

# Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 7, 2007



## Announced Masses

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/ Rosemarie Sanchirico Janet C. Daly/Trudy&Steve Kennedy Peter P. Donato, Sr./daughter, Julie & husband, Bill
		12:00 pm	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Mon	10/08	8:00 am	Terence Connelly/Darlene (also their 25th wedding anniversary)
Tue	10/09	8:00 am	George Shopa/Beverly Alberts
Wed	10/10	8:00 am	Olga Nikituk & Martha Morrell/ Joe Nikituk
Thu	10/11	8:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory/Ernest & Helen Butler
Fri	10/12	8:00 am	Fr. John O'Connor/Joe & Grace Iacovino
Sat	10/13	4:00 pm	Agnes Landis/Joe Nikituk
Sun	10/14	10:30 am	Santiago Concepcion Gonzalez de Guerra, Jesus, Ofelia & Eduardo Guerra/Sonia Q. Zuchowski
		12:00 pm	People of the Parish

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### Altar Flowers

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

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### The People's Tithe

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time:\$00

2nd Collection (5th Sunday):\$00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## Sick List

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

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## Wedding Banns

Stephanie Dziczek and John Tamburro

## What's Happening Around SJOA

### Sunday, 10/07/07:

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

### Monday, 10/08/07

Youth Group Meeting	6-8:00 pm	Rectory
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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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### St. Joan of Arc Parish Youth Group

Our 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's 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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### ATTENTION ANIMAL LOVERS!

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



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## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

At the meeting of all of the pastors and leaders from the nine parishes of the city of Camden, the diocesan officials rejected every proposal submitted by the nine parishes!!

The rejections were based on several grounds. First, the seven proposals, five single pastor/single church and two clusters, needed a total of seven priests, when only five will be available.

Second, most of the proposals did not describe how the proposal would be financed.

Third, several proposals made no mention of achieving the six goals of pastoral planning for a "vibrant, active parish."

Fourth, the proposals did not indicate that the resulting parishes would have enough people to warrant a pastor. The goal is to have the churches ¾ full for any given Eucharistic celebration. For St. Joan of Arc, that would mean having 300 people at each Mass. Right now, we average about 65 each for the English Masses and about 160 for the Spanish.

Fifth, the plans did not indicate how the buildings could be used for services that would benefit the neighborhoods where the churches are located.

The proposal for St. Joan of Arc was a cluster with St. Bartholomew. The cluster would have a lay director of Parish life, and a part-time associate who would be shared with another parish. The proposal called for a youth minister and religious education director to be shared with another (or several other) parishes.

The diocese rejected our proposal on several of the grounds mentioned above. They suggested that we consider a merge with Transfiguration and St. Aloysius, or, perhaps, with Sacred Heart in Camden. They suggested a merger with St. Bartholomew would be more sensible than a cluster. They suggested the possibility of a new entity on the property of St. Joan of Arc, but including the merger of several parishes.

The procedure for the future is to hold meetings of the pastors and lay leaders of the nine parishes over the next few months to devise a new plan for mergers, clusters or shared parish ministries. The bishop invited us to think of the city as one larger parish and to envision a way to minister to the people of the whole city. Ministry would include the sacraments, assistance to the poor, outreach to emarginated populations, such as addicts, prostitutes, prisoners and the homeless.

The leaders representing our parish are Steve Pipito, Eliza Peña and Esperanza Peña. Please talk to them and give them your ideas. I intend to ask for ideas from anyone who is interested, too.

Peace,  
Fr. Hallahan

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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. For tickets/info. call the rectory at (856) 962-8642.



**The African Community of the Diocese of Camden  
Presents their 2nd Annual African Mass  
Saturday, October 27, 2007, 10:30 am  
St. Andrew the Apostle Church  
120 United States Ave., Gibbsboro, NJ  
Bishop Joseph Galante, Chief Celebrant  
African social gathering immediately following Mass  
with African food and displays. For more information,  
contact Deacon Bill Johnson at (856) 483-6136.**

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**Youth Group Halloween Party  
Saturday, October 27, 2007**

**For tickets/information,  
call the rectory at  
(856)962-8642**



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## 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](mailto:watkinsjones@yahoo.com). Mentors for youth programs needed for after school and Saturdays. Ages high school through senior citizens.