

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. These poignant words of Jesus challenge us to cast aside our selfish desires in order to care for the presence of Christ in others. As we prepare our hearts to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us turn to the Lord for mercy and pardon.

THE READINGS:

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

The prophet Elisha is given hospitality by the woman of influence and her husband.

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Matthew 10:37-42

In some places the practice of Eucharistic adoration has been almost completely abandoned. In various parts of the Church abuses have occurred, leading to confusion with regard to sound faith and Catholic doctrine concerning this wonderful sacrament. At times one encounters an extremely reductive understanding of the Eucharistic mystery. Stripped of its sacrificial meaning, it is celebrated as if it were simply a fraternal banquet. Furthermore, the necessity of the ministerial priesthood, grounded in apostolic succession, is at times obscured and the sacramental nature of the Eucharist is reduced to its mere effectiveness as a form of proclamation. This has led here and there to ecumenical initiatives, which, albeit well intentioned, indulge in Eucharistic practices contrary to the discipline by which the Church expresses her faith. How can we not express profound grief at all this? The Eucharist is too great a gift to tolerate ambiguity and depreciation.

Pope John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 10

Offertory Collection

June 19, 2005

\$966.00

The second collection this weekend, Peter's Pence, is for the works of the Holy Father. Thank you for your generosity.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	June 25,	5:00 PM (rip) August Walter by Ruth Press
Sunday,	June 26,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	June 27,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday,	June 28,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Wednesday,	June 29,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday,	June 30,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Friday,	July 1,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday,	July 2,	5:00 PM (rip) Harry & Babe Moore by Louise Meli
Sunday,	July 3,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

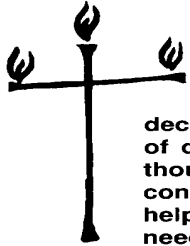
The next available dates for Mass Intentions are September 14, 15, and 16, 2005. **Mass stipends** are \$10.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from June 25th – July 9th in memory of Rose Meli by Louise Meli.

Eternal rest grant to Deacon Robert Normoyle 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, July 3rd, Mathew Bunson, author of the new book "We Have a Pope! Benedict XVI" will be interviewed. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations In today's Gospel, Jesus says to his apostles "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." In every generation, God calls some people to leave behind the lives they're used to and to follow Him along a different path. Might He be calling you to embark upon the road to priesthood or religious life? If you think so, please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or jcocucci@cdow.org).



Strike a Balance!

"He who seeks only himself brings himself to ruin," teaches Jesus in today's Gospel reading. We can see the truth in this writ large in corporate scandals over the past decade. It is also reflected in high divorce rates and the number of disturbed children in our families and communities. Notice though that Jesus does not say to ignore oneself but rather to consider the good of others to also be a high priority. Ask for help from the Spirit to strike a holy balance between your own needs and those of your family, friends, work, and neighborhood.

Thirteenth Sunday of the Year June 26, 2005

Are you new to the parish? If so, please pick up a Parish Registration Form from the literature rack in the vestibule. Take it home, complete it, and return it to the parish office via the mail or the offertory basket. CCD registration forms are also there if you have children who need to register for the Fall classes.