

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Today we hear the prayer of Solomon to be a wise ruler. In the Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a treasure. Let us call on God's mercy for those times when we are not wise and what we treasure is not of God.

THE READINGS:

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

King Solomon prays for Wisdom.

Romans 8:28-30

All things work for good for those who love God.



The Kingdom of Heaven is like a rich merchant searching for fine pearls. The kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure buried in a field. . .
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"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." (Saint Alphonsus Liguori) The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the very well-spring of grace.

Pope John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 25

Offertory Collection

July 17, 2005

\$1056.00

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from July 23rd - August 6th in memory of Erich M. Schulze by the Schulze Family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	July 23,	5:00 PM (rip) Raymond Grygo by Joanne MacKenzie
Sunday,	July 24,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Saturday,	July 30,	5:00 PM (rip) Margaret Gannon, J. Walter Gannon, and John W. Gannon III by Linda Escheu
Sunday,	July 31,	9:00 AM (rip) Stanley Wierzbowski by Susan Walker

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

Medical update – Father Siry has been released from the hospital. He is on the road to recovery. Please keep Father in your prayers.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on 1150 AM WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, July 31st, hear an interview with Catholic singer/songwriter, Nancy Krebs. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations - In today's first reading, Solomon asks God for "an understanding heart." He wants, in other words, a heart that understands God's will for him and for the people he is to serve. What is God's will for you? Could He be calling you to serve His people as a priest, deacon, religious sister or religious brother? 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).

Word of Life – "We are not some casual or meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary."

Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, Mass of Installation, April 24, 2005

A Very Big Dream!

Solomon had a very big dream. God came to him as he slept and asked the king to tell Him what he wanted and He would give it to him. What would you have said? Would you have dismissed the question as "just a dream?" Solomon took it seriously and asked for an understanding heart in order that he might fulfill his vocation as the leader of God's people. And God was very pleased to give him what he had asked for. What do you need to live fully in your own unique vocation? Ask for this knowing it will be granted.

Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

July 24, 2005