

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Today we hear that there are weeds within the wheat, saints and sinners mixed together. But it is not our job to judge. Our God is a merciful God, so let us promise to be merciful to one another.

THE READINGS:

Wisdom 12:13-16-19

Those who are just must be kind ... and permit repentance for their sin.

Romans 8:26-27

Because we do not know how to pray, the Spirit inspires the prayer.

Matthew 13:24-43

The judgment of one's state of grace obviously belongs only to the person involved, since it is a question of examining one's conscience. However, in cases of outward conduct which is seriously, clearly and steadfastly contrary to the moral norm, the Church, in her pastoral concern for the good order of the community and out of respect for the sacrament, cannot fail to feel directly involved. The **Code of Canon Law** refers to this situation of a manifest lack of proper moral disposition when it states that those who "obstinately persist in manifest grave sin" are not to be admitted to Eucharistic communion. (Canon 915)

Pope John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 37

Offertory Collection	July 10, 2005	\$1093.00
	Churches of Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 219.00

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	July 16,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Sunday,	July 17,	9:00 AM (rip) Stanley Wierzbowski by Ruth Rawley
Saturday,	July 23,	5:00 PM (rip) Raymond Grygo by Joanne MacKenzie
Sunday,	July 24,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

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

Medical Update – Tuesday, July 12th, Father Siry had coronary bypass surgery. Thank you for all your prayers thus far and please continue to keep Father in your prayers as he begins his recuperation period.

St. Joseph Parish in Middletown, Delaware is looking for a part-time Music Minister to work with the Contemporary Choir, Youth Choir and Cantors. The successful candidate will have excellent organ/keyboard and vocal skills, familiarity with other instruments, a working knowledge of the liturgy of the Catholic Church, and the ability to work with teens and adults. Position involves three rehearsals and three Masses weekly, as well as monthly meetings. Salary negotiable. If interested, please letter of interest and resume to: Search Committee, St. Joseph Parish, PO Box 630, Middletown, DE 19709.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on 1150 AM WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, July 24th, tune in to hear an interview with Deacon Hal Jopp, Director of the Office for Deacons of the Diocese of Wilmington. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations - In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans (*and us*) "the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit." He's speaking, of course, about the Holy Spirit, Who knows God's unique plan for each one of us. What are you doing to try to discern God's plan *for you*? Suppose God is calling you to priesthood or to religious life? How would you know? If you'd like to talk about it, please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or jjcocucci@cdow.org).

The Office of Vocations will sponsor a "Priesthood Discernment Vocation Retreat" weekend, August 26-28th at the Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth in Wernersville, PA. This retreat is open to single men, ages 18-45, who believe God might be calling them to the priesthood. The cost of the retreat is \$100; some need-based assistance is available. For more information call Fr. Joe Cocucci at 573-3113.



The Just Must Be Kind!

Those who are just must be kind. This is the letter that the writer of the Book of Wisdom draws from meditating on how God relates to us. Jesus exemplified this way of being. He spoke up for the poor and those who were made outcasts by the Community, but He also ate and met with those in power, not condemning but teaching. Our perception of our own righteousness can be a temptation to arrogance. Let us join together to help one another find the balance between justice and kindness.

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

July 17, 2005