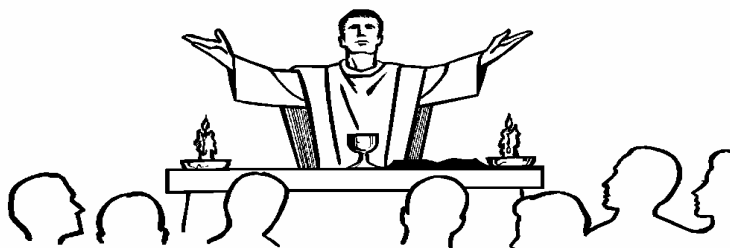


Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2008



Announced Masses

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
Mon	10/27	8:00 am	For the Intentions of Bill & Marge Mahoney/Bill & Nancy Smith
Tue	10/28	8:00 am	William Anderson (Birthday)/ Daughter, Cissie
Wed	10/29	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Thu	10/30	8:00 am	For the Intentions of Joe & Pat Karwacki (50th wedding anniv.)/ Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
Fri	10/31	8:00 am	Anna Lazo (2nd anniv.)/ Joe Nikituk
Sat	11/01	4:00 pm	Bereavement Mass
Sun	11/02	10:30 am	Janet C. Daily (Birthday)/Leona & Harry Porter
		12:00 pm	Open

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The People's Tithe
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$
2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday: \$
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, 10/26/08:

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

Monday, 10/27/08:

Youth Group Meeting	6-8:00 pm	School
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Annual Bereavement Mass

Please join us for our annual Bereavement Mass, which will be celebrated on Saturday, November 1, 2008 (All Souls Day) at 4:00 pm. This special liturgy is celebrated in honor of our family and friends who have died in the past five years. A special tribute is planned during the Mass through a candle lighting ceremony. Refreshments will be served following the Mass in the school cafeteria.

Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods is asked to please call Debbie at the rectory at (856) 962-8642. All baked goods should be delivered to the rectory on Friday, October 31, 2008. Thank you.

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All Souls Remembrance



Don't forget to drop off your All Souls Remembrance envelopes either at the rectory or in the collection basket. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for the entire month of November. Masses will be celebrated each week during the month for your deceased loved ones whose names you have mentioned. Extra envelopes are available in the vestibule or at the rectory.



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

The election will be here soon. There is some discussion among Catholics about what the Church teaches about voting.

First, the Catholic Church does NOT advocate any particular candidate or party.

In other words, MAY Catholics vote for Senator Barack Obama? YES

MAY Catholics vote for Senator John McCain? YES

MUST Catholics vote for Obama? NO

MUST Catholics vote for McCain? NO

Second, the USA Catholic bishops advise Catholics NOT to vote for a candidate solely on the basis of one issue.

The Catholic Bishops of the USA have published a document called "Faithful Citizenship." They recommend that Catholics vote. It is a civic responsibility.

The bishops advise Catholics to act like mature adults. First, they should consider all of the issues. Second, they should consider the quality of the candidate. Third, they should consider the platforms of the parties.

Then, the bishops encourage Catholics to cast their ballot for the candidate they believe is best for the office.

The bishops trust Catholics to act like mature adults, so they don't tell people whom to vote for.

The bishops, by the way, do NOT forbid Catholics to vote for candidates who are pro-choice on the abortion issue. Because voters must choose a candidate who takes positions on many issues, the voter must make a decision about a large range of issues.

The bishops warn Catholics to monitor their intentions. They counsel Catholics not to vote for a pro choice candidate as a way of approving of abortions. As long as the Catholic does not intend to approve of abortion, he or she may vote for a pro-choice candidate, presuming that the candidate has a good record about the many issues of justice that the Catholic Church advocates.

To read the entire bishops' statement, voters can go to <http://www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship/FCStatement.pdf>. The statement is thorough and nuanced. I encourage everyone to read it.

I encourage everyone who can vote to do so. I don't tell you whom to vote for, nor does the Catholic Church. Please ignore internet blogs and other uninformed people who tell you otherwise.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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Stewardship Reflection Giver Receives Benefits

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits and all you produce. Then will your barns be filled with grain, with new wine your vats will overflow." (Proverbs 3:9,10)

Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the teaching of Jesus. Where it has been implemented, both givers and receivers lives have been changed.

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**Christmas Trip to NYC—Radio City Music Hall
Thursday, November 11th - \$140.00 p/p
Call (609) 927-1669 for more information.**

A Family Perspective

Halloween is the night before All Saints Day. Today's gospel asks us to concentrate on loving our neighbor. Our closest neighbors are the people with whom we live. Anyone can be a "saint" in front of strangers, but the daily acts of patience, acceptance, forgiveness, listening, and dying to oneself within the family are religious acts. Family life is the turf of sanctity.

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Thanksgiving Basket Donations

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

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November CAP Schedule

The CAP (Child Assault Prevention Program) sessions are part of the Diocese of Camden's program of prevention under the Charter for Protection of Children and Young People. The Diocese of Camden requires all adults in regular contact with children to attend one of the sessions. Diocesan Policy requires adults to attend once every five years.

The following sessions will be offered in November:

Monday, November 3, 2008, 7:00 pm, Holy Family, Sewell, Aquin Building;

Thursday, November 13, 2008, 7:00 pm, St. Francis of Assisi, Vineland, Church (**This session will be held in SPANISH & ENGLISH**);

Monday, November 17, 2008, 7:00 pm, Incarnation, Mantua, Parish Hall;

Tuesday, November 25, 2008, 7:00 pm, Queen of Apostles, Pennsville, Parish Hall

To attend one of these meetings, call the CAP registration line at (856) 583-6165 or email ddiggons@camdendiocese.org. Please register at least 5 days before the session you would like to attend.

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Camden Catholic High School Open House

Camden Catholic High School, Cherry Hill, will hold an Open House for prospective students on Thursday, November 6th. Sign-in at 6:30 pm. Program runs from 7:00—9:00 pm. For more information, call Camden Catholic High School AT (856) 663-2247, or go to www.camdenatholic.org.

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Paul VI High School Placement Testing

Paul VI High School will hold placement testing for the class of 2013 on November 22nd and December 6th. Every incoming student my take the placement test. To register for one of these days, please contact Mr. Tom Nicoletti in the Guidance Department, tnicoletti@pvihs.org. The cost for testing is \$20.00. Checks can be made payable to Paul VI High School. For more information, call the Guidance Office at (856) 858-4900, ext. 20.