

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2009



Announced Masses

- 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
Wm. Greeley/Mary & Margie
- 12:00 pm Bernardo Tellez Alvarez(1st an.)/
wife, Emma Hernandez &
daughter, Monica Tellez
- Mon 02/02 8:00 am Frances Shopa/Beverly Alberts
- Tue 02/03 8:00 am Open
- Wed 02/04 8:00 am James Weakley/Bette Keenan
- Thu 02/05 8:00 am Open
- Fri 02/06 8:00 am John J. Denton/Fr. Ken Hallahan
& the St. Joan of Arc Parish Fam.
- Sat 02/07 4:00 pm Amelia Springham/Family
Margaret Hallahan/Florante &
Myrna Soberano
- Sun 02/08 10:30 am Margaret Hallahan/
Sonia Q. Zuchowski
- 12:00 pm Open

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Altar Flowers

In Memory of Sr. Catherine Joseph, O.P.
(25th Anniversary)

Requested by the Shannon Family

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The People's Tithe

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time:\$

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:\$

2nd Collection Mission Membership:\$

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, 02/01/09:

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

Stewardship Defeats Anxiety

“I should like you to be free from anxieties.” (1 Corinthians 7:32a)

Are we bringing anxieties upon ourselves by worrying about attaining ever more material possessions? Stewardship teaches us to give out of gratitude and promises us that a heart open to give will be open to receive God's peace and joy.

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A Family Perspective

Today's gospel reminds us “unclean spirits” still haunt our families. These “spirits” thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the “authority” to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.





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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to all who helped with the celebration of Nuestra Señora de Altagracia [Our Lady of Divine Grace] last weekend. A special thanks to Damariz, Elvin Perez, Emma Garcia, Berkys Gonzalez, Gladys Tapia, Socorro Rodriguez and her son Daniel, and everyone else who volunteered their time and talent to make our church look beautiful for this celebration.

During my trip to Central America, I spoke with pride about our celebrations of Mary, the mother of Jesus, under her various titles as patroness of the different countries of the Americas. I was happy to return in time for one of the celebrations I had talked about.

When I described the celebrations to the other priests, I always spoke of the pride I have in the people of St. Joan of Arc Parish. You, the people, are the ones who make this parish a faith-filled community that honors Mary and Jesus [I didn't forget to mention our decorations at Christmas and Easter] and also shows concern for the joys and the hopes, the sorrows and the anxieties of the people of God.

This week, I attended two funerals. Both funerals brought back memories of baptisms, first communions, weddings and previous funerals I had shared with members of these two families. Many of those celebrations took place here at St. Joan of Arc.

As I reflected on the many joyful and sorrowful experiences of these families, I remembered how important it is to belong to a community of faith that enables people to share their joys and their sorrows with the belief that God is with them in all of the moments of the lives.

This is the gift of faith that we give to each other in the parish and in our life together as a faith community. By sharing our joys, we increase them. By sharing our sorrows, we make them easier to bear.

As one who has recently experienced the death of my mother, I can speak as a person who is very much comforted by the outpouring of support and compassion at the time of my mother's final sickness, death and funeral. I visited her grave this week, after the second of the funerals that I concelebrated.

That visit brought back memories of you and the many people who kept me and my family in prayer at that time. Many thanks to all of you.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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February CAP Sessions

The following sessions will be offered in February:

Tuesday, February 3rd, 7:00 pm, St. Margaret's, Woodbury Heights, Ministry Center

Wednesday, February 11th, 7:00 pm, Wildwood Catholic High School, Media Center Classroom

Tuesday, February 17th, 7:00 pm, St. Bernadette, Northfield, 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.

In case of inclement weather, please call the location of the

A Message of Welcome for Young Adults

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, you are welcome to join us for dialogue and fellowship. This is an invitation for young adults from all over Camden and Burlington Counties who may feel left out of their church communities, unsure of where they fit in, as well as those young adults who are just looking for more ways to reconnect to their faith community. Whether you are a single or married young adult, com join us as we gather together socially, explore topics in young adult spirituality, engage in service, and discuss how we may continue to form a community of seekers, trying to live a faithful and faith-filled life. Several events are already planned with many more to come. Any questions or to join our mailing list please call Mike Giansiracusa, Romero Center Ministries, (856) 964-9777, ext. 606 (mikeg@romero-center.org) or Joanna Schmidt, St. Peter Celestine at (856) 667-2440, ext. 245 (jschmidt@saintpetercelestine.org).

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Celebrate the Wedding of Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Social Teaching and Operation Rice Bowl Saturday, February 21, 2009

The Romero Center, 2907 Federal Street, Camden
9:30 am to 11:30 am

For those who want to learn more about the mission of Catholic Relief Services, the challenge of our Catholic Social Teachings, the power of Operation Rice Bowl, and how all these are connected to the mission of Jesus, His Church, and you. Please call Larry DiPaul at (856) 964-977 of you plan to attend or for more information.

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Black Catholic Family Revival

The Office of Black Catholic Ministry (BCM) and the Cape May Retreat Center will be having a Black Catholic Family Retreat March 20 - 22, 2009. It is a very exciting and spirit filled weekend, which allows families to reconnect through prayer, music and liturgy.

Eight to ten families (single parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and children of all ages, etc.) come together to form a Christ-centered community for the weekend. Skits, presentations, family sharing, peer group discussions and fun activities, all with an African spirituality, complement the celebration of Eucharist and other family liturgies.

Schedule: Friday dinner-6:30 pm to Sunday at 2:00 pm. Cost: \$110.00 (8 years to adult); \$70.00 (2-7 years); 495.00 MAXIMUM for any one family. Includes all meals, lodging and activities. **FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE. Registration forms located in the vestibule.** Please list the names, dates of birth and genders for all children on the back of the registration form and mail, with a \$175.00/person deposit, payable to Marianist Family Retreat Center. Mailing address is 417 Yale Avenue, PO Box 488, Cape May Point, NJ 08212-0488. Deposit is deductible from total cost but non-refundable if canceled less than 2 weeks prior to retreat date.