



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3, 2010

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before
the Lord who made us.

- Psalm 95:6

Religious Education

Jesus said, "If you had faith the size of mustard seed, be uprooted and planted in the sea and it would obey you." Lord, increase our Faith.

Zoom! Zoom! Zoom! Here comes that truck again! Catholic Charities truck will be here on *October 30th-31st*. Catholic Charities provides professional clothing and accessories for low income individuals as they prepare for interviews for employment. Therefore, along with the normal household items, they request the following: shoes, purses, costume jewelry, regular and plus-size men's and women's suits and dresses. As you clean out attics, basements, closets and garages, please be mindful of the less fortunate among us.

Upcoming Events

October 3, 2010 - Meeting for parents and children who will celebrate First Reconciliation at 10 a.m. in the Family Center.

10 No Classes – Columbus Day

17 Classes resume - Confirmation Retreat – Fellowship Sunday – Coffee & Donuts

Blessings, Maryanne

THE POWER OF PRAYER

The silent prayer committee will pray for special intentions for the living, seriously ill or any family crisis. Call Cindy Clare (302) 654-6344. You can always volunteer to be on the committee for the prayer chain.

Annual Red Mass

The annual Red Mass for attorneys, judges and those in public life is sponsored by the St. Thomas More Society; Bishop Malooly will be the celebrant. It is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 5, at St. Ann's Church at Union and Gilpin in Wilmington.

Escape to Ireland

Join Msgr. Joseph Rebman and The Dialog April 4-13, 2011 to experience the beauty of Ireland. Ten day pilgrimage featuring Dublin, Waterford, Killarney, Adare, Bunratty, Galway, Connemara and Knock. \$2,579 per person/double occupancy; round trip from Philadelphia. Information nights are being held Weds. Oct. 6, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph on the Brandywine, 10 Old Church Rd., Greenville and Thurs. Oct. 7, 6 p.m. at St. Ann's parish hall, 691 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach. For more information and a brochure, call Kathy Novello at (302) 573-3109 or knovello@thediolog.org

Pastor's Notes

Respect Life

I believe it is now 37 years that the American Bishops have set aside the month of October to celebrate the dignity, worth and fundamental goodness of human life in all its forms from conception to natural death. Every human being is willed and loved by God. For this reason, every human life is sacred. To deprive someone of life is a grave wrong and a grave dishonor to God.

Because we are created in the image of God, who is love, we are born to love following the example of Jesus, God's son who suffered and died for us. So we learn the kernel of love is sacrifice.

Now, our nature resists giving up our time, money, and plans for the sake of others. Of course top athletes sacrifice every pleasure of life to excel for fame and money. Exhausting ourselves caring for a disabled child or a dying parent will not earn us fame or money, but it will bring us closer to our ultimate goal - heaven and the everlasting joy of living in God's love.

The culture in which we live has confusing values and Catholics also fall prey to falsehood and temptations about what is true and good. During Respect Life month there are literature and programs available to help us correct our thinking about the promotion of pro-life values so that we can support the protections human life needs.

Let us pray for those who have the courage to be on life chains, stand in silent and prayerful witness in the 40 Day for Life outside Planned Parenthood Clinics. Let us enlist Mary's intercession not only on the Feast of the Holy Rosary, October 7th, but each day of October by rosary prayed alone or with others for LIFE.

KUDOS TO US!

The end of month report from Diocesan Development office shows that SJOB has made its goal for this year of \$251,000. Pledges over target now total \$257,278. We thank all who have contributed one time gifts and are still contributing on their pledges. Remember funds collected are used for diocesan operations and not to pay off abuse claims. Your pastor and Bishop Malooly thank you for your generosity. *Truly you are in heart and mind with Jesus.*

BE A COACH!

