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## *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

July 15, 2007

Christ Jesus is the head of the body, the church.

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### **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.

### **PASTOR'S NOTES**

See, Feel, Act

*If* we wanted to summarize today's message it would be quite simple. "...when he saw him, he was moved with pity...Go and do likewise." That's all we really need to know about the gospel. *See, feel, act.* There used to be a group which was involved with Catholic action, as they used to say, whose motto was, *See, judge, act.*

The difference in words here is very significant. If we follow the scriptures we use the word 'feel', instead of 'judge'. Jesus said that the Samaritan was 'moved with pity'. We are not asked to judge if someone is worthy of our help. We are asked to feel the pain and distress of another person, and to respond to our feelings. Today's Gospel has the potential of greatly disturbing us. Will we be condemned because we didn't answer every call for help from every person or group who is holding out their hands for our assistance?

One answer is to say that we just can't respond to all the needs that come our way. We would be physically overtaxed and overdrawn on our bank account. No, it's just all too much. Jesus wouldn't expect that of us. And we would be perfectly right in saying that. We are not expected to save the world. We all have many limits – limits of time, money, physical energy and so on. No one can do everything.

I think that part of the answer to his question of how we can help others is contained in these simple few words of Mother Teresa: *If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.* Don't try to do what you can't do. Just do what you can. But don't fool yourself either – really do what you can do. Sometimes we put up too many limitations and boundaries as to how much we are going to help others

#### *"Tending the Flock"*

We're still counting on you to reach our goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal. To date pledges total \$241,069. For those who pledged, reminders statements go out on the 30<sup>th</sup> 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!

### Cemetery Clean Up

This week begins the post July 4 clean up of our parish cemeteries. According to the posted rules, American Flags will be removed, cleaned and stored for next year. Several weeks ago, letters were distributed to those (for whom we have addresses) with improper decorations on graves. During the clean up period and after July 16, grave sites in violation of cemetery regulations will be brought into compliance if "burial rights" owners have not already done so. Any questions should be directed to Bob Gutekunst, Property Manager, (302) 658-1018.

Jesus House is offering a retreat on Friday, July 20 -- Sunday, July 22, 2007 entitled, "Contemplating Christ In A Busy World," led by Rev. Paul Henry. Using the teachings of St. Francis de Sales and the principles of Salesian spirituality, Fr. Henry will lead a Guided Contemplative Retreat for all looking for a way to include God in their experiences of daily living. The retreat is silent with optional silence at meals. The retreat will open with dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday and conclude with brunch on Sunday. Cost is \$175. For more information call (302) 995-6859.

### 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](mailto: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)

### NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Marion Rechsteiner, a parishioner of SJOB, won honorable mention for two religious articles she submitted for Delaware Press Association 2007 Writing Contest: "A Perfect Confidant" about her niece by marriage, Sister Ruth Agnes, Sister of St. Joseph, Rochester, Rochester, N.Y., in *The Dialog*, 10/12/06, and "Tenebrae" in *SJOB Bulletin*, 3/12/06.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. Ann's parish is seeking a secretary/office assistant with primary responsibilities within the parish office. Submit resume to Msgr. J. Thomas Cini, Pastor, St. Ann's, 2013 Gilpin Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19806.

### Saturday (July 14)

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

### Sunday (July 15)

7:30 a.m. Parishioners

9:00 a.m. Anna L. B. Wolfe by Lisa & David Beatson

10:30 a.m. Ryan James Hagerty by Bev Michel

### Monday (July 16)

7:00 a.m. John D. Coulter, Jr., by Dick Kaiser

12:05 p.m. Rudolph F. Angelo by Rudy and Shirley Angelo

### Tuesday (July 17)

7:00 a.m. Edward Herscher by Kathleen Deutz & Mary Holliday

12:05 p.m. Mary Cochran by family

### Wednesday (July 18)

7:00 a.m. Sister Berchmans Dooley by Msgr. Rebman

12:05 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Reese by Mary Reese

### Thursday (July 19)

7:00 a.m. Hugh McGrory by Margaret Hoffman

12:05 p.m. Patricia Slade Kelly by John Cochran

### Friday (July 20)

7:00 a.m. Helen Menton by Msgr. Rebman

12:05 p.m. William Lafferty by Dick & Grace Rowe

### Saturday (July 21)

8:00 a.m. Paul & Elizabeth Hahn by John & Peter Hahn

5:00 p.m. Jonathan Beech by the Beatson family

### PRO-LIFE VOLUNTEERS

### NEEDED FOR STATE FAIR

Delaware Right to Life is currently recruiting volunteers to work the pro-life booth at the Delaware State Fair. The fair runs from July 20-28 in Harrington. Friendly, outgoing people are needed to work one (or more) of three shifts per day: 10am-2pm, 2-6pm, or 6-11pm. If you are interested in volunteering your time for this worthy cause, or for more information, please contact Nicole Collins at 443-350-9569 or [NLehe@yahoo.com](mailto:NLehe@yahoo.com).