



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8, 2007

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Galatians 6:14

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.

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.

OFFICE CLOSED: The Religious Education Office will be closed during the month of July. Re-Registration Forms may be mailed to the 10 Old Church Road, Greenville, 19807 marked Religious Education.

A Gentle Reminder

More than anything else, our dress and attire should suggest our reverence and respect for the special presence of the Lord found in the Church. As delighted as we are to see each and every person here at St. Joseph on the Brandywine, we do offer a gentle reminder to all that modest attire is desired.

PASTOR'S NOTES

God's Intention

Very few of us have been given the task of actually proclaiming the Gospel through preaching or teaching. Most of us spend our lives doing things that don't seem to have a direct connection with proclaiming the Gospel. How then can we connect the picture of the seventy disciples proclaiming that the kingdom of God is near with the picture of our day-to-day lives?

One helpful question we could ask is this: What is the kingdom of God? If we can discover what this phrase means, perhaps we can see how our lives are proclaiming or not proclaiming this kingdom of God. According to Fr. William Barry, S.J., we can understand the Kingdom of God as God's intention for the universe. God has revealed that His intention for our world is that all humans live as brothers and sisters, as sons and daughters of God. Our thoughts and actions can either be in tune with God's intention or not.

So it seems that the question then comes down to this: Is what I'm thinking, doing, and intending, in tune with God's intention. Father Barry says that, prayer, discernment and knowledge of God's revealed Word are needed to discover how one can be in tune with God's intention

When I'm at work, or living my retirement years, or taking some leisure time, I still need to ask myself if I am doing what God intended for me – me, not someone else. I'm a unique person, with unique gifts and unique limitations, living in unique circumstances. Our daily question is: What does God want me to do today, or in this next hour or for the next few minutes? If we have immersed ourselves in prayer and in knowing God's Word, then this question will become much easier to answer.

"Tending the Flock"

The Annual Catholic Appeal doesn't take a vacation. For those who pledged, reminders statements go out on the 30th of the month. 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!

Pre-Need Planning Shows You Care

By selecting your burial accommodations in a Catholic Cemetery, you demonstrate your love to one another, affirm your belief in the community of faith, and show your respect for yesterday and your hope for all that is yet to be. Contact St. Joseph on the Brandywine Cemetery Sales Coordinator, Charlie DesJardins @ (302) 984-1144 or Catholic Cemeteries, Inc at 656-3323 (Cathedral), (302) 737-2524 (All Saints Cemetery).

The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington Legacy Society

The Diocese of Wilmington's Legacy Society recognizes the valuable contributions of friends who include the Diocese or any of its parishes or programs in their estate plans. Most important, you will become a member of an association that is committed to furthering the mission of Jesus Christ and the goals of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington.

Members of this society are ensuring a continuous commitment of care to their Church, to the Church's vision and to the charitable works that flow from her mission through their thoughtful planned gifts

Please contact the Development Office (302) 573-3125 Planned Giving and let us them know about your generosity. They will hold your name in confidence if that is your choice or visit cdow.org/planned_giving for more details.

Café Catholicism: It's Back and Better Than Ever

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish has run a summer program for teens called Café Catholicism for the past two years. Young people gather on Monday evenings throughout the summer to learn about and discuss their faith. Contact St. Mary's 239-7100.

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 the Cathedral of St. Peter, 6th and West Sts., Wilmington, DE 19801 at 11:00 a.m. Mass will be followed by a brunch at the DoubleTree Hotel, 700 N. King St., Wilmington. Brunch will be provided at no cost for those married 25 years or 50 or more years. Other couples and guests are invited to attend the brunch at the cost of \$15 per person (\$8.00 for children between ages 5 and 10; free for children under 5). 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)

2007 Collection to Aid the Church

Central & Eastern Europe

Hope is the theme for this year's collection to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. Proceeds from the collection go directly to support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, church restoration and the spreading of the Gospel message through the mass media. The collection is scheduled today. Please give generously.

Saturday (July 7)

5:00 p.m. Rita Kearns by family

Sunday (July 8)

7:30 a.m. Edith Giacco by family

9:00 a.m. Alfred Smith by the Dougherty Children

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

Monday (July 9)

7:00 a.m. Mary Greggo Ferrara by Elizabeth Tikellis

12:05 p.m. Mary Theresa Furey by Bob & Eleanor Kerr

Tuesday (July 10)

7:00 a.m. Joseph Costanzo by Kristen Plescia

12:05 p.m. Dr. William & Dr. Stephen Butler by Peggy Butler Baird

Wednesday (July 11)

7:00 a.m. Helen Menton by Karen Dougherty & Jim Erickson

12:05 p.m. Charles MacDermott by family

Thursday (July 12)

7:00 a.m. Philip B. Vannicola, Sr., by Alice & Ed Lynch

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

Friday (July 13)

7:00 a.m. Pauline & Florence Seitz by Margaret Seitz

12:05 p.m. Mary Cochran by Joe & Ann Marie Finch

Saturday (July 14)

8:00 a.m. Dr. John L. Kron by family

5:00 p.m. Phyllis W. McDonald by F. Donald McDonald and Donald McDonald, Jr.

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 Wednesday, July 11, at 9 a.m. Call an EDR Committee member if you have questions: Jeanne Harkin, 610-388-1845, or Ann Hapka, 610-388-1362.