



# Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 28, 2007

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.  
-Sirach 35:17-18a

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

We are still in need of substitutes on all grade levels. If you can help, please call Ann Holland at 656-7185.

On Sunday October 28, the students in Pre School, Kindergarten, and First and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades will be dressing up as Saints in observance of All Saints Day on November. Students in the upper grades are being asked to do research on one of the Saints. When the research is completed, they will be asked to share information on the Saint with the younger children in the in the program.

On Sunday November 4 there will be a meeting for all of the parents who have children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in December. The meeting will be in the Family Center and will begin at 10 a.m.

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.

### *Priesthood Sunday (A Celebration of Catholic Priesthood)*

Today is Priesthood Sunday, a celebration of Catholic Priesthood. In today's Gospel, the tax collector prays "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Sometimes when God calls a person to priesthood or religious life, that person's first response is "I'm not worthy? I'm a sinner!" The good news is we're all sinners, but we've been redeemed by Jesus Christ and called to live lives of holiness. If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to religious life, please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302) 573.3113, [jcocucci@cdow.org](mailto:jcocucci@cdow.org).

### *40 DAYS FOR LIFE*

### *NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR FINAL WEEK*

The nationwide campaign to close abortion mills, 40 Days for Life, enters its final week. There has been a great turnout thus far and many people new to the pro-life cause have turned out, but we still need a prayerful presence at the AWMS clinic in Wilmington. Several afternoons have been without prayer vigil at the clinic and it is ideal that every 8-hour day to be filled with people praying outside the clinic. Please gather your friends, family, prayer groups, fellow students, etc. and come out to the clinic this week. The clinic is located across Rte. 202 from Salesianum School. If headed south on 202, make a left at Fulton Paper and proceed to the next light. The clinic is hidden behind trees and bushes in the triangle to the left, up the dead end street that says, "No Outlet." Parking is available on that street or in the surrounding neighborhood.

## PASTOR'S NOTES

Last weekend St. Joseph's choir made a road trip to the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington to provide liturgical music for the Biennial Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage. Both Bishop Saltarelli and Msgr Walter Rossi said we had the best pilgrimage choir. Fifteen hundred people from Wilmington Diocese attended.

Sunday afternoon Mark Robuck, parishioner since 1991, a fifteen-year Religious Education Teacher in our Sunday School and special minister of communion received the Diocesan Order of Merit for the parish. He joined 86 parishioners from over 58 parishes being honored for volunteer services to their parishes. Clergy and family members attended to support the honorees. Bishop Saltarelli said if a bomb hit the church, the loss of not only the priests but also the people would be devastating. Laity as well as clergy are the church.

This Sunday afternoon Msgr. Rebman, Fr., Connell, Msgr., Barres and Deacon Lynch are honoring the many volunteers who keep our parish humming. There are visible volunteers in the choir loft, on the altar as cantors, teachers in Sunday school classes, ushers, servers, lectors, but there are also so many unseen volunteers, parish council members and their committees. Monday morning money counters, Tuesday afternoon posters for the collection records, Emmanuel Dining Room volunteer cooks. There are also volunteers who sometimes straighten up the church after masses and people who decorate for special feasts. Your reward if not in this life will be great in heaven. You all deserve a halo!

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Goodness is tricky. When goodness starts separating us from others, then it's not very good. Goodness that is from God can never separate ourselves from the solidarity we should have with the rest of humanity. We are often walking contradictions. We think of ourselves as good, but then something happens and we ask ourselves how we could be so stupid, so sinful. We clearly need to look for that elusive middle path, where we can rejoice in the goodness that is our share in God's goodness, and recognize the evil of which we are capable. As people of faith, we are free to celebrate that our basic identity is as God's children.

Rejoice in the wonderful gifts that we indeed are. And yet,, at the same time, we are not to be so naive that we are unable to recognize the existence of evil in ourselves and in others. The faithful follower of Jesus Christ walks through this world with eyes wide open to what is evil, and with a heart full of compassion for those in need of understanding, comfort and forgiveness—ourselves included. It is only when we have the courage to see ourselves with our limitations, that we will be able to enter into a deeply understanding and compassionate relationship with others.

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**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).

