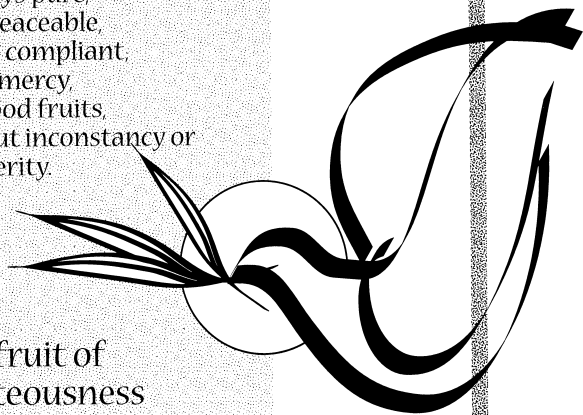


Wisdom from on high
is always pure,
then peaceable,
gentle, compliant,
full of mercy,
and good fruits,
without inconstancy or
insincerity.

The fruit of
righteousness
is sown
in peace
for those who
cultivate peace.



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Twenty-fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time September 20, 2009

The Lord will answer
the cry of His people.

Offertory

Sacred Heart	\$4370
St. John's	\$1113

The second collection this weekend is for the Sacred Heart/St. John's Religious Education Program

The second collection next weekend - is Share in the Spirit. This collection assists families who want their children to attend Catholic School in the Diocese, but are financially unable to do so.

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - The 2009/2010 school year ushers in a new design for our confirmation program. In addition to fulfilling the standards set forth by the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, confirmation candidates will enter a process of building a true Catholic community as they learn and grow using more hands-on activities to discover their Catholic identity and purpose. We will use the power adventure-based learning to reinforce the curriculum during the confirmation retreat at Pecometh as well as other local resources that illustrate the God's greatness and glory. We are excited to invite confirmation candidates and families to register in our religious education program on Sunday, September 13 at 10:15 in the parish hall. Then the first general session for **parents and candidates** will take place on Sunday, September 20 at 10:15 in the upstairs meeting room of the parish hall.

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS. Beginning October 25, 2009 our parish is beginning a program called the "Traveling Chalice". This program of prayer and reflection is designed to increase vocation awareness and prayer in the home. The program involves a chalice which will travel from home to home within the parish. There are simple prayers for each day of the week that accompany the chalice along with "conversation starters" related to religious vocations. If you would be interested in hosting the chalice in your home for one week, please contact John L. Davis by email at johnl.davis@gmail.com or call the church office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, 410.778.3160.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the church supper on September 2. From this event the youth group raised over \$1,700 and this will help to support youth ministries in the parish. We hope to have a similar event before the end of the year.

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 1 p.m. in the church. Dan Ashe, Parish Youth Minister

Join the Diocese of Wilmington for the 2009 Biennial Marian Pilgrimage to Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on Saturday, October 17, 2009. We will be joining other area parishes to provide bus transportation for the trip. The cost for the trip will be \$20.00/adult and \$10.00/child (12 and under). Seats will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis. The day will include a Carillon concert, procession of the Pilgrim Virgin into Shrine, Solemn Mass with Bishop Malooly, Rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the opportunity for Reconciliation, exploration of the Basilica and a visit to the gift shop. You may bring a bagged lunch or purchase lunch at the Basilica cafeteria. Registration forms are located at all entrances to the church. Please contact Wendy Platt at 410-810-0294 to reserve a seat on the bus.

Diocesan Mass for Social Justice -The tenth annual *Mass for Social Justice* will be celebrated by Bishop Malooly at St. Elizabeth Parish in Wilmington at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 10th. The Monsignor Paul Schierse Award for Social Justice will be presented and community organizations receiving grants from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development will be recognized. All are invited to congratulate the award recipients at a light reception following Mass.

INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE - For all children: That all children, especially the unborn and those vulnerable to abuse, that God may protect them from all forms of harm, and that we too may learn from the example of children and receive Christ with humility, trust and without fear; We pray to the Lord.

Charismatic Conference at Rehoboth Beach -- Convention Center. Bishop Malooly celebrates Mass at 7 p.m. on October 2 for 500 Charismatics from nine states. Speakers include Johnnette Benkovic, a regular EWTN, Fr. Albert MacPherson, OSA, active in the healing ministry, and Fr. Tom Flowers, Bishop's Liaison for Renewal. \$60 for the weekend, \$25 for Saturday only. Contact Bernadette Baker, 302.653.8279 or polycarp135@yahoo.com.

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. 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. at no charge. For more information, please call the Family Life Bureau of Catholic Charities at 302-655-9624.

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, September 19th

5:30 p.m. Leonard Tompkins

Sunday, September 20th

7:30 a.m. Larry Reni

8:30 a.m. Martha Shearer

10.00 a.m. Anita Gelderman

Monday, September 21st

8:30 a.m. Pat Loomis

Tuesday, September 22nd

8:30 a.m. Ken Burns

Wednesday, September 23rd

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, September 24th

8:30 a.m. No Intention

Friday, September 25th

8:30 a.m. Dennis Coleman



If you wish to be first
you must be the last of all
and the servant of all

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