

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Today we are challenged to make ourselves into fertile ground for the Word of God. Let us call on God's mercy for those times when we harden our hearts and do not listen to God speaking to us.

THE READINGS:

Isaiah 55:10-11

God speaks and the Word creates what God desires.

Romans 8:18-23

We believe that our present suffering is the seed of future glory.

Matthew 13:1-23

The Second Vatican Council teaches that the celebration of the Eucharist is at the center of the process of the Church's growth. After stating that "the Church, as the Kingdom of Christ already present in mystery, grows visibly in the world through the power of God," then, as if in answer to the question: "How does the Church grow?" The Council adds: "as often as the Sacrifice of the Cross by which 'Christ our pasch is sacrificed' (1 Corinthians 5:7) is celebrated on the altar the work of our redemption is carried out...." (Dogmatic Constitution Lumen Gentium 3)

...The evangelists specify that it was the Twelve, the apostles, who gathered with Jesus at the Last Supper (cf Mt. 26:20; Mk 14:17; Lk 22:14). This is a detail of notable importance, for the apostles "were both the seeds of the new Israel and the beginning of the sacred hierarchy." (Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Decree on the Missionary Activity of the Church Ad Gentes, 5)

Pope John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 21

Offertory Collection

July 3, 2005

\$1174.00

This weekend a second collection will be taken up for the Churches in Latin America and Central and Eastern Europe.

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from July 9th – 23rd in memory of Alice Murtha by Francis & Helen Dudlek.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	July 9,	5:00 PM (rip) Francis Walter by Ruth Press
Sunday,	July 10,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Saturday,	July 16,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Sunday,	July 17,	9:00 AM (rip) Stanley Wierzbowski by Ruth Rawley

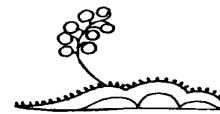
The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are January 3, 4, and 5, 2006. **Mass stipends** are **\$10**.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on 1150 AM WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, July 17th, tune in to hear an interview with Fr. Dave Cote, Wing Chaplain at Dover Air Force Base. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations - In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the sower whose seeds fall on different types of soil. What seeds are *you* planting? When the Master summons you, what harvest will you be able to point to? Are you nurturing the seeds He gave you? If you think you might have the seed of a religious vocation, please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or jcocucci@cdow.org).

The **Diocese of Wilmington Catholic Charities** is accepting applications for the position of Residential Social Worker to oversee the process of placement, treatment and discharge of all residents and coordinates clinical services at the Therapeutic Group home for children with histories of serious abuse, neglect, dependency, and emotional problems. Experience in inter-agency coordination a plus. Master's degree in Social Work preferred, or Master's in Human Service field with 3 years experience; or BS or BA in Social Work with field experience and 3 years experience in social service or related field needed. Send resumes with salary requirements to Director of Human Resources, P O Box 2030, Wilmington, DE 19899-2030 by August 1, 2005 or apply on line at www.cdow.org click on employment, Catholic Charities.

Celebrate World Youth Day in Delaware! Come to the Delaware Youth Day Rally on Saturday, August 20th, 1-8 p.m. at Jesus House, 2501 Milltown Road, Wilmington. This even is Free and includes great music, Mass, inspiring talks, video feed of World Youth Day events, food, etc. Teens and their families welcomed. For more information call Jesus House 995-6859 or e-mail: edie2501@comcast.net.



May the Seed Flourish!

This week, we hear Matthew's account of Jesus' story about the sower and the seed. Place yourself inside the story. How do you receive the Word – as the footpath, the rocky ground, the thorny soil, the fertile land? Imagine yourself as healthy, rich soil and ask to know what one seed God wishes you to receive, nourish, and harvest. What do you need to change in your heart in order to create a welcoming and sustaining environment for this one gift?

Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

July 10, 2005