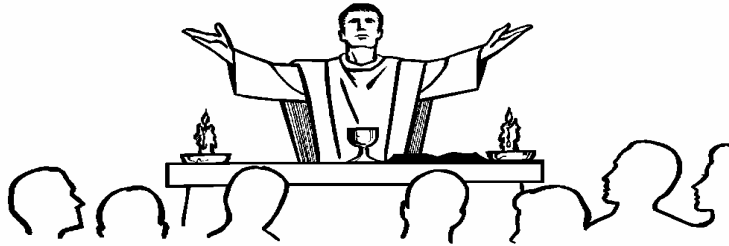


Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2008



Announced Masses

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
Mon	10/20	8:00 am	George Shopa/Beverly Alberts
Tue	10/21	8:00 am	Michael J. Lenny/Wm. Riviello
Wed	10/22	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Thu	10/23	8:00 am	Ed & Naomi Lenny/Family
Fri	10/24	8:00 am	For the Intentions & Health of Kathleen McGarrigle & Ed Dolan/ Dolan Family
Sat	10/25	4:00 pm	Carmen Peña (Birthday)/Family
Sun	10/26	10:30 am	Mary Kavanagh/Bob & Ellen Healey
		12:00 pm	Open

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The People's Tithe
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$.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, 10/20/08:

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

Monday, 10/21/08:

Youth Group Meeting	6-8:00 pm	School
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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 Ms. Mariatu Turay for presiding over the prayer services in the chapel while I was away at the annual Priests' Convocation this week.

More than 100 priests gathered at the Golden Inn in Avalon for three days of prayer and reflection on the role and experience of priests in the merging of the parishes in our diocese. The man who led us through the reflections was Wally Fletcher, D.Min., who is a Presbyterian pastor and a therapist who works a lot with clergy of many denominations.

One of the presentations by Dr. Fletcher dealt with "Self-Care." What he said applied, not only to priests, but to everyone, so I thought I'd share the content of this presentation with you.

Dr. Fletcher reminded us that, in order to deal with major change, such as the merging of the parishes, the loss of position as pastor, the moving to a new residence and the listening to the hurts and fears and anxieties of other people, we need to take care of ourselves.

Jesus gave examples of how to care for ourselves. He cultivated a deep communion with God, with the demons, with sources of inspiration, with himself and with his friends. All of those dimensions of "deep communion" are important for us, too.

We develop communion with God through our prayer. Jesus often went off by himself to pray. He prayed before major decisions, such as choosing his apostles. He prayed after major events, such as the feeding of the 5,000.

We develop communion with our demons by admitting that they exist and facing them honestly. Jesus confronted demons often-in the desert, in the towns, in individual people. The demons never disappear completely. They are often awaiting an opportunity to show themselves. The demons are sometimes called "the shadow side" of ourselves.

Our sources of inspiration include the bible, especially the prophets of Israel and the Gospels about Jesus, the writings on prayer and faith by great mystics, such as Teresa of Avila, the lives of the saints and the spiritual writings of contemporaries.

Developing a communion with ourselves can be a challenge. Some people create a division in themselves between their private self and their public self. They show one self to others, but cultivate a very different self when they are alone. We need harmony between our soul and our role.

Finally, we need to have deep communion with our friends. We need to show our real selves to our friends and let them respond with both affirmation and challenge.

May you cultivate this kind of spiritual care for yourself!

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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Thanksgiving Basket Donations



We will be collecting canned yams/sweet potatoes and canned white potatoes to be placed in our Thanksgiving baskets that will be given out to needy families in the parish. You can bring in your donations and place them in the container that is located in the vestibule, or drop them off at the rectory.

Ministry Certificate/Degree Program Information Day

The Lifelong Formation Office of the Diocese of Camden will hold a special information day on Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 1-3 pm at St. Thomas More Parish in Cherry Hill. Two programs will be presented: a new undergraduate ministry certificate program offered through the College of St. Elizabeth, and a graduate certificate or degree program offered through Georgian Court University. Classes start in January 2009 with locations in the Camden Diocese. Pastors and Conveners, parish ministry leaders and anyone interested in studying for ministry are invited to attend this session.

These formation programs are designed for current catechists, Catholic School teachers, youth ministers, liturgists, parish catechetical leaders, parish business managers and other parish ministry leaders, as well as anyone who would like to prepare for a parish ministry position as a leader, teacher or assistant. The information day will include an overview of the Diocesan Lay Ministry Formation Program, descriptions and details on the specific programs from representatives of each college, and financial assistance information. Participants will also get a sample of what ministry study will be like from the theology facility of both institutions.

To reserve a space or for more information, please call Roger Pisani at (856) 583-6122 or email rpisani@camdendiocese.org.

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Camden Home Improvement Program: Phase II

If you are 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). 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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Custodial/Superintendent Position Available

Full time, \$20,000.00/yr. plus apartment. Must have valid drivers license. For information, call the rectory at (856) 962-8642.

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St. Mary's 160th Anniversary

St. Mary's Parish in Gloucester City, the oldest parish in the Diocese of Camden, is celebrating its 160th anniversary this year. On Sunday, October 26, 2008 at 1:30 pm, the parishioners of St. Mary's Church will gather to pray the rosary and celebrate benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in honor of this wonderful event. Parking will be available on the two bank parking lots across from the Church, which is located at 426 Monmouth Street—one block off of Broadway. Everyone welcome!

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A Family Perspective

Jesus was exasperated when he scolded: "Why do you put me to the test?" It is natural for children to test parents; this is how they learn and how we teach limits, rules and values. Be like Jesus in today's gospel; he was firm, honest and direct.