



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 5, 2007

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

— *Psalm 90:12*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION: This sacrament is administered to Grade 10 students. Preparation for the sacrament is a two-year program, Phase I, Grade 9 and Phase II, Grade 10. This is a requirement for students in Catholic, Private or Public Schools. Registration Forms were mailed to Grade 9 students who are presently enrolled in our program. Those who are not in our program need to call the office at 656-7185 and a Registration Form will be mailed to you.

CATECHISTS: We are still in need of FOUR Catechists: TWO for Grade 1, ONE for Grade 4 and ONE for Grade 6. Can you please HELP? Please call 656-7185. Thank You.

RECONCILIATION / HOLY EUCHARIST: These sacraments are usually received in Second Grade. If children attend Catholic School they are required to attend our religious instruction classes in Grade 2 in preparation for the reception of these sacraments. Parents need to call the office 656-7185 to register.

RE-REGISTRATION 2007- 2008: Family Re-Registration Forms with Reports were mailed to the parents on Monday, May 14. Some forms have been returned for which we are very grateful. We will be delighted to get the rest of the forms so that we can arrange our classes for the NEW DRE. *Thank you.*

NEW FAMILIES: We will *WELCOME* new families into our Parish Family and Religious Education Program. Parents are asked to call the office at 656-7185 regarding registration and to make an appointment. Children entering Pre-School must be three years old by February 2007. Children entering Kindergarten must be in Kindergarten in regular school.

CALENDAR DATES: Sunday, Sept. 9, Pancake Breakfast; Sunday, Sept. 16, Enrollment of Catechists and Classes for Grades 1 - 6; Sunday, Sept. 23, Classes for Grades 7 - 8 begin; Sunday, Sept. 30, Pre-School and Kindergarten begin; Sun. Oct. 14, Confirmation Classes Grades 9 / 10 begin. *Please NOTE the beginning date for Grades 7 and 8 Classes. This is so that their Catechists can take part in the Enrollment Ceremony at 9:00am. Liturgy.*

CLASSES: All classes are held on Sunday, morning. Grades 7-10, 8:45-10:00am. Pre-School during the 9:00am. Liturgy. Kindergarten- Grade 6, 10:00 - 11:15am.

Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR)—Dinners and Desserts Needed
Won't you help us minister to the more than 200 people who depend on EDR for their hot meals each day? We need volunteers to cook chicken at home and to bake or purchase desserts; we need others to prepare boxed stuffing and green beans at the Family Center. This month, we'll meet at the Family Center on Friday, August 10, at 9 a.m. Call an EDR Committee member if you have questions: Jeanne Harkin, 610-388-1845, or Ann Hapka, 610-388-1362.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Isolating Greed

Today we get a very graphic picture of how stupid people can be. A man thought he could gain security and happiness by having a lot of money in the bank, and then he has a sudden meeting with death. His greed couldn't save him. In fact, his greed fooled him. It gave him an absolutely false sense of security and so-called happiness, and then death sneaked in and finished the job.

Greed has claimed a lot of lives. It has a way of pushing out everything that is deeply valuable in a person's life, leaving him with only an artificial and very temporary sense of well-being. Greed is a trickster, offering up happiness on a golden platter, but only delivering anxiety and loneliness. But greed needs something in order to survive within a person. Greed absolutely needs the soil of self-absorption. It is the person who has eyes only for him or herself that is greedy. Someone has translated one of the lines from today's Gospel in this way: *That's what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God.* (The Message).

That's why it is so necessary to stay connected to the community. If we have genuine relationships with people, we will come to know the give and take that is part of any truly human life. We will not isolate ourselves behind gates and walls, trying to keep out those who are different or who have less than we do.

If you want to rid yourselves of the curse that is greed, then get to know and love someone who is truly poor in this world's goods. That will be the best antidote to the urge to hoard whatever you have. How could we love someone who needs what we have and not give something of our belongings to that person?

