith after Mass or you can call him at the parish office listed on your bulletin and our parish website or via e-mail: fatherpat@saintaugustine-dc.org

#### TOASTMASTER CLUB — OCTOBER 22, 2017 2:30-3:30pm



### FOR A SURGE IN PRAYER

October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18

#### A Six Session Course on Prayer

Topics include: The Acute Need for Prayer; The Catechism on Prayer; Lectio

Divina; St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of Prayer; The Prayer of Recollection; The Way of Perfection Saturday Mornings from 0930 am -11:30 am Gingras Center

Cost for Full Six Weeks \$10 (for materials available in class) RSVP —contact Dawn Keeler, mk6353@gmail.com

#### Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

Gwendolvn Adams John Adams, Sr. Beatrice Alexander Francis Arnold Ronald Ausbrooks William Barksdale Althea Black Frances Brooks Norma Brown Williams Burgan Andrew Burton Angela Callighan Elizabeth Carter Phillip Cephas Billy Chesley Delores Chisley Ollie Mae Clark **Ernestine Coghil Howard** Emy-Lou Daley Pauline Dines Theola Douglas Susan Epps Barbara Ferguson Toni Fisher Richard B. Fowler Daniel Galloway Charles Gathers Rev Bob Gilliam Butler Grant Rev Charles Green Valencia Green Robert Greenfield Frances Gulston

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Marguerite Parker Gunny David Pauley Cecilia Penero Audrey Plaskett Theresa Purcell Marie Racine Samiva Rajah Ashley Redhead, Jr. Royal Robinson Ruth Robinson Lisa Rivera Gertina Simms Mary Smith Donnie Stewart Don Strong Mary Helen Swann Juanita Towns Selma Twitty Hayden Vaughn Lillian Vaughn Terry Vaughn Shirley Ward Betty Washington Elliot Weaver Cynthia Wilkins Bernice Williams Teresa Wilkinson



#### PRAY FOR OUR DEAD



# PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pastoral Parish Council Meetings are held every 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am in the Gingras Meetings are open to all parishioners.



#### PARK FREE SUNDAY

FROM 9am — 4pm REEVES CENTER U STREET AT 14TH ST NW Enter on U Street

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Opens before and after weekend Masses. Use Visa or MasterCard (\$10 min), check (\$5min), or cash to buy: Bibles - Missals - Rosaries - Books on the Pope, Saints, Parish History, Faith, Discernment, Marriage, Children's Books, Father Pat's Homilies and more.

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