

## Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 2007

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may  
shout for joy and gladness all our days.

-Psalm 90:14

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



**CATECHISTS:** We are still in need of a 4<sup>th</sup> grade catechist. We are also in need of aides in each grade as well as hall monitors and substitutes. If you can help, please call 656-7185.

**ELEMENTARY PROGRAM:** Classes for grades 1-6 will begin on Sunday, September 16 from 10:am to 11:15am. The teachers for grade 1 are Linda Napoli and Mary Ellen Farman. The teachers for grade 2 are Michelle Hogan and Melanie Penna. The teachers for grade 3 are Susan Hudson and Jennifer Boulianne. The teachers for grade 4 are Pamela Barry and Nina Pala. The teacher for grade 5 is Lisa Digate. The teachers for grade 6 are Daniel Truono and Michael Fleming.

**Catechetical Congress:** The Diocese of Wilmington is sponsoring a Congress in Saturday, October 27 at Chase River Front Center. The key note speaker will be Bishop Kevin Rhodes of the Diocese of Harrisburg. This Congress is for all catechists of adults and children, who minister in parishes and schools, as well as parents and interested parishioners.

#### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

St. Joseph on the Brandywine Bible Study series *Six Weeks with the Bible* may be your perfect solution. Our October/November sessions will focus on the Old Testament books of Jonah and Ruth, two ancient books with relevant messages for our modern lives. Participants will receive a study guide that includes all biblical text, eliminating the confusion that sometimes arises when people are using different translations of the Bible. Each session will include readings from the appropriate passages, explanation of the historical context, discussion of biblical passages, and suggestions for applying the lessons to our lives. Facilitator Pamela Nash has graciously agreed to offer both afternoon and evening sessions if we can attract a sufficient number of participants for each series. Monday Series 12:45 to 2:15 p.m. October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and November 5; Wednesday Series 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and November 7.

*Each series must have a minimum of 5 registered participants.* So we know how many study guides to order, please register in advance. Registration closes on *Sunday, September 16*. To register, contact Loretta Carlson at 302.836.5883 or lcarlson@tree-tech.com.

### PASTOR'S NOTES

*There's Good News and Bad News*

In the last ten years, social scientists tell us that people are experiencing far more depression, fear, and anxiety after watching the news. Even worse, a condition called "compassion fatigue" has appeared: the inability to keep feeling compassion for others' sufferings, because one has become "desensitized" or immune to it all.

Luckily, even the most violent and disturbing Scripture readings differ from the "Late News" in two crucial ways. First, when we read the Bible, we are reading not only about human life but about eternal life. The Bible has been called "God's love letter" to us. We have chosen to enter this relationship with God, "to infinity and beyond!" The Christian life is our life, so the words of Scripture *matter* to us.

Here is the best news of all: that no matter how violent or frightening the news may ever be, Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit to be our Advocate, our Comforter, and our Guide through all distress. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you... not as the world gives it."

Television can report the statistics of suffering, but Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all pain and death, assures us over and over: "Be not afraid!" Without this redeeming balance, the "Late News" is a miserable, one-sided portrayal of the world as evil and terror-ridden, without context or deeper meaning--or a future. "You will have suffering in the world," Jesus reminds us, "But take heart! For I have overcome the world."

Hopefully, the "Late News" will inspire us to join with each other to create peace by working for justice in whatever ways we can. Just remember these words of Jean Vanier: "Don't let us take ourselves too too seriously...The Spirit is at work." If we give our fears to Jesus, he will be our peace.

#### EMMANUEL DINING ROOM

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 and green beans at the Family Center. We also need volunteers to bake or purchase desserts. This month, we'll meet at the Family Center on Tuesday, September 11, at 9 a.m. Call Jeanne Harkin, 610-388-1845, or Ann Hapka, 610-388-1362, if you have questions.

