

## SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

God's ways are not our ways. While we are too often concerned about getting our due, God is concerned with establishing the kingdom. Let us ask God for that largeness of heart and generosity of spirit that helps us forget ourselves and follow Jesus.

### THE READINGS:

Isaiah 55:6-9

"My ways are not your ways," says the Lord.

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel.

Matthew 20:1-16a

I wish once more to recall this truth and to join you, my dear brothers and sisters, in adoration before this mystery: a great mystery, a mystery of mercy. What more could Jesus have done for us? Truly, in the Eucharist, he shows us a love which goes "to the end" (cf. John 13:1), a love which knows no measure. This aspect of the universal charity of the Eucharistic Sacrifice is based on the words of the Savior himself. In instituting it, he did not merely say: "This is my body," "this is my blood," but went on to add: "which is given for you," "which is poured out for you" (Luke 22:19-20).

Pope John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 11,12

Offertory Collection

September 11, 2005

\$1041.00

Next weekend the new Diocesan "Share In the Spirit" for Catholic Schooling will be taken up.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from September 17<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup> in memory of Frances & Michael Beldyk by Jeannie & Jim Byers.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – 10-WEEK FOOTBALL POOL** - The Knights of Columbus have 10-week Football Pools available for a donation of \$10 per ticket. **Proceeds from this pool will help fund the Past State Deputies Scholarships given to Catholic Elementary students in need, the Delaware Special Olympics, and many other worthy charities.** Tickets are available after Masses this weekend.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	September 17,	5:00 PM (rip) Charles & Leonard Woerner by family
Sunday,	September 18,	9:00 AM (rip) James R. Rosseel by Jim & Sharon Rosseel & Family
Monday,	September 19,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday,	September 20,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Wednesday,	September 21,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday,	September 22,	8:00 AM (rip) Harry & Ann Jameson by Louise Meli
Friday,	September 23,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday,	September 24,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	September 25,	9:00 AM (rip) Anthony Felpo by Susan Walker

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](http://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](http://www.wdel.com). Next Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, Father Michael Carrier will discuss the upcoming Diocese of Wilmington Eucharistic Congress. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

**Vocations** – In today's first reading, the Lord reminds us through the prophet Isaiah "my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways." One of the hallmarks of Christian growth is realizing that God's plan for me might be different from what I'd like to choose as a career. Sorting it all out involves discernment, and that's never easy to do by oneself. If you think God might be calling you to priesthood or religious life, and if you'd like some help as you seek clarity, call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or [ccocucci@cdow.org](mailto:ccocucci@cdow.org)).



### Gaining Perspective

Today's Gospel story of the estate owner, who paid all laborers in his vineyard the same wages irrespective of the time they had put in, strikes many as blatantly unfair. Yet Jesus chooses it to make a point about justice and generosity. Each man at a minimum got the wages he had contracted for, thus there was no injustice. Yet the owner chose to be generous to those who had started later in the day. Maybe the depth of this story will become clearer to each of us as we approach the end of our lives and realize all we could have done, the love we could have shared. Then to know that life awaits us too will probably inspire great gratitude for our Father's generosity!

Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year

September 18, 2005