



**FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Parishioners,

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta or, as she is commonly called, Mother Teresa. I think that most of us know about her from her work with the poor, not only in India, but around the world. In fact, a community of her sisters live not far away in Chester, Pennsylvania.

To celebrate the birth of Blessed Teresa, I have ordered bookmarks to commemorate this event. These will be given out after all Masses this weekend. I ask you to pray for the canonization of this holy woman and to imitate her in her great love for all the poor of the world. I also wanted to share with you my own Mother Teresa story. Back in April of 1976, I was finishing my first year in St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia. I was assigned to go to the now closed St. Elizabeth Parish in the city. On arriving there I found out that Mother Teresa would be coming for a visit to the parish where she would be speaking to a packed church of sisters from throughout the archdiocese. I was hoping that I would be able to stand in the sacristy and catch a glimpse of her. However, God had another idea.

At about 1PM, as I was either going up or coming down the stairs, the rectory doorbell rang. I was right there so I decided to answer the door. To say I was shocked, surprised and speechless is an understatement. Before me stood Mother Teresa, small, frail and bent; but radiating strength of faith and holiness. We spent, maybe two minutes speaking, as she held my hands in hers. I even had her sign the program for the day's events. It now hangs on a wall in the rectory.

Seeing this little dynamo of faith, in the flesh, was a remarkable event that I have treasured ever since. I am sure that one day soon she will be canonized and I will be able to say I talked with and touched a saint!

Have a great New Castle Week!

**PRO LIFE** – "We are fighting abortion by adoption. We have sent word to the clinics, to the hospitals, to the police stations: 'Please do not destroy the child. We will take the child.'" Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

**WORDS TO PONDER** – "The love of Christ knows no limits. It never ends; it does not shrink from ugliness and filth." St. Edith Stein

**N.B.** – The next First Friday is September 3. Exposition will take place at the end of the 8AM daily Mass and Benediction will take place after the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed at 3PM. Come and spend some quiet and prayerful time with the Lord.

**THE SAINTS CORNER  
ST. RICHARD PAMPURI  
(1897-1930)**

... medical doctor and founder. He was born Erminio Filippo Pampuri in Trivolizi, Italy, on August 2, 1897, the tenth child of a prosperous, pious family. He lost both of his parents at an early age. While desiring to become a foreign missionary, Richard entered medical school. Conscripted into the army, he served in the medical corps in World War I, receiving a decoration for conspicuous bravery. In 1918, he continued his studies, graduating in medicine and surgery on July 6, 1921. The following year he completed his internship, and in 1923, was registered at Pavia University as a general practitioner and surgeon. Going to Milan, he founded the Band of Pius X, a group dedicated to medical care for the poor. Richard also raised funds to provide food and clothing for the needy and entered the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God in 1927. He died at Milan on May 1, 1930. Pope John Paul II beatified him in 1981 and canonized him on November 1, 1989.

Feast day: May 1

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** – It is not too late to be an angel to someone in need. Your pledge, or one time gift, can be a beacon of hope to someone in need. If you have not yet made that pledge or given that one time gift, I encourage you to do so now. Pledge cards can be found in the church pews or just write Annual Catholic Appeal on an envelope and put it in the regular collection basket. Thank you to all those who have already given! Your great generosity is much appreciated.

**ORGAN INFO** – We are still moving forward with the plan to restore/refurbish our church organ. Two bids have been received and both are over \$50,000. We have sent in applications to several foundations seeking funds. We will not hear back from them until the fall. Thank you, to those who have made a donation to this worthy cause. It is greatly appreciated!

**PRAYER TO BEGIN A SCHOOL YEAR**

*God of wisdom and might  
we praise you for the wonders of our being,  
for mind, body and spirit.  
Be with our children as they begin a new school year.  
Bless them and their teachers and staff.  
Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;  
wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for  
understanding; and peace and zeal to their spirits.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen*

**Sacristans: Chris & Walt Loncki**



**Saturday, August 21**

5:00PM Joseph Szymanski req. by Nancy Vetter

**Sunday, August 22**

8:00AM For the Intentions of the Atkinson Family req. by Mary June Peterson  
9:30AM Healing for Marie Wilson req. by "the Friday Night Group"  
11:00AM In Reparation for the Sins of Abortion

