SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

"Who do you say that I am?" From deep in your own heart, you must give an answer. How does it match Peter's response in today's gospel?

THE READINGS:

Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1

Zechariah tells us that new order and lasting peace would come to Judah, to Israel and to the rest of the world through the efforts of an unlikely king who proved to be a good and loving shepherd.

Galatians 3:26-29

Paul underscored the value and unity of all believers in Christ. All who believe and are baptized into Christ are children of God and therefore brothers and sisters to one another.

Luke 9:18-24

Jesus says, "if anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me".

Offertory Collection June 13, 2004 \$951.00 Seminary & Priests' Education \$284.00

Next weekend the annual collection for Peter's Pence, for the works of the Holy Father, will be taken up.

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Susan Walker, 9 a.m. – Thomas Kaczmarczyk.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from June 12th – June 26th in memory of Richard & Rose Meli by Louise Meli.

Happy Father's Day to all Fathers, Grandfathers, and Godfathers!

"Being a good father, though it is not easy, is the most rewarding responsibility a man can undertake".

- Ashley Montagu

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	June 19,	5:00 PM (rip) Rose Meli by Louise Meli
Sunday,	June 20,	9:00 AM For Fathers, Grandfathers, & Godfathers (living & deceased)
Monday,	June 21,	8:00 AM FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Tuesday,	June 22,	8:00 AM (rip) Joseph & Anna Mae Palko by M/M Henry Lenhardt
Wednesday,	June 23,	8:00 AM (rip) Maria Marini by M/M Wayne Brittingham
Thursday,	June 24,	8:00 AM (viv) Rev. John Conmy, OSFS by David Smith
Friday,	June 25,	8:00 AM (viv) Mary Smith by David Smith
Saturday,	June 26,	5:00 PM (viv) Helen Brannon & Mary Smith by David Smith
Sunday,	June 27,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

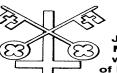
The next available dates for Mass Intentions are July 28, 29, and 30, 2004. Mass stipends are \$10.

Annual Catholic Appeal – To date, we have received pledges totaling \$9870.00 toward our goal of \$8300. Thank you for your generosity. Our parish will receive 50% of the **amount collected** over our goal. We ask that all fill out a pledge card even if you are not going to make a pledge – please mark "No Gift" so that the follow-up phone calls don't have to be made.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM1150 WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, June 27th, tune in to hear an interview with Deacon Frank Quinlan from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington.

Vocations - Jesus says in today's gospel "if anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." All Christians are called to take up the cross daily. Whether single or married, lay or ordained, all the baptized are invited to "lose" their lives for the sake of Christ. Is God inviting you to "lose" yourself in religious life or in priesthood? If you think so, we should talk. Call Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Vocations, at (302) 573-3113.

Catholic Charities, Inc. offers a weekly group program call "**You Are Not Alone**". This program is designed to provide an opportunity for frank and open expression of problems caused by the death of a loved one, whether your loss was recent or a while ago. The group meets on Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Catholic Charities, Inc. 2601 West 4th street, Wilmington, De. There are no membership dues and fees. For more information call Mrs. DePina at the Family Life Bureau at (302) 655-9624 ext. 221.



Be Quiet!

Jesus teaches the apostles something He learned from Mary, His mother – that when you don't understand fully what God is doing in your life you allow your awareness of His presence to rest quietly in your heart. Peter gave the right answer – that Jesus was the Messiah – but did he under-

stand what that would mean not only for Jesus but also for himself? Jesus gives him some indication then asks him to just sit quietly with the knowledge. Twice this week, give yourself at least 10 minutes of quiet time and ask Jesus to help you know Him more intimately.

Twelfth Sunday of the Year

June 20, 2004