

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 26, 2007



Announced Masses

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| Sat | 8/25/07 | 4:00 pm | Agnes Landis/Joe Nikituk |
| Sun | 8/26/07 | 10:30 am | Ofelia Guerra/Sonia Q. Zuchowski |
| | | 12:00 pm | Holy Souls in Purgatory/Ernest & Helen Butler |
| Mon | 8/27/07 | 8:00 am | Helen O'Shea (Birthday)/Family |
| Tue | 8/28/07 | 8:00 am | Jim E. Ferry, Sr./St. John Family |
| Wed | 8/29/07 | 8:00 am | Richard F. Zuchowski./ (3 mo. Anniv.)/Debbie Carroll |
| Thu | 8/30/07 | 8:00 am | People of the Parish/Fr. Ken |
| Fri | 8/31/07 | 8:00 am | Fr. John Wheeler, T.O.R./ Anne Rocanella |
| Sat | 9/01/07 | 4:00 pm | Joseph Rocanella (12th Anniv.)/ daughter, Anne Vera Hamilton/Brother Paul & Paul Jr. Charles W. Richardson, Sr./ Dave & Pat Reader Janet, Mary Ellen & Kevin Daly/ Michael McWilliams |
| Sun | 9/02/07 | 10:30 am | Anna M. Ostruski/ Sonia Q. Zuchowski Maryalice Simone/Barb, Deb, Denise & Cathy Madeline B. Hurst/Denise Bramble & Debbie Carroll Janet C. Daly/Kathy Kennedy |
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The People's Tithe

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$.00

Mission Appeal: \$

Thank you for your continued generosity!

A Family Perspective

The "narrow gate" Jesus "opens for us" does not lead to the accumulation of stuff, but it does lead to happiness. Family must be the school where we learn to ignore the lures of a materialistic world and to follow Jesus through "the narrow gate."

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Sick List

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

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Stewardship Reflection

Stewardship Promises

"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." John 12:26

When stewards follow Jesus, their opportunities to serve and respond from the heart are truly endless. When Stewards serve, from the heart, the Father promises a life time of honor.

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Family Fun Night



Get together with family and friends and help Fairview Main Street on Thursday, August 30, 2007 at Friendly's, located at Cuthbert Boulevard, Westmont Plaza, Westmont, NJ from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. Friendly's will donate 10% of all the proceeds to Fairview Main Street's fundraising efforts. Start your Labor Day Weekend a day early! For more information, call Fairview Main Street at (856) 966-4003.



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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Last week's readings, and this week's, point to two different dimensions of the human experience: unity and division.

Last week, both Jeremiah, the prophet, and Jesus, the Savior, face the divisions that occur among people. We all experience divisions of opinions within our own families. Sometimes, we can live with those differences, sometimes the differences break the family into parts.

Division among the peoples of the world is also familiar to us. So many nations are struggling with wars, both internal and external. The last time I looked, there were 28 major wars going on in the world.

Sometimes the divisions among people lead to violence, but this is not an inevitability. People can learn to resolve their differences in nonviolent ways. The states of New Jersey and Pennsylvania have differences over the use of the Delaware River, but they do not go to war over the differences. They resolve the differences with discussion and compromise.

The divisions among people remind us of the extremes to which people sometimes go to assert their own opinions or desires. Sometimes, religion can be a cause of division and violence. We think of the Taliban of today, but many Christians have had similar attitudes over history.

There is a balance that we must strike between being true to our own principles and insights and forcing others to conform to our beliefs. The founders of the United States of America made it clear that they wanted divisions and differences to be acknowledged and resolved through discussion.

Our founders were very careful to make sure that no one got too much power. They knew that people were sinful and that power was an awful temptation to people. Power can make people "lord in over" others in ways that are unjust. Our founders wanted to keep each part of the government separate from the others, and all of them weak enough not to dominate the others.

This week, Isaiah the prophet, whose message is generally a happier one than Jeremiah's, announces that all the nations of the world will come to the mountain of the Lord. They will all bring offerings and celebrate a wonderful banquet to show their oneness before the God who created them all.

We can prepare ourselves for that day by welcoming others into our lives. Every person, from any nations or culture, can bring a blessing of God into our lives. May we all be like Isaiah in nurturing a vision of a unified world.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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2007-08 Religious Education Program

Registration for our Fall Religious Education Classes is now taking place. You can register your children Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00 am to 7:00 pm at the rectory. For more information, call the rectory at (856) 962-8642.



Fairview Main Street Community Day

Fairview Main Street will celebrate it's second annual Community Day on Saturday, September 8, 2007 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Yorkship Square Park. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, yum-yum, coffee, water, health screenings, information tables and much more! Mark your calendars and join in the festivities!

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September CAP Sessions

The Diocese of Camden requires that all adults in regular contact with children to attend one CAP (Child Assault Prevention Program) session once every five years. These sessions teach attendees the mechanics of reporting child physical and sexual abuse as well as bullying concepts and how to help children feel safe, strong and free.

The following sessions will be offered in September:

Wed. 9/5/07—7:00 pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Vineland Retreat Center (Spanish & English).

Tue. 9/11/07—7:00 pm, St. Joseph, Sweedesboro, Parish Hall

Thurs. 9/13/07—7:00 pm, Sacred Heart High School, Vineland

Tue. 9/18/07—7:00 pm, St. Stephen School, Pennsauken (Lunchroom)

Thurs. 9/20/07—7:00 pm, Our Lady of the Angels, Cape May Court House, Hall

Tue. 9/25/07—7:00 pm, St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton, Absecon, Hall

To attend one of these classes, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Safe Environment for Children, Youth and Adults at (856) 583-6165 or email ddiggons@camdendiocese.org to register. Please register at least five days before the session you would like to attend.

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Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing Information Sessions/Open House

Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing-Cooperative Program with Camden County College invites you to attend their Formal Information Sessions/Open House at Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing, 1600 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ on the following dates:

Thursday, 9/27/07—5 pm and 6 pm

Sunday, 11/11/07—1 pm and 2 pm

Sunday, 2/10/08—1 pm and 2 pm

Thursday, 4/24/08—5 pm and 6 pm

You can earn of Diploma in Nursing/Associate in Science Degree with low tuition and obtain strong clinical practice.

Stop by for a visit with a faculty member who will advise you regarding a nursing career. There will be opportunities for questions as well as a tour of the school. For more information call (856) 757-3730 or visit their website at www.ololnursing.com. Our Lady of Lourdes is the only source of Catholic nursing education in Southern New Jersey.