Calling all parishioners....want to shoot some hoops with our Parish CYM basketball athletes? We are in need of COACHES for our basketball teams. Anyone interested please contact Mary Beth Russell at 302-691-3373 or email spikeit78@yahoo.com.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Francis Malooly invites all couples in the diocese celebrating 25, 50 or more years of married life to a Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass at 12:30 PM on Sunday, October 10, 2010 at St. John the Beloved Parish. A small reception in the parish hall will immediately follow Mass. There is no cost to you! You may send the information via email to ljackson@cdow.org, or call Linda Jackson at 302-295-0657.

Find the Time

Fall Retreat: Spend Seven Sacred Days of Silent Time with God "Be still and know that I am God." Come away to a beautiful setting for a week of quiet prayer, guided each day by a spiritual director, who will listen with you for God's Word and the Spirit's leading. The retreat will take place *October 25 to November 2* in Aston, PA, at the Franciscan Spirituality Center. Cost of the retreat is either \$280 or \$320, depending on which housing option you choose. Your spiritual director will be Anita Wood, M. Ed., former DRE, and president of Gloria Dei, LLC, a spiritual direction and retreat ministry. Anita has received spiritual direction certificates from both Shalem Institute and the Jesuit Spirituality Center. For more details, contact Anita at msanitawood@verizon.net or 302.540.8041

Birthright Baby Bottles

Throughout October, which is Respect Life month in the Church, Birthright of Delaware will have its Bottles for Babies event. Baby Bottles will be distributed after masses *this weekend*. We ask you to take one home. Fill the bottle with loose change and return it the weekend of *October 30th & 31st*. Proceeds benefit pregnant women and their infants. On behalf of our mothers, Birthright graciously thanks you!

There's More to Francis than Birds and Prayers!

The blessing of animals will take place today in the Family Center lot at 12:00 We do this in memory of St. Francis of Assisi (Feast Day October 3rd who loved all God's creatures. *Dress them up and snap that photo!*

Share in the Spirit

Thank you for such a great response to the Share in the Spirit collection. We will continue to accept late arrivals for the annual tuition assistance collection, *Share in the Spirit*.

Get Here Fast!

Today after the 9 and 10:30 masses, Cub Scout Troop 959, sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church, will be selling Popcorn. Some members are parishioners who assisted placement of American flags on grave sites in our cemetery.



Saturday, Oct. 2

5:00 p.m. Raymond Roman by Kathy & Anthony Poppiti

Sunday, Oct. 3

7:30 a.m. Albert Pinto by Beatson Family

9:00 a.m. Taylor Hicks by Tower Hill Classmates

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

Monday, Oct. 4

7:00 a.m. Joseph McFadden by Rosemary Crawford

12:05 p.m. Patricia Joyce by Bill & Janet Woznecki

Tuesday, Oct. 5

7:00 a.m. Margaret Milewski by Gloria Biliunos

12:05 p.m. Mike Grieco by Barb Pietropaulo

Wednesday, Oct. 6

7:00 a.m. Pauline S. Moorehead by Mary & Al Forester

12:05 p.m. Francis & Catherine Walther by family

Thursday, Oct. 7

7:00 a.m. Anthony Giuffre by Donna Hajen

12:05 p.m. John Hutton by Rebecca & Farabaugh

Friday, Oct. 8

7:00 a.m. Cathy O'Neill by Tracey & David Crowley

12:05 p.m. Arthur V. Episcopo by Nick Delfino

Saturday, Oct. 9

8:00 a.m. James Henry by Nick Delfino

5:00 p.m. David Fraser by Brian & Linda Gimlett

Emmanuel Dining Room Volunteers

St. Joseph's Day to cook and deliver food for the hungry in Wilmington will be Monday ,October 11th. Please have your cooked chicken and desserts at the Family Center by 9am on that day. St. Joseph's provides 350 servings of chicken, stuffing, green beans and desserts each month to be served at the Emmanuel Dining Room in Wilmington. Thank you to all the helpers that enable us to meet this goal every month---we couldn't do without you. If you have questions or wish to help, call Ann Hapka (610-388-1362) or Jeanne Harkin(610-388-1845). The people that cook chicken and provide desserts donate these items.

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