

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to imagine what new wine does to old wineskins. The new wine ferments and bursts the old, stretched-out skins. What we need are new wineskins that will stretch with the new wine. Just so, Christians must be people who can accommodate the new while holding on to the precious that is old. Let us pray for trust and wisdom and a spirit of adventure.

THE READINGS:

Hosea 2:16b, 17b, 21-22

The Lord said to Israel, "I will espouse you to me forever."

2 Corinthians 3:1b-6

Our qualification comes from God.

Mark 2:18-22

New wine - new wineskins

Offertory Collection

February 19, 2006

\$1417.00

Next weekend a second collection will be taken up for Black & Indian Missions and Catholic Home Missions. Please be generous.

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Jean Beldyk-Byers, 9 a.m. – Linda Michel.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from February 18th – March 4th in memory of Frances & Michael Beldyk by Jim Byers & Jeannie Beldyk-Byers.

Eternal rest grant to Frank Diksa and all the souls of the faithful departed.

Fr. Siry Update

– Father was released from Wilmington Hospital on Tuesday. He will continue to undergo rehab treatment on an outpatient basis. He is walking with an extended walker (made taller since he cannot use his hand on the walker, the walker has a height extension on it so he can lean on it with his arm). No date has been given on when he can return to the rectory. Please continue to keep Father Siry in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	February 25,	5:00 PM (rip) William Smith by Mary Smith
Sunday,	February 26,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	February 27,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday,	February 28,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
ASH WEDNESDAY		
Wednesday,	March 1,	NO MORNING MASS
		6:30 PM For the Intentions of M/M Arthur Lilley by Helen Brannon
Thursday,	March 2,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Friday,	March 3,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday,	March 4,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	March 5,	9:00 AM (rip) Mildred Bosco by Judy Bosco

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are May 28, 30, and June 1, 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, March 5th, hear the first in a series of special weekly Lenten messages. Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington.

Vocations – Today's responsorial psalm reminds us "as a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him." God shows His compassion for us in many ways. One of those ways is through the ministry of dedicated religious sisters, religious brothers, deacons and priests. Perhaps God is inviting *you* to serve through one of these vocations. 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).

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 Liturgy, 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.