

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14, 2007

If we have died with Christ Jesus we shall live with him;
if we persevere we shall reign with him.

- 2 Timothy 2:11-12 a

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There were 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.

Majestic Italy

Have you been to Italy? Want to go again? Join Mary Ellen Schaubert, Michael Marinelli and Msgr., Rebman for a 10-day music and sightseeing trip April 14-23, 2008. Brochures are in the back of church. Sunday, October 14 after 10:30 Mass an informational meeting with a representative from Peter's Way Tours will take place. 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. Be their audience and enjoy never to be forgotten sightseeing!

Medal of Merit: Each year the Bishop awards the Diocesan Medal of Merit to a parishioner of each parish for outstanding and faithful service to the parish and diocese. Mark Robuck has been selected for the award. It will be presented to him by Bishop Saltarelli at a special, public prayer service on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 4 p.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Bear Delaware. Mark is our longest serving Religious Ed teacher with a 15 year unbroken record in middle school. He is also a special minister. He and his wife, Lynelle have four children. They have been parishioners since 1989. Congratulations!

BAPTISM PREP 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 on Sunday November 18, 2007 at 10:30 am in one of the classrooms on the first floor of the Family Center. Please call or email Deacon Ed Lynch if you want to attend this class at 302-477-3200 during the day or at 302-654-7571 in the evening. His email address is felynych@wnglaw.com. The ideal time to take the class is before the baby is born when you 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

Living In Gratefulness

I would hazard a guess that most of us would agree that is a very good thing to have a grateful heart. Brother David Steindl-Rast has taken on the advancement and notion of gratefulness almost as a life project. He feels quite strongly that gratefulness is an effective method for moving humanity forward. Brother David speaks of gratefulness as "our full appreciation of something altogether unearned, utterly gratuitous: life, existence, ultimate belonging. Literally, it is great-full-ness."

Yes, there is a great fullness in all of creation. For most of us it would only take a few minutes of concentrated reflection to name hundreds of things for which we are grateful, starting from our very lives and bodies, through to the wonderful beauty and mystery we find in nature, or the great comfort and love we feel from our friends and family. The list would never stop if we started naming every last thing for which we need to give thanks.

But many of us are rarely aware that all is gift. One day pretty much looks like the next. Everything is familiar. Nothing much jolts us out of our everydayness. But every so often, something may catch us off guard – a remarkable sunset, a wonderful piece of music, a beautiful face. For a moment or two we are spontaneously brought to a new way of seeing creation.

These are wonderful moments and we shouldn't easily pass them by. Good photographers and great artists make these moments the stuff of their work. At times we need such artists to help us see in a new way. Walking through an art gallery or listening to a beautiful piece of music can be moments well spent. We need to somehow take those wonderful moments, as well as the day-to-day experiences we all have, and turn them into food for our spirit.

SHARE IN SPIRIT: Donations are still being accepted for the Catholic school Share in the Spirit collection. You can still participate by using the envelopes you received in your monthly packet or use the envelopes available in church.

WORLD MISSION Collection Sunday will be held next weekend on October 20th. World Mission Sunday calls every Catholic to celebrate, at the Eucharist, our vocation to be missionary and to help the Missions. Please give generously.

CELEBRATION FUN

All parish volunteers and *their spouses*, are invited to attend our biennial Parish Appreciation Party, a catered reception, on Sunday, Oct. 28th 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! Let us hear from you.

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 dtbeatson@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!

Bottles for Babies

Birthright of Delaware handed out Bottles for Babies last weekend. We ask, if you haven't already done so, to take one home, for each bottle contains prayers to recite during the month for the protection of life. Fill the bottle with loose change and return it the last Sunday of October. It's that simple. Proceeds benefit pregnant women.

Friendship Coffee

An opportunity to "greet and treat" Sunday, Oct. 14 after the 9 and 10:30 Mass in the Family Center. This coffee is sponsored by Parish Council this month. All are welcome to attend, bring a friend! What a great way to get involved with fellow parishioners!

Liturgy for divorced and separated persons will be celebrated at St. John Neumann Church, Rt. 589 and Beauchamp Road, Ocean Pines, MD on Wed., Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. Call 573-3100 with any questions.

"Promoting the Culture of Life" will be held at IHM on Friday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. Steve Mosher, President of the Population Research Institute and host of EWTN will be the speaker.

PRAYER AT THE MONUMENT OF THE UNBORN

Msr. Rebman and DE Right of Life at 3 p.m. at Cathedral Cemetery for a Prayer Service at the Monument of the Unborn near the Queen of the Apostle Crypt. We pray for an end to human abortion in our land. If you can't attend, say at least a decade of the Rosary in your daily prayers.



Saturday (Oct. 13)

5:00 p.m. Rita Kearns by family

Sunday (Oct. 14)

7:30 a.m. Parishioners

9:00 a.m. John J. Goodill, Sr., by Tom & Linda Kane

10:30 a.m. Open intention

Monday (Oct. 15)

7:00 a.m. Gloria Wright by John & Mary Helen Carr

12:05 p.m. Helen R. Kane by Anne Alfieri

Tuesday (Oct. 16)

7:00 a.m. Open intention

12:05 p.m. Angie Beck by Dan & Lynne Christenbury

Wednesday (Oct. 17)

7:00 a.m. Open intention

12:05 p.m. Jeanne Braceland by Mark A. Christian

Thursday (Oct. 18)

7:00 a.m. William Schhtler by Margaret Seitz

12:05 p.m. Jane M. Fagan by Mary Cloud

Friday (Oct. 19)

7:00 a.m. Open intention

12:05 p.m. Drs. William & Stephen P. Butler by Peggy Butler Baird

Saturday (Oct. 20)

8:00 a.m. John D. Sheridan by family

5:00 p.m. Ray Carr by Marie

Marian Pilgrimage: National Shrine, Oct. 20th. 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.

MUSIC NOTES: Special music for the 10:30 mass today includes the well loved *Ave Maria* by Charles Gounod (1818-1893), who gave the familiar Latin text of the "Hail Mary" to a beautiful melody sung with Bach's first prelude from the Well-Tempered Clavier. You will also hear the Gloria in Excelsis Deo (Glory to God in the Highest) from the *Twelfth Mass*, composed by Wenzel Mueller (1767-1835) but erroneously attributed to Mozart.

Open House St. Edmond's - Sunday, Nov. 4th 1-3.

Vocational Reflection: We usually think of doctors and nurses as healers, but the priest is also called to be an agent of healing, especially in sacraments of reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. Is God calling you to this kind of "healing" ministry? Call Fr. Cocucci (302) 573.3113.