

## SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

God is able to make all things right' to correct wrongs, to bring healing and life, to refresh those in struggle. In God's reign, the blind shall see, the deaf shall hear, and water shall appear in the desert.

### THE READINGS:

Isaiah 35:4-7

Isaiah's undying hope for God's divine day of blessing affirms that God is able to bring healing and life to refresh those who struggle.

James 2:1-5

James points out the evil of giving honor to those who have much while insulting or excluding those who have little.



Mark 7:31-37

Jesus heals the deaf man with the speech impediment. The crowds are amazed at his power, but they still do not understand the kind of messiah Jesus will be.

September 7, 2003  
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Offertory Collection

August 31, 2003

\$1209.00

A second collection will be taken up for the Needy Children in Diocesan Care this weekend.

Enclosed, as an insert, is the **Summary Income Statement for the Fiscal Years 2003 and 2002.**

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from September 6<sup>th</sup> – September 20<sup>th</sup> in memory of Frances & Michael Beldyk by Jeannie Beldyk-Byers and Jim Byers.

**Votive Candle offerings** are \$2.00 for the large candles, and 50 cents for the small candles.

**Lectors** for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Linda Michel, 9 a.m. – Jacob Schmitt.

Feast days that are celebrated this week are: 9/8 – Birth of Mary, 9/9 – St. Peter Claver, 9/13 – St. John Chrysostom.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	September 6,	5:00 PM (rip) Helen Sefcik by Ruth Press
Sunday,	September 7,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living and deceased)
Monday,	September 8,	8:00 AM (rip) Margaret Townsend
Tuesday,	September 9,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Wednesday,	September 10,	8:00 AM (rip) Marion Walter by Helen Brannon
Thursday,	September 11,	8:00 AM In remembrance of the National Tragedy of 9/11/01
Friday,	September 12,	8:00 AM (rip) Margaret Townsend
Saturday,	September 13,	5:00 PM Gondek & Kleamski Families (living and deceased)
Sunday,	September 14,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living and deceased)

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are: December 30 and 31, 2003. **Mass stipends** are now **\$10 per Mass** per Diocesan changes as of January 1, 2003.

**Thank you** to Sharon Rosseel for making the 2 wreaths that are hanging on sanctuary wall.

Eternal rest grant to Pasquale Lentini, father of Fr. James Lentini, and all the souls of the faithful departed.

**Catholic Forum** – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or [www.wdel.com](http://www.wdel.com). Next Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Michael Carrier, Director of the Office of Worship and Rector of the Cathedral of St. Peter in Wilmington, will discuss the upcoming Liturgical Convocation. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

**Jesus House Prayer & Renewal Center** is offering "A Day of Prayer & Reflection" on Tuesday, September 30, 2003 from 9:30 a.m.- 2:45 p.m. The Presenter will be Fr. Paul Henry, adjunct faculty member of St Mary's Spiritual Center in Baltimore. Come and be blessed by Fr. Paul's insightful presentations. The cost for the day is \$25, which includes lunch. Mass is at 12:05 p.m. For more information or to register, please call (302) 995-6859.

Pilgrimage information – If you are one of the growing number of people desiring to make a Catholic pilgrimage to Rome, Fatima, Lourdes, the Holy Land, or another place of pilgrimage, there is a new tour company, recently opened, with 22 years experience in taking pilgrims to the Marian Shrines of Europe and Mexico. It is called The Catholic Tour Company, founded by Mr. James G. Adair, and has been dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima. For additional information about their pilgrimages, call 1-877-627-4268 or visit [www.thecatholictour.com](http://www.thecatholictour.com)



### Revitalizing a Desert

You saw the TV images of the desert in Iraq with its temperatures over 100 degrees and sandstorms whipped by winds at 50 miles per hour. Isaiah knew these desert conditions too and his promise of how God would bring forth life there has meaning for us as well: Streams will burst forth in the desert. . . The burning sands will become pools and the thirsty ground, springs of water. Ask Him to revitalize the desert places in your life!

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