

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

There is one message in all of the readings today and we're not going to like it. The message is, "Put Yourself Last." We want to be first, to be the best, to be the most important. This isn't the way of Jesus. St. James asks, "Where do wars and conflicts among you come from?" Let us make ourselves ready to hear his answer; to hear today's Word and ask God for the grace to live in accord with what we hear.

THE READINGS:

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The wicked persecute the just one.

James 3:16-4:3

Where do the wars and conflicts come from?

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus speaks of his death while the disciples vie for first place.

Offertory Collection September 17, 2006 \$1200.00

At all Masses this weekend, September 23 & 24, we are taking up the second annual **Share in the Spirit** collection for tuition assistance. Envelopes are available in the pews. If you are not prepared to contribute this weekend, you may drop your contribution off at or mail it to the parish office this week. This very important collection helps deserving families ease the burden of Catholic school tuition. For further information, please visit the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington website at www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html.

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – John Edwards, 9 a.m. – Harry Killian.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from September 16th – 30th in memory of James R. Rosseel by Sharon & Jim Rosseel and family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	September 23,	5:00 PM (rip) Georgina Binder by Claudia Burke
Sunday,	September 24,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	September 25,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday,	September 26,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Wednesday,	September 27,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday,	September 28,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Friday,	September 29,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday,	September 30,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	October 1,	9:00 AM (rip) Clara Maida by Patricia Allen & family

Attached is the annual **Summary Income Statement for the Fiscal Years of 2005 and 2006**.

Birthright of Delaware – "Bottles for Babies" – On the weekend of September 30th/ October 1st, representatives will be handing out baby bottles with information about Birthright of Delaware. Included in the handout are daily prayers that you can say for pregnant women and their babies. Please take a baby bottle home and fill it with pocket change. Please return the bottles the weekend of October 21, 22. Thank you.

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, October 1, tune in to hear an interview with Tom Jewett, Chairman of the Diocese of Wilmington Respect Life Committee. Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington.

Vocations - In today's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Jesus calls servant-leaders to minister to his Body, the Church, but so many distractions in contemporary life make it difficult to hear that call. Could He be calling *you* to the priesthood? Call or write Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; jcocucci@cdow.org).

Marriage Help – The Retrouvaille Marriage Program is offering their fall program at the Holiday Inn, West Chester, PA on October 27 – 29, 2006. Retrouvaille is a live-in weekend and post session program for Married Couples who feel anxious or stressed about their marriage. If you want to re-discover your marriage, call 1-800-470-2230 or 302-832-8044 and inquire how you can bring peace and harmony to your marriage – together. You can also visit our web-site at www.retrouvaille.org. Retrouvaille is the ONLY marriage help program endorsed by the Catholic Church.

A **Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat** for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held on October 13th-15th. This confidential retreat is sponsored by the Cecil County Pregnancy Center and is for anyone hurting inside after abortion. For more information, please call Michele Heath at (410) 398-6164, or email Michele at cecilcountypc.rvretreat@verizon.net. You can also visit www.rachelsvineyard.org or call the national toll-free hotline at 1-877-HOPE-4-ME.