

# Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 18, 2007

Sing praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song.  
-Psalm 98:5

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

On Sunday the students began bringing in the "fixing for Thanksgiving Dinner for those less fortunate." Each grade was assigned a specific item of food. For example the first grade and pre school brought in cans of vegetables and boxes of potatoes.. Third and fourth grades, boxes of stuffing, the upper grades, turkey gravy and cans of cranberry, and grades nine and ten, dessert and bread.

The ninth grade confirmation class was introduced to the form of prayer called "Lectio Devina." This prayer uses scripture, by listening to the word of God and reflecting on it, as well as responding to it. The various forms of prayer are a required by the new curriculum for this grade level in the new diocesan curriculum. The e class ended with a prayer for Veterans and those who are serving our country in the military.

### LIGHTS OF LOVE CEREMONY

The Junior Board of St. Francis Hospital is sponsoring Lights of Love and Tree Lighting Ceremony, Monday, Dec. 10 with Eucharistic Liturgy at 12 in hospital Chapel. Making a donation of \$5 or more, you have the opportunity to honor friends and family members, living or deceased. Please send donations to Jean DesJardins, 100 Lastrada Lane, Wilmington, DE 19807 (302) 984-1144. Deadline is December 4th.



**ADVENT ANGEL** Although it seems early, the tree is up and the angels are ready for you to select. We have 6 families this year including the parents who have some very large requests in order to take care of their children. See the bulletin insert for full details. Thank you for your continued commitment to this ministry.

**Salvation Army** is ready for its annual fund-raising campaign. They raise money from non-traditional sources through Kettle Campaign where change is converted into resources that assist the needy constituencies served by the Army. Anyone interested in volunteering, call (302) 656-1696 for details.

### A THANKSGIVING TRADITION!

Lower Brandywine Church, Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. for our traditional ecumenical thanksgiving prayer service. Adult and Junior choirs of St. Joseph and Lower Brandywine will participate. Pastor David Lovelace an Msgr., Rebman will be preaching. Offering is received for Habitat for Humanity which builds home for the needy.

*Be enriched in the spirit - join us!*

## PASTOR'S NOTES

With Thanksgiving approaching, we think of the quest of the Puritans who arrived on the *Mayflower* from their first exile in Leyden, Holland. Like the Catholics of England, they were religious dissenters who suffered penalties for not participating in the worship life of the established church. The Catholics established monasteries, schools, and convents on the continent to assure the vigor of their faith's intellectual and spiritual life. The Puritans fled to the tolerant Netherlands with similar hopes of preserving their way of life, but were unable to adapt to Dutch ways.

There were Catholics who made a similar colonial journey. The hero of the story is George Calvert, Lord Baltimore, the former Secretary of State of Britain and a Catholic. He proposed that King Charles I establish a proprietary colony that he would own and rule, named Maryland in honor of the Catholic Queen Henrietta Maria. George Calvert died unexpectedly in the midst of this project, but his son Cecil faithfully carried out his father's wishes. Maryland became a symbol of freedom for wealthy recusant English families, as well as for the poor who held to the Catholic faith despite great hardship. From the start, the colony was open to Protestants and Catholics equally, and the seeds of the religious freedom so dear to the American spirit were sown with the first colonists in 1634.



We will celebrate one mass at 9 a.m. to thank God in prayer and song for blessings received individually, as a family, parish, and nation. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the poor to be brought up at collection time.

**WELCOME** if you are a visitor to St. Joseph's. We want you to know how welcome you are whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish here in the Diocese. Thanks, in part to the generosity of visitors like you, we are able to celebrate the Church's liturgy here in a beautiful way.

### WHAT IS WELCOME, YULE?

*Welcome, Yule!* is a series of handouts for each Sunday of Advent and each week of the Christmas season. *Welcome, Yule!* provides an ideal way for our faith community to honor and celebrate these holy seasons.

### A Special Partnership

**D**id you know that the Wilmington Diocese has a special covenant partnership with the Diocese of San Marcos, Guatemala? Fr. Ademar Barilli, CS and Maryknoll Sr. Mary Lou Daoust, PhD. from San Marcos Diocese are visiting us this week. Fr. Ademar is a Scalabrinian priest who directs a Migrant House. Sr. Mary Lou is a physician who oversees clinics and trains lay health promoters in huge rural, mountainous areas. Contact Mary Joe Froelich at 892-2029 or [merriefroh@comcast.net](mailto:merriefroh@comcast.net) or Br. Chris Posch, ofm at 655-0518 or [chrisposch2@aol.com](mailto:chrisposch2@aol.com).

