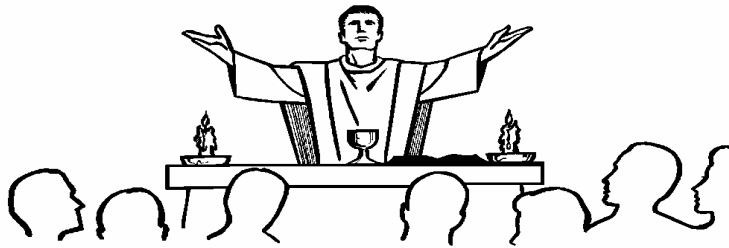


Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2008



Announced Masses

Sat	10/11	4:00 pm	Bill Convery (5th anniv.)/ wife, Olga
Sun	10/12	10:30 am	Emilie Senatore/Mike Cimino
		12:00 pm	Frances Shopa/Beverly Alberts
Mon	10/13	8:00 am	Prayer Service
Tue	10/14	8:00 am	Prayer Service
Wed	10/15	8:00 am	Prayer Service
Thu	10/16	8:00 am	Mary Kavanagh/Bob & Ellen Healey
Fri	10/17	8:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory/Ernest & Helen Butler
Sat	10/18	4:00 pm	Estelle Zetter/Helen Abramczyk
Sun	10/19	10:30 am	Laura Colucci/Dolores Clark & Family
		12:00 pm	Open

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Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week
In Memory of Bill Convery
(5th Anniversary)
Requested by Sophie Tarapon

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The People's Tithe

Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$.00
2nd Collection (Pro Life): \$.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!



Sick List

Please pray for those who are ill and those who care for them: .

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What's Happening Around SJOA

Sunday, 10/12/08:

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

Monday, 10/13/08:

**COLUMBUS DAY. RECTORY CLOSED.
NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING THIS WEEK.**

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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
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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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 contact the rectory at (856) 962-8642.



Registration will close on October 21, 2008



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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to Mary Anne O'Shea for the mums and hydrangeas that decorated our church for the past week. Thanks to Sr. Rosemarie Kolmer for providing the pumpkins and corn stalks and for decorating the church on Saturday.

Thanks, too, to Paul Panko and Carlos Merced for cleaning up the mess made by thieves who ruined two of our air conditioning units for the church. The thieves took some parts of the air conditioning, but left most of them there. We saved the compressors and fans for back-up for the future.

Mr. Peter Lu, who services our air conditioners, came and advised us what to do. This week, I'll contact the insurance company, once I get the police report. I also intend to hook the air conditioner units to the alarm system in the church. I've been told that this can be done. Wish me luck!

A more serious crime occurred in the Square this week. On Wednesday, shots were fired, apparently by rival gangs who want to control the drug trade in the Square.

One bullet glanced a 15 year old girl in the temple and ear. A second bullet struck a 21 year old man. Both were treated and released from the hospital.

Fortunately, neighbors and residents are cooperating with the police. Our local ministerium and CCOP are also helping to convene the residents of the Square to determine what actions can be taken to make our neighborhood safer.

Please pray for our efforts.

On Wednesday night, a group of about 30 people met with Pastors Giselle Coutinho, Mary Lovett and myself to pray and to reclaim the Square for the residents. In the past our local churches have sponsored many activities in the Square. It is a beautiful part of our neighborhood and we need to make as much use of it as possible.

The drug dealing and other illegal activities that go on in the Square reduce the quality of life for all of us who live here. I hope that, by organizing the residents, we'll be able to reclaim the Square and make it a peaceful place where families can go with confidence that they will be safe.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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Stewardship Reflection: First Will Be Last

"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." (Mark 10:43a,44)

In a life committed to Stewardship, we are called to "possess lightly." Jesus taught about the danger of clutching to material possessions, as a way to be first and pointed to the real treasures available to us in a disciple's life.

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A Family Perspective

Today's gospel speaks out about "unworthy wedding guests." What makes a "worthy" guest? Presence and presents are not enough. The greatest gift we can give is our support to the couple as they voyage through life together.

From the Bishop

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Pope Benedict XVI has called on every Catholic in the world to celebrate our vocation to be missionary on **World Mission Sunday**, which will be observed in parishes in the Diocese of Camden **October 18-19**.

At this time, we pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work. We pray for those awaiting the "Good News" of Jesus' great love for us and for the missionaries who offer the poor and suffering the light of Christ. We also are urged to offer financial help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

Just as our young church here in the United States received support in the 19th century from the Catholics in Europe through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, so too the growing churches in the Developing World today also require financial help. Your generosity will help make a faith-filled difference around the world.

- ◆ A gift of \$25 would be a month's support for a young woman preparing to serve as a Religious Sister in Mali
- ◆ A gift of \$60 is a month's education for a seminarian in Nigeria
- ◆ About \$50 a month helps a local Religious Community of Sisters in Thailand care for girls in need
- ◆ Just \$20 helps towards the purchase of a bicycle for a catechist in Kenya

The Holy Father said his hope is that the collection will be "a sign of communion and mutual concern among the churches of the world." Please continue to pay that all of us in the Diocese of Camden will join with churches around the world to support this collection and commit ourselves to being eager and effective missionaries of Jesus' saving love in our world.

Fraternally,
Most Rev. Joseph A. Galante, DD, JCD
Bishop of Camden

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Camden Home Improvement Program: Phase II

Are you a homeowner in the census tracks: Cramer Hill/Pavonia, Coopers Point, Pyne Point, Marlton, Stockton, or Bergen Square? You may be eligible for a forgivable home improvement grant up to \$20,000 through the Camden Home Improvement Program (CHIP).

CHIP is now in its second phase, which means applications are now available to homeowners in these 6 census tracks. If you or someone you know is interested, please call the CCOP office at (856) 962-8869 or pick up an information sheet located in the vestibule. Applications are due October 24th!

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"Exploring the Good News in Prayer"

Monday, October 20, 2008 - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
\$25. p/p (\$10. non-refundable deposit required) Includes lunch.
St. Pius X Retreat Center, Blackwood, NJ
Call (856) 227-1436 for information/registration.