**Monday, August 23**

8:00AM Jim Kirk req. by Mark Toner

**Tuesday, August 24**

8:00AM Herb Swanson req. by Marnie Vance

**Wednesday, August 25**

8:00AM Robert Olliver req. by Ann Marie Ryan

**Thursday, August 26**

8:00AM Jim Kirk req. by St. Peter's Sacristans

**Friday, August 27**

8:00AM Jim Cannon req. by Pete & Paula Toner

**Saturday, August 28**

5:00PM Healing for Michael McLaughlin req. by "the Friday Night Group"

**Sunday, August 29**

8:00AM Anthony DiAlessandro req. by Family  
9:30AM Mary Stryzs req. by Mary Ann Stevenson & Celia Watkins  
11:00AM Justine Kearns req. by John & Mary Justison

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 2 Th 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

**Wednesday:** 2 Th 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

**BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD**



**Olivia Grace**, daughter of Christine (Vannucci) & Daniel Maiese. We pray that the lives of her godparents and parents are examples of faith to inspire her.

**OUR MUSIC MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!**

Please join us as a cantor, choir member or instrumentalist. If you play flute, oboe, trumpet, keyboard, guitar, percussion, etc., please consider becoming a part of our ministry.

Adult choir rehearsals are Tuesday evenings at 7PM. The first rehearsal is scheduled for September 21st in the choir loft.



**HAVE YOU REMEMBERED ST. PETER CHURCH OR SCHOOL IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST?**

For further information, email Joann in the parish business office, [jdella@stpetertheapostle.org](mailto:jdella@stpetertheapostle.org) or call 328-2335.



**FROM THE PARISH OFFICE**

The parish office will close August 31, September 1 & 2 at 2:30PM and 12:30PM on September 3.

In celebration of Labor Day, the office will be closed on Monday, September 6.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**REGISTRATION**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** registration for grades 1-8 will take place on Sunday, August 29th and September 5th after the 9:30 and 11AM Masses. Religious Education classes will begin on September 12th. Any questions please contact Amy Platt at 650-2454.

**CONFIRMATION** registration will be done by mail only this year. Please call the parish office @ 328-2335 with your current address and the secretary will send you a registration form. There is a \$75 registration fee. Please attach your check to the registration form when you submit it. You may return the completed form to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket at Mass in an envelope marked "Confirmation".

**CATECHISTS NEEDED!**

Our Religious Education Program is in need of teachers/catechists willing to share their faith and talents with our youth. If you are able to join us, please contact Amy Platt @ 650-2454.

**CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS NEEDED!**

Our parish Confirmation group will meet this Fall to start their journey toward receiving this important sacrament in April. We are in need of one or more adult catechists to help in this process. The group meets about once a month after the 9:30 Mass. If you would like to be a part of the team, even if you think you may not be able to attend every session, please contact Deacon Halko by calling the Parish Office @ 328-2335 or email [TGHALKO@AOL.COM](mailto:TGHALKO@AOL.COM) for more details.

**Would you like to learn more about the Roman Catholic faith?**

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, known as R.C.I.A.** begins in September. This year we will again be joining our neighboring parishes, Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Fatima to share our resources to offer formation sessions that are part of the R.C.I.A. Sessions will take place at Our Lady of Fatima. Anyone interested in entering the Roman Catholic Church or learning more about our Church is welcome to attend. For more information or to ask questions, please call Father Lunness @ 328-2335.

**RENT OUR HALL FOR YOUR EVENT PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF CONTACT PERSON**

All events in Msgr. Crowley Hall are reserved through Betty Tomczak at 328-0996. Rentals are available at reasonable rates.

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Monday, August 23**  
*Memorial of St. Rose of Lima*

**Tuesday, August 24**  
**Feast of St. Bartholomew**  
7:00PM Rosary/Chapel

**Wednesday, August 25**  
**Memorial of Ss. Louis of France & Joseph Calasanz**

**Friday, August 27**  
**Memorial of St. Monica**  
3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet/Chapel

**Saturday, August 28**  
**Memorial of St. Augustine**

**Sunday, August 29**  
**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## SCHOOL NEWS

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 8/30



Calling all moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles & friends: St. Peter's lunch program needs you! Just 2 hours a week (11-1) is all we are asking. The lunch program is a success and enjoyed by the students. Serving lunch, selling drinks & snacks and cleaning up is rewarded by their smiles, their thanks and getting to know them. Believe us, we would not do this year after year if it weren't enjoyable. But we need your help. Please contact us and you will enjoy the experience: Sandy McNally @ 328-7971 or [sim6657@verizon.net](mailto:sim6657@verizon.net) or Chris O'Reilly @ 328-1187 or [chrismarie14@aim.com](mailto:chrismarie14@aim.com).

