

## SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

The call to discipleship is a call above all else. Jesus tells us that we must renounce the alluring things of this passing world if we are to truly follow in his footsteps. In order to prepare our hearts to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us ask the Lord for mercy for the times we have not placed God at the center of our lives.

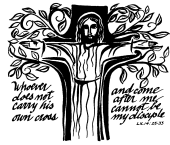
### THE READINGS:

Wisdom 9:13-18

The majesty of God is revealed in the wisdom of the Lord.

Philemon 9b-10, 12-17

St. Paul writes to Philemon about his former slave and now brother in Christ, Onesimus.



Luke 14:15-33

Jesus tells the great crowds that if they want to follow him, they must turn their back on the things of this world and focus on the task at hand.

Offertory Collection

August 29, 2004

\$717.00

The collection for **Needy Children in Diocesan Care**, which benefits children who reside within our diocese, will take place next weekend. Through the support of this collection, Catholic Charities provides a range of programs where the physical, psychological, social, educational, and spiritual needs of children are met. The coming week's edition of *The Dialog* will contain a four-page insert describing many of the services offered to children through Catholic Charities. Please take a moment to read how the Diocese of Wilmington is answering the needs of many – from infancy to adolescence – who look to us for hope, care, and guidance. Then, next weekend, come prepared to give generously. Thank you.

**Lectors** for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Charlie Gondek, 9 a.m. – Harry Killian.

There are **new pamphlets** on the rack – “How to Pray the Rosary” and “How to Make a Good Confession”.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from September 4th – September 18th for the intentions of Charlie Gondek.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	September 4,	5:00 PM (viv) Helen Brannon by David Smith
Sunday,	September 5,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	September 6,	8:00 AM (rip) Marion Walter by Ruth Press
Tuesday,	September 7,	8:00 AM (rip) Joseph Palko by Louise Meli
Wednesday,	September 8,	8:00 AM (viv) Helen Brannon by Mary Smith
Thursday,	September 9,	8:00 AM (rip) David Fitzwater by Margery Netsch
Friday,	September 10,	8:00 AM (rip) Anna & Bill Eddis by Nancy & Ernie Dalessio
Saturday,	September 11,	5:00 PM (rip) For the Victims of our National Tragedy
Sunday,	September 12,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are October 22, 24, and 25, 2004. **Mass stipends** are \$10.

### Religious Education News

1. **Confirmation practice** will be held on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.
2. **Confessions** for the Confirmandi will be heard on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, after 9:00 a.m. Mass.
3. **Confirmation** will be celebrated by our Most Rev. Bishop on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. A reception will be held immediately following the Mass at the Parish Hall.
4. **Religious Education Classes** begin, Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. in the parish hall. **This is a change from the calendar that was mailed home a couple weeks ago.**

**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 12<sup>th</sup>, tune in to learn about the upcoming Eucharistic Congress in Washington D.C. with Sr. Doretta D'Alberto. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

**Vocations** – In today's gospel, Jesus asks the crowd “Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?” Another way of asking the question might be “Which of you trying to make it to the Kingdom of my Father would not first try to figure out how He wants you to get there?” Yet so many times we make our life-choices based on what we want, rather than on what *God* wants. If you have not yet made a life-commitment, what are you doing to ensure that God's plan becomes part of your calculations? What is God's plan for you as you move along the road to eternal life? Want to talk about it? Call Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Vocations, at (302) 573-3113.

**St. Margaret of Scotland Garage Sale for the Poor & Needy** – will be held on Saturday, October 2, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the gym. Thousands of items will be available including clothes, appliances, furniture, house wares, toys, books, etc. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Ministry. Unsold items will be donated to Catholic Charities. Call 369-8100 x15 for more information.

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish** in Bear announces its Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Crafters should contact Rose at 266-6365 for registration forms.