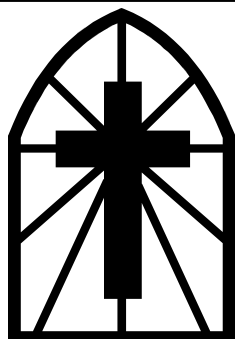


# Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14, 2008



## Announced Masses

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

Mon 09/15 8:00 am Bayard & Mary Laurence / Fr. Ken  
Hallahan & the SJOA Parish Family

Tue 09/16 8:00 am Francis Shopa / Beverly Alberts

Wed 09/17 8:00 am Anna Rubini (1st Anniv.) / Fr. Ken  
Hallahan & The SJOA Parish Family

Thu 09/18 8:00 am People of the Parish

Fri 09/19 8:00 am For the Intentions & Health of  
Kathleen McGarrigle &  
Edward Dolan

Sat 09/20 4:00 pm Charles Richardson /Jack  
Richardson

Sun 09/21 10:30 am Carl Canzanese (Birthday) / Mother

12:00 pm Open

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**The People's Tithe**  
**Twenty-third 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, 09/15/08:

Youth Group Meeting 6-8:00 pm Rectory

### Sunday, 9/23/07:

Rel. Ed. - English 9:15 am School  
Rel. Ed. - Spanish 10:45 am School

## 2008-09 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

*Religious Education  
Will Start on September 21, 2008  
Registration will take place  
Monday through  
Thursday, 9:00 am to  
7:00 pm at the rectory only.  
For more information, call the  
rectory at (856) 962-8642.*



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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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## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Thursday of this week, we remembered the victims of 9/11, the attack by a group of men from Saudi Arabia on New York and Washington. The leader of Al Qaeda, Osama bin Laden, comes from Saudi Arabia, as did 15 of the 19 hijackers. Osama bin Laden is still at large, hiding somewhere in Afghanistan or Pakistan.

The names of the 3,000 victims will be read at different memorials around the country. If each name takes about 3 seconds to read, the names will be read in about 2 & 1/2 hours. It is an honorable way to memorialize the innocent victims of a terrorist attack.

As a consequence of the attack of September 11, 2001, our government tried to find and kill Osama bin Laden. Thus far, they have failed to do so.

In response to the terrorist attack, our government has also waged a war against Iraq, a country which had nothing to do with 9/11. This war has resulted in 4,000 deaths and 30,000 serious injuries (usually a loss of limb or head trauma) of American soldiers. It has also caused the deaths of 600,000 Iraqis and the displacement from their homes of 4 million people!!

To commemorate all of these people, reading their names at the rate of 3 seconds per person would take, respectively, 3 hours and 20 minutes, 25 hours, 21 days and 140 days!! It is hard for us to imagine the amount of suffering that the war in Iraq has inflicted on both America and Iraq.

All of us need to think about better ways to solve our problems than by inflicting violence on others. Schoolyard bullying, domestic violence, assaults, murders and war are all expressions of a failure of people to live out their best human qualities.

As today's readings remind us, we all need a lot of forgiveness, for ourselves or from ourselves towards others.

On September 11, the people of the South American nation of Chile also remembered a tragic day in their history, when their elected president, Salvador Allende, was overthrown and assassinated by a military coup. Two thousand five hundred people were made to "disappear" in the months following the coup. This year was the 35th anniversary of the overthrow.

Please pray for the peoples of the USA, Iraq and Chile.

Peace,  
Fr. Hallahan

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## A Family Perspective

*The Law of Christianity in today's gospel is the Law of Gravity in reverse. "No one goes up ... Except the one who has come down." Today Jesus teaches us to lay "down" our self interests so we, and those we love, might have life more abundantly. Self interests can be obstacles to our happiness and the happiness of others.*

## Stewardship Reflection

### *Returned Blessings*

*"The kindly man will be blessed, for he gives of his sustenance to poor."*

(Proverbs 22:9)

**Stewardship is the giving from our sustenance so deeply that this gift of our time, talent and treasure becomes a blessing to us as well as to those who benefit from our ministry of service.**

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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:*

**Thursday, September 25th—7:00pm,**

Our Lady of the Angels, Cape May Court House, St. Gabriel Hall

**Thursday, September 25th—7:00pm,**

St. Mary Magdalen, Millville, Rectory Commons

**Monday, September 29, 2008, 7:00pm**

St. Mary, Cherry Hill, St. Mary's Hill

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 [ddiggon@camdendiocese.org](mailto:ddiggon@camdendiocese.org) to register. **PLEASE REGISTER AT LEAST 5 DAYS BEFORE THE SESSION YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.**

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**Their mission is to promote health in body, mind and spirit through support of Parish Nursing and Health Ministries.**



We would like to invite Registered Nurses from all Parishes throughout the Diocese to attend their Networking Meeting on Saturday, October 11, 2008 from 9-11am at St Mary's Parish Williamstown in Marian Hall (Church Basement).

For more information or if planning to attend please call (856) 542-4176.

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## Camden Catholic Alumni Barbecue

Camden Catholic High School's Alumni Association is sponsoring an alumni barbecue on Friday, October 10th at 5:30pm on the school's softball field. The homecoming football game vs. Holy Cross will follow at 7pm. RSVP to Camden [catholicalumni@comcast.net](mailto:catholicalumni@comcast.net)



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## **DO YOU NEED MONEY NOW?**

Find out how to get it where at the

**"Money Matters Workshop"**

A panel of Experts will review with you all the Basics in:

**Church, Community Development, Ministry,**

**Business, and Personal Finances**

**Date: Saturday, October 4, 2008**

**Place: St. Bartholomew R.C. Church**

**751 Kaighn Ave. Camden, NJ 08103**

**Time: 8:30am to 3:30pm** (Registration begins at 8:30am)

**For Further Information Call (856) 365-0573**

