

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus desired to build the church – a lasting community of faith – on the rock of Peter. Let us acknowledge our failure to live faithfully within this community.

THE READINGS:

Isaiah 22:19-23

I will place the key of the House of David on his shoulder.

Romans 11:33-36

Who knows the mind of God?

Matthew 16:13-20

...The Church is apostolic in the sense that she "continues to be taught, sanctified, and guided by the apostles until Christ's return, through their successors in pastoral office: the college of bishops, assisted by priests, in union with the successor of Peter, the Church's supreme pastor." (Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 857) Succession to the apostles in the pastoral mission necessarily entails the sacrament of Holy Orders, that is, the uninterrupted sequence, from the very beginning of valid episcopal ordinations. This succession is essential for the Church to exist in a proper and full sense.

Pope John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 61

Offertory Collection

August 14, 2005

\$843.00

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from August 20th – September 3rd in memory of James & Anna Rosseel by Jim & Sharon Rosseel and family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	August 20,	5:00 PM (rip) Jennie & Walter Wisowaty by Walter & Barbara Wisowaty
Sunday,	August 21,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Saturday,	August 27,	5:00 PM (rip) Raymond Grygo by Joann MacKenzie
Sunday,	August 28,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

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



Celebrate the Year of the Eucharist at the Diocese of Wilmington Eucharistic Congress on October 29, 2005 at the Ocean City Convention Center in Ocean City, Maryland. The Eucharistic Congress will include an opening prayer service, a keynote address by Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop of Washington, breakout sessions, lunch, all-day Eucharistic adoration, Mass with Bishop Saltarelli and more. For more information or to register, contact Anne Dalessio at 832-8737, our parish contact, or register online at www.cdow.org, or call toll-free 1-888-936-4545 for a registration form.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on 1150 AM WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, August 28th, learn about Catholic education in the area when several Catholic school principals are interviewed. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations - Today's Gospel reading reminds us that Jesus has given to Peter and his successors the power to bind and to loose. One of the ways priests exercise that ministry is through the sacrament of Reconciliation, in which the faithful are freed from the binding effects of sin. God is calling men in our Diocese to serve as priests even now. Are you one of them? 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).

"Thank you to all the people who helped me during Mass a few weeks ago when I got ill during Mass. My wife really needed the help and your kindness was truly appreciated. God Bless, you have a wonderful parish!"

*Sincerely,
Alan & Sally Rogers & family*

God's Riches

How deep are the riches and the wisdom
and the knowledge of God?
How inscrutable His judgments,
how unsearchable His ways!
Romans 11:33



If you believe that this is the nature of our God, what an adventure
meditation becomes!

Twenty-first Sunday of the Year

August 21, 2005