

Dear Parishioners, Alumni and Friends of St. Patrick's Parish Community,

The Gospel for this Sunday begins by talking about sharing your inheritance and taking care to guard against greed and being selfish. Jesus says that our life does not consist of possessions. What is the point of storing up so much and not sharing your abundance with others who may have a greater need? God says to the rich man in the parable that Jesus tells, "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?" Jesus calls us to be rich in what matters to God, not in the amount of treasure we can store up. Vacation time often means visiting our family and good friends, many of whom we have not seen for a long time. Vacations can help us remember, and be grateful for, the real treasures we have.

Information and registration forms are now available by email for our Family-Based Religious Education Program. Registered active parishioners who have been regularly attending our parish Masses and programs will have first preference for enrollment. However, there will be a limited number of openings for non-parishioners and non-active St. Patrick's parishioners. Attendance of the child together with one parent is mandatory for every session. Both parents must have a comprehensive, thorough understanding of English, as does the child. The minimum age for First Communion is now 8 years old and the Third Grade (by the first day of class) and for Confirmation it is 14 years old and the Ninth Grade.

Work is already underway for the St. Nicholas Serata for Charity, which is set for December 7, 2019, at Marymount International School. While you are on vacation please consider purchasing or seeking donations for our Silent Auction in the areas of art, agriturismo, hotels, restaurants (get their menu, too), fashion, beauty products, specialty foods, book sets, a day at a spa or anything else that people would love to bid on. Be incredibly original and unique this year! Find something that you yourself would bid on. And remember we need brand new items, nothing used. The summer is the perfect time to begin collecting these items. We also need many, many more committee members and volunteers. Now is the time to begin thinking about how you would like to be involved. Remember that the entire proceeds for the St. Nicholas Charity Serata 2019 go directly to specific Roman charities and does not go to the operating expenses of St. Patrick's Parish Community. See our special website: www.stnicholasserata.org for photos and videos of past Seratas!

We have finally begun work on the new **As Romans Do**, the first one at St. Patrick's. If you are interested in sponsoring our 100 page bi-annual guide to life in Rome as a way of promoting your business, school or place of work, please write to me as soon as possible and I will send you the information.

If you are in Rome, please join our community for Mass on Sunday. The traffic has lessened and it is easier to find a parking space near the Church. We would love to see all of you, whenever you are able to attend. Maryknoll Father Jim Lynch will preside and preach at the Saturday evening 6 PM Vigil Mass, I will be the celebrant for the Sunday 9 AM Mass, and Fr. Bill Nordenbrock will celebrate the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass. Join us for coffee, iced tea and cornetti after this Mass and take the time to visit our Library where I will serve as the guest Librarian.

Continue to have a good summer, and enjoy good weather, good times with family and friends, and good health and happiness wherever you are. I hope to see all of you very soon. Ciao for now, Father Greg