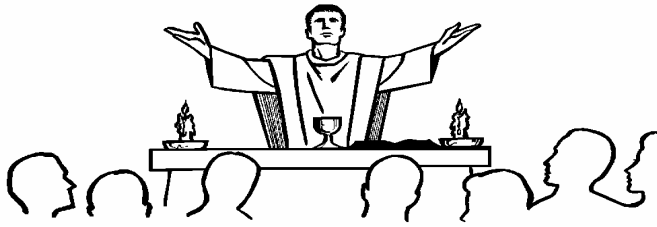


Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2008



Announced Masses

- Sat 08/30 4:00 pm Joseph Rocanella (13th Anniv.)/
Daughter, Anne
- Sun 08/31 10:30 am Joe Iobbi/ Debbie Carroll
12:00 pm Carmen Alvarado Rubert/ Alvardao
& Figueroa Family
- Mon 09/01 8:00 am Wm. J. Forebaugh (1st Anniv.)/
Fr. Ken Hallahan &
The SJOA Parish Family
- Tue 09/02 8:00 am Open
- Wed 09/03 8:00 am People of the Parish
- Thu 09/04 8:00 am Thomas J. Cole/ Mr. & Mrs.
Henry Muccigrosso
- Fri 09/05 8:00 am Edward Gotz (1st Anniv.) /
Fr. Ken Hallahan &
The SJOA Parish Family
- Sat 09/06 4:00 pm Bill Convery/ Wife Olga
Kathryn Haine/ Steve &
Aaron Pipeto
- Sun 09/07 10:30 am Anna M. ostruski (Birthday)/
Family
12:00 pm George Shopa/ Beverly Alberts

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*Next weekend's second collection
is the Holy Father Collection
(formerly Peter's Pence).*

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The People's Tithe
Twenty-first 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, 1/08:

NO Youth Group Meeting 6-8:00 pm Rectory

Have a Safe and Happy Labor Day!

In observance of this holiday the rec-
tory office will be closed on Monday,
September 1, 2008



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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 RE-
CEIVED ONE OF THE SACRAMENTS OR ARE YOU IN-
TERESTED 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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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

First, I would like to thank everyone who helped the parish to function while I was away on vacation. Damariz Perez, Angel Bradford, Olga Convery, Tom Egbert, Carlos Merced, Harold Guerrero, Mariatu Turay and Paul Panko all helped around the rectory and the church to see that everything went smoothly. Many thanks to them all.

As you have seen from the news, Bishop Gallante has announced his intention to merge St. Bartholomew and St. Joan of Arc parishes, with the seat of the parish at St. Bartholomew. This is the bishop's "intention" but not his final decision.

His final decision depends on the recommendation from the committee that will be convened by Fr. Gerard Marable. The committee will consist of members of both parishes and will try to evaluate all of the information about each parish to make a final recommendation for the merger.

As this Sunday's gospel points out, we sometimes have to carry a cross to follow Jesus. Also, as the prophet Jeremiah points out, we sometimes get seduced by God. We get enticed into decisions that are painful and difficult for us, but they are eventually for our own good.

Hopefully the decisions of the convened committee for the merged parish will make decisions that will be good for us all.

This week also saw the first of the two conventions by the big political parties in the USA. The Democrats met in Denver, Colorado and nominated Sen. Barack Obama as their presidential candidate.

When these conventions occur, I usually listen for the Catholic participants and for Catholic principles of social justice.

There were many impressive Catholic speakers, including Senators Ted Kennedy, John Kerry, Bob Casey and Joe Biden. They all presented themselves well and spoke eloquently about their values and their commitment to public life.

There was a time when Catholics were not welcome on the public stage in the USA and I'm encouraged to see so many Catholics in the US Congress.

Many of the speeches alluded to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, e.g. war as a last resort, responsibility of the society for the poor and unfortunate, gratitude for previous generations and equitable distribution of the rewards of society. It is encouraging to me to hear people in a national stage espousing so much of what the Catholic Church teaches about social justice.

I pray that the people of our nation will make wise choices this November.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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A Family Perspective

Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship.

Stewardship Reflection

Willing Stewardship

"If I do so willy, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship." (I Corinthians 9:17)

Our Stewardship, like St. Pual's should be understood to be entrusted to us. Once committed to live this **way of life**, we cannot help but to share our time, talent and treasure willingly..

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40th Annual Country Fair Gala Polish Festival

Little Servant Sister of the Immaculate Conception

100 Cropwell Road
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Starting 11:00am—Rain or Shine
Sunday, September 7, 2008

Featuring
The Dennis Ostowicz & Ambertones Polka Bands

Admission **\$4.00** - Children under 13 **FREE**
For more Information call (856) 424-1962

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Divorce Care

St. Andrew the Parish, Gibbsboro, will hold a Divorce Care Seminar. It will begin Monday, Sept. 8, 2008 from 7:30– 9 pm. To register, call Sr. Alma, (856) 784-8501 or email: AASLCenter@aol.com

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St. Bart's Three Evening Spiritual Revival

Join St. Bartholomew R.C. Church, 751 Kaighns Avenue, Camden for their annual Spiritual Revival, a three evening event with praise, dancing, choirs and more, **September 24, 25 and 26, 2008**, beginning at 7:00 pm each evening. Guest Revivalist:

Ansel J. Augustine, MPS - New Orleans
(Bring Your Own Bible). Come hear soul-stirring and inspiring words of faith that will rejuvenate your mind, body and soul! Refreshments served each evening.

There will also be a Homecoming Luncheon following the 10:30 am liturgy on Sunday, **September 28th**. Donation: \$5.00. For tickets/information, call St. Bart's rectory at (856) 365-0573.

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Join us for another elevating

season
of

Holy Grounds

Experience fellowship with area youth adults:

Month: Sept. 8, 2008 **Topic:** Lumen Gentium & Christian Life
Music: JD Hull **Speaker:** Deacon Brian Ayscue
7:30pm @ Coffee Garden—57 E. kings Hwy, Audubon, NJ 08106
For more info contact Nick at (609) 413-2364