

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

The call to discipleship requires faith in Jesus Christ. As followers of the Lord, we are expected to be of service to others. In order to prepare our hearts to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us seek God's mercy for the times we have failed to serve God and one another.

THE READINGS:

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

Filled with lament about destruction and violence, the prophet cries out to the Lord.

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

As faithful followers of Christ Jesus, we must bear hardships for the sake of the gospel.

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith.

Offertory Collection

September 26, 2004

\$807.00

Next Sunday, **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**, our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, calls every Catholic to celebrate, at the Eucharist, our vocation to be missionary and to help the Missions. As Catholics around the world – here at home and in the Missions – gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us... + Pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work, + Offer financial help through the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1100 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands.

Stewardship – When will I have given enough – of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today's Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do: "When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say, "We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty."

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from October 2nd - October 16th in memory of William & Willard Smith by David & Mary Smith.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	October 2,	5:00 PM (rip) Larry Goodwin by David Smith
Sunday,	October 3,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	October 4,	8:00 AM (rip) Stephen & Helen Sefcik
Tuesday,	October 5,	8:00 AM (rip) Joseph Palko by Ethel Repta
Wednesday,	October 6,	8:00 AM (rip) Rose Kenderski by Louise Meli
Thursday,	October 7,	8:00 AM (rip) Rose Kenderski by Paul & Toni Hebert
Friday,	October 8,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday,	October 9,	5:00 PM (rip) Haugh Family by Margery Netsch
Sunday,	October 10,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are October 24, 27, and 28, 2004. **Mass stipends** are **\$10**.



This weekend we welcome Bishop Michael A. Saltarelli to the 9 a.m. Mass as he administers the **Sacrament of Confirmation** to Kevin Austra, Michael Cole, Aimee Masone, and Rebecca Stoffer. Congratulations to our young people.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, October 10th, tune in to learn about the annual Mass for Social Justice when Andy Zampini is the guest. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations – In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts us to "guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us." That "rich trust" is the divine life which God has given us in Jesus Christ, and guarding it involves learning to listen for God's voice. The more attuned we become to God's voice, the more likely we are to discover the unique vocation to which He calls us. As *you* listen more and more closely, has it ever seemed that God might be calling you to live as a priest, a deacon, a religious brother or a religious sister? If the answer is "yes," let's talk. Call Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations, at (302) 573-3113.

The fifth annual **Mass for Social Justice** will be celebrated by Bishop Saltarelli at Resurrection Parish at 5:30 PM on Saturday, October 16th. The Monsignor Paul Schierse Award for Social Justice will be presented and community organizations receiving grants from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development will be recognized. All are invited to congratulate the award recipients at a light reception following Mass.

In this past week's **DIALOG**, a copy of our **St. Thomas More Statement and Litany** was enclosed. On October 31, 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed St. Thomas More to be the patron of statesmen and politicians. St. Thomas More has also been known as the patron of lawyers. Bishop Saltarelli asks that you consider praying this litany every day during Respect Life Month October 2004. You are asked to pray for politicians who strive to serve the nation and world with good will. You are also asked to pray for politicians who take public anti-life positions. It is the Bishop's belief that if we pray for them in a spirit of gospel and eucharistic charity, we may begin to see some substantial changes in their public positions.