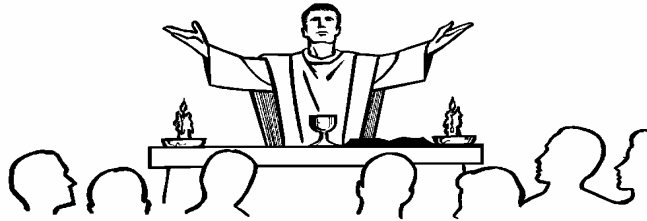


# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 8, 2009



## Announced Masses

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
Mon	02/09	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Tue	02/10	8:00 am	George Shopa/Beverly Alberts
Wed	02/11	8:00 am	Open
Thu	02/12	8:00 am	Open
Fri	02/13	8:00 am	James Weakley/Theresa Toole
Sat	02/14	4:00 pm	Laura Rocanella (Birthday)/ sister, Anne
Sun	02/15	10:30 am	Samuel B. Pelle, Jr./Barbara & Bobby Fanelle
		12:00 pm	Javier Moton/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family

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**The People's Tithe**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$**  
*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, 02/08/09:

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 Prayer*

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.” (Mark 1:35)

Jesus lived a life of Stewardship, serving others through preaching and healing. When he goes off to pray in a deserted place, he shows us the important role our prayer life has in acquiring the strength needed for our Stewardship way of life.

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## A Family Perspective

Today we celebrate World Marriage Day. Marriage is a sacrament because it teaches us something about God. The love of spouses for each other and the life that flows from that love mirrors that of the Holy Trinity.



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## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to Marta Bralinska for providing the applications for free dental checkups for the children. About 15 people took the applications, and, I presume, took advantage of the dental clinics on Friday, February 6. I would appreciate it if parents could tell me about their experience at the clinics.

Marta is a student in dental hygiene who found out about the clinics' free services and then shared this information with our community. I would encourage other students, and anyone else, who hears about free services to let me know so that I can inform the parish.

Especially in an economic downturn like the present one, free services can be very helpful to families. Thanks again to Marta for her thoughtfulness.

There were several meetings in the parish this week that are promoting the growth and development of the parish. The parents of the Confirmation children met on Monday, the Core Planning Team on Thursday and the CCOP Local Organizing Committee [LOC] on Thursday.

Meetings are a necessity in an organized group of any kind. Although many people dread them, and comedians can make fun of them, the meetings do offer opportunities to share information, to plan for the future and to review achievements of the recent past.

Our LOC of the CCOP is trying to discern the most important concerns of the people in the neighborhood. We also work with the citywide CCOP on issues such as SCHIP, the health care coverage for children.

You might have noticed on C-Span this Wednesday that, when President Obama signed the SCHIP Bill, Rev. Heyward Wiggins of the CCOP was standing right behind the President!! Rev. Wiggins went to Washington to join other leaders from around the country who had supported the SCHIP legislation and helped to get it passed by lobbying our local representatives to vote for the bill.

All of this is part of the effort of the Catholic community to work for justice. Certainly, health care for children is a legitimate need in our society. As Catholics, we work with our brothers and sisters in other faith communities, our local politicians and our national leaders to encourage everyone to meet this basic need. The SCHIP bill, like all legislation, is imperfect, but better than what we had before it was passed.

Many blessings of the CCOP for its continuing work for justice.

Peace,  
Fr. Hallahan

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## Upcoming School of Liturgy Workshops

Sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers and Cantors are now scheduled for February and March, 2009 at various locations. Four training sessions are required. Upon completion of the workshop, you will receive a Diocesan Certification.

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Cantor, please contact the rectory for registration information and dates and locations of training sessions.

## Divorce Support Group

Catholic Divorce Ministry of the Diocese of Camden will sponsor a support group for separated or divorced adults dealing with the pain that comes with the breakup of a marriage. This 13 week seminar and support group will meet from 7:30 to 9:00 pm starting Monday, February 9th through May 11, 2009 (No session on April 13th) at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Center, 120 United States Avenue, Gibbsboro, NJ. Registration required either by email [cdmofcamdencounty@yahoo.com](mailto:cdmofcamdencounty@yahoo.com), or by calling Sister Alma at (856) 784-8501. There is a \$20.00 registration fee. Information on the annulment process is available if needed.

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## Sacred Heart Gathering for Peace and Justice Where Do You Stand? Creating Peacemaking in a Changing World.

**Saturday, February 14, 2009, 9:00 am-4:00 pm**

This year's gathering shines a light on the artist in all of us. We invite you to imagine our world as a place of just peace. Explore how the creative process can form the individual and communal conscience and express it in a multitude of beautiful and life-changing ways. Registration and Welcome 8:30-9:00 am. Free admission—Lunch provided. For registration/information, call Pat Johnston at (609) 220-3999 or email [pmj123@comcast.net](mailto:pmj123@comcast.net).

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## International Festival

"Creating Unity through Diversity," Camden Catholic High School's first International Festival, will be held on Friday, February 20th from 7 to 9 pm in the school cafeteria. It will celebrate the cultures of a variety of countries, including those of the many foreign students currently enrolled at Camden Catholic.

Upon arrival you will be presented with a passport. At each station, the passport will be documented with a message in the native language of that country. Travelers will have the opportunity to taste ethnic foods, view art, hear music, and experience the cultural celebrations of Ecuador, Peru, Korea, England, Germany, India and Ireland, as well as the continents of Africa, Australia and the Middle East.

The festival is being undertaken by Camden Catholic's International Club, which is made up of visiting foreign students who are looking to foster friendships with each other, to share advice on their individual experiences, and to get additional information on school activities, as well as local students interested in learning about diverse cultures. For more information, call Elva Legere Clements at (610) 520-6140, x203 or [elva@alvare.com](mailto:elva@alvare.com).

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## Help Seniors Cope With Change

While change can be exciting, for many seniors, change can also be frightening, particularly when it involves health and other limitations that lead to greater dependence and less control of their own lives. For the family members of an aging parent or spouse, our FREE pamphlet provides a host of valuable suggestions for helping your loved one successfully cope with this challenging transition. To order a FREE brochure, call 1-877-DIOCESE (1-87-346-2373).