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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Today's scripture emphasizes the choice we have to make as believers. In the first reading, Joshua calls on all the people to "decide today" whom they will serve. Jesus asks his disciples if they want to leave him, and Peter says for all of us, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" Let us pray today for the grace to choose Christ.

THE READINGS:

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Ephesians 5:21-32

The mystery of marriage is seen as a sign of Christ and the church.

John 6:60-69

Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life."

Offertory Collection August 20 2006 (in next week's bulletin)

This weekend a special collection will be taken up to assist in the hurricane recovery effort for the Dioceses of New Orleans and Biloxi, Mississippi. Out of the 433 church owned structures, 428 were destroyed or severely damaged with more than \$70,000,000 of damage. Last year's efforts were for humanitarian relief. This collection will assist in meeting the Church's recovery and rebuilding needs within these two dioceses. Please be generous.

On Labor Day weekend a second collection will be taken up to help in the funding of the 32 ft. stainless steel **Statue of Our Lady, Queen of Peace**, that will be erected on the grounds of Holy Spirit Church in New Castle. This symbol of our faith will be seen by all who cross the Delaware Memorial Bridge. The Knights of Columbus are assisting in this effort and only \$50,000 is left to be raised toward this effort. Your generosity toward this effort would be appreciated.

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – (open), 9 a.m. – Alan Rogers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Caturday	August 26	F.00 DM (rin) Anna Daggad by Jim & Charan Daggad & Family
Saturday,	August 26,	5:00 PM (rip) Anna Rosseel by Jim & Sharon Rosseel & Family
Sunday,	August 27,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	August 28,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday,	August 29,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Wednesday,	August 30,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday,	August 31,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Friday,	September 1,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday,	September 2,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	September 3,	9:00 AM (rip) Georgina Binder by Leon Binder

The *Sanctuary Candle* is lit from August 19th – September 2nd in memory Anna Rosseel by Jim & Sharon Rosseel and family.

Catholic Forum – Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on 1150AM WDEL in Wilmington or at 10:30 a.m. on 92.7 FM WGMD in Rehoboth Beach. Next Sunday, September 3rd, tune in to hear an interview with Fr. Ray Forester, Pastor of St. Edmond Parish in Rehoboth Beach. Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington.

Vocations – In today's first reading, Joshua tells the tribes of Israel "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." All of us are called to serve the Lord, though not in the same way. Some are called to give witness to the Kingdom of God through vows of poverty, chastity and obedience; some are called to feed God's people at the table of the Eucharist; some are called to provide ministry through the proclamation of the Gospel. Is God calling you to serve as a priest, deacon or religious? If you think so, please call or write Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; jcocucci@cdow.org).