

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Easter

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY: My friends, this Second Sunday of Easter is also called Divine Mercy Sunday. Today we hear about Thomas the doubting apostle who could not believe that Jesus was alive and speaking to him. Today we hear Jesus' own words to those disciples he loved after he rose from the tomb. What did he say? He said, "Forgive each other. Be merciful." When we were baptized we agreed to follow Jesus and live as he asked his disciples to live. And so, rejoicing in our merciful God, we remember our baptism and promise again to live as Jesus lived.

THE READINGS:

Acts 2:42-47

Those who believed were together and had all things in common.

1 Peter 1:3-9

Although you have not seen him, you love him.

John 20:19-31

Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	March 23, 2008	\$1375.00
	Easter	\$1606.00
	Holy Land Shrines	\$ 142.00

A second collection will be taken up next weekend for Air Conditioning.

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5:00 p.m. – Jean Beldyk-Byers, 9 a.m. – Susan Walker.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from March 29th – April 12th in memory of Richard & Rose Meli by Louise Meli.

The Parish events sheet listed had the wrong date for the parish picnic. It is Sunday, June 29th.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	March 29,	5:00 PM Nine Masses for Easter
Sunday,	March 30,	9:00 AM Nine Masses for Easter
Monday,	March 31,	9:00 AM Nine Masses for Easter
Tuesday,	April 1,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Wednesday,	April 2,	8:00 AM (rip) Donnie Oakes by Martha Carter
Thursday,	April 3,	9:00 AM Gondek & Kleamski Families (living & deceased)
Saturday,	April 5,	5:00 PM (rip) Victor Press by Ruth Press
Sunday,	April 6,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

Thank you to Crabby Dick's Restaurant and to all of you who attended the fundraising event for our parish. We received a check in the amount of \$355.00 from them.

Thank you to the donor of the new carpeting for one of the rooms in the rectory. Thank you to the volunteer who painted the room and to the volunteer who cleaned the hardwood floor in my bedroom.

2008 Annual Catholic Appeal: *Revealing Jesus through our Works of Mercy* - Next weekend, our parish will participate in the 2008 Annual Catholic Appeal. It is at this time each year when Bishop Saltarelli appeals to us on behalf of the Diocese of Wilmington to support the works of the Church within the diocese. Funds from the campaign help provide pastoral, charitable, and educational programs and ministries to tens of thousands of people in our 12-county diocese. As parishioners of St. Paul's we are proud to be part of the Church of Wilmington. As members of the Diocese of Wilmington, it is important we reach out and serve others by sharing our resources. Just as we are one in the body of Christ, we must remember we are one with the other parishes and with our diocese. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers us the opportunity to work together to care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has granted us.

Our parish campaign target is **\$9900**. Your financial support will assist us in reaching that goal. Once we reach our target, 50 percent of the pledges collected over our target to the parish for our own use.

Please look for the special Annual Catholic Appeal insert in this coming week's edition of *The Dialog*. The insert provides important information about the campaign and the distribution of collected pledges.

Please give prayerful and thoughtful consideration to your resources and the needs of those served by the Annual Catholic Appeal. Kindly decide ahead of time the contribution you wish to make this year, and come to Church next weekend prepared to complete your pledge card.

Vocations - Today's first reading reminds us that the early Christians "devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers." Christians today are called to the same tasks; some live out that calling as religious sisters and brothers, as priests or as deacons. What about you? Might God be calling you to a life of service to the Body of Christ? If you think so, call or write Father Joseph Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; jcocucci@cdow.org).

A new **"Stepping Stones,"** the program for divorced and separated persons offered by the Family Life Bureau of Catholic Charities, will begin at St. Joseph's Church in Middletown, on Saturday, April 12, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Registration for the 6 week program is \$35.00. For further information contact Fr. Leonard Klein at Catholic Charities, 302-472-0659 or lklein@ccwilm.org.