



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 10, 2008

Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

— Psalm 85:12

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

COME TO THE WATER!!!

It's August and it's the time of the year that we gather at beaches, lakes and rivers. We go to the water to be refreshed. Water is needed to sustain life. It's because of the waters of Baptism that we are called to be children of God and to do His work in this world. The seeds of faith would not be able to grow without water. The children in our parish need to be nurtured in their faith with the help of our catechists. They look to all of us to plant the seeds and to continue learn about the faith that was given to them through the waters of Baptism. We are still in need of people who can plant the seeds !!!

We need catechists as well as aides and substitutes. The greatest need is in 5th, 6th and 8th grades. Please call 656-7185 if you can help. There is training to help you with all that you need to know to work in this ministry. May God bless you! As the summer beings to wind down, please take the time to go to the water and be refreshed!



Deacon Harold Jopp, Director Office of Deacons for the Diocese announces the application and interview process for a new class of prospective candidates for the Diaconate. Information night is scheduled for August 26th, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Grant Hall, St. Elizabeth Parish, Wilmington.

Deacon Harold will facilitate the meeting. Call (302) 573-23906 to register. You may also contact your pastor with any questions you may have relative to Diaconate vocations.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, a signet ring was an essential part of the wardrobe of influential people. A letter or document would be sealed with hot wax, and a signet ring plunged into the wax would affirm the origin of the document. In the case of the pope, at least from the thirteenth century, the ring was used to seal public documents with hot lead, saving the red wax for private letters. The public documents were called *bullae* after the Latin name for the lead stamp, and we still call them "papal bulls." It is not surprising, therefore, that a signet ring has long been bestowed as part of the inauguration of a pope. The ring is called the *Pescatorio*, or "Ring of the Fisherman." It reminds the wearer of his link with Peter, and his responsibility to continue the apostolic ministry of "fishing for human beings." Until 1842 it actually functioned as a signet ring. Now, each pope receives a new gold ring at the beginning of his ministry. It goes on the fourth finger of his right hand and bears some fisherman design, usually St. Peter casting nets from a boat, as well as the pope's name in Latin. A custom that endures

for the pope, but not so much for bishops, is for people being introduced to him to kiss the *Pescatorio* as a sign of respect for his teaching authority. Another enduring custom is for the ring to be smashed and defaced at the pope's death, originally a way of preventing counterfeit deathbed documents



PASTOR'S NOTES

NOTHING TO FEAR

A rabbi was asked why God sends trials and troubles into human lives. "Because God gets lonely for his people" was the reply. There is some resonance with this wisdom in today's Gospel, as Jesus makes his disciples get into a boat without him and goes off alone while they venture into stormy waters. Of course, neither Jews nor Christians believe that the Almighty plays this sort of whimsical game with them, but there is some truth in the statement that we don't turn to God for saving help until we're in a bind. Peter's role today, as it is throughout the New Testament, is to be a sign or to represent each member of the church and the whole church. Our story is the tale told about Peter's faith today. What can bolster our faith is that even when Christ calls us to face bravely the tempests of life, if we are walking through them with our eyes fixed on him in faith, we have nothing to fear. Even when we falter or sink, simply crying "Lord, save me!" is enough to help us know the steady grasp of God's hand. Then, sheltered inside the walls of faith, the storms we endure lose their power over us.



RCIA

It's never too soon to invite an adult, who may have considered entering into full communion with the Catholic Church. The R.C.I.A. is a process for anyone who has not received Baptism (Catechumen), and those who have been baptized in another Christian denomination (Candidate) to enter the church. Instructions will also be arranged for Catholics who have been baptized, but who have not received Communion/Confirmation. Call Deacon Ed during the day at (302) 477-3200 or in p.m. at (302) 654-7471. You may also email him at felynych@wlnglaw.com.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day



A Vigil Mass will be celebrated Thursday, Aug. 14 @ 7 p.m. On Friday, August 15th mass will be celebrated at 7 a.m., 9:00 and 12:05. No evening mass on Friday. Please remember Mary on her feast day!

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Michael Saltarelli invites all couples celebrating 25, 50 or more years of married life to celebrate with him at a 12:30 PM Mass on September 7, 2008 at St. John the Beloved Parish in Wilmington, DE. Please make reservations to participate in this celebration with the Family Life Bureau Office, P.O. Box 2610, 2601 W. Fourth Street, Wilmington, DE 19805 or call (302) 655-9624. We ask each couple wishing to participate to complete the form below and mail it directly to the Family Life Bureau, Catholic Charities, 2601 W. 4th St., Wilmington, DE 19805 no later than August 29, 2008. A reception in the parish hall will follow Mass.

Mass Schedule

Saturday (Aug. 9)

5:00 p.m. Lillian Reynolds Huisking by Claire Hanavan

Sunday (Aug. 10)

7:30 a.m. Mary Giordano by Toni & Victor Battaglia

9:00 a.m. Eleanor Sharpless by Justin & Susan Ryan

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

Monday (Aug. 11)

7:00 a.m. Sherry Reuda by Ciarrocchi family

12:05 p.m. Nancy Sucher (liv) by Joe & Shirley Dougherty

Tuesday (Aug. 12)

7:00 a.m. A. L. & Ellen C. White by Margaret Seitz

12:05 p.m. Thomas Kochie by family

Wednesday (Aug. 13)

7:00 a.m. John O. Cotter by 7 a.m. mass group

12:05 p.m. Shirley Rose by Ed & Aline Lynch

Thursday (Aug. 14)

7:00 a.m. Gen. J. F. R. Seitz by Margaret Seitz

12:05 p.m. Alice Cronin Darcey by Liz Stevens

7:00 p.m. Marie Hartnett (liv) by Bill & Gery

Friday (Aug. 15) Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. Ann Markey by Msgr., Rebman

9:00 a.m. Parishioners

12:05 p.m. Noel & Marie Schmidt (liv) by Claire Hanavan

Saturday (Aug. 16)

8:00 a.m. John Cotter by David & Karen Sowa

5:00 p.m. Rita Kearns by family



It's Summer time! Time to relax at the beach, enjoy God's beautiful creation and spend time with family and friends. Whether you are enjoying the history and natural beauty of the towns and

villages along the eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay, or the family fun of a Delaware or Maryland Atlantic Ocean resort vacation; you'll find a Catholic community nearby ready to welcome you with open arms. We invite you to come and worship with us! Visit www.masstimes.org

And That's Just for Starters!

Summer is flying by and it's time to begin planning our *Advent Angel* project for this year. This is our annual gift-giving project for the Hispanic community in Sussex County. Sister Maria has coordinated this in the past and she has agreed to do so again this year. If you would like to participate in this project, please call or send an email to Barbara Hogan. My email address is hojac8@verizon.net and my phone number is (302) 994-0407. I am planning our first meeting for early September. I look forward to working with you on this very worthwhile endeavor.

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

Choose Life

Abortion and child abuse stand together. Both stem from the false conviction that children are chattels of their parents, to be disposed of in conformity with their parents' interests, writes priest-scholar Rev. James T. Burtchell.

Upcoming Events

- ♥ Retirement Workshop -Sept. 17, Oct. 15 and Nov. 12th
- ♥ "The Big Truck" Catholic Charities @ SJOB - Sept. 28

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 at the Family Center. This month, we'll meet at the Family Center on Monday, August 11, at 8 a.m. Please bring desserts no later than 9 a.m. Call an EDR Committee member if you have questions: Jeanne Harkin, 610-388-1845, or Ann Hapka, 610-388-1362.