



# Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 7, 2007

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us.  
- Psalm 95:6

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There will be no religious Education classes on Sunday, October 7 because of the Columbus Day weekend observance. Classes will resume on Sunday October 14. Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday October 14. The Catechist for Grade 9, Confirmation 1. Is Mr. John Dolan. The Catechist for Grade 10 Confirmation 2 is Mr. Patrick Bagley.

We are proud of our third grade class. This past Sunday September 30, the third graders Worked on a map of Israel. The maps showed where Jesus lived, and it followed His path, along the River Jordan. The students drew a carpenters shop at Nazareth on the map and drew a Cross showing Jesus' arrival at Jerusalem. Please continue to keep our Catechists in your prayers as they continue to do Gods work, each week with the children and youth of our parish.

- Adult Religious Education: In our survey of parishioners last fall more opportunities for this were requested. Fr. Leonard Klein, Family Life Office of Diocese will speak Wednesday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m., Family Center on "The Catholic Church and the Death Penalty." All are welcome to attend.

- Patrick Donovan, CYM Director had a very interesting talk and well advertised talk on Sept. 26 on helping Adults and Teenagers Find God in the movies. We only had three adults attend. This was embarrassing. Let's not let it happen again!



**VISIT OUR WEB SITE..** Where can you find the schedule of Masses? Who are your Parish Council members? Who should you call with questions about weddings and funerals? Where can you find back issues of the parish bulletin? You can find the answers to these questions and many more by clicking on [www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org](http://www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org).

*The offices will be closed Monday, October 8th in honor of Columbus Day. In case of emergency, please call 658-7107.*



**Congratulations Fr. Connell.** Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> the St. Mary Star of the Sea and its mission church of Holy Savior will dedicate their new Family Center to Fr. Stephen Connell in remembrance of his 20 years of service to the Ocean City resort Catholics. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Saltarelli at 6 p.m., followed by blessing of new facility. A reception will follow. This event is open to public.

## PASTOR'S NOTES

*October is Respect Life Month*

God created every human life in his image. You, me, one-celled human embryos in lab dishes, unborn children and their impoverished parents living in the slums of less developed nations. People who struggle with disabilities, comatose or dying patients. Convicted killers on death row. Each possesses inherent, God-given dignity equal to that of every other human.

Laws that permit or promote abortion, infanticide, human cloning, destructive embryo research or physician-assisted suicide, ignore the sanctity of each human life and undermine the foundation of a just and healthy society. As citizens and people of faith, each of us should actively advance our convictions in the public square in every legitimate and ethical way. We should rededicate ourselves to upholding the sanctity of human life and hold those elected to represent us to the same standard. By our Christian example and advocacy for public policies, respectful of the human person, we can create a culture which affirms the miracle and glory of every human life. Also let us not underestimate the power of prayer. Today is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, dating from 1571 when Don Juan of Austria gained his famous naval victory over the Turks at Lepanto which Pope Pius V attributed to her intercession. The rosary is probably the best known private devotion in the catholic church. It is truly a Christ-centered prayer as the 20 mysteries clearly focuses on events in Christ's life. Bishop Saltarelli encourages us to pray the rosary for public officers that they will have the courage to defend and promote the sanctity of all human life.



Thanks to all who contributed to this second annual collection to assist Catholic parents who have difficulty with tuition payments in Catholic schools to provide a

Catholic education for their children. You can still participate by using the envelopes you received in your monthly packet or use the envelopes available in church.

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St. Joseph's Choir is planning a pilgrimage to Italy, April 14-23, 2008. Parishioners are welcome. Sunday, Oct. 14, 11:30 a.m. an informational meeting will be held in the Family Center. Brochures are available in church.

## CELEBRATION FUN

All parish volunteers and *their spouses*, are invited to attend our biennial Parish Appreciation Party, a catered reception, on Sunday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 4-7, Family Center. It will be an occasion to celebrate and thank our volunteers for their time and talents! Join the fun! RSVP by e-mail: John.Sarro@drba.net, Executive Officer, Parish Council or call the rectory 658.7017. It's our way of saying "THANKS" from the parish clergy!

