

# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2009



## Announced Masses

Sat	01/24	4:00 pm	Connie Clark/Dolores Clark
Sun	01/25	10:30 am	Irma Szczech/Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Karwacki & Family
		12:00 pm	Margaret S. Hallahan/ Damariz Perez & Family
Mon	01/26	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr.Ken
Tue	01/27	8:00 am	Open
Wed	01/28	8:00 am	Open
Thu	01/29	8:00 am	Open
Fri	01/30	8:00 am	Open
Sat	01/31	4:00 pm	Brian Ledoux/Dan & Pat Murphy
Sun	02/01	10:30 am	James Mealey (1st anniv.)/ Mother, Marie & Family Bernadine Pritchett/Dolores Clark & Family Beverly Austin/Julia Elsasser William Greeley/Mary & Margie
		12:00 pm	Bernardo Tellez Alvarez/(1st anniv.)/wife, Emma Hernandez & daughter, Monica Tellez

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### The People's Tithe

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: To Be Supplied  
*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

## Sick List

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

PLEASE NOTE: If your name or the name of a sick friend and/or family member has been removed from this sick list and you would like it put back on, please notify the rectory. Also, please notify the rectory when you or someone you know no longer needs to be on the sick list.

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## What's Happening Around SJOA

### Sunday, 1/25/09:

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

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## Stewardship Reflection

### *Stewards Follow*

Jesus said to them, "Come after me; I will make you fishers of men." (Mark 1:17)

Jesus calls all Christians to follow Him. By being good stewards, we can follow the path to God uniquely identified for each of us.

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## A Family Perspective

It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. He must have enjoyed working each day alongside them. Our children will someday have lives of their own. We raise them to live their lives as disciples of Christ in a way that is individual to them.

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## Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend's second collection is for Mission Membership Sunday. As always, your support and generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



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## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

The readings for this weekend invite us to reflect on the need for conversion. The people of the great city of Nineveh, as well as the people of the small province of Galilee, were called to conversion.

The Greek word for “conversion” is metanoia. It actually means to “change one’s mind” or “to change one’s viewpoint.”

Each of us has a view of the world. We see the world from within our own bodies, and so we tend to experience ourselves as the center of the world.

Then, we tend to see things as our family has presented them to us. Sometimes we adopt a different perspective, but, for the earliest part of our lives our families determine what we see and how we understand what we see.

Later, the educational system and the media (TV, radio, Internet, newspapers, magazines, movies) have an effect on us. Our life in the political world, our culture, our church community and our workplace, neighbors and friends all influence the way we look at things, too.

Jesus calls us to a conversion, to see life in a new way. Jesus challenges us to see our individual relationships and our institutional relationships in a new way.

Often Jesus met individuals who were perceived by the society as “unclean” or “possessed by Satan” or “enemy.” Jesus looked at these people in a different way. He had a different viewpoint than the leaders and the customs of his society.

Jesus reminds us that God often comes to us through other individuals. The surprising thing for us is that God often comes to us in ways that we do not expect. The surprise in God’s appearance calls us to conversion, to change our way of thinking, our point of view.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta put it clearly when she said: “Jesus comes to us in the distressing disguise of the poor.” We often have a viewpoint: that the sick, the poor, the outcast, the foreigner and others are “distressing.” We feel uncomfortable when we encounter them, because we want God to come to us in the beautiful and the attractive and the enjoyable and the acceptable. God has other ideas!

Jesus also invites us to conversion about *our society*. He challenged the religious, political and economic leaders to change their viewpoint about their jobs, their power and their responsibilities. Jesus wanted them to act in behalf of the poor, etc. He wanted a change of mind on their part.

Perhaps we should think about the institutions of our own day and ask ourselves whether they are serving the poor and the outcast.

Peace,  
Fr. Hallahan

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## Evening of Reflection “What, Me Worry?”

A Salesian Approach to Dealing with Anxiety and Depression

Presented by Rev. Michael S. Murray, OSFS

February 10, 2009, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Donation: \$30.00. Dinner included. Reservations required.

Call (856) 227-1436 for information/registration



Afternoon of Jazz, Plus  
Sponsored by Advisory Council  
Diocese of Camden  
Black Catholic Ministry

Fun, Fellowship, Dinner & Dancing  
To the renown sounds of “To the Max”  
Sunday, February 15, 2009

3:00 pm—8:00 pm

Masso’s Crystal Manor, Glassboro, NJ

Cost: \$35.00

For tickets/info. Call Fr. Gerard Marable at  
(856) 365-0573 or (856) 583-6136 or 6137

Registration forms available in the vestibule.

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Light the Way for Peace Fashion Show  
Presented by Cathedral Ministries  
Sunday, March 1, 2009

Social Hour and Chinese Auction:

1:30-3:00 pm

Auletto Caterers, Deptford, NJ

Donation: \$45.00

For tickets/information, call Doris Cunningham at  
(856) 854-4335 or (856) 964-1580



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## Cantor Training

Interested in becoming a Cantor? The Diocese of Camden Worship Office is offering basic Cantor training at 3 locations: St. Thomas in Brigantine, on Saturdays, February 21 & 28; Our Lady of Pompeii at St. Padre Pio in Vineland on Saturdays, March 7 & 14; and Saint Mary’s in Cherry Hill on Saturdays, March 21, 28 & April 4. Fee: \$40.00.

Light refreshments will be provided. Saturday sessions—please bring brown bag lunch.

For registration information, please contact the rectory at (856) 962-8642. Registration deadlines: Brigantine—February 16; Vineland—March 1, and Cherry Hill—March 16.

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## LIHEAP AND NJ SHARES

If you are having financial difficulties and can’t pay your PSE&G bills, dial toll free 211 and ask about LIHEAP and NJ SHARES, two programs that can help keep your home warm and your lights on until you can get back on your feet.

The LIHEAP Program has been expanded so more households are eligible. Applications are available at all PSE&G walk-in Customer Service Centers listed on your bill or visit [www.pseg.com/liheap](http://www.pseg.com/liheap), or call 211.

NJ SHARES helps customers not eligible for LIHEAP who are experiencing a financial crisis and are struggling to pay their PSE&G bill. Funding is limited. To find out where to apply, call 1-866-657-4273.