



Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2, 2007

You have approached Mount Zion
and the city of the living God.

— *Hebrews 12:22a*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION: This sacrament is administered to Grade 10 students. Preparation for the sacrament is a two-year program, Phase I, Grade 9 and Phase II, Grade 10. This is a requirement for students in Catholic, Private or Public Schools. Registration Forms were mailed to Grade 9 students who are presently enrolled in our program. Those who are not in our program need to call the office at 656-7185 and a Registration Form will be mailed to you.

CATECHISTS: We are still in need of a 4th grade catechist. We are also in need of aides as well as hall monitors if you can help please call 656-7185.

RECONCILIATION/HOLY EUCHARIST: These sacraments are usually received in Second Grade. If children attend Catholic School they are required to attend our religious instruction classes in Grade 2 in preparation for the reception of these sacraments. Parents need to call the office 656-7185 to register.

MAILING: A mailing was sent out on August 21, 2007 this mailing includes the calendar for the coming school year, in addition there is a re-registration form enclosed for those who have not sent the form to the religious education office. Please fill out the form and return as soon as possible. Thank You.

NEW FAMILIES: We will *WELCOME* new families into our Parish Family and Religious Education Program. Parents are asked to call the office at 656-7185 regarding registration and to make an appointment. Children entering Pre-School must be three years old by February 2007. Children entering Kindergarten must be in Kindergarten in regular school.

CALENDAR DATES: Sunday, Sept. 9, Pancake Breakfast; Sunday, Sept. 16, Enrollment of Catechists and Classes for Grades 1 - 6; Sunday, Sept. 23, Classes for Grades 7 - 8 begin; Sunday, Sept. 30, Pre-School and Kindergarten begin; Sun. Oct. 14, Confirmation Classes Grades 9/10 begin. *Please NOTE the beginning date for Grades 7 and 8 Classes. This is so that their Catechists can take part in the Enrollment Ceremony at 9:00am. Liturgy.*

LOOKING AHEAD: Catechetical Congress, Saturday, October 27 at Chase Riverfront Center, Wilmington. All who are ministers in the field of Religious Education are encouraged to attend.

The Religious Education Program is in need of a seventh grade Catechist. Please call the office at 656-7185 if you can help. We are also in need of hall monitors, catechist aides and substitutes. We look forward to our pancake breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 9. *Hope to see you there!*

PASTOR'S NOTES

The Inclusive Table

Being able to admit our mistakes is one important aspect of the humility that Jesus encourages us to develop. The humble person is always ready to see another side of reality, and to bring that other side into his or her own world vision.

The fact that Jesus gave this teaching on humility while attending a dinner is more important than perhaps we might first think it to be. Normally we eat with people we know, or if we are at some function, such as a wedding or a banquet of some sort, at least we are there because of some common reason, such as being a friend of the bride or groom, or being a member of a club or other group. So the meal brings us together and provides a means by which we could get to know one another better if we wanted to.

Perhaps this is why Jesus said that we should invite others to our banquet whom we would not ordinarily invite. He was urging us not to let our pride keep us insulated and isolated from others. We all know of clubs where the sign, "Members Only," is clearly posted outside the dining room. In Jesus' world view, everyone is a member, especially those who don't look like they should be members.

When Jesus talks about inviting the poor, crippled, lame and blind to our banquet, we shouldn't get too upset if we don't give a lot of banquets. The banquet is clearly a wonderful symbol of coming together with others. Jesus wants us to put aside our false sense of importance, and gather in whatever way we can with those whom the world considers poor, crippled, lame and blind. Jesus says that our dinner table cannot be exclusive. We need to open our lives to whomever needs to be nourished, no matter what they look like, how they think, or where they come from. That is a very difficult but life-giving attitude which we are asked to develop

"Tending the Flock"

We're still counting on *you* to reach our goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal. To date we have \$248,979 pledged towards our goal of \$252,100. We're only \$3,131 short of reaching our goal for St. Joseph on the Brandywine. Remember, no gift is too small. All gifts are welcome. We can't make the goal without your support!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

