

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 30, 2007



Announced Masses

Sat	09/29	4:00 pm	Anna M. Ostruski/Millie Paprzycki
Sun	09/30	10:30 am	Agnes Landis/Joe Nikituk
		12:00 pm	Open
Mon	10/01	8:00 am	For the Intentions of the Dolan Family/Mike & Theresa Dolan
Tue	10/02	8:00 am	Bayard & Mary Lawrence/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA Parish Family
Wed	10/03	8:00 am	Mary Nikituk/Joe Nikituk
Thu	10/04	8:00 am	Wayne J. Clark (Birthday)/Family
Fri	10/05	8:00 am	Frances Shopa/Beverly Alberts
Sat	10/06	4:00 pm	Angeline Valeriano/Rose Fugaro Pete Donato, Sr./Marge Laarkamp Leo Tompkins/Family Eddie Gotz/Sister, Helen
Sun	10/07	10:30 am	Bill Convery/Wife & Children Domenic M. Sanchirico/ Rose Marie Sanchirico Janet C. Daly/Trudy & Steve Kennedy Peter P. Donato, Sr./Daughter, Julie & Husband, Bill
		12:00 pm	Open

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Wedding Banns

Stephanie Dziczek and John Tamburro

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Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend's second collection is our 5th Sunday Collection. Proceeds from this collection will be used for Youth Ministry activities. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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The People's Tithe

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Thank you for your continued generosity!

Sick List

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

Maryann Green, James Fletcher, Sharon Arechavala, Jennie Sochanski, Gigi Norfleet, Alejandro Arechavala, Kristen Balabuch, Theodore J. Balabuch, Isabella "Cissie" Canzanes, Frank Spadafora, Jr., Eleanor Sochanski, Anita Gaschnig, William Van Sciver, Aleisha Kristina Febus, Marjorie Beacon, Martha Kleisz, Mary Baxter, Estelle Zetter, Jack Shannon, Ivis Guerrero, Angelo John Kelly, Lolli Zakrzewski, Ed Miller, Robert Polito, (Baby) Samantha Quinn, Ada Lozada, Denise Bramble, Rachel Wright, Lola Tocco, Barbara Scarduzio, John Dooney, Rita Cooke, Daniel Murphy, Michelle Bielawski, Laura Colucci, Brenda, Christopher Mullin, Chrissy Morehouse, Bill Dolan, Jose Arechavala, Fr. John Byrnes, Waldina McGuinn, Thomas Tavener, Sean McGowan, Alyssa Rodriguez, William Finnegan, Joe Quinn, John Susini, Elena Stoltz, Vera DeSumma, Norma Anderson, Charles Maiese, Rita King, Idalia Maria Zelaya, Al Pape, Al Randazzo, Lauren Van Sciver, Dolores Clark.

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Altar Flowers

In Memory of Sr. Catherine Joseph, O.P.
Requested by the Shannon Family

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Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week in memory of Helen O'Shea (4th Anniversary)
Requested by her Family

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What's Happening Around SJOA

Sunday, 9/30/07:

RCIA	9:00 am	Rectory
Religious Ed.—English	9:15 am	School
Religious Ed.—Spanish	10:45 am	School

Monday, 10/01/07

Youth Group Meeting	6-8:00 pm	Rectory
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Parish Planning News

On October 2nd, there will be a citywide planning meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Camden, with pastors and parish representatives. Updates to follow.

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CCOP News

The CCOP is currently working on scheduling a meeting with the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey to discuss policies of the Camden Police Department. If you have any questions/comments, please contact Fr. Hallahan at the rectory at (856) 962-8642.



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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Father Thomas Fenlon, who visited us last week, gave a very moving presentation about the Catholic Relief Services [CRS]. I was happy to meet Fr. Fenlon and shared some enjoyable conversations with him during his brief stay here.

