



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 4, 2007

The Lord lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
-Psalm 145:14

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

On Sunday the students in Pre School, Kindergarten, and Grades 1 and 2 dressed up as Saints in anticipation of All Saints Day. We had Saints that included Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Thomas, and several Marys the Mother of Jesus. I would like to thank the catechists as well as the parents who worked so hard to make this event a success.

We are still in need of substitutes on Sunday morning. Please call the Religious Education office if you can help.

Lay Ministers of Communion: The number of volunteers for this ministry in the liturgy and to the sick have been dropping due to retirements. Practicing Catholics over 18 with a love for the Eucharist and service to their neighbor are invited to interview for this ministry with Coordinator, Joe Finch (302) 654.8999 or Msgr. Rebman. Diocesan-sponsored classes are required in addition to parish training.

A Rose & A Prayer

Thousands of Delaware Christians worked together to defeat Senate Bill, 5, a Delaware bill that would have authorized human cloning and the destruction of human embryos for their stem cells. Thanks to your participation and prayers, the bill was defeated 30 to 7. But supporters have promised to bring back Senate Bill 5 once again at the beginning of the legislative session in January.

To prevent this bill's return and passage in January, we are planning another prayer vigil from 7:00 pm Friday, November 16th to 7:00 pm Monday, November 19th. All stem cells come from two sources: embryonic stem cells, which require a very young human being to be killed for his cells, and non-destructive stem cells, from placentas, amniotic fluid, bone marrow, and other ethical sources. The Catholic Church supports non-destructive stem cell research, the source of all successful stem cell treatments. Embryonic stem cells haven't cured anyone. Please join us as we ask God to help us protect human beings, no matter how small.

You'll find the sign-up cards in the pew. Please fill one out-if you are against embryo- destructive research and human cloning, it's vitally important that you fill out a card. Completely fill out the section on one end to sign up for a time to pray. Put in your address, so we can send a rose on your behalf to your legislators. or Tear off the section with your name on it and put it in the collection basket or receptacle at the entrance of church. Take home the rest of the card. Call both your Representative and Senator and ask them to vote NO on SB 5, no matter how it is amended. No amendment can make it ethical to kill a living human being. Thank you.

PASTOR'S NOTES

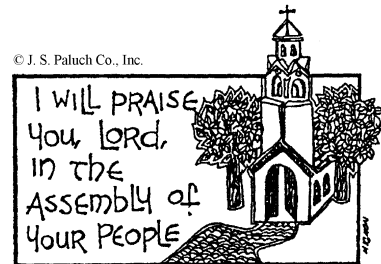
Faithful In The Waiting

What is going on between Jesus and Zaccheus that causes Zaccheus to declare suddenly, "Look, I've decided to give half my property to the poor, and I'll pay back four times the amount to anyone I've cheated"? After all, Jesus didn't choose Zaccheus because he was so worthy--the point is, he wasn't! But Zaccheus had a passionate desire to see Jesus. Jesus doesn't equate Zaccheus with his sins. Jesus doesn't demand repentance before he'll look at him with love. No, Jesus calls out first to Zaccheus, and honors him with an invitation. He creates an opening in Zaccheus' narrow life--because sin always narrows and shrinks our souls.

Then we hear Zaccheus' amazing transformation, his words of repentance and change bursting forth, like river water during a spring thaw: "*I'm giving half of all I possess to the poor, and I'll pay back four-fold anyone I've cheated!*" Once again, the jealous bystanders do not understand mercy and compassion. So Jesus has the last word: "*Today salvation has come to this house.*"

The word "salvation" comes from the root word "salus" which means "healthy." So, actually Jesus' words mean, "Today, healing has come to Zaccheus' house". "Healing" in this case means bringing together the broken parts into a whole, the way a broken leg would be knit back together to become strong and healthy again.

Whatever causes our brokenness--whether it is an illness, guilt, depression, personal tragedy, or a sinful pattern of behavior that we are addicted to and can't seem to "break out" of--Jesus is looking for us. He wants to bind up our wounds. May we always realize Jesus is gazing into our own eyes with love, asking to come to our house today.



Corpus Christi School will be hosting a kindergarten open house, Nov. 6 9:30 - 11:30. Come learn more at the open house.

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Residential Social Worker for Catholic Charities - applications being accepted, send resume to Human Resources, P. O. Box 2030, fax (302) 573-6944.

