

**Twenty-third Sunday
In Ordinary Time
September 6, 2009**

Lord, you are always
just and merciful!

Offertory

Sacred Heart	\$2668
Oblates of St. Francis	\$2038
St. John's	\$1598
Oblates of St. Francis	\$1848

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: 5:00 p.m. Saturday

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

St. John's: Sunday – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Flowers – The flowers on the altar at Sacred Heart this weekend were donated by Joan DePoultier in memory of her parents Kathryn and Paul Pesce.

THANK YOU – The Little Sisters of the Poor would like to thank the parishioners of Sacred Heart/St. John's from the bottom of their hearts, for their generous contribution of \$4,202.00. This will

greatly assist them in their care of the elderly poor of the Diocese.

P.R.E.P.

Parish Religious Education Program

Children's Liturgy of the Word (for children in Grades K-4) begins on Sunday, September 13, at the 9:15 a.m. Mass.

Registration for Faith Formation classes for grades PK-9 is scheduled for September 13 at 10:15 in the Hall. There will be a brief Parent Orientation meeting. Students should also attend, as they will be introduced to their new catechists and have their first class time while parents are completing registration. Please bring your completed registration form along with the fee* as indicated on the form. Students new to the program must bring a Baptismal certificate if Baptism took place at a church other than Sacred Heart & St. John's.

ALL GRADES will meet on Sunday mornings from 10:15 – 11:20 a.m..

*If you are unable to pay the fee at this time, please complete the registration process on Sept. 13, and give the form directly to Barbara Kelly.

Would you like to refresh your knowledge of the Sacraments? The Old Testament? The Apostles' Creed? Here's your opportunity to not only refresh your own background on these topics, but help others to grow in their faith also. Catechists are urgently needed for Grades 3, 5 and 6. It is said that the best way to learn something is to teach it!! Won't you please share your faith with our children? Modern Catechist materials are virtually foolproof, and help will be given to familiarize you with the format and use of a Catechist's manual. How about asking a friend or an older child to share the role with you? The rewards of sharing the truths and traditions of our Catholic faith are well worth the investment of your time. Call the Religious Education Office at 410.778.4650, or e-mail Barbara Kelly at sacredheartled@verizon.net.

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.

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.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the church supper on Wednesday. We hope to have another one soon!

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. Dan Ashe, Parish Youth Minister.

Join the Diocese of Wilmington - The Biennial Marian Pilgrimage to Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC is scheduled for **Saturday, October 17, 2009**. Msgr. Rebman is Pilgrimage Director. Bishop W. Francis Malooly will be celebrant and homilist of the 11:00 a.m. Mass. If there are a sufficient number of people interested in participating in this pilgrimage, we will be able to provide bus transportation directly from

Sacred Heart parking lot. Please contact our parish representative, Wendy Platt @ 410.810.0294.

Envelope users:

Please make all checks, including those for any second collections, to Sacred Heart or St. John's church. We deposit this money and send a check to the Diocese. Also, if you would write the amount on your envelopes, it would save our money counters a lot of time!

Thank you.

Occupancy Coordinator

The Diocese of Wilmington is seeking an Occupancy Coordinator to work at Marydale, a housing facility for senior citizens with some limited facilities for handicapped adults. Rent subsidy is provided by the U.S. Government. Send resumes to Director of Human Resources, P. O. Box 2030, Wilmington, DE 19899-2030, Fax (302) 573-6944, e-mail djones@ccwilm.org or download an application at www.cdow.org click on Employment – Diocesan Offices/Services.

COORDINATOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF

The Diocese of Wilmington/Catholic Charities' is seeking a full time Coordinator of Administrative Support Staff who supervises all support functions for all non-residential programs for Catholic Charities' Greenhill Office. Send resumes to Director of Human Resources, P. O. Box 2030, Wilmington, DE 19899-2030, Fax (302) 573-6944, e-mail djones@ccwilm.org or download an application at www.cdow.org click on Employment.

Masses for the Week

Saturday, September 5th

4:00 p.m. Leon Jandreau

5:30 p.m. Douglas Vaughan

Sunday, September 6th

8:30 a.m. Ed Spray

10:00 a.m. Fernande Crouch

Monday, September 7th

8:30 a.m. Kathryn & Paul Pesce

Tuesday, September 8th

8:30 a.m. Joseph Scabis

Wednesday, September 9th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service


Thursday, September 10th

8:30 a.m. Anita Gelderman

Friday, September 11th

8:30 a.m. Rocco Ricardi

He humbled himself
to die on the
cross



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