

# Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 21, 2007



## Announced Masses

Sat 10/20/07 4:00 pm Frank & Elsie Spadafora/  
Pat Cunningham

Sun 10/21/07 10:30 am Dr. Richard Zuchowski, M.D./  
Richard & Sonia Zuchowski

12:00 pm Holy Souls in Purgatory/  
Ernest & Helen Butler

Mon 10/22/07 8:00 am Maximilian Van Gorder/Joe Nikituk

Tue 10/23/04 8:00 am A Special Intention

Wed 10/24/07 8:00 am People of the Parish/Fr. Ken

Thu 10/25/07 8:00 am Agnes Jackson/Joe Nikituk

Fri 10/26/07 8:00 am William J. Forebaugh

Sat 10/27/07 4:00 pm Anna M. Ostruski/Brian, Kimberly  
& Gina Bramble

Sun 10/28/07 10:30 am Pedro Quezada y Petra Gonzalez  
Quezada/Sonia Q. Zuchowski

12:00 pm Open

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### Second Collection

This weekend's Second Collection is the Mission Sunday Collection. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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### The People's Tithe

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time:\$.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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## What's Happening Around SJOA

### Sunday, 10/21/07:

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

### Monday, 10/22/07:

Youth Group Meeting	6-8:00 pm	Rectory
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## Youth Group Halloween Party

Saturday, October 27, 2007

6:00 pm to Midnight

St. Joan of Arc School, 1400 Collings Rd.

### DONATION:

Youth: \$3.00 ~ Adults: \$5.00

Family: 10.00

For tickets/information,

call the rectory at (856)962-8642

Appropriate costumes only.

NO FACE MASKS, PLEASE!!





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## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to everyone who prayed for the priests during their three-day convocation this week. Your prayers were answered! The speaker, Rev. Dr. Clarence Williams, was excellent. He helped us to reflect on the ancient origins of our priesthood, stretching back to its Egyptian, Jewish, Greek and Roman roots and to confront the present challenges in a multi-cultural and changing church.

The bishop also gave us a lot of affirmation and encouragement to continue our ministry and to face the difficult challenges of the reconfiguration of the parishes as a result of the pastoral planning process.

Just to give you an update on the pastoral planning process, I'd like to tell you two things. First, the number of approved plans and second the numbers of priests.

Thus far 12 plans have received approvals from the diocese, 6 involve one priest-one parish, 5 are mergers and one is a cluster. An additional 15 plans were approved, with cautions. They involved 7 one priest-one parish arrangements, 7 are mergers and one is a cluster. The other 50 plans all received an answer of "not affirmed." The totals then, are 26 yeses and 50 nos.

The parishes which proposed the 50 plans that received a negative answer must go back to the meetings and come up with new proposals by the middle of January.

The schedule for implementing the new configurations will begin in May, 2008. Announcements of the final decisions will be made in May. The parishes will be consulted to determine what qualities they are looking for in their new pastor. The list of parishes will be published by June 30. Priests will apply for position of pastor in August. On August 18, the bishop will announce the new pastors.

Then, a second round of parishes will be open for new pastors, involving any pastor who will give up his present pastoral assignment in order to take on one of the new parishes. Those parishes will go through the process of recommending what kind of pastor they want, then applications will be taken and those parishes will be assigned a pastor by September 22, 2008.

Meanwhile, 4 pastors will reach retirement age in 2008. Another 22 are eligible for early retirement!! Potentially, 26 pastors could retire during 2008!! Right now, there are about 170 diocesan priests, with 39 priests from other nations and about 20 from religious orders serving our diocese. By the year 2015, the diocese will have 88 diocesan priests. The number of foreign priests and religious order priests available at that time is now unknown.

Please pray for the future of our diocese and of our parish. Encourage your children to think about becoming a priest! Encourage them to think about a vocation in lay ministry, as a pastoral worker, youth minister, religious educator, hospital chaplain or financial manager of a parish. The future church will need them all.



Peace,  
Fr. Hallahan

## A Community Event for Everyone

Find out about services available in your community and learn about recreational activities for your family on Saturday, October 27, 2007 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at St. Joseph's Pro-Cathedral, Federal Street, East Camden. There will be free food, giveaways and prizes, performances from the Creative Arts High School, and a Halloween costume contest! For more information, call Angel M. Osorio at (856) 225-8663 or email at angelmosorio@ccprosecutor.org.

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## Annual Bereavement Mass

Our annual Bereavement Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 3, 2007 at 4:00 pm. This special liturgy is in honor of our deceased friends and loved ones who have died in the past five years. A special tribute is planned during the Mass through a candle lighting ceremony for those who have died during the past year. If you have a friend or loved one who has passed on, please join us for this special celebration. Refreshments will be served immediately following Mass in the school cafeteria. **Anyone wishing to donate baked goods is asked to sign the sheet on the clip board in the vestibule.**

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## All Souls Day Remembrance

November is the month to honor those who have gone before us. All Soul's Day envelopes were mailed out to our parishioners. By placing the names of your loved ones on the envelope and returning them in the collection basket, the envelopes will be placed on the altar, and Fr. Hallahan will offer Masses for them each week during the month of November.

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## Knights of Columbus Mass of Remembrance

The Knights of Columbus will remember all their deceased members at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 4, 2007. All past and present members of the Knights and their families and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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## Thanksgiving Basket Donations

We will be collecting canned yams/sweet potatoes and canned white potatoes to be placed in our Thanksgiving baskets that will be given out to needy families in the parish. You can bring in your donations and place them in the container that is located in the vestibule, or drop them off at the rectory.

Turkeys are in short supply this year, so anyone wishing to donate a turkey is asked to contact the rectory. Thank you for your support and generosity.

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## Fairview Main Street Breakfast with Santa

Fairview Main Street needs toys and children's clothing donations to be distributed for their 2nd annual "Breakfast with Santa" event, which will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2007 starting at 9:00 am at the Fairview Community Center. Donations can be dropped off at the Fairview Main Street office at 2950 B Yorkship Square. For further information please contact Sue Brennan at (856) 966-4003.