"Tending the Flock"

We're still counting on *you* to reach our goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal. It's never too late to subscribe with a pledge as a "one time gift." We are still short of our \$252,100 goal. Remember, no gift is too small. All gifts are welcome!

ADVENT ANGEL

The committee members are planning to get together soon to work on the tree angels for the 2007 Christmas project. New members are very much encouraged to join and participate in any way that they can. The committee has not yet decided on the families who will benefit from our Advent Angel Program but we do need to get started on making the angels. Last year we made 300 angels and used most of them. Please contact Casey Dauphin at caseyd2@verizon.net or 302-998-4848 to volunteer or to answer your questions.

Wedding Anniversary Liturgy

On Sunday, September 23, 2007, Bishop Michael Saltarelli will celebrate Mass with all couples in the diocese celebrating 25 and 50 or more years of married life. The Mass will be celebrated at *St. John the Beloved* at 12:30. A reception in the hall will be provided at no cost for those married 25 years or 50 or more years. Other couples and guests are invited to attend at the cost of \$10 per person. We ask each couple wishing to attend this celebration contact the Family Life Bureau, Catholic Charities, 655-9624. Forms are also in the back of church (no later than September 10, 2007)

Silent Prayer Community

This powerful ministry of prayer at SJOB intercedes to Jesus and Mary for your intentions; prayers at all hours of the day and night from the intention book in the back of church and for intentions phoned in to Cindi Clare 654-6344. Additional prayer partners welcome - no formal meetings.

Contribution statements have been mailed. Contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal are excluded from this statement since the Development Office of the Diocese keeps these records. This statement will serve as a reminder to those who may have fallen behind in their parish contributions as a result of vacations and catch up! We appreciate your generosity!

The Delaware Marian Movement

August 7th, Fr. Andrew Apostoli, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal @ IHM. 7:30 p.m. Adoration with Evening Prayer, 8 p.m., lecture, 8:45 Eucharistic Healing Service and Refreshments. This is part of a 9-day novena Walking and Speaking Tour from Philly to Washington, DC to promote family values, pro-life, youth ministries, etc. More info at www.futuredependsonlove.com (302) 478-1938.

Pilgrimage to National Shrine

Oct. 20th is the date. SJOB thirty-voice choir directed by Mary Ellen Schuaber with Michael Marinelli will provide music. Bishop Saltarelli is celebrant at the Shrine Mass at 11 a.m. Departure by bus from parishes between 7 - 8 a.m. \$25 per ticket. Call Marge Danz (302) 994-3874 for reservations.

Saturday (Aug. 4)

5:00 p.m. Rita Kearns by family

Sunday (Aug. 5)

7:30 a.m. Edith Giacco by family

9:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Mary Speicher by Margaret Speicher

Monday (Aug. 6)

7:00 a.m. Open intention

12:05 p.m. Helen Weisman by Msgr. Rebman

Tuesday (Aug. 7)

7:00 a.m. Joseph McCann by Joan Werner (mother)

12:05 p.m. Sara A. Steptoe by Maria Schmidt

Wednesday (Aug. 8)

7:00 a.m. Open intention

12:05 p.m. Patrick & Charles Brothers by Margaret Hoffman

Thursday (Aug. 9)

7:00 a.m. Open intention

12:05 p.m. Liv. & Dec. members of Laffey/McHugh families by Marie Louise McHugh

Friday (Aug. 10)

7:00 a.m. Open intention

12:05 p.m. Richard & Jeffrey Reese by family

Saturday (Aug. 11)

8:00 a.m. Open intention

5:00 p.m. Open intention

Pro-Life Message

That all women with a crisis pregnancy may look to Mary as a model of faith and endurance, we pray.

Everyday Faith

Holy Water, water used from the time of the Old Testament, has been used as a sign of cleanliness and as a symbol of purity. Holy Water, which recalls our own baptism, is important for imploring God's blessings and graces upon a person or item. The use of holy water signifies our desire to renew our Baptismal commitment.