

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

In today's readings, Jesus teaches that when we stray from the Lord through our selfish and sinful ways, God seeks us, and there is great rejoicing when we repent. To prepare our hearts for those holy mysteries, let us ask the Lord for mercy for the times we have become lost and frightened because we have wandered far from God.

THE READINGS:

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

After the Israelites worship the golden calf, Moses implores the Lord to have mercy on the people the Lord brought out of Egypt.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

St. Paul writes of the grace and mercy shown by Christ Jesus in calling him to a life of ministry.



Rejoice
with
me
because
I have
found
my lost
sheep.

Lk 15:1-32

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The scribes and Pharisees complain about Jesus dining with sinners. Jesus addresses their concerns by telling the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son.

Offertory Collection

September 5, 2004

\$1211.00

Today's second collection will benefit the Needy Children in Diocesan Care. If you did not come prepared to support this worthwhile cause, next weekend is not too late.

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

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

Eternal rest grant to Louise Szupper, mother of Rev. Michael Szupper, Pastor of St. Thomas More Oratory, and all the souls of the faithful departed.

MASS INTENTIONS

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)
Monday,	September 13,	8:00 AM (rip) Margaret Townsend
Tuesday,	September 14,	8:00 AM (rip) Annette Dougherty by Mary Smith
Wednesday,	September 15,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday,	September 16,	8:00 AM (rip) Isabelle Press by Margery Netsch
Friday,	September 17,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday,	September 18,	5:00 PM (rip) Helen Sefcik by Ruth Press
Sunday,	September 19,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

The next available dates for Mass Intentions are October 24, 25, and 27, 2004. **Mass stipends** are \$10.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, September 19th, learn about the upcoming "time and talent" event at St. Joseph on the Brandywine when parishioners Loretta Carlson and Casey Dauphin are interviewed. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations – In today's second reading, St. Paul says he is grateful to God for considering him trustworthy in appointing him to the ministry. He was grateful because he was aware of his own flaws – and yet God still called him! Could God be calling you to "the ministry" as a priest, deacon, religious sister or religious brother? If you think so, call Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations, at (302) 573-3113.

Religious Education News

Confessions for the Confirmandi will be heard on Sunday, September 12th, after 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Confirmation will be celebrated by our Most Rev. Bishop on Sunday, October 3rd, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. A reception will be held immediately following the Mass at the Parish Hall.

Religious Education Classes begin, Sunday, September 19th, at 10 a.m. in the parish hall. **This is a change from the calendar that was mailed home a couple weeks ago.**

Altar Servers Appreciation Day – In appreciation for your faithful and dedicated service, Bishop Saltarelli cordially invites all Altar Servers in the Diocese of Wilmington to join him in celebrating a Mass of Appreciation on Sunday, October 3rd, at 3 p.m. at St. John the Beloved Church, Milltown Road, Wilmington. Refreshments will be served in the hall immediately after Mass. If you would like to attend, please contact Fr. Siry at 834-4321 so that we may plan accordingly.

25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration - On October 10, 2004, Bishop Michael Saltarelli wishes to celebrate Mass with married couples marking 25, 50 or more years of married life at the Cathedral of St. Peter, 6th and West Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 at 11:00 A.M. Mass will be followed by a brunch at the Wyndam Hotel, 700 King Street, Wilmington, DE. Brunch will be provided for those celebrating 25, 50 or more years of married life. Other couples and guests are invited to the brunch at a cost of \$13.50 per person (\$7.00 for children between ages 5 and 10; free for children under 5). Couples are asked to register by completing a form (located on the table in the vestibule and returning it to the Diocesan Family Life Bureau, c/o Thomas Jewett, P O Box 2610, Wilmington, DE 19805.

Happy Grandparents Day!