

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 2008



Announced Masses

- Sat 07/26 4:00 pm Joseph McWilliams, Sr. (12th ann.)/
Michael McWilliams
- Sun 07/27 10:30 am Bobby Canzanese (Birthday)/
Mother
- 12:00 pm Open
- Mon 07/28 8:00 am Catherine Wilson/Regina Weirauch
- Tue 07/29 8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory/Ernest &
Helen Butler
- Wed 07/30 8:00 am People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
- Thu 07/31 8:00 am Joanne McCarthy/SJOA Parish
Family
- Fri 08/01 8:00 am Thomas J. Cole/Mr. & Mrs. Henry
Muccigrosso
- Sat 08/02 4:00 pm Leon J. Ostruski (39th anniv)/family
Scott Williams/Steve & Aaron Pipito
- Sun 08/03 10:30 am Margaret M. Queroli (1st anniv.)/
Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA
Parish Family
- 12:00 pm Open



Entered Eternal Rest
Joe Iobbi

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The People's Tithe

Sixteenth 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, 07/27/08:

Youth Group Meeting 6-8:00 pm Rectory

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A Family Perspective

The man in today's gospel "sold all he had" for the treasure he found. Family relationships are "treasures" and demand our total personal investment. Invest yourself in the "treasure" of your family.

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Free Chess Lessons

Every Thursday and Friday

5:00—7:00 pm, Ages 8—16

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



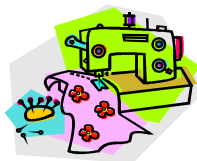
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Free Sewing & Embroidering Classes

Every Thursday and Friday

5:00—7:00 pm, Ages 8—16

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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

It has been a sad week around the parish this week because of the death of Joe Iobbi, our sacristan. Joe had lived in the parish for at least 30 years and had been the sacristan for my entire time here as pastor.

Joe was a faithful parishioner. He came every morning to open the church and to set up for the daily Mass. On weekends, he came both Saturday and Sunday to set up for the weekend liturgies.

He also kept track of the things we needed: candles, hosts, wine, charcoal, incense. He would let me know when we needed something, or tell Debbie Carroll, our secretary, to order the item that was running short.

Joe was born at home in Philadelphia on March 7, 1926. Both of his parents, Pietro Iobbi and Maria DiDonato were immigrants from Italy. Pietro came from the Abruzzi and Maria from Naples. They spoke Italian at home and Joe continued to speak a little bit of Italian while his brothers and sisters were alive. They would use Italian to talk about their parents and their lives growing up in Philly.

Joe attended St. Mary the Eternal Elementary School at 22nd and Clearfield Streets in North Philadelphia. The parish is now closed. After attending North Catholic for a couple of years, Joe went to work to help his family.

At age 18, he was drafted into the Army and sent to the Pacific theater. He talked to me a few times about the war. It was not a pretty place. Joe felt sorry for the Japanese troops in one battle where they had no place to go and the American shells were falling on them and killing them in large numbers. In the midst of a battle, he felt sorry for those who were suffering, even the enemy.

His unit also witnessed the liberation of the American soldiers who had made the Bataan Death March. Those POWs looked like skeletons when they were liberated. Joe never forgot that scene.

His unit was assigned to occupy Japan after the surrender, but the ship got quarantined when a disease broke out. The ship headed back to California.

Joe had seven brothers and sisters and he outlived them all, despite the malaria that he contracted in the Pacific and the asthma that he had most of his life.

He was a die-hard Eagles fan with season tickets for many years at the Vet. He was a family man who was beloved by his siblings and by his many nephews, nieces, grand-nephews and grand-nieces. They all called him "Uncle Joe," as did the firefighters who adopted Joe as their uncle through his grand-nephew Michael.

Most of all Joe Iobbi was a faith-filled man who loved God and his Church. He prayed the rosary every day, attended Mass every day and had other prayers to his favorite saints, too.

I'll miss Joe and I invite everyone to join me in thanking him for a life well lived and in praying that he will join Mary the Eternal in heaven and live there happily forever.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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House of Charity Update

We have made our goal!



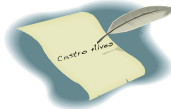
The rectory will close at 1:00 pm on
Fridays now through Labor Day.

A mission of presence in Guatamala

Thank you for your prayers and donations for my trip to Guatemala on which I accompanied the St Peter Celestine Group. In all, there were ten New Jersey members and 20 members from the Texas area. This was St Peter Celestine's third year participating in the Sending Out Servant Mission Group. With your help we provided three schools in Santa Cruz and Chicabracan with much needed school supplies.

My most memorable moment of the trip was the sadness over the death of Juan, the brother of Domingo, a community leader. As we stood outside of the church attempting to understand how this loss would affect the community and our remaining days in La Puerta, a community of 40 Catholic families, the young children were dismissed from the nearby schools and they swarmed around those of us who stood talking. We decided to sing to the children who stood staring at us, after failing to engage them, we asked the children to sing to us; a number of young boys between the ages of six and eight sang to us in their native Quiche language. I was touched by the awareness that at a time of mourning, the innocence and joy of the children still captivated the moment and gave all of us momentary joy. At this moment I truly understood the phrase that no one of us can do everything, but everyone can do something.

Thank you for your prayers and support in our efforts to do something for God.



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JustFaith

Changes people those people change the world

We are called to be compassionate as God is compassionate (Luke 6:36), but what does the compassion of Christ look like in the modern world? How do I become a more compassionate person? The JustFaith process helps to answer these questions through reflection, study, prayer and community. To learn more about the JustFaith journey, please visit

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Stewardship Reflection

Stewards are Cheerful Givers

"Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Giving of our time, talent and treasure may require a change of attitude about giving. By giving in gratitude to God, by recognizing how blessed we are, we will find joy in using our gifts, talents and treasures in service to others.

