

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 12, 2007

It is Christ whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone
with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect
in Christ - Colossians 1:28b

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.

LOOKING AHEAD: Catechetical Congress, Saturday, October 27 at Chase Riverfront Center, Wilmington. All who are ministers in the field of Religious Education are encouraged to attend.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Faithful In The Waiting

The tension that you and I experience as we go through life as believers is not essentially one of fear, but of expectation. This is our very way of life. Nothing is going to take it away while we walk the face of the earth. It's built into our lives. Our future is *with God* in a totally intimate and transparent and unending way. That's our belief. And so we wait in faith with conviction and assurance.

"The Christian lives in joyful hope, a mixture of contentment and discontent. We have joy in the present, because it is going toward completion. The future is not the loss of the 'now' but the fulfillment of its promise. On the other hand, this means that there is always a necessary and fruitful discontent with the moment, a dynamism to go beyond." (p. 69, *The Word In And Out Of Season*, Richard Viladesau).

In other words, waiting for the more can often mean that we are discontent with what is less, that is, with what we are and what we have at the present moment. We all experience this discontent. It won't ever go away. We need to pray for the grace to be able to live with this discontent and to allow this uneasiness to move us on, rather than to plunge us into despair.

Hopefully, this attitude will help us live with our own imperfections as well as with the imperfections of our spouses, children, parents, friends. We must be in a constant state of forgiving others and ourselves for the fact that we are not yet in a finished and complete state. Parents are patient with very young children because they know their kids are doing the best they can. So it is with the divine Father who looks on us with nothing but love.

REMINDER

Holy Day

August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. It is a holy day of obligation. We will have our regular weekday mass schedule of 7 and 12:05 and 7 p.m.

"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. We can't make the goal without your support!

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 no charge.. 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.

Everyday Faith

The sign of the cross made with holy water upon entering church is meant to remind us of our baptism. Are you passing the Holy Water font without a dip! On arriving at pew side a bend of the knee is meant to acknowledge the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of our church. "Awesome is this church. It is the house of God and gate to heaven." A bend of the knee at departure time is also an appropriate farewell gesture to the Lord.

COLLEGE BOUND?

Keep in touch with us by visiting our website often www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org. View weekly bulletins & "hot-off-the-press" news to keep you in the know.

*May the Lord Jesus Christ
look upon you to keep and bless you!*

Under Construction!

Sidewalk repair will begin Aug. 16th. We are sure many have noticed deteriorating conditions of certain sections of brick pavements leading to and from the church. A three-stage contract has been set for \$25,500 after a one-year study and multiple bids. Funding is possible from the *Vision for the Future Fund (1991)*. Time for the job will be two weeks. We apologize for any inconvenience.



Saturday (Aug. 11)

5:00 p.m. Open

Sunday (Aug. 12)

7:30 a.m. Thomas Hunt by Isabel MacDermott & family

9:00 a.m. Thomas Kochie by family

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

Monday (Aug. 13)

7:00 a.m. Anne Lucy Shulli by Aline & Ed Lynch

12:05 p.m. Lee Cucuzella by Mitzi & Dick Beck

Tuesday (Aug. 14)

7:00 a.m. M/M Jacques Seitz by Margaret Seitz

12:05 p.m. Edward McCarthy by Gene Toy

Wednesday (Aug. 15)

7:00 a.m. Salvatrice Rebman by Henrietta Romanowski

12:05 p.m. Liv. & Deceased members of Peguesse/Ridgway families

7:00 p.m. Ed Saymanski by Jack McKenna

Thursday (Aug. 16)

7:00 a.m. Angie Beck by Dan & Lynne Christenbury

12:05 p.m. John J. Keegan, Sr., by wife & family

Friday (Aug. 17)

7:00 a.m. Open

12:05 p.m. Anna L. B. Wolfe by Lisa & David Beatson

Saturday (Aug. 18)

8:00 a.m. Roberta Moffitt by Henrietta Romanowski

5:00 p.m. Ray Carr by Marie

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.

Ushers need help! Mass attendance in the summer drops as parishioners take vacation. Ushers take vacation too. There is a reluctance to respond to invitations to usher. *This is truly a ministry.* We don't want to deprive the congregation of the opportunity to give their offerings for church support. We need four collectors for mass. Ushers also take attendance. Last Sunday attendance was 516. It is usually 750-800 during school year.