

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY  
ORDINARY TIME**

July 27, 2008



If God were to grant you one wish, what would it be?

When I was a "YOUNG" Sister going through formation (training) one of the issues that our director would challenge us about is our understanding between what "we want" and "what we need". It was often very frustrating to those of us that grew up in a society of having our wants met, and not always considering if it was actually a need, to have to look at life that way. I often find it a challenge still.

What is the one thing in life you covet most? Is it a good job? Lots of money? A bigger and better house? A faster car? Good health? Higher education for you and/or your family? Success? The list goes on and on.

In today's first reading from the Book of Kings, the Lord appears to Solomon in a dream and says, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." What does Solomon seek of God? What would you ask for?

Solomon's wish is an understanding heart, for he says, "Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong." Imagine, Solomon could have asked for anything, but he simply asked for an understanding heart. And yet, when we step back and look at the big picture, an understanding heart is an important key to life.

Everyday as human beings we are faced with an array of decisions to make, some are as routine as 'what shall I wear' or 'what shall I have for lunch'. While other decisions are much more complex, as 'what shall I do with my life'.

Underneath all of life choices, from the simple to the more complex, we have the ultimate choice to make—that is, the choice between what is for right and what is for wrong. Wisdom gives us the ability to be able to make the correct choice.

May the Lord bless us all with the wisdom of an understanding heart so that we can distinguish right from wrong.

*Have a Blessed Week  
Sister Dorothy*

TO HELP WITH FUTURE PLANNING, BELOW FIND THE SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ON AUGUST 24, 2008 FOR THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL AS MANDATED BY BISHOP DAVID ZUBIK. Adoration will begin at 12 noon and run until 7 pm.

12-1: Parishoners with last names beginning A-D & Ladies of Charity

1-2: Parishoners with last names beginning E-H & CCD Teachers, Choir

2-3: Parishoners with last names beginning I-L & Lifeteen Group

3-4: Parishoners with last names beginning M-P & Men's Club, Ushers,

4-5: Parishoners with last names beginning Q-T & Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors

5-6: Parishoners with last names beginning U-Z & Women's Group, Bereavement Ministers, New Beginners

6-7: Parish Staff, School Staff & Teachers

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**BUSINESS TAX CREDIT**

Did you know your business (or employer) can earn tax credits while providing scholarships to our Catholic school students? As more businesses participate, the diocese's *Scholastic Opportunity Scholarship Fund* will be able to make Catholic education more affordable for families who qualify for aid. Learn about the scholarship fund and gain access to official DCED business guidelines by calling Dr. Ronald Bowes at 412-456-3090. Contributions restricted to St. Bartholomew School are welcome. Please note that due to new legislation, subchapter S or smaller companies may now be eligible to participate. Large corporations may now be able to give up to \$300,000 a year. What a great way to support Catholic Education!!

**MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH**

Ladies, join Magnificat Pittsburgh for the next prayer breakfast on Saturday August 16th from 9 AM to Noon at the Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry Township. Hear speaker LINDA SCHUBERT, Christian woman and a Catholic convert. Linda is founder of Miracles of the Heart Ministries and author of the best selling book, *Miracle Hour*. Linda will give her testimony boasting of the richness of God's mercy amidst cancer, tragedy, grief, and ultimately wholeness through the power of healing prayer. The cost of the breakfast is \$18.00. Registration deadline is August 8. For more information, call Kay at 724-772-6749, Pam at 412-461-8906 or see [www.Magnificatpittsburgh.org](http://www.Magnificatpittsburgh.org)

**DIOCESAN CHOIR AUDITIONS**

Auditions for the 2008-2009 Diocesan Choir will soon be held. The choir under the direction of Fr. Jim Chepponis, Music Director for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, sings for the major Diocesan events at St. Paul's Cathedral throughout the year, as well as an ecumenical Christmas Festival at Heinz Hall. Currently there are openings in the soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections, In addition to being good singers, potential members must be capable sight-readers due to a limited rehearsal schedule, and at least 18 years of age. Rehearsals are held at St. John Capistran Church in Upper St. Clair. Audition times may be scheduled by calling Doris Anne in the Diocesan Music Office 412-456-3042 before August 7.

**YOUNG ADULT AND LIFE TEEN UPDATE**

All young adults (anyone 18-30) and all Life Teen teens are invited to a cook-out on the rectory patio!!

**WHEN: SATURDAY AUGUST 2, 2008**

**TIME: AFTER 5:00 PM MASS**

Come and join us to celebrate Young Adult Sunday  
Please call the rectory if you are planning to attend.





RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION



Religious Education Classes for our youth are scheduled to begin formally on September 28th at 9:00 AM. Registration letters and forms were mailed this week to all families with children who were registered in the CCD program this past year. If you are new to our parish or have children new to the program, please call the rectory or stop by to pick us a registration form. Please return the forms as soon as possible so that we may be sure to have materials for all students with the start of classes.



RCIA classes will begin in September as well. Building on the success of previous years, we will continue to offer these instructional programs for adults seeking to learn more about the Catholic Faith as a cluster effort. Classes will be held on Monday evenings at St. Joseph Parish in Verona. If you or someone you know may be interested in enrolling in these classes, please contact the rectory.



- MON., JULY 28 Weekday**  
10:00 AM Rose Antonucci (Husband, Paul Antonucci)
- TUES., JULY 29, Martha**  
8:00 AM St. Irenaeus  
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Joseph
- WED., JULY 30, Weekday**  
8:00 AM St. Irenaeus  
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna  
7:00 PM Holy Hour
- THURS., JULY 31, Ignatius of Loyola**  
10:00 AM Mary C. Techmeyer (Mr. & Mrs. C. Naser)
- FRI., AUGUST 1, Alphonsus Liguori**  
10:00 AM Mিকেle & Silvia Pugliese (Maria Fava)
- SAT., AUGUST 2, Vigil - Eighteenth Ordinary Sunday**  
4:00 PM Confessions  
5:00 PM Paul Soisson (Wife, Ann Soisson)
- SUN., AUGUST 3, Eighteenth Ordinary Sunday**  
8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:30 AM Mr. Carmine Parrotta The Parrotta Family)

*Please remember in your prayers the sick, shut-ins, and hospitalized members of the parish; also the departed members of our Parish Family, especially:  
Antoinette Gialloreto, Florence Speicher and Mary Lou Vogel*



*The flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar this week are in memory of Joseph C. Gazzo from his wife.*