### Catholic Campaign for Human Development

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the Church's response to Americans struggling with poverty. CCHD works to transform lives and communities by partnering with poor and low income people to find permanent solutions to the situation of poverty in thousands of communities across the United States. This weekend November 18-19 we will receive this collection. Your generosity makes a difference.

*Shrine to the Departed:* Lilies were added to the shrine as a reminder that while we mourn we also look forward to the resurrection and the life to come. Next week we will add lilies and reduce carnations even more.

*THEY TOO ANSWERED THE CALL...* The cemeteries at SJOB are a special place. Six priests who served the church in many ways for a total of over 250 years now rest in these hallowed grounds. In this season of All Souls, please take a moment to say a prayer to thank them for a lifetime of dedication and service.

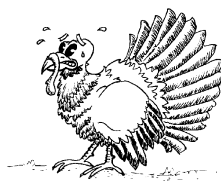
### Majestic Italy

Run, don't walk to join the Majestic Italy Choir Pilgrimage. Each week the choir is including in the mass at offertory or communion meditation one of the pieces they are preparing to present during the ten-day tour. Dates are changed by one day to April 15-24 to make sure we get an audience with the Holy Father who will be at the UN in New York, in April. The itinerary has been switched to begin in Venice and end in Rome with a papal audience. Everyone is welcome.

### Volunteers Needed!

The Delaware Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Campaign is looking for volunteers to assist low-income families claim the tax credits they have earned. Last year, 400 trained volunteers prepared taxes and generated over \$18 million in refunds for over 12,000 hardworking Delawareans! To volunteer visit <http://www.eitcdelaware.net> or in New Castle County, call (302)655-0803.

The *Family Life Bureau* at Catholic Charities conducts classes in Anger Management on a regular basis. Contact person: Mary Jo, (302) 655-9624.



Saturday (Nov. 17)  
5:00 p.m. Ray Carr by Marie  
Sunday (Nov. 18)  
7:30 a.m. Parishioners  
9:00 a.m. Louis DiFedelto by Joe & Shirley Dougherty  
10:30 a.m. James Fagan by Mary Cloud  
Monday (Nov. 19)  
7:00 a.m. Open intention  
12:05 p.m. Michael J. Grieco by family  
Tuesday (Nov. 20)  
7:00 a.m. Mrs. Geraldine Cann by Dan & Pam Salameda  
12:05 p.m. LaVerne Dorsch by George Dorsch  
Wednesday (Nov. 21)  
7:00 a.m. Rovin DeMatteis by the Ott family  
12:05 p.m. Mary R. Angelo by Rudy & Shirley Angelo  
Thursday (Nov. 22) One Mass  
9:00 a.m. Theresa Nicastro Wahl by Chuck Wahl  
Friday (Nov. 23)  
7:00 a.m. Edith Giacco  
12:05 p.m. Open intention  
Saturday (Nov. 24)  
8:00 a.m. Liv. & Dec. members of Laffey/McHugh families by Marie Louise McHugh  
5:00 p.m. Anna L. B. Wolfe by Lisa & David Beatson

### Remembering the Church in your Will

In the second reading for today, Paul encourages his readers to take some of the burden off of others. As committed Catholic Christians, we are called to work for justice and live compassionately. Please consider a bequest in your will to help the parish, in the future, to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ. For specifics on bequests or other planned gifts, please contact Sister Margaret Mahoney at (302) 573-3125 or [mmahoney@cdow.org](mailto:mmahoney@cdow.org).

*MUSIC NOTES:* O God Our Help in Ages Past is a familiar hymn, presented by our choir in a 1993 arrangement by John Ferguson. The words were written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), for the collection Psalms of David published in 1719. The music, "St. Anne," was composed in 1708 by William Croft (1678-1727). The text is more than a metrical version of Psalm 90; it underlines the theme and offers a grand commentary on the whole subject of time. This is the one hymn that is still sung at all festive occasions in England, and incidentally, was sung at services on the doomed voyage of the Titanic.

The offices will be closed Nov 22 and 23 to observe the Thanksgiving Holiday. For emergency call (302) 658.7017