

# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 22, 2009



## Announced Masses

Sat	02/21	4:00 pm	Margaret Hallahan/ Helen Abramczyk
Sun	02/22	10:30 am	Margaret Hallahan/Bill & Mary Dolan
		12:00 pm	Open
Mon	02/23	8:00 am	Open
Tue	02/24	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Wed	02/25	8:00 am	Connie Clark/Carroll Family
		7:00 pm	Open
Thu	02/26	8:00 am	Open
Fri	02/27	8:00 am	Wayne J. Clark (3rd anniv.)/ Family
Sat	02/28	4:00 pm	Laura Rocanella (11th anniv.)/ sister, Anne
Sun	03/01	10:30 am	William E. Elsasser/Carroll Fam.
		12:00 pm	Miguel Reyes/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA Parish Family

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**Entered Eternal Rest**  
**Francis "Mickey" O'Donnell**

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### Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week  
In Memory of Martha Kleisz  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
Requested by her sister, Millie

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### The People's Tithe

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$00  
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, 02/22/09:

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

### Wednesday, 02/25/09 - ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes - <u>distribution of ashes at Masses only.</u>	8:00 am	Church
	7:00 pm	Church

### Friday, 02/27/09

Stations of the Cross	4:00 pm	Church
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## The San Miguel School

Brother Joseph Juliano, Headmaster of the San Miguel School, will speak at all Masses this weekend on behalf of the San Miguel School. (Brother Joseph is a Christian Brother of the same order of LaSalle University, where Fr. Hallahan teaches.)

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## A Family Perspective

Jesus is our hope! In times of stress and troubles, we place our hope in the One who made the paralytic walk and the blind man see. Do not be afraid, Jesus is with us in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health.

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## Free Mammograms

If you are a woman who is uninsured/underinsured and would like a free mammogram, please call (856) 968-7092 to see if you're eligible. Mammograms provided through the Camden County Cancer Screening Project.





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## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Please remember in your prayers Mr. Francis "Mickey" O'Donnell who lived in our parish for many years and whose son, Tim, still comes regularly to our weekend Masses. Mickey's funeral was held on Saturday, February 21 at St. Joan of Arc.

Also, please remember Mrs. Colleen Fagan, who served admirably for many years on the Camden Diocesan Commission on Racial Justice. Mrs. Fagan was a good friend of Fr. Gerard. She died unexpectedly on Wednesday, February 18. May she rest in peace.

Lent begins this week. Ashes will be distributed at the two liturgies on Ash Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The parish also provides the booklets *The Word Among Us* to help you with your daily prayers during the season of Lent. I encourage every family to take a copy home and to refer to it each day.

The booklet offers a brief reflection of a paragraph or two for each day.

Lent is a good time for all of us to reflect on our lives and ask ourselves whether we are living up to our values. I've been reading the early biography of President Barack Obama, *Dreams of My Father*, which tells about his journey of coming to understand himself, his identity and the values by which he wanted to live.

Each of us goes on a similar journey, but our journeys are very different depending upon our family, our friends, the schools and churches we attend and our own internal world of prayer, reflections and values.

Lent is the time of prayerful reflection on our lives. The church offers us this season to look at our lives as individuals and our life as a church. During this time of transition, when we will merge with St. Bartholomew's parish, many of us must go through a change that we did not ask for or anticipate.

The bible is filled with examples of people who did the same: Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Job, Peter and the apostles, Mary, Mary Magdalene, Elizabeth and the list goes on and on. Unexpected change is the norm in human life.

May the season of Lent enable us to negotiate the changes in our lives with faith, hope and love.

Peace,  
Fr. Hallahan

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## 3rd Annual Black History Month Celebration

**"Keeping Our Vision Alive"**

**Sunday, February 22, 2009 - 3:00 pm**

**Woodland Avenue Presbyterian Church**

**2300 S. 8th Street, Camden, NJ (856) 963-7538**

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Deborah Brincivalli**

**Executive Presbytery, Presbytery of West Jersey**

**Reception following service.**

## Stewardship Reflection

### STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

**"He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." (Luke 3:11)**

**John the Baptist teaches Stewardship of giving to those in need. The Stewardship theology of sharing with the poor as we love our neighbor as self, is taught throughout the Old and New Testaments.**

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## Lenten Regulations 2009

Lent is the penitential season of the Church's year. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Lent has six Sundays. The sixth is called "Passion" or Palm Sunday, and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. It commemorates the Lord's passion and death on Good Friday, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil and ends with evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Then the joyful Easter Season of 50 days begins.

Traditionally, the Lenten season is a season in which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized. **Fast and abstinence are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. (Limit of 1 full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.) All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. (All who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat.)**

Eater Duty Obligation: After they have received their 1st Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

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## Job Openings at St. John of God Community Services

St. John of God Community services currently has the following job openings:

- Classroom Teacher
- Physical Therapist
- Case Manager
- Food Services Assistant
- Building and Facilities Manager
- Speech Language Pathologist (SLP)

If you or someone you know may be interested and qualified for any of the positions listed above, please contact Joan Botto, human resources office, (856) 848-4700, ext. 126 or email [jobs@sjogcs.org](mailto:jobs@sjogcs.org).

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## 2009 Diocesan Anniversary Mass

For couples celebrating 25, 50 or over 50 years Anniversary, Sunday, May 17, 2009, 3:00 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton, Absecon, NJ. Registration forms located in the vestibule. Registration deadline, May 8, 2009. For more information, call (856) 583-6118.