SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

In today's Gospel, we are presented with the compassion of Jesus toward those who are ill and isolated from the community. Let us remember those times when we suffered alone and pray for that same compassion toward others.

THE READINGS:

Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46 The leper shall dwell apart.

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Paul says, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."

Mark 1:40-45 Jesus heals the leper.

Offertory Collection February 5, 2006 \$1174.00

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. - Charlie Gondek, 9 a.m. - Alan Rogers.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from February 4th – 18th in memory of Stanley Wierzbowski by his wife, Marylou.

Eternal rest grant to Georgina Binder and all the souls of the faithful departed.

On Monday, February 6th, Father Siry fell down the For Your INFORMATION... On Monday, February 6th, Father Siry fell down the outside concrete stairs of the rectory on his way to church to celebrate the Funeral Mass for Mrs. Binder.

Father Siry hit his head and also sustained a broken hand and torn ligaments in his knee. Father had surgery on Wednesday for the knee and hand. There will be no daily Masses until further notice. Please keep Father in your prayers as he recovers from surgery and these injuries.

MASS INTENTIONS

February 11, February 12, February 13, February 14, February 15, February 16, February 17, February 18.	5:00 PM (rip) Marie E. Hammond by Ruth Press 9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased) NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE 5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
February 18, February 19,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased) 9:00 AM (rip) Louise Saxton by M/M William Smith
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The next available dates for Mass Intentions are May 28, June 11, and 17, 2006. Mass stipends are \$10.

Catholic Forum - Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on 1150AM WDEL and on the Internet at www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, February 19th hear an interview with Lorene Hanley Duquin, author of the new book, "Fighting Cancer with the Help of Your Catholic Faith." Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington.

Vocations – In today's first reading, the healing ministry of the priest is revealed in the Old Testament. In the New Covenant, priests heal in a variety of ways, most notably through the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick. Is God calling you to serve His Church as a priest? Please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or icocucci@cdow.org).

Penitential Fast and Abstinence for Lent - The current discipline of Penance for the United States, in addition to the general character of the Lenten season may thus be summed up:

- a) Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. With regard to Good Friday, the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled: "Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind" (Constitution on the Lituray, no. 110).
- b) The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
- c) The Fridays of the year outside Lent remain days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat or some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance: this may be physical mortification or temperance or acts of religion, charity or Christian witness.
- d) All those who are fourteen years old are bound to the law of abstinence. The law of fast binds all who are eighteen years old and not yet fifty-nine years old.

Special Note: Because the Feast of Saint Patrick will be on a Friday in Lent this year, Bishop Saltarelli has granted a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from eating meat on Friday. March 17, 2006 for all Catholics in the Diocese of Wilmington. Anyone who wishes to take advantage of this dispensation is encouraged to perform some other work of piety or charity.