SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

In today's society, being a disciple of Jesus often means going against the crowd, standing up for what is right and just in a world that is filled with the darkness of sin. Our scriptures assure us that we have nothing to fear, for God is always with us. As we prepare to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us acknowledge our failings and fears before our Lord in heaven.

THE READINGS:

Jeremiah 20:10-13

The Lord is with me, like a mighty champion.

Romans 5:12-15

The gift is not like the transgression.

Matthew 10:26-33

Allow me, dear brothers and sisters, to share with deep emotion, as a means of accompanying and strengthening your faith, my own testimony of faith in the Most Holy Eucharist. Here is the Church's treasure, the heart of the world, the pledge of the fulfillment for which each man and woman, even unconsciously, yearns. A great and transcendent mystery, indeed, and one that taxes our mind's ability to pass beyond appearances. Allow me, like Peter at the end of the Eucharistic discourse in John's Gospel, to say once more to Christ, in the name of the whole Church and in the name of each of you: "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68)

Pope John Paul II Ecclesia de Eucharistia, 59

Offertory Collection June 12, 2005 \$970.00 Next Sunday there will be a second collection for Peter's Pence for the works of the Holy Father.

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m.-Charlie Gondek, 9 a.m.-Thomas Kaczmarczyk.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from June 11th – 25th in memory of John & Blanche Klimaszewski by Charlie Gondek.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	June 18,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	June 19,	9:00 AM MASS FOR ALL FATHERS (living & deceased)
Monday,	June 20,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday,	June 21,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Wednesday,	June 22,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday,	June 23,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Friday,	June 24,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday,	June 25,	5:00 PM (rip) August Walters by Ruth Press
Sunday,	June 26,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

The next available dates for Mass Intentions are July 14, 15, and 18, 2005. Mass stipends are \$10.

Eternal rest grant to Peg Sterling, wife of George Sterling, John Freebery, Sr., father of Deacon Jack Freebery, and all the souls of the faithful departed.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on 1150 AM WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, June 26th, Fr. Thomas Peterman, Pastor of St. Dennis Church in Galena, Maryland, will discuss his new book entitled "Bohemia 1704-2004." Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations - In today's psalm response, we pray, "Lord, in your great love, answer me." The Lord beckons to us, too, inviting us to answer *Him* out of love. Each of us is chosen; each of us is called. If you think He might be calling you to priesthood or religious life, and if you'd like some company on the way to answering Him, call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or **jcocucci@cdow.org**).

Your action is urgently needed! On Tuesday, June 14th, Delaware Senate Bill 80, the Delaware Regenerative Medicine Act passed in the State Senate by a 14 - 7 vote and now goes on to the State House of Representatives. Your State Representative is now considering whether or not the destruction of human embryos for scientific research should be legal in Delaware. Help protect innocent human life in Delaware by writing a letter, sending an email or calling your representative and asking him or her to vote against SB 80. Please let your voice be heard this week. More information is available on the Diocese of Wilmington's web site at www.cdow.org. Thank you.

Are you being nudged toward re-energizing a stalled faith journey? Are you interested in exploring the social justice tradition of your faith? Do you want to learn what Scriptures and church doctrine have to tell us about what it means to be a Catholic in the twenty-first century? Consider taking part in a new justice formation process called "JustFaith" that will be offered at St. John / Holy Angel's parish this fall. The program includes readings, videos, and conversations about the most difficult topics, face-to-face encounters with the poor, and an investigation into the intersection of spirituality and Christian activism. JustFaith has been used by parishes across the country with dramatic results. The program, which is open to anyone interested, will run from September to May. Registration closes July 15th. Sound good? Call Sister Connie at 731-2436 or Mike Kerrigan at 540-8824 for more information.

Happy Fathers Day to all Fathers, Grandfathers, and Godfathers!