### Parish Outreach/Food Pantry

Donations are needed again for our Food Pantry. Suggested items are tea, coffee, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, tuna fish, rice (5lb. bags or smaller) dry cereals, beans, pasta and pasta sauce. Donations are distributed to the poor in St. Michael's in Georgetown and in the Wilmington area. Please leave the items in the back of the church. Many thanks for your generous contributions in the past!

Bayard House Family Ice Cream Festival will be held on Sat., Sept. 22 12-5 at the Blue Ball Barn, Alapocas State Park, \$5 per person. Bayard House is a program of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Wilm. to help at-risk pregnant teens and women. Event sponsored by Bank of America.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> Street, New Castle, DE 19720. Contact Steve Oldiges (302) 234-8150 for more information. Thank you in advance.

### CHOIR NOTES

The adult choir resumed on Thursday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:15. The children's choir will resume this Thursday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:15. Grades 1-8 are welcome to join us in the Family Center. If you have any questions, please call Mary Ellen Schaubert 888-1556. *New members are welcome!*



### DELAWARE RIGHT TO LIFE CHEERS FOR VOLUNTEERS!

*Wilmington Wellness Day* - Saturday, Sept. 15; 11-3 at Rodney Square in Wilmington; *Newark Community Day* - Sunday, Sept. 16; 10-5 on the University of Delaware campus. Join in the nationwide campaign to close abortion mills!!! Delaware will join 32 states in committing to 40 Days for Life, a prayer campaign to end abortion in America! The effort begins Sept. 26 and runs through Nov. 4. Visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) to join Delaware's campaign and to stay informed contact Nicole Collins (302) 650-8942; [Nlehe@yahoo.com](mailto:Nlehe@yahoo.com).



FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Wherever you may be dating, engaged, newlywed, in a mature marriage, or empty nesters, your relationship can benefit from a little expert advice. It's too big a puzzle to put together from scratch. Don't do it alone. We're here to help make married life easier, more meaningful and enjoyable. Check out the daily marriage tip; take the marriage poll; explore must-have conversation

for the dating and engaged; learn about Catholic marriage by visiting [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org).

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (Sept. 8)  
5:00 p.m. McDonald Family by Marie  
Sunday (Sept. 9)  
7:30 a.m. Theresa Nicaastro Wahl by Chuck Wahl  
9:00 a.m. Parishioners  
10:30 a.m. Mary Farley by Beatson family  
Monday (Sept. 10)  
7:00 a.m. Jeanne Kaiser by Gloria Pierse  
12:05 p.m. Bonnie Jablanski by Maria & Noel Schmidt  
Tuesday (Sept. 11)  
7:00 a.m. Clair Marie Field (liv) by special intentions - Claire Hanavan  
12:05 p.m. Mary Hayes by Jordan family  
Wednesday (Sept. 12)  
7:00 a.m. Angie Beck by Dan & Lynne Christenbury  
12:05 p.m. Lee Husbands by the D'Alonzo family  
Thursday (Sept. 13)  
7:00 a.m. Dr. Joseph Armino by family  
12:05 p.m. Drs. William & Stephen Butler by Peggy Butler Baird  
Friday (Sept. 14)  
7:00 a.m. Clair Marie Field (liv) by special intentions - Claire Hanavan  
12:05 p.m. Marie Montgomery by Maria Schmidt  
Saturday (Sept. 15)  
8:00 a.m. Mary Siffin by Lisa & Ryan Wilkins  
5:00 p.m. Alice Mical by Cathy & Gene Kelleher

### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

The next class will be held Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am 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 302-654-7471 in the evening. His email address is [felynych@wlnglaw.com](mailto: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.**



*Welcome to Our Community*

### TENDING THE FLOCK!

As of 9/5/2007 we have \$246,329 toward our goal of \$252,100 for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Together we can achieve this goal! *No donation is too small!*



Catholics throughout the Diocese of Wilmington will have a special opportunity to help our youth and to strengthen the Church of the future by contributing to the third annual "Share in the Spirit" tuition assistance collection on September 22nd and 23rd.