



Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 16, 2018

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mary's/
St. Patrick's, and St. Peter's Cathedral:

In today's Gospel we hear Mark's version of Peter's confession that Jesus is the Christ, the long awaited Messiah and deliverer of Israel. But then Jesus begins to teach the disciples something that utterly astounds them, something totally unexpected, that he will have to endure rejection by the leaders of his own people and ultimately be put to death.

No wonder Peter objects in disbelief. The Messiah, the Christ, was to come as conqueror and ruler. He was to restore the glory of the ancient Kingdom of David and Solomon. There was no room in Peter's mind or that of any other faithful Jew of the time that the Messiah would suffer and die. This would have to be learned through the reality of the cross and the resurrection. God's salvation would not be political or military and it would involve the welcoming of the Gentiles into the covenant.

And for those who would follow Jesus, there would be a bearing of the cross. Normally this refers to rejection and persecution, but we often and rightly refer to ordinary human suffering as bearing the cross.

So I need to bring you up to date on my health situation. I began chemotherapy for my specific kind of leukemia this past Monday. Over seven days I take a shot of one drug and then am off until the conclusion of 28 days and resume again. I take one pill a day continually. Doctors are fairly optimistic that I can work some of the time during treatment. And, God willing, one of these cycles will drive me into remission and enable a bone marrow transplant and a cure. This is a form of adult stem cell treatment, the sort of thing Catholic moral teaching pressed for when fetal stem cell research was being pressed in the secular world. Adult stem cell treatments were always more promising.

However, the greater problem for me continues to be the lameness resulting from a complication of my bone marrow biopsy. I continue to be limited in mobility and to need a walker to get around. So I cannot say when I will be able to say Mass publicly again. For that day and for successful treatment I continue to beseech your prayers.

Fr. Klein
Rector

Pray for the Sick

Darlene Bargelski, Facenda Burton, Michael Dineen, Helen Dugan, Cal Fuhrmann, Jaxon Gardner, Valencia Giannantonio, Ann Hagan, David Kidd, Kathy Kingsley, Fr. Leonard Klein, Rita Lynam, Bill Marshall, Barbara Mondzelewski, Francesca Olivere, Alice Goetz O'Neill, Teresa Rodriguez, Earlene Roles, John Sarnecky, Howard Scott, Cheryl Smith and Olga Yapó.

Birthday Wishes

Prayers and warm wishes for the following parishioners who have birthdays this week: **September 16:** Sean Reilly, Autumn Hiner; **September 17:** Earlene Roles; **September 18:** Marie Paul; **September 21:** Monica Moore

200th Year Anniversary of the Cathedral

Please extend a warm welcome to Bishop W. Francis Malooly as the Celebrant for The Dedication Mass for the Cathedral's 200th Anniversary at the 11AM Mass this weekend.

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Pray for the Deceased

Our parish community extends its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Kathleen Bader Lynch, faithful member of the Cathedral for many years. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Masses/Services for the Week

Saturday, Sept. 15

4:00 PM Renate Ruth Gabriella Klein

Sunday, Sept. 16 (Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00 AM Parishioners

11:00 AM Richard Mondzelewski
(Bishop Malooly, Celebrant)

Monday, Sept. 17 (m, Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)

12:10 PM Rev. Leonard R. Klein (L)

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Wednesday, Sept. 19 (m, Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr)

12:10 PM Steve Mattie

Thursday, Sept. 20 (M, Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs)

12:10 PM Olgierd Musik

Friday, Sept. 21 (F, Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist)

12:10 PM Barbara Brozoski (L)

Saturday, Sept. 22

4:00 PM Mary Hanby

Sunday, Sept. 23 (Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00 AM Parishioners

11:00 AM John Joseph Pulgini

Fall Book Club

You are invited to join Fr. McVoy in the Cathedral Rectory on Saturday mornings at 9 AM for discussion of the book, *St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*. There will be three sessions beginning September 29, October 6 and October 13. Signup sheets are available in the back of Church.

Vocation Reflection

In today's first reading, the prophet Isaiah says, "The Lord God opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back." If you think *you* might have a vocation to priesthood or religious life, please call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302) 573-3113; vocations@cdow.org. And check out our website: www.cdot.org/vocations!

Catholic Forum

Listen to *Catholic Forum* every Sunday morning at 10:05 AM on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, September 23, tune in to hear an interview with Mr. Paul Collins and Mr. Charles Miller from the Saint Vincent de Paul Society who, along with the Diocese of Wilmington, are celebrating their 150th anniversary this year.

Word of Life

"Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life," www.usccb.org/culture-of-life

Christiana Care Ministry

In our continued efforts to support the dying and the sick at Christiana Care, a training session to become an Extraordinary Minister to the Sick will occur on September 22 at 9 AM in the Cathedral Rectory. Please call Jean Manning at 654-5920 to register.

From the Choir Loft

Organ Repairs- Last week, the 44 replacement leather valves for the Pedal Division of the organ arrived from the Austin Organ Company. Michael Davidson and Bill Patterson (of the choir) have been busy replacing them and are about half way finished. The valves are located inside the organ in a very confined space. Laying on one's back on the floor of the organ, one has to reach overhead and detach wires and screws to remove each valve, install the new one, and reconnect the wires. The valves then, need to be tested and adjusted for proper operation. Work continues on the weekends in anticipation of the 100th Anniversary Recital on October 21.

Cathedral Choir

The Cathedral Choir resumes singing at the 11 AM Mass this Sunday with the celebration of the 200th Anniversary. If you would like to participate in the choir music ministry, please see Michael Davidson or email him at michaeld@udel.edu. Rehearsals are held on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 PM.

2018 Share in the Spirit Collection

Next week's second collection will support the diocesan tuition assistance program. Parishioners throughout the diocese will be asked to help make the dream of Catholic education a reality for struggling Catholic families. To learn more about the Share in the Spirit collection, please consult this week's edition of *The Dialog* or the diocesan website at www.cdot.org/giving/development-share-in-the-spirit.

Book of Sacred Liturgy

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Readings/Responsorial Psalm Pg. 447

Lift High the Cross #894

Ubi Caritas #993

The Church's One Foundation #1003