

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2007



## Announced Masses

Sat	02/03/07	4:00 pm	Laura Stech/Panko Family
Sun	02/04/07	10:30 am	Ronald Conley/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA Parish Family Evo Alfongi/Gus & Anita Delmar Beverly Aquilino/Quinn Family Thomas Buckingham/Ted & Betty Balabuch George Shopa/Beverly Alberts
		12:00 pm	Open
Mon	02/05/07	8:00 am	Agnes Landis/Joe Nikituk
Tue	02/06/07	8:00 am	Elizabeth Monsaert/ Prudence Berlenbach
Wed	02/07/07	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Thu	02/08/07	8:00 am	Helen Matusewic (1st Anniv.)/ Fr. Ken Hallahan & SJOA Par.Fam.
Fri	02/09/07	8:00 am	Mary Stofferi/Nephew Leon & Cindi & family
Sat	02/10/07	4:00 pm	Laura Rocanella (Birthday)/ Sister, Anne Elsie Spadafora/Jeannie Makowski & Millie Paprzycki Agnes Landis/Joe Nikituk Marie Casey (1st Anniv.)/Fr. Ken Hallahan & SJOA Par. Fam.
Sun	02/11/07	10:30 am	William Galasso/Joanna Vecchio Scott Williams/Wife & Family
	02/12/07	12:00 pm	Frances Shopa/Beverly Alberts

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## Entered Eternal Rest

Jean Fronolich  
Rita Dabbundo

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## The People's Tithe

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$00**  
*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

## A Family Perspective

We can learn how to handle stress from today's gospel. When pressured by the crowd, Jesus got into a boat and "went out a short distance and taught." Juggling parenting, scheduling and work can be stressful. Parents need space also. A "short distance" is a good parenting tool.

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## Sick List

Please pray for those who are ill and those who care for them:

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## What's Happening Around SJOA

### Sunday, 2/04/07:

RCIA	9:15 am	School
Religious Education—English	9:15 am	School
Religious Education—Spanish	10:45 am	School

### Monday, 2/05/07:

Parent's Meeting—Confirmation	7:00 pm	School
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## Stewardship Reflection

### Stewardship Begins With Gratefulness

*"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack." Psalm 23:1*

When was the last time you counted your blessings? Are there some things you take for granted that in all honesty you should be more grateful for? Today, why not start an inventory of your daily blessings. Write them down as a prayer of gratefulness to God.



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## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Last Friday, the TV show 20/20 did a full hour presentation about three children in the City of Camden. Diane Sawyer's team followed a 5 year old boy, an 8 year old girl and a 17 year old boy for a year. Friday's show revealed the difficulties and struggles of those three children.

In many ways, the show was heartbreaking. The difficulties that these children face—homelessness, inadequate food, an alcoholic parent, fear of rejection by other children all add up to a monumental struggle for them.

The 20/20 episode revealed how some children face obstacles to their education that many students would never even dream of. The poor always suffer more than anyone else.

Poor children experience enormous disadvantages in getting a decent education that can prepare them for a productive and fulfilling adult life. Here in Camden, many children suffer these disadvantages.

Some of the conditions described in the program on Friday must be addressed by the people themselves. The parents must learn how to provide good nutritious food to their children. They must learn how to budget their money and resources.

There are also public policies that must be addressed. The school system of Camden has a long history of poor performance. There are many dedicated teachers and professionals, but there has also been a lot of waste and poor performance, especially by administrators.

Additionally, the hostility of society towards the poor leads to destructive policies such as the zoning in laws in many suburban towns that prevent low-income and affordable housing from being built in their towns. These restrictions punish the children of the poor.

When poor children, in small numbers, live in middle class neighborhoods and go to middle class schools, they improve their performance, while the middle class children do not diminish their performance. When poor children are surrounded by poverty in their neighborhoods and schools, they face enormous obstacles in making a better life for themselves.

New Jersey needs to change its attitude and its policies towards the poor children.

Peace,  
Fr. Hallahan

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## Camden Youth Enrichment Fund

As a result of last week's episode of "20/20" regarding the conditions of the poor children and conditions in Camden, Mayor Gwendolyn Faison has set up a fund to assist in the monitoring and distribution of donations that are being received since the show aired.

If you would like to donate to this fund, send a check to Camden Youth Enrichment Fund, PO Box 2528, Camden, NJ 08101-9998.

## From the Bishop

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

**The National Black and Indian Mission Collection** will be taken up in parishes of the Diocese of Camden during the week-end of **February 3-4**.

For 123 years the Collection has been the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to the dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. Last year, 135 dioceses received assistance from the collection and 98 cents of every dollar was distributed to some of the neediest people across the United States, from the inner cities of the rural South, from the deserts of the Southwest, to Alaska's cold wilderness.

In addition, last year the Collection allowed the Church to allocate special grants to the Gulf Coast States where hurricanes and flooding did such terrible damage to Black churches and schools and to Indian parishes in Louisiana.

The theme for this year's appeal is *"Together we are the Church and we help each other."* With gratitude for your past support, I ask you to be generous again this year when this collection is taken up in your parish.

Fraternally,  
Most Rev. Joseph A. Galante, DD, JDC  
Bishop of Camden

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**Public Safety Concert Honoring all South Jersey Police, Firefighters, and EMS Dedicated to the Memory of Police Lt. Ronald Conley Sunday, February 11, 2007 at 3:00 pm Walter Gordon Theater, Rutgers-Camden Center for the Arts**

**Tickets: \$20.00—to order, call (856) 429-1880 Or 1-800-852-7899**

Camden Police Lt. Ronald Conley (a former parishioner of SJOA) was a particularly beloved, highly decorated and respected drug enforcement officer in the City of Camden who, last spring, lost his courageous battle with brain cancer. This concert will benefit two great causes—to build and educational scholarship for Lt. Conley's daughter and to raise money for the restoration of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in the City of Camden.

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## Camden Catholic High School Registration

Camden Catholic High School has scheduled Class of 2011 Registration on Saturday, March 3, 2007 from 8:00 am to 12 noon. Registration will take place in the school cafeteria. For further information, please contact Renee Murray, Admissions Officer, at (856) 663-2247, ext. 54.