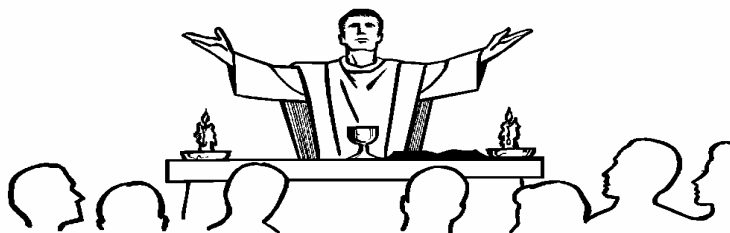


Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2008



Announced Masses

Sat	11/15	4:00 pm	Carmen Peña (5th anniv.)/her Daughter, Eliza Peña
Sun	11/16	10:30 am	Freda Fattore/Dolores Clark & Family
		12:00 pm	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Mon	11/17	8:00 am	For the Intentions of Anne Rocanella/Pat Cunningham
Tue	11/18	8:00 am	Rita Romantini/ Mrs. Louise Donato
Wed	11/19	8:00 am	All Souls
Thu	11/20	8:00 am	Dave Cunningham (13th anniv.)/ Wife
Fri	11/21	8:00 am	Open
Sat	11/22	4:00 pm	Mary Kavanagh/Bob & Ellen Healey
Sun	11/23	10:30 am	Joe Iobbi/Agnes Ruiz & Family
		12:00 pm	Open

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The People's Tithe
Lateran Basilica in Rome: \$
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, 11/16/08:

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

Monday, 11/17/08:

Youth Group Mtg.	6-8:00 pm	Rectory
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A Family Perspective

Like the servants in today's gospel, God has given us our families as special assets and expects us to totally invest ourselves in them. Laziness or being too busy is not tolerated. Family was freely given to us and is our most precious asset. Invest yourself.

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Thanksgiving Basket Donations

We are still 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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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I went to a play at the Walnut Street Theatre this week. It was called "Hairspray" and it told the story of teenagers in Baltimore who participated in a television show modeled after "American Bandstand" in Philadelphia.

The teenagers would come and dance to current popular music. The setting was 1962. One of the themes of the show was the question of whether white teens and black teens could appear on the show at the same time. Throughout the 1950s, the TV industry had an unwritten rule that blacks and whites would never appear on stage at the same time.

This was one example of how the Jim Crow segregation laws of the South had an effect on the entire country. The North didn't have the laws, but the North followed many practices that amounted to segregation in fact.

In the show, "Hairspray," one white girl wants to integrate the TV show. The music that is played is often by black singers. The black teens are high school classmates of the white teens. Allowing everyone to dance at the same time seems obvious to us now.

In 1962, however, this was very controversial. Through music and humor the play enables the cast to overcome the racism and to have a happy ending.

This was a good play to see in light of last week's election for president of the USA. Also, today's gospel reading tells us to use our talents. Of course, people should develop their talents and use them for the good of themselves and the society.

However, societal rules and practices often prevent whole classes of people from either developing their talents or using them. Such rules and practices are unjust and are a rejection of Catholic teaching about justice.

Such unjust rules and practices exist in most countries of the world, if not all. Many countries are asking themselves today: "Could what happened in the USA happen here? Could a person of minority status (due to race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, language, etc) be elected to the highest office of our land?"

The answer for most countries is a resounding "NO."

The USA has given a powerful example to the rest of the world by electing Senator Barack Obama president. He was elected on the basis of his capability, his ideas, his intelligence, his organizational skills and his vision of the future rather than on the basis of the "color of his skin."

By electing Barack Obama, the people of the USA have issued a direct challenge to the rest of the world to confront their own particular biases and prejudices and to create more just societies where everyone, even people of minority status, can cultivate their talents.

American has given a good example. May the rest of the world follow us.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month

The Princeton Medical Institute always offers free memory screenings. To schedule an appointment for a free memory screening test (with Dr. Jeffrey Apter, MD) call (609) 921-3555.

Stewardship Reflection

Importance of Possessions

"In the same way, every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33)

As Stewards, we acknowledge God as giver of all we possess. Our sharing of our time, talent and treasure is done with gratitude and thankfulness for our blessings.

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Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection Next Weekend

Nearly 37 million people in the United States live below the poverty line, and 13 million of those are children. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) works to create lasting solutions to the problem of poverty through real community change. **Please donate prayerfully and generously to CCHD next weekend to help those in poverty help themselves.** Visit www.povertyusa.org to learn more.

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Coordinator for Religious Education Position Available

Full time, 35 hours per week

Requirements: Participate actively in the sacramental life of the Roman Catholic Church. Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution; major or minor in Religious studies or its equivalent preferred. Three to five years experience in catechetical ministry required.

Please submit a Letter of Interest, resume and salary requirements to the Diocese of Camden, Office of Lifelong Formation, 631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102. Fax: (856) 225-0096, email: rquinn@camdendiocese.org.

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Camden Children's Garden Holiday

Festival of Lights Kick-Off

Saturday, November 29, 2008 - 12:00—4:00 pm
Tree decorating contest, crafts and first arrival of Santa Claus! First tree lighting at 5:30 pm
For more information call (856) 365-8733

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Camden Catholic's "Miracle on 34th Street"

December 4, 5 & 6 at 7:30 pm

December 7 at 2:00 pm

Reserved tickets: \$10.00

For tickets/info. Call (856) 663-2247, X101

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**Volunteers Needed from St. Joan of Arc
for Blood Drive at St. Bart's on January 19, 2009
from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm**
**For information or to volunteer, please call
Betty Atkins at the
Office of Black Catholic Ministry at (856) 755-0953**