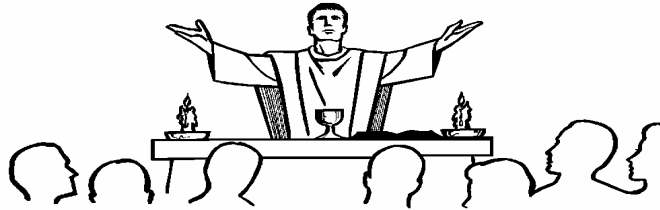


Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 27, 2008



Announced Masses

Sat	1/26/08	4:00 pm	Mary Kavanagh/Ruth & Al Dworaczyk
Sun	1/27/08	10:30 am	Anna Rubini/Rose Marnell & Gemma Del Vecchio
		12:00 pm	Khanh Le/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
Mon	1/28/08	8:00 am	John Baum/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
Tue	1/29/08	8:00 am	Dr. Michael Kerlin/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA Par. Family
Wed	1/30/08	8:00 am	Jean Fronolich & Rita Dabbundo/ (1st anniv.)/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
Thu	1/31/08	8:00 am	Frau Baran/Lorraine Sadowski
Fri	2/01/08	8:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory/Ernest & Helen Butler
Sat	2/02/08	4:00 pm	Edward Weirauch/Regina Weirauch Fro the Intentions & Health of Kathleen McGarrigle & Ed Dolan Rita, Ronald & Stacey Dabbundo/ Steve & Aaron Pipito
Sun	2/03/08	10:30 am	Anna Rubini/Family & Friends
		12:00 pm	Joann Saia/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family

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Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend's Second Collection will be for Mission Membership Sunday (Propagation of the Faith). Your support and generosity will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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The People's Tithe

Second 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, 1/27/08:

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

Monday, 1/28/08:

Youth Group Meeting	6-8:00 pm	Rectory
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Stewardship Reflection

Stewards Acknowledge Giver

“For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.” (Romans 11:36)

In Stewardship we recognize that the source of all our gifts is God. We grow in understanding when we strive to return in gratitude the blessings of our time, talent and treasure.

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H&R Block Referral Program

H&R Block will donate \$25.00 to St. Joan of Arc Parish for every new client referred from the parish for preparation of their income tax returns between January 1 and November 1, 2008. A referral form is necessary and must be presented before taxes are prepared. For more info. please call Mr. Richard Baum at (856) 910-2283. Please consider participating in this program.



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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to everyone who helped with the cleaning up of the church. A group consisting of both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking volunteers came to the church last Sunday to put away the trees, the lights and the Manger, and to discard the poinsettia and clean up the church.

Among those who helped were Paul P., Harold G., Rebecca Chromiec, Peggy Chromiec, Mary Anne O'Shea, Guadalupe C., Clemencia F., Lucia B., Cruz B. and Emma G.

The volunteer team was another good example of the cooperation between the communities that make up our parish. We can live together in harmony, we can work together and we can make good things happen. Many thanks to all who gave this good example to our parish, our city and our world!!

On Monday, January 28, the bishop will meet a small group of diocesan leaders to discuss the future configuration of the parishes of the City of Camden. Please pray that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit.

My own view is that several of the recommendations by our Deanery Planning Team suffered from the same defects as our original proposals, so I expect that some of our recommendations will be rejected. In such a case, the diocesan leaders will decide what they think is best for those particular parishes.

My view is based on the fact that some of the recommendations ignored the financial data which we were provided about the individual parishes and the overall plan ignored the information from the diocese about the total number of priests that we were allowed. Money and priests are pretty important components of a Catholic parish.

By ignoring the factors of money and the priests in several of our recommendations, I believe that we were asking to have the recommendations rejected. I expect that some team members will get angry and might even create a public protest of some kind if our proposals are not accepted. This reaction, I believe, would be somewhat disingenuous, since our proposals clearly ignored some of the evidence that we were working with.

At the same time, our team was a bit confused by contradictory instructions that we received during the course of the deliberations. For example, the Cathedral was clearly in a category all of its own. At some times in our deliberations, we were told to treat the Cathedral like any other parish. At other times, we could not discuss the possibility of merging the Cathedral to another parish, leaving the Cathedral vacant.

Similarly, some times, we were told not to count the Jesuits and Franciscans, at other times, we were told to count them.

The finances did not present a clear picture, so we basically ignored the issue.

Wish us luck!

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan



A Family Perspective

When Jesus called his disciples, they came “immediately.” Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don’t. Children slowly grow into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done “immediately”, but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

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February CAP Schedule

The CAP (Child Assault Prevention Program) sessions are part of the Diocese of Camden’s program of prevention under the Charter for Protection of Children and Young People. 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.

Over the past years, there have been many of these sessions already offered throughout the diocese. The Diocese of Camden requires all adults in regular contact with children to attend one of the sessions. Diocesan Policy requires adults to attend once every five years.

The following sessions will be offered in February:

Monday, February 4, 2008, 7:00 pm, St. Teresa of Avila, Bridgeton, Rectory Basement, **SPANISH & ENGLISH**

Tuesday, February 5, 2008, 7:00 pm, Mater Ecclesiae, Berlin, Church Hall

Saturday, February 9, 2008, 10:00 am, Queen of Heaven, Cherry Hill, School All Purpose Room

To attend one of these meetings, call the CAP registration line at (856) 583-6165 or email ddiggons@camdendiocese.org. Please register at least 5 days before the session you would like to attend.

In case of inclement weather, please call the location of the CAP session you are attending.

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Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

To help those with limited income keep their homes warm, applications for energy assistance are being taken by PSE&G through the LIHEAP Program now through March 31, 2008.

Applications for LIHEAP are available at all PSE&G’s Customer Service Centers. Locations and hours are listed on your bill. More information can be found by calling 1-800-510-3102 or visit the website at www.pseg.com/billpaymentassistance.

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Divorce Support Group

Catholic Divorce Ministry of Camden County will sponsor a support group for separated or divorced adults dealing with the pain that comes with the breakup of a marriage. This 13 week seminar and support group will meet from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm starting Thursday, January 31st at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Center, 120 United States Avenue, Gibbsboro. Registration required either by e-mail cdmofcamdencounty@yahoo.com, or by calling Sr. Alma at (856) 784-8501. There is a \$20.00 registration fee for the workbook. (The annulment process will be discussed as well.)