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Twenty-first Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 23, 2009

Direct our efforts, O Lord!

Offertory

Sacred Heart	\$3930
St. John's	\$2355
Sacred Heart Assumption	\$ 393
St. John's Assumption	\$ 121

Altar Flowers – The flowers on the altar this weekend at *Sacred Heart* were donated by William and Georgia Barth to celebrate their wedding anniversary. This weekend Mary Johnson donated the flowers at *St. John's* in memory of Wesley Johnson.

Exposition and Benediction at Sacred Heart – Beginning on Friday, September 25, we will be having Exposition and Benediction in the main church. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will begin at 7 p.m. with sacred silence until 8 p.m. at which point we will pray as a community for an increase in vocations in the world, our own diocese and in our parish. Our time of prayer and contemplation will end with Solemn Benediction at

8:30 p.m. This will be a **WEEKLY** event every Friday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for at least the next several months.

Mass Schedule - The weekend of September 5/6 will be the last summer schedule for Masses. The winter schedule will resume the weekend of September 12/13. Masses will be held:

Sacred Heart: 5:30 p.m. Saturday

Sunday 9:15 & 11:30 a.m.

St. John's: Sunday – 7:30 a.m.

P.R.E.P.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Registration Packets have been mailed to all Parish families who have had children enrolled in Faith Formation classes in previous years. If you have not received your mailing, please call the Religious Education Office at 410-778-4650 and one will be sent to you. New families or families with children who will be registering for the first time, will receive their forms at the Registration and Parent Orientation Meeting on Sunday, September 13, at 10:15 a.m.

Adult Education Notes

Health care reform debates continue across the country. If you wish to know what the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have said about the issues, you can access their website at www.usccb.org/healthcare. Of particular interest is a letter from Bishop William F. Murphy, Diocese of Rockville Center, Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, to members of Congress. The letter was sent on behalf of the USCCB and outlines the Catholic response to health care reform.

"Embracing the Modern Biblical Renewal" is the first in a series on Catholics and the Bible available on-line at www.sadlier.com. Click on the Catechist/Teacher link and then access Catechist Development. The series is written by Donald Senior, C.P., President of Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Printed copies of the series will be available from the Religious Education Office as they are published if you do not have internet access.

August 22-23 – “Live in love, as Christ loved us.” (Second Reading) Worldwide Marriage Encounter **You Are Not Alone** is a program designed to provide an opportunity for frank and open expression of issues caused by the death of a loved one. Whether your loss was recent or a while ago, support of others can be helpful and gratifying. We invite you to come whenever you can. You Are Not Alone meets weekly on Wednesday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Catholic Charities, 2601 W. 4th Street, Wilmington, DE. There are no membership fees. For more information, please call the Family Life Bureau of Catholic Charities at 302.655.9624

Family Life Bureau of Catholic Charities will be offering two series of the program “Stepping Stones,” a six-week session for recovery and healing after separation or divorce. One series will meet at Catholic Charities, 2601 W. 4th Street and Greenhill Ave, Wilmington, DE on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., beginning Oct. 6th and ending Nov. 10th. The other series will meet at St. Joseph’s Church located at 37 E. Main St, Middletown, DE from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday evenings beginning Sept. 26th and ending Nov. 7th.

Update -- Church Discipline Regarding Cremation - In the Spring of 1997, Rome approved an Appendix to the *Order of Christian Funerals* which deals with cremation. It reiterates the normative suggestion that the cremation take place after the funeral liturgy, but also permits (for the first time in Catholic history) a funeral liturgy to be celebrated with the ashes in a place of honor. The Appendix stresses that the same reverence shown to bodily remains be shown to cremated remains. The ashes are to be placed in "a worthy vessel" (again reaffirming reverence for the remains), and finally buried or entombed in a mausoleum or *columbarium* (a structure specifically designed to hold cremated remains). The ashes are not to be scattered or sprinkled, since such actions are not in keeping with the reverence and respect the Church expects to be shown to the bodies of the deceased. **There has been direction and clarification received from our Diocese that allow for cremated remains to be buried at sea, provided that the container is designed with sufficient weight that it go directly to the bottom (returned to the earth), and provided further that this is done several miles from land.**

WANTED! High school students interested in our parish youth group. If you are in grades 9-12, we need you. Our youth group will hold a general interest meeting on September 20th at 1p.m. in the church. Learn about what the youth group is, what we do, where and when we meet and how you can become a part of this awesome group of friends. Stay tuned and spread the Word! You need to be there! Dan Ashe, Parish Youth Minister.

Thank you to everyone who helped make **The Bull Roast** a success. Our profit will be announced as soon as we have paid all the bills.

Community Food Pantry: Kent County Community Food Pantry now has a blog! You can learn more by visiting our blog at www.thecommunityfoodpantry.wordpress.com.

■ **Poor Boxes:** Poor boxes are located at the entrances of the churches. Your spare change goes a long way to help needy individuals and families in our community.

■ **AA Meetings:** Held every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in **Sacred Heart’s Church Hall**. Women’s AA Step Meeting is every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. **St. John’s in Rock Hall** on Sundays at 7:00 pm.

■ Please send bulletin announcements to the office by 2 p.m. on Monday for the following Sunday. Include your name and phone number.

Masses for the Week

Saturday, August 22nd

4:00 p.m.

Kathy Herman Necht

5:30 p.m.

Helen Arky

Sunday, August 23rd

8:30 a.m.

Richard Portis

10.00 a.m.

Wesley Johnson

Monday, August 24th

8:30 a.m.

Norman Ford, Jr.

Tuesday, August 25th

8:30 a.m.

Charles Forbes, Jr

Wednesday, August 26th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Thursday, August 27th

8:30 a.m.

Alice Hirsh

Friday, August 28th

8:30 a.m.

Mark Reimers



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