



Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 24, 2007

Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy
to unfasten the sandals of his feet.

- Acts 13:25

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A WARM WELCOME: Msgr, Rebman wishes to announce that Miss Ann Holland has been hired as Director of Religious Education. She begins an orientation program under the direction of Sister Imelda the week of July 15th and takes over officially at the end of July. Ann has experience as Director of Religious Education for youth and adults in parishes in the Archdiocese of Newark, Diocese of Providence and as Associate Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Camden. She will be relocating to Wilmington in July. Ann has been approved by the Diocesan Office of Religious Education. She has met with a representative group of our Catechists and the Parish Council. She looks forward to serving at St. Joseph on the Brandywine where a warm welcome awaits her!

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

If you have had a baby or you are going to have a baby and want to have the baby baptized at St. Joseph's on the Brandywine it is necessary for the new parents (or parents to be) to attend a Baptism preparation class. The next class will be held today after the 10:30 in the Family Center. Please call or email Deacon Ed Lynch at 302-477-3200 during the day or at 302-654-7571 in the evening. His email address is felynych@wlnglaw.com. The ideal

time to take the class is before the baby is born when your life will not be quite as hectic but if you cannot find a baby sitter to attend the class, bring the baby with you to the class.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Birth of St. John the Baptist

June 24th is the birthday of John the Baptist. When we think of John the Baptist one thing stands out. And that one thing is that John the Baptist himself stands out. How could you possibly miss taking notice of someone like John the Baptist? He not only looked different from others by the way he dressed, but his message was strong, clear, life-giving and uncompromising. He was his own person in the best possible way. Authority, when it was not exercised properly, did not frighten him. If we think about it for a moment, John the Baptist is a perfect model for the kind of saint we need today.

Jesus told us that we are to live in the world, but not be of the world. In other words, we are to live in harmony with one another, but not disappear into our culture. It seems that with each passing day, our society seems to be moving further and further away from the values, and way of living, that you and I prize as followers of Jesus. The gap between what our world considers acceptable, and what we Christians consider acceptable, is growing larger all of the time.

Many movies and television programs seem to have absolutely no boundaries any more. We are in danger of becoming nothing more than a dumbed-down and vulgar society. Profanity and so-called sexual freedom is now the normal thing. You can't be a comedian these days unless you are very proficient at swearing and portraying crude, obscene and vulgar situations. Very sad.

Our task is to recognize and name those areas which our culture is asking us to accept as normal, but which go against all that we stand for as believers in Jesus. We are to march to the sound of a different drum. That's always a difficult task. It means that, at times, we need to take a stand on issues which seems to go against what most people in our society hold as normal.

“TENDING THE FLOCK”

To date total pledges for SJOB \$233,618 toward our goal of \$252,100. It should be noted that parishes not making their goals are assessed the difference between goal and the amount collected. So, we are still welcoming pledges. New parishioners and those who contributed in previous years but have not given, are still receiving invitations to participate in the appeal. Pledge cards are still available in church. If you did pledge, reminders are sent on the 30th of the month from the diocese, please wait to send your payment with invoice. Checks should be made to Annual Catholic Appeal and not SJOB. Many diocesan ministries depend on your pledge. Thank you for your support!

Peter's Pence Collection will be taken this weekend. As we participate in this appeal, we join more than one billion Catholics worldwide in a loving expression of solidarity.

June Is Abortion Awareness Month in the Black Community.

During the month of June, the Diocese of Wilmington's Ministry for Black Catholics is joining the National Black Catholic Apostolate for Life and Black Americans for Life (BAL) to help educate members of the African American community about the horrors of abortion. You may visit www.cdow.org for more details.

Serving by Giving just got easier. Catholic Charities' online donations now available! Gifts of all sizes are needed and deeply appreciated and they will use your gift wisely and well for the purpose for which it is given. Upon receipt of your gift, they will acknowledge your gift for tax purposes. Be assured that information about your donation is handled with respect and confidentiality.



If you're new to the area and would like to join our parish family, you can register at the Rectory by completing a registration form. You may also find registration forms in the back of church. We welcome you and look forward to your becoming active members of our parish. Upon completion, you may place in the drop box at the rectory. Thank you.

A Pro-Life Message

That all women with a crisis pregnancy may look to Mary as a model of faith and endurance, we pray.

Air Conditioning Collection It's not too late to turn your envelope in for this purpose. Envelopes were sent with your monthly envelop packets. Some use it and some don't! Churches, businesses, and homeowners face higher energy costs. The Diocese is supplying parishes with energy-saving tips; the parish staff as well is taking steps to conserve energy. We are asking everyone to help with the added expense of utilizing the air conditioning which we all enjoy!



Saturday (June 23)

5:00 p.m. *James & Helen Grant & James S. Grant, Jr., requested by his family*

Sunday (June 24)

7:30 a.m. *Parishioners*

9:00 a.m. *Theresa Nicastro Wahl by Chuck Wahl*

10:30 a.m. *Jacqueline McLaren by Aline & Ed Lynch*

Monday (June 25)

7:00 a.m. *John S. Edinger by Jim & Betsy Natalie*

12:05 p.m. *Judy & Joseph Setting, II (liv) by Joey & Mom (2 year Wedd. Anniversary)*

Tuesday (June 26)

7:00 a.m. *Mary Greggo Ferraro by Pamela Tikelli*

12:05 p.m. *Mary Cilia by Joe & Shirley Dougherty*

Wednesday (June 27)

7:00 a.m. *Nicholas P. DiIorio by Aline & Ed Lynch*

12:05 p.m. *Eugene Onesi by Mary Reese*

Thursday (June 28)

7:00 a.m. *Paul Valentini by Spencer A. & Kim Marie Glaud*

12:05 p.m. *Jean S. Craven by William E. Craven, Jr.*

Friday (June 29)

7:00 a.m. *William MacIntyre by Claire Hanavan*

12:05 p.m. *James P. Lazatti by Mr. John Cochran, Jr.*

Saturday (June 30)

8:00 a.m. *Ann & Clover Knotts by daughters Bev & Carol*

5:00 p.m. *Anna L. B. Wolfe by Lisa & David Beatson*

Vacation Mass Guide

Check out the Diocese of Wilmington's website www.cdow.org for the return of the Vacation Mass Guide. This guide features the Mass schedule for Maryland, Delaware, and Chesapeake resort area parishes. Check it out before heading to the beach or bay this summer!

15th CYO Golf Outing

The 15th Annual CYO Golf Outing, benefiting the work of Catholic Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Wilmington, will be held on Thursday, July 12th at Cavaliers Country Club on Churchman's Road. Contact Catholic Youth Ministry Office @ 658-3800 for details and sponsorships.