

# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2008



## Announced Masses

- Sat 07/19 4:00 pm Elizabeth Brunick/Anne Rocanella
- Sun 07/20 10:30 am Celina Joy Ryan (1st Birthday)/  
Aunt Sharon & Uncle Joe
- 12:00 pm Brayan Vasquez/ Mother  
Adelina Vasquez  
Maria Elena Rodriguez/ (Brother)  
Andres Rodriguez & Jose Rodriguez
- Mon 07/21 8:00 am Mary Kavanagh/Bob & Ellen Healey
- Tue 07/22 8:00 am Mildred DiFante (4th anniv.)/  
Husband and Niece
- Wed 07/23 8:00 am Chester Van King/Fletcher &  
Beacon Families
- Thu 07/24 8:00 am Laraine Brodzik (6 mo. Anniv.)/Fr.  
Ken Hallahan & SJOA Parish Fam.
- Fri 07/25 8:00 am For the Intentions of Kathleen  
McGarrigle & Edward Dolan/  
Dolan Family
- Sat 07/26 4:00 pm Joseph McWilliams, Sr. (12th  
Anniv.)/Michael McWilliams
- Sun 07/27 10:30 am Bobby Canzanese (Birthday)/Mother
- 12:00 pm Open

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**The People's Tithe**  
**Fifteenth 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:

## What's Happening Around SJOA

**Monday, 07/21/08:**

No Youth Group Meeting

Rectory

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*Traveling this Summer?*  
*You can still attend Mass wherever you are!*  
*Log on to [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org), or call*  
*1-410-676-6000 for worship times*  
*and locations.*



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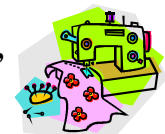


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**Free Chess Lessons**  
**Every Thursday and Friday**  
**5:00—7:00 pm, Ages 8—16**  
**For more information/registration,**  
**the rectory at (856) 962-8642**

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**Free Sewing & Embroidering Classes**  
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## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

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This Thursday, I attended a signing of a bill passed in the Senate and Assembly of the State of New Jersey. The bill was signed by Governor Corzine. The bill could have far-reaching implications for addressing the issue of poverty in our state.

The bill revoked the RCA [Regional Cooperation Agreements] which had allowed suburban municipalities to buy out their responsibilities for allowing affordable housing to be built in their jurisdictions by paying to have those same houses built somewhere else.

The effect of the RCA was that low and moderate income housing was built in Camden, Newark, Trenton and a few other towns, but not in the suburban towns where many of the low and moderate income people work. In other words these towns were effectively saying: "You can come and clean our homes and offices, you can mow our lawns, cook our food in the restaurants and act as crossing guards for our children, but we don't want you to live here."

The new law continues the decisions made by the Supreme Court of the State of New Jersey in 1975, then renewed in 1983 and 1986. These decisions are called "The Mount Laurel Decisions" because the town in original lawsuit was Mt. Laurel.

The Mount Laurel Decisions state that municipalities may not exclude people from living there because they have low or moderate income. Towns had been doing this by requiring that homes built in their jurisdictions be expensive ones. By insisting that only expensive homes could be built, the towns excluded the poor and moderate-income workers from living in their towns.

Today more than one-half of all the municipalities in New Jersey have no housing at all for poor or moderate-income families. This means that people must earn at least \$45,000 per year to live in these towns. The towns have excluded everyone else, including beginning teachers, firefighters, police officers and many other up-standing citizens.

Thursday's bill prevents the towns from avoiding their obligations set down by the Mt. Laurel Decisions. Many studies have shown that the most effective way to reduce poverty and to improve the lives of poor people is to have them live in neighborhoods where the majority of the people are middle class. When poor children see the possibilities for a better life, they improve their behaviors and their performance at school and at work.

When the poor are concentrated in one place, where the children see nothing to hope for, the situation in Camden, Newark and Trenton is created--high crime, poor performance in schools, etc. Abolition of the RCA is a step in the right direction of giving poor children a better chance at a better future.

Peace,

Fr. Hallahan

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



## A Family Perspective

**Parents plant values in their children anticipating the tiny seeds of honesty, respect, commitment and fidelity. These values learned in the home, will grow with our child and become "a safe haven" to many.**

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### Stewardship Reflection Old Testament Stewardship

*"You shall take some first fruits of the various products of the soil which you harvest from the land which the Lord your God gives you, and putting them in a basket,... The priest shall then receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the Lord, your God." (Deuteronomy 26:2-4)*

*The teaching of Stewardship is not new. The Israelites understood that God is the giver of all gifts, including fertile land, life, health and wealth. They understood their responsibility for giving of their first fruits. We are Challenged to bring our first fruits to the altar of the Lord, as they did.*

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### Weeklong Directed - Retreat

At St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center  
1840 Peter Cheeseman Rd, Blackwood, NJ 08012

From July 27, 2008, 12:00 noon to August 2, 2008, 12:00 noon  
Donation: \$375 Registration required

### Mini- Retreat

*"Praying Our Life Experiences"*

Will be presented by Maria Metzger, SSJ on July 31, 2008 6:00pm—9:00pm. Donation: \$25. Dinner included.  
For more information/registration,  
Call (856) 227-1436

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### **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.

