

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Today we are challenged to trust in the abundance of God. Let us call on God's mercy for those times when we fear to share our blessings and fail to trust that God will provide what we need.

THE READINGS:

Isaiah 55:1-3

All who thirst come to the water.

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Matthew 14:13-21

The path taken by the Church in these first years of the third millennium is also a **path of renewed ecumenical commitment**...The path itself is long and strewn with obstacles greater than our human resources alone can overcome, yet we have the Eucharist, and in its presence we can hear in the depths of our hearts, as if they were addressed to us, the same words heard by the Prophet Elijah: "Arise and eat, else the journey will be too great for you" (1 Kg 19:7). The treasure of the Eucharist, which the Lord places before us, impels us toward the goal of full sharing with all our brothers and sisters to whom we are joined by our common Baptism. But if this treasure is not to be squandered, we need to respect the demands which derive from its being the sacrament of communion in faith and in apostolic succession.

Pope John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 61

Offertory Collection

July 24, 2005

\$905.00

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Saturday,	August 6,	5:00 PM (rip) John Press by Ruth Press
Sunday,	August 7,	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 – Fr. Siry had a setback this week and is back in the hospital with pneumonia. 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, August 7th, learn about the Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia's 150 years of service when Sr. Margaret Cunniffe is interviewed. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations - "When he [Jesus] disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved," and He enlisted his disciples to minister to them. Jesus does the same thing today: He calls women and men to serve the People of God as religious sisters, religious brothers, deacons and priests. Is He calling you? 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).

"The 2005 Biennial Marian Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, 2005. Cost of the pilgrimage for those who wish to go by bus is \$20 by Gregg Bus Company from New Castle County parishes. Registration can be made with Susan Walker at 836-9892, our parish representative, who has all the details. Departure from designated pickup points will be at 7:00 or 8:00 a.m., return to parish by 7:00 p.m. Msgr. Rebman, assisted by Msgr. Barres and Fr. Piekarski, are Pilgrimage Directors. Bishop Michael A. Saltarelli will be celebrant and homilist of the 11 :00 a.m. Mass - Solemn Eucharist Exposition at 3 p.m. Reservations for bus transportation are due in the Chancery Office by **October 7, 2005**.

The Diocese of Wilmington Catholic Charities is seeking a Part-time cook to work at the Family Resource Center. The individual will plan and prepare meals (25 servings) for the lunchtime food program. This is a part-time position up to 19 hours per week Monday – Friday. Flexible hours are possible. Candidates must be reliable, friendly, a self-starter and have previous experience as a cook or have food service experience. Join the team and make a difference. Send resumes to Program Manager, Family Resource Center, 2825 Madison Street, Wilmington 19802 or Fax (302) 762-9246 or apply on line at www.cdow.org click on Employment – Catholic Charities on or before August 19, 2005.

Modeling Compassion

Jesus was affected deeply by the death of His cousin and advance man, John the Baptizer, and needed to be by Himself for a while. But the crowd discovered where He was and searched Him out; they too must have shaken by John's death. Jesus in His great compassion saw their needs and responded. His example led others to share what they had to offer and all had received what they most needed. In what situation in your life are you called to put this model into practice?



Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

July 31, 2005