

# Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2008



## Announced Masses

- 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
- Mon 09/08 8:00 am Mary Kavanagh / Bob &  
Ellen Healey
- Tue 09/09 8:00 am Agnes Landis / Joe Nikituk
- Wed 09/10 8:00 am Wm. J. Forebaugh (1st Anniv.)/  
Fr. Ken Hallahan &  
The SJOA Parish Family
- Thu 09/11 8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory / Ernest &  
Helen Butler
- Fri 09/12 8:00 am Joseph Russell / Miller Family
- Sat 09/13 4:00 pm Thomas J. Cole/Mr. & Mrs. Henry  
Muccigrosso
- Sun 09/14 10:30 am Floss DiPietro (3rd Anniv.)/  
Cissu Canzanese
- 12:00 pm Open

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The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week  
in Memory of Joseph Roanella (13th Anniv.)  
Requested by Daughter, Anne

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**The People's Tithe**  
Twenty-second 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, 09/07/08:

Youth Group Meeting 6-8:00 pm Rectory

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



**From the Pastor**

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, I remembered three important people in my life. Sunday, August 31 was the anniversary of the death of Carmen Laurenzi, whom I knew from St. Lawrence parish in Lindenvold, my first assignment. Carmen and his wife, Pam, were the lead couple in the first Pre-Cana team that I created. We worked together for two years on marriage preparation, but stayed in touch over the years.

I presided at Carmen's funeral 15 years ago. Pam is still very active in the church, but at Sacred Heart parish in Camden.

Monday was the first anniversary of the death of Bill Forbaugh, who lived in St. Joan of Arc in his youth and continued to support the parish financially throughout his life. I'll always be grateful for his generosity to St. Joan of Arc. Right now, his granddaughter, Caitlin Taylor, attends LaSalle University in her first year.

Finally, on Tuesday, September 2, I remembered my father, Charles Hallahan, who died on that date in 1967. I think of him often and he continues to influence my life by the example he gave as a father, a husband, a soldier and an active member of the church. My father enjoyed life by cultivating his talents as a public speaker, a linguist, a calligrapher, a potter and an expert marksman.

He helped his children to cultivate their talents so that they could enjoy life, too!

Please remember all of these men in your prayers.

This week, the Republican party held their convention in St. Paul, Minnesota. As I did last week, I listened to the major speakers. The themes of the Republican convention stressed the military and the threat of terrorism.

Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska, made history by being the first woman to be nominated by the Republicans for the vice-presidency.

One thing that struck me about the crowd at the convention was the high proportion of white people. Whites make up about 70% of the American population, but they seemed to be more than 95% of the attendees at the convention.

As I am writing this letter, I have not yet heard the acceptance speech of Sen. John McCain. I look forward to hearing it on Thursday night.

One issue that comes up in these conventions is the press coverage. It is a free press that separates our country from so many in the world. Communist governments and dictators hate a free press and suppress it. The USA is a democracy in which the right of the press to publish its own view, without being controlled by the politicians or the government, is protected by the Constitution.

Without an independent press, people cannot be free, because they cannot trust the government anywhere to tell them the whole truth!

Please note the presentations by the diocese on voters' responsibilities that are listed in our bulletin.

Peace,  
Fr. Hallahan

**A Family Perspective**

*The Key word in today's gospel is "listen." We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and "if he listen to you" then he/she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from within.*

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**Stewardship Reflection**

***Bountiful Blessings***

***"Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully,"***

**(II Corinthians 9:6)**

Have you ever taken a moment to figure out how much time, on average, you spend a week volunteering in your Church and in your Community. The good stewardship of time reaps bountiful blessings..

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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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***September CAP Sessions***

*The Diocese requires all adults in regular contact with children to attend one CAP Session at least every five years. The following CAP Sessions are scheduled for September:*

**Wednesday, September 10th—7:30pm,**

Holy Name of Jesus Church, Mullica Hill, parish

**Thursday, September 11th —7:00pm**

Sacred Heart High School, Vineland, Gym

**Monday, September 15th—7:00pm,**

St Agnes, Blackwood, Gym

To attend one of these classes, please call the CAP registration line at the Office of Safe Environment for Children, Youth and Adults at (856) 583-6165 or email [ddiggons@camdendiocese.org](mailto:ddiggons@camdendiocese.org) to register. **PLEASE REGISTER AT LEAST 5 DAYS BEFORE THE SESSION YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.**