## X GENTLY USED

The Parish has a pre-owned car for sale. It is a 2003 Chevrolet Cavalier with 37,000 miles on it. It's a four door sedan in good condition, bronze in color. Retail value per Kelley Blue Book is \$8150. All reasonable offers considered. Call Bob Gutekunst at 658-1018.

## X St. Joe's 2007/2008 Basketball Season

The St. Joe's Basketball Season is right around the corner! The boy's program is for 3rd graders through 8th graders and the girl's program is for 4th graders through 8th graders. If you are willing to coach or be an assistant coach, please email Dave Beatson at [dbeatson@comcast.net](mailto:dbeatson@comcast.net) or call him at (610) 388-9750. If you didn't play last year and are interested, please contact Dave. We are looking forward to a great season!

## X WELCOME SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS

Just ten bucks will support the Sisters of St. Francis in reaching out to the economically poor, the marginal and the oppressed this weekend Oct. 6 & 7. After each Mass, you will have the opportunity to help Sisters help the less fortunate. Please come prepared with name stickers, a check (payable to Sisters of St. Francis) or just ten bucks!

## 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 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 Tuesday, October 9, at 8 a.m. Call Jeanne Harkin, 610-388-1845, or Ann Hapka, 610-388-1362, if 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 4<sup>th</sup>) who loved all God's creatures. *Capture the moment - bring your camera!*

## In the Shadow of the Church...

### A Modern Cemetery with a Traditional Setting...

The Cemetery Committee wishes to remind you of the opportunity to purchase Rights of Burial if you have not already done so. Obtaining your final resting place before the actual need arises is most beneficial to all concerned. Please call the rectory to arrange an appointment with one of our sales consultants (302) 658-7017.



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## Saturday (Oct. 6)

5:00 p.m. Rose DiClemente by David Vogel

## Sunday (Oct. 7)

7:30 a.m. Edith Giacco by family

9:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Mylene & Fernando delRosario  
(Wedding Anniversary)

## Monday (Oct. 8)

7:00 a.m. Eugene Dugnan by Nancy Dillon

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

## Tuesday (Oct. 9)

7:00 a.m. Anne Marie & Tim Gerbey by Joe &  
Shirley Dougherty

12:05 p.m. Gerald Panella by Mr. & Mrs. James  
Hunt

## Wednesday (Oct. 10)

7:00 a.m. Open intention

12:05 p.m. John Vahey by Bernard J. Brady

## Thursday (Oct. 11)

7:00 a.m. Helen Seitz Patterson by Margaret Seitz

12:05 p.m. Mary Jane Cochran by Jack & Anne  
Partridge

## Friday (Oct. 12)

7:00 a.m. Open intention

12:05 p.m. Mary Reese (Liv) by Liz Stevens

## Saturday (Oct. 13)

8:00 a.m. Open intention

5:00 p.m. Rita Kearns by family

## St. Elizabeth High School Open House & Scholarship Placement Test Dates.

Interested students and their parents are cordially invited to attend the St. Elizabeth High School Open House on Sunday October 21, 2007 from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm and to mark their calendars for St. E's Placement Scholarship Test on Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 9:00 am

"Come and See" Vocation Retreat, October 26 - 28, 2007 for Catholic single women 18 - 35. You're invited to join the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia for a weekend opportunity to visit with sisters, pray and reflect on what God may be asking of you. Contact: Sr. Mary Beth Antonelli OSF, 610-558-6789, [mantonelli@osfphila.org](mailto:mantonelli@osfphila.org).

Marian Pilgrimage: National Shrine, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Saltarelli celebrates the 11 a.m. Mass, SJOB Choir provides the music. Fr. Andrew Apostoli of the Friars of Renewal will preach the Holy Hour at 3 p.m. Flyers are in the back of church. Call Marg Danz 994-3874 to register. Bus is \$25 - departs at 8 a.m., returns @ 7 p.m.

Snowbirds! Prior to flying south for the winter, leave your address with the rectory and we'll mail you a bulletin or you can access the bulletins on line at [www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org](http://www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org).