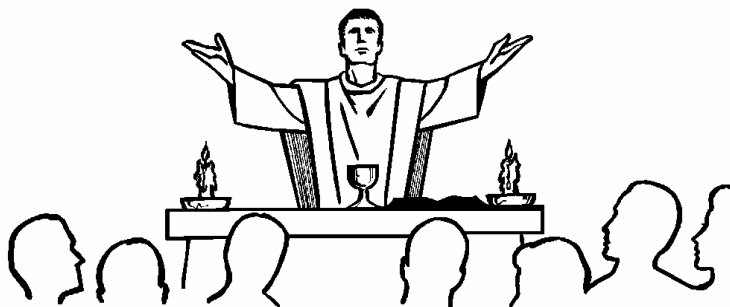


Twenty - sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2008



Announced Masses

Sat	09/27	4:00 pm	Carmen V. Woods (1st Anniv.) / Fr. Ken Hallahan & The SJOA Parish Family
Sun	09/28	10:30 am	Helen O'Shea (5th Anniv.) / Family
		12:00 pm	Open
Mon	09/29	8:00 am	Anna V. Byrnes / 1st Anniv.) / Fr. Ken Hallahan & The SJOA Parish
Tue	09/30	8:00 am	Bill & Marge Mahoney / Bill & Nancy Smith
Wed	10/01	8:00 am	Grace Mary Saporito (1st Anniv.) Fr. Ken Hallahan & The SJOA Parish Family
Thu	10/02	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Fri	10/03	8:00 am	Mary Nikituk / Joe Nikituk
Sat	10/04	4:00 pm	Joseph Russell & Annetta Sadowski / Miller Family Wayne J. Clark / Family
Sun	10/05	10:30 am	James Byrnes / Steve & Aaron Pipito
		12:00 pm	Open

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The People's Tithe
Twenty-fifth
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

Sunday, 10/05/07:

Religious Ed.—English	9:15 am	School
Religious Ed—Spanish	10:45 am	School

Monday, 9/29/08:

Youth Group Meeting	6-8:00 pm	Rectory
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ADULT—NEVER BAPTIZED??
ADULT—NEED
FIRST COMMUNION OR
CONFIRMATION??
ARE YOU AN ADULT CATHOLIC WHO
HAS NOT RECEIVED ONE OF THE SAC-
RAMENTS 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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Religious Education Program

Our Religious Education Classes started on Sunday 9/21/08. There's still time to register your children if you haven't yet done so. Classes are held every Sunday in both English and Spanish.



Please con- tact the
Registration will closes on October 21, 2008



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

On Monday, September 29, CCOP will hold a press conference regarding the Camden Home Improvement Program program [CHIP]. CHIP is the part of the \$175 million effort to improve the City of Camden launched by CCOP.

CHIP provides grants of up to \$20,000.00 to individual homeowners in the City of Camden. In the Pilot Phase of the program 66 homes were renovated and 61 more have received financing.

The second Phase of CHIP is now beginning. Homeowners who live in their homes and who live in the following neighborhoods may apply for the grants: Bergen Square; Cooper Point; Pyne Point; Cramer Hill & Pavonia; Marlton and Stockton.

If you live in one of these neighborhoods and you own the home you live in, you can apply for a grant. The amount of the grants depends on the homeowner's income.

If you know anyone who lives in these neighborhoods, please tell them about the CHIP grants and ask them to apply for one. Applications are available at the CCOP office at 2770 Federal Street and at the churches affiliated with CCOP. We'll have the applications available here at St. Joan of Arc.

In a future phase of the program, residents of Fairview will be eligible for the grants. Please pay attention to future announcements regarding CHIP!!

The CHIP grants are the result of a great deal of effort by the CCOP. Leaders negotiated with city, county and state officials, as well as the leaders of the Democratic Party, who control Camden County.

The results of all of this negotiating is about \$22 million in grants for homeowners in the City of Camden.

Thanks is due to the leadership and the membership of CCOP for bringing this relief to the people of our city. The CHIP program certainly does not solve all of our problems, but it does offer some help to homeowners throughout the city.

I encourage everyone to cooperate with our current efforts to revive the CCOP in our own neighborhood. When we work together, we can accomplish good things for ourselves, our families and our neighborhood.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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10th Annual

White Mass & St. Luke's Awards

On Sunday, October 12, 2006 at 10:00 am, Bishop Galante will celebrate the White Mass for healthcare workers and their families at the Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center, 1600 Hadson Avenue, Camden, New Jersey 08103 at 1:00pm. The St. Luke's Awards for outstanding Catholic health care within the Diocese of Camden will be presented during the Mass. This year's honorees are Dr. Gerard Ventrella, M.D. & Dr. Susan Ventrella, D.O., Kay Peters, R.N., Anna Tosti, LNHA, Reverend Howard Mulbeier. If you would like to attend the White Mass please call Katherine Boyer at (856) 342-4125 or email Katherine.boyer@camdendiocese.org to RSVP

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The message of hope has been a consistent theme of Pope Benedict XVI during this past year. In his second encyclical, In Hope We Are Saved (Spe Salvi), the Holy Father teaches us that "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end, each one of us and humanity in its entirety."

It is fitting, therefore, that we should celebrate Respect Life Sunday 2008 in the spirit of hope and in the love of Jesus that heals and transforms our world. It is only in His love that we can build a culture where every one can hope and trust in life.

To do this we need your support. As you know, the Respect Life Collection is the primary source of funding for our Respect Life activities and initiatives. Your support will help us meet the challenge of building a Culture of Life in Our time by moving the wider culture to respect the lives and dignity of all persons through education and service. I ask you once again to generously support this collection.

Fraternally,
Most Reverend
Joseph A Galante, D.D., J.C.D.

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A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus asked "What is your opinion?" Why do we think our opinion is dogma or fact? An opinion is only how we perceive a situation or how we feel comfortable doing something. Don't argue over or become divided by "your opinion."

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Stewardship reflection Stewardship Pleases God

*"Do not neglect to do good and share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices, of that kind."
(Hebrews 13:16)*

Stewardship is a way of life, pleasing to God, in which we share of ourselves by giving our time, talent and treasure in service to the Lord.

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Telephone Fraud Involving Jury Duty

The FBI today is providing a warning to the public against an ongoing scheme involving jury service. The public needs to be aware that individuals identifying themselves as U.S. court employees have been telephonically contacting citizens and advising them that they have been selected for jury duty.

These individuals ask to verify names and Social Security numbers, and then ask for credit card numbers. If the request is refused, citizens are then threatened with fines. For further information, please review the warnings posted on the U.S.

Courts website at www.uscourts.gov,