

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 6, 2008



Announced Masses

- Sat 07/05 4:00 pm Glenn Weirauch/Regina Weirauch
Thomas J. Cole/Mr. & Mrs.
Henry Muccigrosso
Thaddeus Abramczyk (11th anniv)/
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
- Mon 07/07 8:00 am Raymond O'Shea, Sr. (19th anniv.)/
Family
- Tue 07/08 8:00 am Janet C. Daly (1st anniv.)/Fr. Ken
Hallahan & the SJOA Par. Family
- Wed 07/09 8:00 am Frances Shopa/Beverly Alberts
- Thu 07/10 8:00 am Bayard & Mary Lawrence/Fr. Ken
Hallahan & the SJOA Par. Family
- Fri 07/11 8:00 am Mary Kavanagh/Bob &
Ellen Healey
- Sat 07/12 4:00 pm Frank J. Morton (6 mo. anniv)/Fr.
Ken Hallahan & SJOA Par. Family
- Sun 07/13 10:30 am Josephine Novak/Battaglia Family
- 12:00 pm Open

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Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week
In Memory of Florence Boehm
Requested by the Boehm Family

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The People's Tithe

Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul: \$
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

Monday, 7/07/08:

Youth Group Meeting 6-8:00 pm Rectory

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Stewardship Reflection

"The precepts of the Lord are right. The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye." (Psalm 19:9)

A genuine understanding of Stewardship is an enlightening. We see everything differently, with new eyes. All that we have, time, talent and treasure, come from a loving God. We then clearly see our responsibility to share our gifts generously.

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Traveling this Summer?

You can still attend Mass wherever you are!
Log on to www.MassTimes.org, or call
1-410-676-6000 for worship times
and locations.





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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Today's reading from the prophet Zechariah speaks of the king, a just savior, who will put an end to war. He will banish the chariot and the bow and will proclaim peace to the nations.

On Wednesday of this week, I was reminded how much we need such a king in our world today. War claims the young and the healthy. It destroys the lives of families. It often kills the innocent and wreaks havoc on the life of a society.

The war in Iraq has brought suffering into the lives of millions of people through death, injury and exile. The Catholic community in Iraq, present for more than 1,000 years, has practically disappeared as Catholics were either killed or fled the country.

On Wednesday, I witnessed the burial of Captain Greg Dalessio, son of Tom and Maureen Pagano. He was 30 years old. His funeral was a tribute to a fine young man raised in a good Catholic family.

The coverage of the funeral in the *Courier Post* and the *Philadelphia Inquirer* was accurate and heartwarming.

At the same time, the death of Greg Dalessio is tragic. He loved his family and looked forward to having a family of his own. He never got the chance.

War cuts off people's lives before they are complete.

As we celebrated our Independence Day, we need to look at the history of our country and recognize the great accomplishments of our ancestors. We also need to think seriously about what makes a country great.

We need to be careful of leaders who praise war and military might too much. Some leaders believe that there is a military solution to every problem. They are like the carpenter whose only tool is a hammer. He thinks that every problem is a nail.

Most human problems and conflicts are not going to be resolved by military means. Even our present Secretary of Defense says that we do not invest enough in non-military means of solving the world's problems.

One particular danger in a powerful country is politicians who promote fear. We are supposedly in a "war" against terror. We must be wary of leaders who exaggerate the threat. There are not so many "terrorists" as they claim.

Most threats that have been thwarted in the past seven years have been stopped by police work, CIA and other intelligence agencies, not by military action. Most terrorist attacks today occur in Iraq and Afghanistan, the two places where a military solution was sought.

Remember the words of Zechariah: "He shall banish the chariot . . . the horse . . . and the bow . . . and he shall proclaim peace to the nations." May he come soon so that we won't have so many funerals of our young people.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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The rectory will close at 1:00 pm on Fridays now through Labor Day.

Fairview Farmer's Market

The Fairview Farmer's Market, which will be located on Collings Road in front of Freedom Academy School, will be held every Wednesday starting July 9, 2008 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.



Volunteers are needed to assist with the Farmer's Market. You can work for 30 minutes or the entire shift! If interested, please contact Nicole Yarbrough at Fairview Main Street, (856) 966-4003.

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House of Charity Update

For the first time in many years, we are having difficulty meeting our House of Charity goal. This year's goal is \$12,000.00! We are lagging way behind! If you haven't yet made your pledge or outright gift, please do so as soon as possible. We need your support!

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Mount Carmel, Camden Feast & Reunion

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel & Fatima Parish announces the Annual Mount Carmel Feast and Reunion to take place on the church grounds at 4th and Ramona Gonzalez (Division) Streets on Sunday, July 20, 2008. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am, followed by the traditional procession and reunion.



A wide selection of Italian and Hispanic foods will be available all afternoon. Rain or Shine! No rain date. For more information, call OLMCF rectory at (856) 541-7618.

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Camden Catholic High School 2009 Hall of Fame

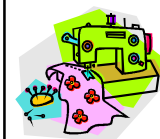
Nominations are now being accepted until November 15, 2008 for alumni, faculty, staff, and friends who have made outstanding accomplishments in their communities and their lives since their association with CCHS. Categories of recognition are in academics, athletics, and the arts. Nomination forms can be found on the school alumni website at www.camdencatholicunmi.org or at the main office of the school.

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Free Sewing & Embroidering Classes Every Thursday and Friday

5:00—7:00 pm, Ages 8—16

For more information/registration,
call the rectory at (856) 962-8642



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Free Chess Lessons

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