FOOD PANTRY

We ask again for your help with donations to the Food Pantry. Suggested items are tea, coffee, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, tuna fish, rice, (5 lb. bags or smaller) dry cereal, beans, pasta and pasta sauce. (Diapers, feminine hygiene products and toilet paper are also needed.) Donations are distributed to the poor in St. Michael's Parish in Georgetown and in the Wilmington area. Please leave the items in the back of the church. Many thanks for your continued generosity!

Easy as Pie - Help Someone Living with Aids

DE HIV Consortium and Ministry of Caring will be selling pies again; proceeds from this fund raiser support statewide programs. Just a \$20 donation will get you a good pie: Call (302) 654-5471 to order your pie or online at www.delawarehiv.org.

Archives Open House

Visit the SJOB Archives Open House today before and after Mass 8:30 to 12:30. You'll find a treasure trove of artifacts that beautifully represent the history of this 166 year old parish. Discover the Stuff of Life!

"THE PERFECT GIFT"

Don't miss "The Perfect Gift" held at the DuPont Country Club Tuesday, November 13th through Thursday November, 15th. "The Perfect Gift" is the longest running gift show of its kind in the United States. The Christmas Shop Foundation is committed to improving the Delaware community by raising funds for a variety of nonprofit programs that enrich lives and help people in need. Admission \$7.00/Pay once, shop all three days; Children 12 and under free; Free parking; Shop Hours: Tuesday, November 13th 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, November 14th 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, November 15th 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Majestic Italy

It doesn't get much better than this! Have you been to Italy? Want to go again? We're looking for parishioners to join Mary Ellen Schauber, Michael Marinelli and Msgr., Rebman and the choir for a 10-day music and sightseeing trip April 14-23, 2008. The choir will sing at the Vatican, St. Francis in Assisi, St. Mark's Venice, and at a concert at St. Ignatius Church in Rome. An audience with the Pope is included as are masses sung by our choir. Brochures are in the back of church. Deposits due by November 20th.

A Celebration of Fun It Was!



Heartfelt thanks to those who made our celebration last weekend a success. Fine people; fine foods from Janssens made this a super event!



Saturday (Nov. 3)

5:00 p.m. Novena

Sunday (Nov. 4)

7:30 a.m. Frank & Frances Ramone by Patti & Cathi Ramone

9:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Elsie V. Brown by M/M Joseph F. Campanella

Monday (Nov. 5)

7:00 a.m. Rose M. DiClemente by Charles & Anne Alfieri

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

Tuesday (Nov. 6)

7:00 a.m. M/M Edward Bielicki by Rita & Robert Gutekunst

12:05 p.m. June Tucker by Ellen & Bob Moore

Wednesday (Nov. 7)

7:00 a.m. Novena

12:05 p.m. Ann & Clover Knotts by daughters Bev & Carol

Thursday (Nov. 8)

7:00 a.m. Vincent Dougherty by Lorraine Bacon

12:05 p.m. David O. Beatson from Lisa & David

Friday (Nov. 9)

7:00 a.m. Novena

12:05 p.m. Edward J. Magee by Lynn Magee

Saturday (Nov. 10)

8:00 a.m. Novena

5:00 p.m. Rita Kearns by family

Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR)—Dinners and Desserts Needed: Catholic Social Teaching calls us to take care of the most vulnerable members of society. You can answer this call by helping us minister to the more than 200 people who depend on EDR for their hot meals each day. We need volunteers to cook chicken and bake desserts at home; we need others to prepare boxed stuffing at the Family Center. We also need volunteers to bake or purchase desserts. This month, we'll meet at the Family Center on Friday, November 9, at 8 a.m. Call Jeanne Harkin, 610-388-1845, or Ann Hapka, 610-388-1362, if you have questions. Please note the new start time--8 a.m. Deliver desserts no later than 9 a.m. Thank you.

MUSIC NOTES: The choir anthem for today is Holy Art Thou , an arrangement of the Largo from Handel's Xerxes. "Holy art Thou, Lord God almighty, Who wert and art, and art to come. Glory and majesty in heaven are Thine. Earth lowly bending, swells the full harmony, blessing and glory to the Lamb forevermore, for worthy art Thou; let all nations and kindreds and peoples give thanks to Thee for evermore!"