

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 22, 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.

†*Our prayers are with the family & friends of Andrew McDonough during this difficult time.*

Church Etiquette

To help our faith community respect the sanctity of the Mass, here are some gentle reminders: Please turn off all cell phones (or leave them in your vehicle). Dress and attire also show our reverence and respect for the special presence of the Lord found in the church. So, a gentle reminder at this time of the year that dress and attire of both young and old, should show that we are not headed to the beach, gym or pool. *Here's to you!*

PASTOR'S NOTES

Sitting At His Feet

Today we are looking at a picture of Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus, while Martha is busy about many things. It's probably easy for most of us to see why we have to become a neighbor to those in need. What might not be so obvious is that we need to withdraw from that work from time to time and just do nothing but listen and learn from the Master. The first question that will pop into many of our heads is why—what good does it do to do nothing?

Many commentators say that Mary's posture of sitting at the feet of Jesus was a radical posture, one that was reserved for the men of the time. The term 'sitting at the feet of' described someone who was in a position of learning. We still use the same term today. When talking about learning from someone who is outstanding in his or her field of endeavor, we say that we are sitting at the feet of the master.

We need to do nothing so that we can convince ourselves that we are not God. Doing nothing can help immensely with that project. And when we do nothing and do it in the presence of God, we call that prayer. Prayer can be a great cure for an over active lifestyle.

There is something called the "Messiah complex" which we need to avoid. Anyone who is afflicted with this complex thinks that the world can't get along without them. They are here, there and everywhere, doing all that they can and even some of what they can't. The problem is that they only feel good about themselves when they are running themselves into the ground from exhaustion. People who are involved in any kind of ministry or outreach are liable to incur this affliction. If you find yourself in that position, it's time to sit at the feet of the Master

Reach for the Goal!

"Tending the Flock"

We're still counting on *you* to reach our goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal. To date pledges total \$241,669. 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!

The Propagation of the Faith

Membership Sunday

Next week is membership Sunday for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Every two years Catholics in each parish are invited to join this world wide missionary support society. Members promise daily prayer and financial sacrifices for the Missionary work of the church conducted by priests religious and laity in the Foreign missions. Envelopes are available in pews for your special commitment to the wonderful way to spread the faith. They should be placed in the second collection.

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)

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.

Everyday Faith

The Scapular is two small pieces of cloth connected by cords and worn around the neck. This sacramental is adapted from the traditional scapular, part of the garb worn by some religious orders, that was worn over the head, covering the chest and back and reaching almost to the floor. Scapulars differ according to the devotion. The brown scapular is Our Lady of Mount Carmel, white, the Holy Face of Jesus, The Holy Heart of Jesus and Mary, and the Holy Trinity), blue, Immaculate Conception, St. Michael the Archangel, green, Immaculate Heart of Mary, red, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Precious Blood of Jesus, purple, St. Joseph and black, the seven sorrows of Mary.

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.



Saturday (July 21)

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

Sunday (July 22)

7:30 a.m. Robert L. McBride

9:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Ann & Clover Knotts by Bev & Carol

Monday (July 23)

7:00 a.m. Living and deceased members of the Laffey/McHugh families by Marie Louise McHugh

12:05 p.m. Helen Menton by Gemma & Neil Erickson

Tuesday (July 24)

7:00 a.m. Frank Carabello by Msgr. Joseph F. Rebman, V. G.

12:05 p.m. Deceased members of Grady family by family

Wednesday (July 25)

7:00 a.m. Open intention

12:05 p.m. Sister Berchmans Dooley by Tom & Francine Harkins

Thursday (July 26)

7:00 a.m. Cindy O'Day by Lynn Magee

12:05 p.m. Living & deceased members of Peguesse/Ridgway families by family

Friday (July 27)

7:00 a.m. Frank Carabello by Henrietta Romanowski

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

Saturday (July 28)

8:00 a.m. Joseph Murphy by Joan Neal

5:00 p.m. Ray Carr by Marie

Calling All Volunteers: Our new Cemetery Committee is looking for volunteers to help with burial plot sales. Since the establishment of the new cemetery, members of the committee have been providing this service as their ministry to the parish. Training will be provided. Call Charlie DesJardins (302) 984-1144 for information.

This week the new cemetery had a cleaned up in accordance with posted regulations. Letters were distributed several weeks ago to those (for whom we have addresses) with improper decorations. Items removed will be stored in garage for 6 months for pickup. Clean up of churchyard and 141 will be next project. Contact Bob Gutekunst, Property Mgr., (302) 658-1018.