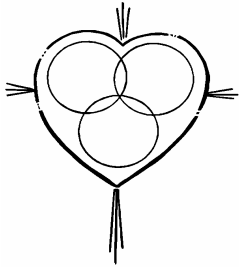


The Most Holy Trinity

May 18, 2008



Announced Masses

Sat	05/17	4:00 pm	All Living and Deceased Mothers
Sun	05/18	10:30 am	Anna Rubini/Marge Laarkamp
		12:00 pm	Open
Mon	05/19	8:00 am	Bayard & Mary Lawrence/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA Par. Family
Tue	05/20	8:00 am	Mary Kavanagh/Bob & Ellen Healey
Wed	05/21	8:00 am	Stephen Wesley/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA Parish Family
Thu	05/22	8:00 am	Estelle W. Zetter/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA Parish Family
Fri	05/23	8:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory/Ernest & Helen Butler
Sat	05/24	4:00 pm	Mary Kavanagh/Bill Bramble & Family
Sun	05/25	10:30 am	Mary Nikituk/Joe Nikituk
		12:00 pm	Open

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**The People's Tithe
Pentecost Sunday: \$**

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend's collection supports the Bishops' Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC). For more than 25 years, the CCC has been spreading the Gospel message locally and nationally on radio, television, in print, and on the Internet. It is only through donations from Catholic parishioners that the work of the CCC is possible. Half of the collection will remain in our diocese to fund local Catholic communication efforts. Please contribute generously. Thank you for generosity and support.

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, 5/18/08

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

Tuesday, 5/20/08

Youth Group Meeting	6-8:00 pm	Rectory
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May Crowning
at all Masses
this weekend

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Food Bank Donations

The Bridge of Peace food bank has informed us that they have an overabundance of grains (oats, cereals, rice). Therefore, we should limit our donations, for now, to canned goods and other non-perishables.

ALSO, PLEASE DO NOT DEPOSIT TRASH IN THE FOOD COLLECTION BIN.

Thanks for your continued generosity and support.



The Most Holy Trinity



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Before we return to "Ordinary Time" in our Liturgical calendar, we celebrate three great feasts-Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ). These feasts present us with three strong beliefs of our faith that can guide us through the many weeks of "ordinary time."

The feast of Pentecost reminds us that God is with us. God walks with us, accompanies us through all of our joys and sorrows, hopes and anxieties. God sends the Spirit to us, each in our own way, to help us to deal with all of the challenges of our lives.

The Apostles and the women followers of Jesus had to face a huge challenge. All of their hopes seemed to have been dashed. Yet, the Spirit restored their courage and their faith and helped them to recover their hope. God's Spirit can do the same for us.

Trinity Sunday reminds us that God will always be beyond our imagination. Since God is God, and we are human, we will never be able to understand God fully. The doctrine of the Trinity can get a little confusing in its detail, but the basic point is that God is a mystery that we shall never comprehend. We need to get used to that truth, to prevent ourselves from the temptation to manipulate God into doing our will, rather than the other way around.

The Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi, is a reminder of the importance of the celebration of the Eucharist for us. As Catholics, the sacramental system is the central set of rituals in which we express our belief.

In this feast we remember that Jesus really and truly comes to us and that we are really and truly part of the Body of Christ, as St. Paul taught us. This truth needs to guide us all the days of our life.

We live in a culture that tells us we are primarily consumers whose worth is measured by all of the stuff that we own. It further tells us that we need to compete with everyone else to get more stuff than they have.

The Body of Christ tells us something very different. First, we are worthy without owning anything, because we already are part of Christ who is worth more than all of the stuff in the world. Second, we are united with all others, not in competition with them.

We are one with Catholics and Christians throughout the world, from nearly every country, every race, hundreds of languages and cultures. We are all part of the one body, so we can rejoice each time we have the privilege of encountering other members of the Body!

May your celebration of these feasts bring you joy and insight.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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Catholic Relief Services Aid to Myanmar

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is supporting the relief efforts of Caritas Internationalis in Myanmar in response to the devastation caused by Cyclone Nargis. CRS is the official humanitarian agency of the US Catholic Church. To donate, please call 1-877-HELP-CRS (1-877-425-7277), on line at www.crs.org, or by check to Catholic Relief Services, PO Box 17090, Baltimore, MD, 21203-7090. In the memo line, write Southeast Asia Natural Disaster. For more information, contact Jennifer Dyer at (856) 342-4107, email her at Jennifer.Dyer@camdendiocese.org.



Lord Jesus, thank you for your presence among us.

Please bless our thoughts, words and actions especially at this time of Diocesan restructuring. Transform all that we are and have to become signs of hope for our Diocese of Camden. Bless, Oh Lord the Church of South Jersey. In a special way we ask you to bless the parishes of St. Joan of Arc and St. Bartholomew. Give us the grace to welcome your invitation to leave the familiar in wisdom and faith. We trust that you will be faithfully present in our sincere efforts to build up your Kingdom here on earth. Amen.

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A Family Perspective

Today's gospel teaches "love" is the result of our "giving." The selfless giving of spouses, parents and children for one another is not only the sign of a happy and holy family. Selfless giving is the gift and challenge of family life.

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Stewardship Reflection

Stewards Are Caretakers

"For we are His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them." (Ephesians 2:10)

Stewardship evokes a deep understanding that we are His handiwork and that everything we have is a gift from God. We are to be the absolute best caretakers of these gifts and use them for good works.

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Presentation on Immigration

On Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 pm, the Holy Saviour Social Justice Ministry will host an event dealing with immigration. Most Americans agree that our present immigrant policy is not working. So far, Congress has been unable to enact comprehensive immigration reform. Immigration remains an important topic to all Americans and we all have a responsibility to learn all we can do about it. As citizens we owe it to ourselves to become informed, and as Catholics, we have a responsibility to learn about the experience of our immigrant brothers and sisters to allow our Catholic faith to cast light on this important issue.

Veronica Roache, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, will give her perspective to help us better understand this complex issue, and to filter out some of the information and misconceptions that we may have heard.

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An Invitation to Our Friends at St. Joan of Arc

Epiphany Council Knights of Columbus will be leaving soon, and we would like to show our appreciation for all your support through the years. We would like to invite everyone to a breakfast on June 22nd from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon in the Knights of Columbus hall. Please join us!