

# Solemnity of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles

June 29, 2008



## Announced Masses

- Sat 06/28 4:00 pm Mary Kavanagh/Bob & Ellen Healey
- Sun 06/29 10:30 am Peter P. Donato (1st anniv)/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA Parish Fam.
- 12:00 pm Open
- Mon 06/30 8:00 am Joseph Servis/Regina Weirauch
- Tue 07/01 8:00 am People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
- Wed 07/02 8:00 am Open
- Thu 07/03 8:00 am Anna Rubini/Debbie Carroll & Family
- Fri 07/04 8:00 am Elizabeth Pham (1st anniv)/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA Parish Fam.
- Sat 07/05 4:00 pm Glenn Weirauch/Regina Weirauch  
Thomas J. Cole/Mr. & Mrs.  
Henry Mucigrosso  
Thaddeus Abramczyk/Wife
- Sun 07/06 10:30 am Agnes & Guy Landis/Joe Nikituk  
Gloria Pilla/Steve & Aaron Pipito  
Linda J. Lombardo/Carroll Family
- 12:00 pm Open

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## Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week  
In memory of Ray & Helen O'Shea

(57th Wedding Anniversary), Requested by their Family

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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 to offset air conditioning expenses for our parish buildings. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

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## The People's Tithe

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$  
Thank you for your continued generosity!

## Sick List

Please pray for those who are ill and those who care for them:  
Margaret Maronski, Fred Hankinson, Pat Springle, Robert King.

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## What's Happening Around SJOA

### Monday, 06/30/08:

Youth Group Meeting 6-8:00 pm Rectory

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**Fr. Hallahan wishes everyone a safe and Happy 4th of July! the rectory office will be closed on Friday, July 4th in observance of the holiday.**

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## Need a Job?

The Philadelphia Inquirer has delivery positions available for this area seven days a week. All papers must be delivered by 6:30 am. If interested, contact Mr. Eric Houser at (856) 874-1271.

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## A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus renamed Simon. With the new name came Jesus' expectations of Peter. Naming is a serious and thoughtful family responsibility. When parents name a child, certain hopes, expectations and family connections are wrapped in the naming. What's in your name?



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## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This week, I heard the sad news of the death of Capt. Gregory Dalessio. Capt. Dalessio was killed by gunfire as he left a meeting of local leaders in Iraq.

Greg is the son of Tom and Maureen Pagano of St. Peter Celestine Parish in Cherry Hill, where I spent five years as an associate pastor. The Pagano family moved into the parish after I moved out, but I came to know them over the years as I returned to the parish for various occasions.

The Pagano's also are very interested in justice issues and caring for the poor, so I would see them often at events that dealt with these issues.

Greg Dalessio came to the *Misa del Gallo*, the 5:30 a.m. novena Masses celebrated in the style of the Filipino community during the nine days preceding Christmas. I talked with him briefly after one of the Masses last December.

Greg was a very kind and loving young man. He actually thought about becoming a priest, but he told people that his experience of growing up in a wonderful family showed him how important family life is. He would gladly become a priest if he could be married and have a family.

In conversations about Iraq, he always spoke first about the safety of the soldiers under his command. That was his first concern. His second concern was the good of the Iraqi people, whom he recognized had suffered a great deal because of poor leadership, religious rivalries, lack of education and a struggling economy.

Greg hoped that his presence could help to improve things for the people of Iraq.

Greg was a very good person whose death at age 30 is a tragedy for his family, his parish and his community. He is another victim of the war in Iraq which has taken the lives of more than 4,000 Americans and 600,000 Iraqis [according to the medical journal, *Lancet*]. An additional 4 million Iraqis have been displaced from their homes.

War is a terrible thing. It slaughters the young and destroys the land. The burden of the Iraq war is falling on a small portion of the population. Most Iraqis feel its effect, but only the military families and those of the national guard in our country are carrying the burden.

The rest of us have not been asked to sacrifice anything. We are not even paying for the war, since no taxes have been raised and all of the money for the war is being borrowed. Future generations will have to pay the estimated \$3 trillion that this war will cost.

Isaiah the prophet spoke of a time when there would be "no more preparations for war." We all need to pray and to act in ways that bring about his vision. Otherwise, we will continue to mourn the deaths of our young people who could have had long, successful and love-filled lives. Please pray for the Pagano family.

Peace,  
Fr. Hallahan

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The rectory will close at 1:00 pm on Fridays starting the first week in July through Labor Day.

## Stewardship Reflection

### *Stewardship Trust*

**"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not;" (Proverbs 3:5)**

**Cultivating and cherishing God's gifts responsibly requires trust. It is impossible to cherish the gifts of God if you do not trust God. It is unlikely that you will think deeply about making the most of God's gifts in your life if you are unaware of trusting God in all things.**

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### **Life, Justice & Family**

A historic convocation comprised of family life, social justice, and respect life leaders will take place to explore new pathways to partnerships in promoting human life and dignity. This event will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Cherry Hill, NJ throughout the weekend of July 25-27, 2008. Full, as well as one-day registrations are available, with the registration "discount" deadline being June 30, 2008. For specific dates and times of the various events and to register, please visit [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife). Continuing Medical Education Credit information for presentations on Saturday, July 26 is also available on the USCCB website. If interested in hotel accommodations for this event, please contact the Crowne Plaza, Cherry Hill.

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### **13th Annual Rams on the Reef**

Gloucester Catholic Alumni will sponsor their 13th annual Rams on the Reef on Saturday, August 9, 2008 from 2-7 pm at the La-Costa Bar in Sea Isle City, NJ. \$30.00 at the door entitles you to unlimited draft beer, wine and soft drinks, and a barbeque buffet. For information, contact Colleen McIntyre at [cmcintyre@comcast.net](mailto:cmcintyre@comcast.net) or Annamarie Kinsey at [kinsey1@comcast.net](mailto:kinsey1@comcast.net).

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### **Paul VI Class of 1988—20 Year Reunion**

The Paul VI Class of 1988 will hold its 20 year reunion on Friday, November 28, 2008 from 7:00-11:00 pm at Venice Plaza, 281 Cross Keys Road, Berlin, NJ. Cost: \$75.00 per person - 4 hour premium open bar, buffet and DJ. Forward payment, made payable to Jennifer Nellany, 535 West 23rd Street, Apt. N3A, New York, NY, 19911. For more information, contact Jen Nellany at [Jennifer.Nellany@friedfrank.com](mailto:Jennifer.Nellany@friedfrank.com), or Dominic Vesper at [dvesperjr303306@comcast.net](mailto:dvesperjr303306@comcast.net).

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### **See the World Famed Passion Play in Oberammergau**

Travel to Oberammergau, Paris and Barvaria May 28-June 7, 2010 with the pastor of Marmora Resurrection Parish, Fr. Robert Gregorio, and see the world famed Passion Play. Deadline for registering is July 15, 2008. Call (609) 390-0664 for brochure. Many seats already sold.