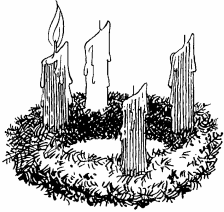


First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2008



Announced Masses

Sat	11/29	4:00 pm	Elaine L. Punch/Dan & Pat Murphy
Sun	11/30	10:30 am	Isabella Anderson & Florence Lind (Birthday)/Cissie
		12:00 pm	Open
Mon	12/01	8:00 am	For the Intentions of Bill & Mary Mahoney/Bill & Nancy Smith
Tue	12/02	8:00 am	Floss DiPietro (Birthday)/Cissie Canzanese
Wed	12/03	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Thu	12/04	8:00 am	Mary Nikituk/Joe Nikituk
Fri	12/05	8:00 am	George Shopa/Beverly Alberts
Sat	12/06	4:00 pm	Joe Iobbi/Helen Abramczyk Frances Gajtkowski/Family
Sun	12/07	10:30 am	Joe Iobbi/Cookie, Jim & Angel Sam Pelle/Virginia Knott
		12:00 pm	Open

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Entered Eternal Rest
Margaret S. Hallahan
(Fr. Ken's Mom)



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SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Our second collection this weekend is our 5th Sunday Collection. Proceeds from this collection will be used to offset heating expenses for our parish buildings. Thanks for your support.

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The People's Tithe
Christ the King: \$

2nd Collection: CCHD: \$

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, 11/30/08:

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

Monday, 12/01/08:

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

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us to be alert and watchful for His second coming. Stay awake because He will come when you least expect it.

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Stewardship Reflection

Stewardship Seen Clearly

"But whoever lives the truth comes to light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." (John 3:21)

Our life of Stewardship is never invisible. Our works will be seen clearly as gifts of to God when we follow our calling to live his truth in our sharing of our time, talent and treasure.



First Sunday of Advent



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of my entire family I would like to express a sincere thanks to everyone for their kind words of sympathy, Mass cards, flowers and other signs of condolence at the death of my Mother, Margaret S. Hallahan.

It is very comforting to be a member of a community of faith at this time. My family and I are very grateful for all of your kindness.

My mother lived a long and fulfilling life. She died at the age of 87. She was the mother of six children, a grandmother of twelve, great-grandmother of one, a high school French teacher, a member of St. Peter Celestine Choir, and a retiree for 23 years!

She loved to read, to think and to discuss current events and ideas of the past and the present. She loved different cultures, spoke French, Italian and Spanish and traveled several times to Europe. She even studied Spanish in Spain for a month in 1974!

We will miss her, but we will cherish the memories of many happy times.

Thanks again for your sympathy.



Thanks to everyone who helped with the celebration of Our Lady of Divine Providence. The shrine was beautiful, the celebration was lively and the food was delicious.

Thanks to Margie Nieves, Lisa Soto, Lucy Nieves, Minelva Velez, and Luz Rojas for leading the effort, to Elvin for designing the shrine, to Catalino Rojas for heading up the choir and to everyone for joining in the celebration.

Thanks to all who helped, including: Emma, Anahi, and Emeli Garcia, Monica and Fabian Soto, Sandra and Fransisco Colon, Carmen and Katia Sepulveda, Jowie and Joani Lopez, Harold Guerrero, Margarita, Carlos Merced, Yomaris Gomez and her daughter.

May they be rewarded with the good feelings of a job well done.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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Thank You!

The national and diocesan offices of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) wish to thank you for your generosity in this year's collection. Please continue to pray for our sisters and brothers living below the poverty line right here in the United States and for the cycle of poverty. Please visit www.usccb.org/cchd to learn more and to see how your support is truly making a difference.



Blessing of Expectant Mothers This weekend

December CAP

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. These sessions teach attendees the mechanics of reporting child physical and sexual abuse as well as bullying concepts and how to help children feel safe, strong and free.

Over the past years, there have been many of these sessions already offered throughout the diocese. 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 December:

Tuesday, December 2nd, 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Lakes, Collings Lakes, Parish Hall

Tuesday, December 2nd, 7:00 pm at St. Charles Borromeo, Sicklerville, NJ, Church Basement

Thursday, December 4th, 7:00 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Vincland, Pope John Paul II Retreat Center—Spanish & English.

Wednesday, December 10th, 7:00 pm, St. Mary, Williamstown, School

Sunday, December 14th, 7:00 pm at St. Joseph School, Somers Point, Gym.

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.

In case of inclement weather, please call the location of the CAP session you are attending.

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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**

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St. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

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Celebrating Multiculturalism

Friday, December 5, 2008 @ 7pm

“God of a thousand faces, help us also to acknowledge You are worshipped in many languages, in different songs and rhythms of life from our own.”

The honor of your presence is requested at an evening that celebrates our diversity as a Christian Community.

Please join us as an active participant to express our uniqueness in Christ through prayer, music and food.

For further information,
Please call Mary Sue Link @ (856) 854-7120.