

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2008



Announced Masses

- Sat 08/16 4:00 pm Frederick Servis/ Regina Weirauch
- Sun 08/17 10:30 am Anthony Gramenzi/ Hairy's
Pluming Supply & Friends
- 12:00 pm Open
- Mon 08/19 8:00 am Flossy Whitman&John Paprzycki/
Joe Nikituk
- Tue 08/20 8:00 am Joe Iobbi/ From a Friend
- Wed 08/21 8:00 am Mary Kavanagh/ Bob&Ellen Healey
- Thu 08/22 8:00 am People of the Parish
- Fri 08/23 8:00 am For the Intentions &Health of Kath-
leen McGarrigle& Edward Dolan
- Sat 08/24 4:00 pm Elizabeth Brunick/ Anne Rocanella
- Sun 08/25 10:30 am Michael Croce/ Wolek Family
- 12:00 pm Open

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Sanctuary Lamp

**The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week
In Memory of Florence Boekm (birthday)
Requested by Boekm Family**

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The People's Tithe

**Nineteenth 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, 18 /08:

Youth Group Meeting 6-8:00 pm Rectory

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2008-09 Religious Education Program

Registration for our Fall Religious Education Classes will take place Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm at the rectory. For more information, call the rectory at (856) 962-8642.



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RCIA

ARE YOU AN ADULT CATHOLIC WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED ONE OF THE SACRAMENTS OR ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? If so, we would like to assist you through discussion groups which will be formed in the fall as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). It is never too late...you are never too old! Please contact the rectory at (856) 962-8642.

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Fairview Farmer's Market

*The Market operates on Wednesdays between 9am—11am until November 5, 2008.
For more information,
please call (856) 966-4003.*





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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This week, I've asked Ms. Eliza Peña to share some of her reflections from the week-long retreat and training at Los Altos, California. I hope that you enjoy her sharing.



Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

P.S. Please remember our secretary,
Debbie Carroll, in your prayers.
Her recovery from surgery is progressing.

For the past few years the Saint Joan of Arc faith community has prayed each week for the "renewal of Fairview/Camden Churches Organized for People (CCOP)." CCOP is a faith-based organization dedicated to empowering the people of Camden and improving their lives. CCOP volunteers (called "leaders") and organizers learn about the frustration and hope existing in neighborhoods by speaking directly to their residents. Among CCOP's many accomplishments are the elimination of an asbestos threat in South Camden, the demolition of a vacant dangerous warehouse in East Camden, and the replacement of stolen sewer grates in Cramer Hill. It was CCOP that spearheaded and lobbied for the \$175 mil. given by the state to jumpstart Camden's revitalization.

During the past two weeks I have spent six days in training to be a volunteer leader for CCOP. The training was ecumenical with 100 (five from Camden) participants from different faith-based organizations throughout the United States and a gentleman from Rwanda. It took place at The Jesuit Retreat Center located in Los Altos, California, a community in the hills 40 miles south of San Francisco. It is a beautiful site with a chapel on its grounds. When you walk on its trails, you come across sculptures of Jesus, the Blessed Mother, different saints, and depictions of the Stations of the Cross.

The fellowship was joyous and inspiring. There were many highlights. The most memorable was a homily by Reverend William, a lively Baptist minister from rural Alabama, who spoke of the meaning of Jesus' resurrection. I vividly remember Father Jaime, an Episcopalian priest from Los Angeles, who spoke of faith's power. I will always remember the Universalists, who prayed not only for the people who were killed the previous week during a Sunday church service, but also prayed for the soul of the shooter. I enjoyed Fr. John Pedigo, a dynamic and progressive Catholic priest from San Jose, California, who spoke with much humor about his community activism. I learned so much from Jared Rivera, a community organizer from East Los Angeles, who ended his training session by telling us that as people of faith, we are blessed to see the face of God in everyone we come across during our efforts to help our communities.

I will never forget Edie from San Francisco, who professed to be agnostic and then revealed she had "chats" each morning with a mystical presence. It seemed that Edie was transformed right before our eyes as if she suddenly understood that the presence she feels is God, the "chats" are prayer, and

the daily need to communicate is an expression of her faith.

Already basking in the Lord's love, we were gifted again with a rainbow that appeared on our last day in Los Altos.

Living in Camden these past three and a half years continues to present many challenges. I also have frustration and hope for my neighborhood and am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the Camden Churches Organized for People/Fairview renewal. I pray for God's help during this journey.

Love and peace,
Eliza Peña

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A Family Perspective

The mother in today's gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief for her child. Parenting is more than bringing life into the world; it is also about laying down your life.

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Stewardship Reflection *Steward's Seek God's Ways*

"Make known to me your ways, Lord; Teach me your path." (Psalm 25:4)

God Stewards seek guidance in living a way of life where sharing their time, talent and treasure becomes a basic pathway to what God has intended for them.

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Servants of the Church

Atlantic County – Diocese of Camden

An Evening Of Healing with Jesus

"I wish it. Be healed." (Matt 8:3)

Guest Speaker: Kathleen McCarthy

President of In His Sign Network, a radio ministry of Catholic programming with listeners throughout the Delaware Valley – 800AM, Mon.

Fri., 5pm – 6pm

Assumption Church

276 W. White Horse Pike at corner of Pomona Rd.

Pomona, N.J. 08240

(609) 965-4021

Saturday evening, August 23, 2008

Schedule

6:30pm – Registration and Rosary

7:00pm – Music and Praise

7:30pm – Speaker, Kathleen McCarthy

8:00pm – Exposition of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

8:15pm – Healing Service

9:00pm – Closing Prayer followed by fellowship

(Love Offering will be taken)

For more information contact Servants of the Church

representatives; Colleen McCully – (609) 646-9498

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