



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 29, 2007

You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

— *Colossians 2:12*

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.

Summertime at Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR)

Please remember that our mission to EDR continues through the summer months. Mark your calendars now for Friday, August 10. Call an EDR Committee member if you have questions: Jeanne Harkin, 610-388-1845, or Ann Hapka, 610-388-1362.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Longing For Oneness

Unfortunately, we are not yet at our goal in pledges for the 2007 annual catholic appeal. Pledges received total \$241,669. We need \$10,431 to reach the \$252,100 goal. The Appeal office tells us some regular givers have yet subscribed. Perhaps others have forgotten. The needs are still there. It is never too late to give. Appeal cards are available in the church and at the rectory. Won't you help us reach our goal?

Today Jesus is praying for oneness among his followers. "*May they all be one*". As we look at how that prayer is being lived out in our own time, we have reason to be pleased and reason to be worried. In the mid-sixties the Second Vatican Council talked a great deal about the relationship of the Catholic Church with the other Christian religions. We were encouraged to enter into a genuine dialogue with our sisters and brothers of other Christian expressions. And we did.

For many Catholics this was an entirely new experience. Something they had never dreamed of before. Walls were finally being taken down. We began to experience our unity in Jesus. In many places, this led to great cooperation among the Christian churches, especially in areas of social concern.

But it seems that over the years since those first enthusiastic days of sharing, something has happened. Many churches are struggling with internal problems. Divisions within church groups themselves seem to be taking up a great deal of energy. And, as we all know, when we are dealing with our own problems, often we withdraw from reaching out to others.

But Jesus prayer for unity is still there. His call to form one body has not gone away. And so, even though we may have to deal with problems and issues that threaten to preoccupy our time, we simply cannot allow that to happen. The late Pope John Paul II in his encyclical *Ut Unum Sint* proclaimed strongly our necessary commitment to seek unity. We read in paragraph nine: *Jesus himself, at the hour of his Passion, prayed "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21). This unity, which the Lord has bestowed on his Church and in which he wishes to embrace all people, is not something added on, but stands at the very heart of Christ's mission...it belongs.*

The Propagation of the Faith
Membership Sunday

Today 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.

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.

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. *Make us a favorite!*

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

Divorced? Separated? Widowed?

Next Step is a support/social group sponsored by the Family Life Bureau, Diocese of Wilmington.

Call (302) 762-6306 for more details.



In September children in elementary and junior high grades are invited to participate in our parish

Junior Choir Program. Weekly rehearsals are held Thursdays at 6:15 -7 p.m. Family Center. The choir participates in the 9 a.m. Family Liturgies as well as holiday concerts. Contact Mary Ellen Schaubert, Director Youth Choir at (302) 888-1556.

St. Mary's Early Education Program: limited space available in the two year old program. Call 239-7100 ext. 34 for more information.



Saturday (July 28)

5:00 p.m. Ray Carr by Marie

Sunday (July 29)

7:30 a.m. David O. Beatson by Lisa & David

9:00 a.m. Willard Frances Anziolotti by M/M Edmond Ianni

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

Monday (July 30)

7:00 a.m. Dennis Petorello by Msgr Rebman

12:05 p.m. Frank J. Carabello by Tom & Francine Harkins

Tuesday (July 31)

7:00 a.m. Open intention

12:05 p.m. Sister Berchmans Dooley by Henrietta Romanowski

Wednesday (Aug. 1)

7:00 a.m. Robert Mitchell by Joe & Shirley Dougherty

12:05 p.m. Frank J. Carabello by Bob Gutekunst

Thursday (Aug. 2)

7:00 a.m. William MacIntyre by Aline & Ed Lynch

12:05 p.m. Joseph P. Bruno by Eleanor & Bob Kerr

Friday (Aug. 3)

7:00 a.m. Joseph Arminio by family

12:05 p.m. Joseph Constanzo by Henrietta Romanowski

Saturday (Aug. 4)

8:00 a.m. June Tucker by Greg & Maureen Johnson

5:00 p.m. Rita Kearns by family

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.

Last week the new cemetery had a clean 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.