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**St. Joe's Basketball Registration Deadline.** All 5th-8th grade girls and boys must be registered online with the CYM by October 31st in order to play for the 2007-2008 Basketball Season. Register at <https://www.cymsignup.org/Login.cfm>. CYM sign-up is required for every sport, every season. Please bring the print out at the end of the online registration process to the first meeting (signed). Practices and try-outs will begin the first week of November.

**WE NO LONGER SEE THEIR SMILING FACES!** During the past year many friends, family members and fellow parishioners have been laid to rest in SJOB cemeteries. Please take a moment to say a prayer for them now and on All Souls Day, Friday, Nov. 2. The names of these blessed souls will be listed in the display at the front of the church next week.



All Saints Day, Thursday, Nov. 1 is a Holy Day of obligation. Masses are at 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 12:05 and 7 p.m. All Souls Day, Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be the usual weekday Masses 7 a.m., 12:05. Plan to join us in the Eucharist to pray for their beloved departed.

Annual all Souls Day Masses will be celebrated at 12:15 on Friday November 2nd in the Queen of the Apostles Chapel in Cathedral Cemetery, 2400 Lancaster Avenue, and Chapel of the Risen Christ in All Saints Cemetery, 6001 Kirkwood Highway. All are welcome to attend to pray for our beloved dead on this special day.

**All Souls** envelopes may be found in your envelope packet or in the pews. Please take part in our Novena of Masses for the Faithful Departed beginning November 2.

**It's Like A Treasure Hunt!**

Visit the SJOB Archives Open House on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 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!*

**BOTTLES FOR BABIES**

Baby Bottles will be collected this weekend. Even if you cannot participate with donations during the month, your prayers are needed to sustain these mothers in their quest to keep their babies. Thank you for contributing to the success of our October Respect Life Program!

**A HELPING HAND**

Occasionally, we get calls in the rectory from elderly parishioners seeking a ride to church for weekend Mass. It would be great if we could respond favorably. We need three or four volunteers for this ministry. Many helpers make the burden light for each volunteer. Licensed, insured and caring are the only qualifications! Call now 658-7017.

Saturday (Oct. 27)

5:00 p.m. Phyllis McDonald by Donald McDonald & Donald McDonald, Jr.

Sunday (Oct. 28)

7:30 a.m. Parishioners

9:00 a.m. Pauline DePolo by Tom & Joan Fiss

10:30 a.m. Roberto Bolinas, Sr., by the Pacheco & delRosario family

Monday (Oct. 29)

7:00 a.m. Anna L. B. Wolfe by Lisa & David Beatson

12:05 p.m. Helen & Raymond Degnam by Kathleen Aikins

Tuesday (Oct. 30)

7:00 a.m. Olga Furfari by Anne & Gene Fagan

12:05 p.m. Richard & Jeffrey Reese by family

Wednesday (Oct. 31)

7:00 a.m. Thomas E. Dewson, Sr., by family

12:05 p.m. Nora Cormican by Theresa Glynn

Thursday (Nov. 1)

7:00 a.m. Martin Taylor by members of Raskob Foundation

9:00 a.m. Novena

12:05 p.m. Novena

7:00 p.m. Novena

Friday (Nov. 2)

7:00 a.m. Novena

12:05 p.m. June & William Tucker by Rena & Leonard Francella

Saturday (Nov. 3)

8:00 a.m. Novena

5:00 p.m. Novena

**SHARE YOUR BOUNTY**

with Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR). Please make room in your busy fall and winter schedules for the next date St. Joseph's is scheduled to provide dinners and desserts for EDR. We need volunteers to come to the Family Center on Tuesday, October 9, at 8 a.m. to help prepare the boxed stuffing. We also need people to bring desserts to cap off the meal. Won't you join us? 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 *Canticle of Hope* by Joseph M. Martin, composed in 1995 and dedicated to the people of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The text is based on Isaiah 25. "Lord, you are God, perfect in holiness, you are God of the needy and the poor. A sure defender, You are our refuge, the Giver, Jehovah, the God who restores, reigning in righteousness, in the time of our distress. We call on you, our sure salvation. Lord you are faithful, the God who restores, ruling in gentleness. Wipe away each tear. You hear our every prayer. You give comfort, touch our hearts and calm our fears. You are eternal. Alpha, Omega. We place our hope in you alone. Great is Thy faithfulness!"