Fr. Fenlon was ordained in 1964 and sent to Spanish Harlem in New York City. Shortly after his assignment, some of the African American parishioners invited him to go with them to Selma, Alabama to march for the right to vote. He went with them and saw how oppressive the situation in the South was at the time.

That experience helped Fr. Fenlon to dedicate his priesthood to those who are often on the margins of the Church, African American and Latinos.

Like Amos, the prophet, whom he likes so much, and whom we hear from again in today's reading, Fr. Fenlon reminds those of us who have been blessed with many good things in life, have an invitation from God to share our blessings with others.

Fr. Fenlon's parish in the Bronx, St. Augustine Church, is undergoing the same process of evaluation as our own parish. The New York Archdiocese is closing many of the smaller parishes, including some in the urban areas. An article on the Internet described the anxiety of the parishioners about this matter.

The Catholic Relief Services offer important help to people all over the world to address the consequences of poverty, war and natural disasters. I was happy to see that many people signed up to volunteer their time and talent in some way to the CRS.

As is the case with so many organizations, the CRS asks for your prayers and for a little bit of time to do something as simple as writing a letter. Your letter can help someone in another part of the world to have a better life.

For example, as Fr. Fenlon mentioned, the CRS advocates for foreign aid projects that truly help the people of the receiving country. We know from news reports that much of the so called "foreign aid" is simple pork-barrel legislation that is intended to help members of Congress to get re-elected. All of the money is spent in the Congressional district and very little useful help is given to the foreign country.

CRS monitors legislation to make sure that it actually helps someone in need. You can participate in this good work, which the prophet Amos would admire, from the comfort of your own home. CRS will tell you which Senator or Congressperson to write to. You need only write a short letter. The accumulation of letters from around the country can sometimes persuade the Congress to do something beneficial for the poor and the suffering in other countries.

Many blessings on all who have volunteered to help the CRS in any way.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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ATTENTION ANIMAL LOVERS!

Anyone willing to provide a temporary home for a cat and/or dog is asked to please call the rectory at (856) 962-8642. Fr. Hallahan needs your help!!

Religious Education Program

There's still time to register your children if you haven't yet done so! Classes are held every Sunday in both English and Spanish. English class is held from 9:15 to 10:15 am and our Spanish class is held from 10:45 am to 11:45 am. You can register at the rectory or Sunday mornings before class begins. **Registration closes October 23rd.**

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ADULT—NEVER BAPTIZED??

ADULT—NEED FIRST COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION??

ARE YOU AN ADULT CATHOLIC WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED ONE OF THE SACRAMENTS OR ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? If so, we would like to assist you through discussion groups formed as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). It is never too late...you are never too old! Please contact the rectory at (856) 962-8642. **Classes are now in session!**

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Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed for youth programs. If you like working with youth, have an hour or two a week to spare, and have ideas/skills/hobbies or interests you would like to share, please call Marian Jones, Soul of Camden, Inc. at (856) 365-4440, fax (856) 365-0744, or email watkinsjones@yahoo.com. Mentors for youth programs needed for after school and Saturdays. Ages high school through senior citizens.

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Stewardship Reflection

Stewards Live in Love

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another." (1 John 4:11)

Stewards are always aware of the blessings that come from God's love and accept the calling to respond to those blessings by loving one another. The Stewardship sharing of time, talent and treasure provides a model for living in God's love as a way of life.

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St. Joan of Arc Parish Youth Group

Our newly formed St. Joan of Arc Parish Youth Group, the "Arc Angels" meets every Monday evening from 6:00-8:00 pm in the rectory. We invite all boys and girls ages 12 and over to join. There will be activities, outings, group discussions, holiday parties. and much more to enjoy! For more information, call the rectory at (856) 962-8642.

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Christian Concert at St. Joan of Arc

Our Church will have a Christian concert with Rafael and Yaniris, coming from Queens, New York, on Sunday, October 21, 2007 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. The donation to our church will be \$5.00 per person. Please join us.