

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Today we face the truth that the reward of the prophet is the cross. Let us acknowledge that we are often timid, distracted or lazy, and let us ask God's forgiveness for the times we have failed to follow Jesus and speak the truth of the Gospel.

THE READINGS:

Jeremiah 20:7-9

The prophet is compelled to speak, even though it brings derision.

Romans 12:1-2

Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed.

Matthew 16:21-27

In giving his sacrifice to the Church, Christ has also made his own the spiritual sacrifice of the Church, which is called to offer herself in union with the sacrifice of Christ. This is the teaching of the Second Vatican Council concerning all the faithful: "Taking part in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, which is the source and summit of the whole Christian life, they offer the divine victim to God, and offer themselves along with it." (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church *Lumen Gentium*, 11)

Pope John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 61

Offertory Collection

August 21, 2005

\$1549.00

The diocese is no longer conducting the Needy Children Collection and therefore the second collection envelope for September 10 -11 should be disregarded. The Needy Children Collection is being replaced with *Share in the Spirit* and will be taken up at all Masses the weekend of September 24 - 25. Envelopes for this new tuition assistance collection will be made available in the pew.

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 27, 5:00 PM (rip) Raymond Grygo by Joann MacKenzie
Sunday, August 28, 9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Saturday, September 3, 5:00 PM (rip) Stephen & Helen Sefcik
Sunday, September 4, 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.

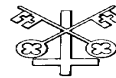
Medical Update – Fr. Siry has been going for cardiac rehab 3 days a week and is doing very well. Please keep him in your prayers.

Statue of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, will be in St. Polycarp's Church on Sept. 2. 8 a.m. Rosary; Mass at 8:30 a.m. Rosary and Exposition & Benediction will be at 7 p.m. For more information call 653-8279.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on 1150 AM WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, September 4th, tune in to learn about campus ministry in the Diocese of Wilmington when Fr. Mike Szupper is interviewed. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations – St. Paul's words in today's second reading are as timely for us as they were for the Romans to whom he originally addressed them: "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God." The most important thing we can do is discern God's will for our lives and then work toward carrying it out. And that requires allowing God to transform our minds, so that the most important question changes from "what do I want to do with my life" to "what do You want me to do with my life, Lord?" If you think God might be inviting you to priesthood or religious life, please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or ccocucci@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**.



Peter/Satan



God: Do you think it was fair of Jesus to compare Peter to satan?

Me: Well, Peter was acting like satan did when he tempted Jesus in the desert. He wanted Jesus to think of Himself rather than of the mission given to Him by His Father.

God: Right! But Jesus loved Peter and Peter loved Jesus. Eventually He was able to give Peter a position of great responsibility. Jesus will never give up on you either!

Twenty-second Sunday of the Year

August 28, 2005