



## *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

June 10, 2007

As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you  
proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

- I Corinthians 11:26

### **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.

**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.

**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.

**CATECHISTS:** Sister Imelda is waiting to hear from those of you who are willing to share your Faith and your knowledge of God with our children. You will be given guidance as you assume this important ministry and our Catechist Guide is explanatory and detailed. Our openings are in Grade 1 to 6. Call as soon as possible so that you can have the Grade of your choice.(656-7185)

#### Biennial Marian Pilgrimage

The 2007 *Biennial Marian Pilgrimage* to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC is Saturday, October 20, 2007. Cost of the pilgrimage for those by bus is Adult: \$25; \$10 for children 12 and under; \$25 for 2 or more children by Gregg Bus Company from NCC parishes. Registration can be made with Marge Danz (302) 994-3874 our parish representative. Departure from designated pickup points will be at 7 or 8 a.m., return to parish by 7 PM. Msgr. Rebman, assisted by Msgr. Barres and Fr. Piekarski are Pilgrimage Directors. Bishop Michael A. Saltarelli will be celebrant and homilist of the 11:00 AM Mass – Solemn Eucharist Exposition at 3 PM with guest homilist and procession of the Blessed Sacrament”. St. Joseph’s Adult Choir will provide liturgical music for the Mass and Holy Hour this year. Reservations for bus transportation are due by OCTOBER 1st.

### **PASTOR'S NOTES**

#### Living The Eucharist

The celebration of the Eucharist is really the story of the life of Jesus, and, hopefully, our story also. Jesus gave himself in so many, many ways during his life. Then, at the end of it all, he gave his very life and allowed his blood to be poured forth so that we might have new life. The mystery of life is that we need to give ourselves to others, if we are to be truly alive with the life that God meant us to have. We have to be broken and poured forth for others.

When we celebrate the Eucharist, we bring our lives to that celebration. If our lives are real celebrations of giving, then our Eucharist will be sincere and authentic. But, if we don't really live in a loving way, we might experience discomfort and unrest there. If we serve only ourselves, if we have no real experience of giving to others, then the Eucharist will not move us at all. In other words, we need to bring Eucharistic lives to the celebration of the Eucharist. If we wish to be people of the Eucharist in our day-to-day lives, we need to shake off any passivity or fear, which prevents us from going out of ourselves. Sometimes in our imagination, we see ourselves as leaving our own small lives and going out in love to other people. Perhaps we are inspired as we look at the lives of men or women who do a lot for other people. We wish we could reach out to others like they do, but fear keeps us from leaving the confines of our own small world.

So we end up as bystanders – only looking, not doing. But minding our own business is not enough. If we only feed ourselves then we are not a Eucharistic people. We need to closely examine where our fear comes from, and ask God for the grace to break the chains that prevent us from going out in love to others. As we receive the Body of Christ, we are promising that we will, in turn, feed others. We will feed them with the bread of our love, our concern, our compassion.

#### Stroke Prevention Screening

Life Line Screening will be present at SJOB on Sat. June 16<sup>th</sup>. Pre-register by calling 1-800-324-1851. Wellness Package is \$129 includes Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, and Peripheral Arterial Disease screening. Screenings are non-invasive, using Doppler Ultrasound technology. Information is also located in the back of church. For more information you may call the number above or also visit [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com).

**“TENDING THE FLOCK”**

To date total pledges for SJOB **\$217,915** toward our goal of **\$252,100**. There are still some Circle of Honor participants to be heard from. Remember, many of diocesan ministries depend on your support. Thank you for those who already responded to the pledge.

**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 Monday, June 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

**SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST FEAST:** Parishes of the Brandywine Deanery are proud to present a dinner fiesta on Saturday, June 23, 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM at Holy Rosary Parish, Claymont. Highlights include a delicious dinner, folkloric dancing, live music, testimonies, children's activities and lots of fun! Free admission. We will provide the main meal and beverages. Each individual or family is asked to bring a salad, appetizer, or dessert to share, pot luck style. For further information, please contact Gloria Perez (981-2019), Ubel Velez (478-6126), or Br. Chris Posch (655-0518).

**Thank You**

Thank you to the many people who purchased baked goods and who donated to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade bake sale this past weekend. The proceeds of \$512.71 will be sent to the family of Andrew McDonough. The girls became aware of Andrew's illness while playing on the SJOB CYO basketball team.

**Your House of God**

St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church is your house of God. But, before that, it is God's. Accordingly, you should treat it with the respect it is due. Trash scattered around the church or on the grounds most assuredly will be picked up, but why not treat a holy place as you would your home? Church bulletins, once read, should either be taken home for reference or replaced in their racks in the narthex, not stuffed in the book racks, left in the pews, or worse, simply thrown on the floor. Used tissues not only add to the trash problem; they are unsanitary. There are two waste baskets in the narthex, and one in the powder room there. Why not use them? Pencils are placed in the pews only for special events. They remain for a few weeks. Please leave them in the pews instead of stuffing them into the book racks or envelope holders. They are real difficult to remove! Also, the missalettes/hymnals should have their back covers only tucked into the blue cover flap. Tucking the front cover in, too, tends to rip the front flap out of the cover.

All of the above may seem picky or petty, but, if you think about it, God's house doesn't really have to be a mess, especially when it's so simple and easy to avoid it! Look at the church one day after Mass---would you leave your own home that way?



**Saturday (June 9)**

5:00 p.m. Joseph Battle Vinson by the Dougherty children

**Sunday (June 10)**

7:30 a.m. Francis A. Boder by Jane Jones  
9:00 a.m. P a r i s h i o n e r s  
10:30 a.m. David O. Beatson from Lisa & David Beatson

**Monday (June 11)**

7:00 a.m. Fr. Mario Bugliosi, OSFS, by Msgr. Rebman, V. G.  
12:05 p.m. Living & Deceased members of the Peguesse/Ridgway families

**Tuesday (June 12)**

7:00 a.m. Margaret & Ralph Pearce by Isabel & Ralph Pearce  
12:05 p.m. William F. Galloway, Sr., by Mark Christian

**Wednesday (June 13)**

7:00 a.m. Evelyn Rooney by Carole Curtis  
12:05 p.m. Dr. William F. Butler & Dr. Stephen P. Butler by Peggy Butler Baird

**Thursday (June 14)**

7:00 a.m. Michael Leach by family  
12:05 p.m. Dr. John L. Kron by family

**Friday (June 15)**

7:00 a.m. Paul & Frances Leahy requested by the family of James S. Grant, Jr.  
12:05 p.m. Alfred J. P. Seitz by Margaret Seitz

**Saturday (June 16)**

8:00 a.m. Parishioners  
5:00 p.m. Rita Kearns by family

***St. Paul's Raffle***

The Development Office of St. Paul's parish will be at SJOB today to sell chances for the 2007 Ford Mustang or \$15,000 (1<sup>st</sup> prize) \$3,000 (2<sup>nd</sup> prize) and \$1,000 (3<sup>rd</sup> prize). Drawing will be June 24<sup>th</sup>. Raffle benefits catholic education to students from low income families. Your support is appreciated.

**Working Together in a World That Is Falling Apart**

The Interfaith Resource Center is sponsoring a Workshop with Rev. Dr. Tony Campolo, Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Eastern University. He is the founder of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education, an organization that develops schools and social programs in various third world countries and in cities across North America. Sat. July 7th, Westminster Presbyterian Church Wilmington. Tickets: \$10.00. Contact the Interfaith Resource Center at 477- 0910.