### SCHOOL BUS REIMBURSEMENT CHECKS

... have been mailed to the home address we have on file.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE GYM?

Ever wonder why all those cars are parked in front of the gym nearly every day of the week? Well now there is a way for you to find out. Check out the **St. Peter's Athletics** web page at [www.stpeterathletics.org](http://www.stpeterathletics.org). It is updated just about every day, so check back regularly.

### PURCHASE SCRIP GIFT CARDS AT CHURCH

Support Catholic Education at St. Peter School without spending any additional money!! Scrip Gift Cards are available after 9:30AM Mass. **Volunteers** are needed to man this table. If you can help **just one Sunday a month** from 10:30 – 11AM please call Patti Bebbington @ 836-1794. Checks and cash are accepted. **You hand us the cash; we hand you the card!!!** Please bring your family member's phone number so the credit can be applied to their tuition account. If you do not have a child in our parish school, the credit from your purchase will go into a general school fund.

### What do I do with my Campbell Soup Labels & "Box Tops"?

Please drop your Box Tops and Campbell Soup labels in the collection box in the church meeting room. This is an easy way to help our school students! Thanks!!

Now you can contribute used ink cartridges from computers and printers for recycling in the same box.

### VOCATIONS

Today's psalm response exhorts us to "go out to all the world and tell the Good News." While that is the vocation of every baptized person, God calls some to do it through the priesthood or religious life. For two thousand years, countless

women and men have dedicated their lives as sisters, brothers, deacons and priests. Is God calling you to join them? Call or write Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocation @ 573-3113 or [jcocucci@cdow.org](mailto:jcocucci@cdow.org).

### DESIGNATE CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**UNITED WAY OF DELAWARE** has kicked off its annual fundraising campaign, and Catholic Charities is asking for your support. Catholic Charities is a full member agency, and receives United Way funds for several programs in Delaware, including Basic Needs, HIV Services, Casa San Francisco, Counseling, and Substance Abuse Counseling Services. Please consider designating some or all of your United Way contribution to Catholic Charities. Indicate Catholic Charities agency code, 170, on your pledge form, along with the amount of your designation. Your designated contribution will help Catholic Charities to help the most vulnerable in our communities.

If you participate in another United Way campaign, you can also designate your contribution to Catholic Charities. Check with your campaign administrator for the correct Catholic Charities code for your United Way.

### TICKETS TO BROADWAY IN WILMINGTON!

**Serviam Girls Academy** is offering discounted tickets to the National Broadway Tour of **The Color Purple** on Thursday, September 16th, 7:30PM @ The DuPont Theater. Tickets are \$50 each – a \$10 savings! The unforgettable and inspiring true story of a woman named Celie, who finds her unique voice in the world. Nominated for eleven Tony Awards and with a joyous GRAMMY-nominated score featuring jazz, gospel and blues, *The Color Purple* is capturing the hearts of young and old, and uniting audiences in a community of joy. Please call 651-9700, x205 for reservations.

### 5K NUN RUN

#### SATURDAY, 9/18 – RAIN OR SHINE

Please pray for nice weather! This 5K race/walk begins and ends on the grounds of Jeanne Jugan Residence. And yes, the Little Sisters of the Poor do join us for the run and all the fun that takes place at this event. Race time is 9AM. Registration begins at 7:30AM.

\$18 for pre-registration until 9/16; \$22 day of the event  
T-shirts guaranteed to all participants who are pre-registered. Proceeds benefit the care of needy elderly in the Delmarva area living at the Jeanne Jugan Residence. For more information visit our website: [www.nunrun5k.org](http://www.nunrun5k.org).

### BULLETIN/CANTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Articles** for the weekly bulletin must be received in the parish office by **noon on Tuesday**. Editing may be necessary and articles may appear for two consecutive weeks (more if space permits).

**Cantor announcements** must be submitted for approval no later than **noon on Thursday**. Announcements need to be brief and to the point without phone numbers.

**Inserts** for the bulletin must be received in the parish office by **noon on Thursday of the previous week**.

Please email articles & announcements to the parish office ([parish@stpetertheapostlede.org](mailto:parish@stpetertheapostlede.org)) or drop in Pastoral Center mailbox.