It is never too soon to invite an adult, who may have considered entering into full communion with the Catholic Church, to contact Deacon Ed Lynch or any other member of our parish staff to inquire about the next step. The R.C.I.A. is a process for anyone who has not received Baptism (Catechumen), and those who have been baptized in another Christian denomination (Candidate) to enter the church. Instructions will also be arranged for Catholics who have been baptized, but who have not received Communion and/or Confirmation. Call Deacon Ed during the day at (302) 477-3200 or in the evening at (302) 654-7471. You may also email him at felynych@wlnglaw.com.

The Mary Rosary Guild has given away about 25,000 Rosaries since we began in 1990. Rosary makers and repairers say prayers for the person who will use the Rosary beads and the recipient of the Rosary beads is requested to include the Rosary maker and The Mary Rosary Guild in their prayers. The labels we attach to each Rosary personalize our mission and it is inspiring to hear about the recipients who may be in Wilmington or anywhere in the world. Our thanks are in the knowledge that in eternity we will know how helpful and treasured the rosaries were to those who received them. It's easy to learn and we need more Rosary Makers. Cathie Ridgway (302 426-8482) will help you learn and will repair your broken rosaries. Bridget Tibbetts (302 762-1115) has Rosary making supplies and will supply you with additional materials.

Priesthood Sunday

The last Sunday of Oct. is Priesthood Sunday, a celebration of Catholic Priesthood and an opportunity for lay parishioners to express their thanks to priests across the nation. In DE, the Serra Club of the Diocese of Wilmington and Knights of Columbus are proud to coordinate these special events. Last year billboard displays were put up on DE state highways. We are pleased to announce that billboard displays are being planned for this year's celebration. If you would like to contribute toward this public display of thanks, please make checks payable to Serra Club of the Diocese of Wilm., and send them to, Serra Club, Priesthood Sunday Fund, 20 East 6th Street, New Castle, DE 19720. Contact Steve Oldiges (302) 234-8150 for more information. Thank you in advance.

Share Your Bounty with Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR)

Welcome back, vacationers. 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, September 11, at 9 a.m. to help prepare the boxed stuffing and green beans. 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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday (Sept. 1)
5:00 p.m. James & Helen Grant & James S. Grant, Jr., requested by his family
- Sunday (Sept. 2)
7:30 a.m. Joseph R. Biden, Sr., by Sen. Biden & family
9:00 a.m. Andrew Walker by Mike & Mary Jane
10:30 a.m. Parishioners
- Monday (Sept. 3)
9:00 a.m. Salvatrice Lombardo Rebman, by Mary & Al Forester
- Tuesday (Sept. 4)
7:00 a.m. John F. Vahey, Sr., by Bernard Brady
12:05 p.m. Liv & Deceased members of Peguesse/Ridgway families by family
- Wednesday (Sept. 5)
7:00 a.m. Donald P. Hug by Aline & Ed Lynch
12:05 p.m. J. Nicole Serpe-Laird by Jennifer Lee-Boring
- Thursday (Sept. 6)
7:00 a.m. John R. Fasy by Arlene & Bernard Daney
12:05 p.m. M/M Gorham Lane by Margaret Seitz
- Friday (Sept. 7)
7:00 a.m. Mary Duggan Jornlin Theisen by Arlene & Bernard Daney
12:05 p.m. Dr. John L. Kron by family
- Saturday (Sept. 8)
8:00 a.m. Open
5:00 p.m. McDonald family by Marie

BAPTISM PREPARATION 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 September 9, 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@wlnglaw.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. **THERE WILL NOT BE A CLASS IN OCTOBER.**



Offices will be closed Monday, September 3 for Labor Day. Call 658-7017 in case of emergency. Also, one mass for Labor Day will be celebrated at 9 a.m. only. Thank you. Have a safe holiday!