

# Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 30, 2007

Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love  
patience, and gentleness.

- 1 Timothy 6:11

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The Junior High School sessions began on Sunday September 23. Both the seventh and the eighth grade classes received new books this year. Some of the topics for the eighth grade include: How do we nourish Gods gift of faith. The sub topics include We respond to Gods love, We make Moral choices. We follow Gods law and we honor life and Creation.

On the elementary level, the students learned about Gods creation. The first grade was introduced to the creation story in the book of Genesis. We are still in need of aides especially in the pre school class. We are still in need of hall monitors and help in the office on Sunday morning. Please call 656-7185 if you can help.

We encourage all catechists and parents to consider attending the Catechetical Congress on Saturday October 27. You can pick up the registration forms in the Religious Education office as well as in the back of the Church.



### THE POWER OF PRAYER

The silent prayer committee will pray for special intentions for the living, seriously ill or any family crisis. Call Cindy Clare (302) 654-6344. Besides calling in prayer requests, you can always volunteer to be on the committee for the prayer chain.



VOCATIONS: "Dear Lord help me to know what you want me to do with my life. Give me wisdom and understanding." If you think God might be calling you to a priestly or religious vocation, call or write Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302) 573-3113, [jcocucci@cdow.org](mailto:jcocucci@cdow.org).

### PLANNED GIVING

If you're over age 70-70 ½ and you are required to take withdrawals from your retirement plan, you may want to consider using a portion of the required withdraws to fund a gift to the church. You will eliminate all or part of the taxes that would be due on the amount withdrawn. Call the Diocesan Development Office (302) 573-3125 for details.

Encourage Support Group is a ministry within Courage dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, spouses, siblings, children and friends of persons who deal with Same Sex Attraction (SSA). To speak in confidence to the Courage chaplain, call (302) 463-4499 or visit [www.couragerc.net](http://www.couragerc.net).

CHOOSE LIFE - In every election, life isn't the only issue; but it's the most important one. Life is the foundation of all other issues. If a human being doesn't have the right to be born, do the other issues matter?

## PASTOR'S NOTES

Security, Sanity and Salvation

The warning today is clear: consumerism is not a Gospel way of life. Consumerism is more than buying the things we need. It is a way of living. The person who is caught up in the consumerist life style is always looking out for the next purchase. Things hold a very high place in their lives. In fact, they hold much too high a place in their lives. Things make them feel good about themselves. So the newer and better the product, the better they feel about themselves.

Discontent is the magnet that pulls the consumer to make the next purchase. If we are satisfied and happy with what we have, then the only reason to buy something new is a real need for that new thing. So the best advertising trick is to create an artificial need within a person, and then hope the person comes to see the artificial need as a real need.

Allow me to share with you an absolutely shocking figure. In the year 2004, more than \$3.5 billion worth of ringtones were sold worldwide. A ringtone is the way a cell phone rings. Some have musical rings, others animal sounds or whatever.

In 2004, people spent \$3.5 billion dollars buying these tones for their cell phones. Can you imagine what that amount of money could have done to help those who don't even have enough to eat on a daily basis? No matter how you look at it, this figure is staggering and shocking. But it seems to be an indicator of how we choose to spend our money. Have we lost our sanity? We can probably all find our own examples similar to the ringtone example. What is so important is that we look at our own particular lives and honestly see if we are wasting our money, while others have nothing to eat. I know that it is always hard to look closely at our own lives, because we often take our present lifestyle so much for granted.



If you were unable to participate in last weekend's third annual Share in the Spirit collection for tuition assistance, you may drop your contribution off at or mail it to the parish office this week. A few extra envelopes are available in the pews or at the entrances to the church. This collection helps deserving families ease the burden of Catholic school tuition. For further information, please visit [www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html](http://www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html).

## **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 next week 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!

### **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.

**IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:** Fr. Francis A. Sariago, O.F.M. Cap. is offering a "Busy Person's Mini Retreat." 8-8:35 am and 7-8:15 pm - October 1-3, 2007 with celebration of the Transitus on October 3. Capuchin Franciscan Friars, St. Francis Renewal Center, Wilmington, 798-1454, or call for a brochure 345-1841.

**Mass for Social Justice** will be celebrated by Msgr. John Barres at Holy Cross Parish, 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. The Msgr Paul Schierse Award will be presented. All are invited to a light reception following Mass.

### **There's More to Francis than Birds and Prayers!**

The blessing of animals will take place Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 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!*

**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.



Saturday (Sept. 29)

5:00 p.m. Rita Kearns by family

Sunday (Sept. 30)

7:30 a.m. R. K. VanDerhoef by John & Mary Helen Carr

9:00 a.m. Mary Siwakowski by Dan & Lynne Christenbury

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

Monday (Oct. 1)

7:00 a.m. Anthony Vahey by Mary Vahey

12:05 p.m. Allen Cloud by Mary Cloud

Tuesday (Oct. 2)

7:00 a.m. Elsie DiSabatino by Isabel MacDermott

12:05 p.m. Deceased members of the Dolan family by Eleanor & Bob Kerr

Wednesday (Oct. 3)

7:00 a.m. Deceased members of Werner/Wilms family by family

12:05 p.m. Open intention

Thursday (Oct. 4)

7:00 a.m. Miriam Bross by Felicia & Jim Sharples

12:05 p.m. Michael J. Grieco by family

Friday (Oct. 5)

7:00 a.m. Gerald Gallagher by Jim & Nannette Cannon

12:05 p.m. John F. R. Seitz, Jr., by Margaret Seitz

Saturday (Oct. 6)

8:00 a.m. Dr. Lolita Ronquillo Salameda by Lisa & David Beatson

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

### **KUDOS TO US!**

As of 9/24 we've *exceeded* our target goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal. \$253,384 pledged; parish goal was \$252,100 Together, we achieved this goal and my sincere thanks goes out to the many supporters we have in this parish. *We truly are a blessed parish!*



**Jesu**, Joy of Man's Desiring is the English title of a **chorale** movement from **Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben**, a **cantata** that **Johann Sebastian Bach** wrote in **Leipzig, Germany** in the year **1716**. Bach wrote a total of 200 cantatas during his time in **Leipzig**, largely to meet the Leipzig Churches' demand for about 58 different cantatas each year. **Jesu**, joy of man's desiring, Holy Wisdom, Love most bright; Drawn by Thee, our souls, aspiring, Soar to uncreated light. Word of God, our flesh that fashion'd, With the fire of life impassion'd, Striving still to truth unknown, Soaring, dying, round Thy throne.

**St. Katharine Drexel Parish**, Chester will be having their first annual homecoming and reunion Sunday, Oct. 7. Mass at 10 a.m. Reception will follow. It's time to welcome back parishioners from all great Chester parishes. All are welcome. Call 610.872.3731.