

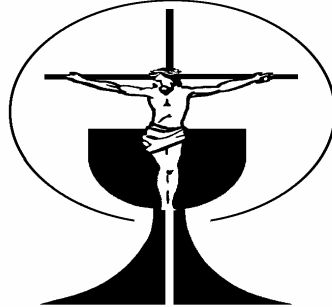


The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



June 14, 2009

Announced Masses



Sat	6/13/09	4:00 pm	John Paulowski / Kathy & Joann
Sun	6/14/09	10:30 am	Margaret Hallahan / RCIA Team at St. Peter Celestine
		12:00 pm	People of the Parish
Mon	6/15/09	8:00 am	Open
Tue	6/16/09	8:00 am	Mildred Difante (Birthday) / Family
Wed	6/17/09	8:00 am	George Shopa / Beverly Alberts
Thu	6/18/09	8:00 am	Carl Canzanese, Jr. (8th Anniv.) / Mother
Fri	6/19/09	8:00 am	Open
Sat	6/20/09	4:00 pm	Bill Convery / Family
Sun	6/21/09	10:30 am	Thaddus Abramczyk (Birthday) / Wife
		12:00 pm	Open

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The People's Tithe
The Most Holy Trinity: \$
Thank you for your
continued generosity!

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Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Psalm 116 from our Liturgy today begins "How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" One way is through charity to others. Contact the parish for a House of Charity pledge card, or access our website at www.camdendiocese.org and click on the House of Charity link.

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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Washington D.C. Trip to The National Basilica Saturday, August 22, 2009

**The cost person would be \$50.00, which would include your lunch and dinner.
For more Information please call Margie Nieves at (856) 962-8642.**

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Bishop Galante

will celebrate Mass on Sunday June 28 at 4:00pm in the Church of St Paul, 9910 Third Avenue, Stone Harbor N.J. 08247

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Attention 2009 Graduates!

All St. Joan of Arc parishioners who are graduating from high school or college this year are asked to sign the information form in the vestibule. We'll show our graduates that we are proud of their accomplishments by honoring them at Mass during the weekend of June 27th & 28th .





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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to everyone who took care of matters while I was in Halifax, Nova Scotia, last weekend.

The topic of the convention I attended was "Impasses and beyond." The people who spoke addressed different impasses in the life of the church today: between conservatives and liberals, bishops and theologians, religious educators and liturgists.

The first speaker was an historian, Dr. Gary Macy of Santa Clara University in California. He looked at an impasse of the past and showed how it was resolved. Then, he drew some lessons from the experience.

The impasse was the poor quality of bishops and priests in the church and the particular method of choosing bishops. The time was the beginning of the second millennium, about 1,000 a.d.

At this time, wealthy families controlled the church. They decided who would be bishops and who would be priests. Since priests and bishops were married at the time, family members could appoint their own children to be the parish priest or the local bishop.

As so often happens in the business world, politics and royal families, there was a lot of nepotism—family members given preference. There was also a lot of intermarriage among the powerful families, to keep the wealth and power within the family.

Some families from Rome had control over the appointment of the bishop of Rome, whom we now call the Pope. Pope John the XIX was a layman when he was chosen to be Pope. He was ordained a subdeacon, deacon, priest and bishop all on the same day!!

Two changes helped to get around the impasse. One was to forbid the priests and bishops to marry. This was the beginning of the celibacy requirement for priests throughout the Roman Rite, in 1179.

The other was to return to the ancient practice of electing the bishops!! The priests would elect the local bishop and the people would give their approval!!

The custom of having the Pope appoint the bishops did not begin until 1884!! Think about it—the church has changed a great deal over time. More changes might be coming!!

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

A Family Perspective

In the gospel today Jesus tells his disciples "you will meet a man ...follow him ... He will show you." Every child needs "a man" to "follow" who gives them direction, not so much by words, but by "showing." Fathers are called to be "the man," the "show-man."

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Stewardship Reflection The Perfect Steward

"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it."

(Mark 14:23)

Jesus, the perfect steward gave thanks, offering His disciples, including us, a chance to drink from His cup. We can respond to the Eucharist by offering our time, talent, and treasure as a means of sacrificial giving.

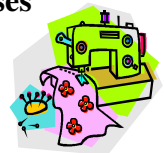
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Free Chess Lessons
Every Thursday and Friday
Starting on June 18 & 19 at
5:00—7:00 pm

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Free Sewing & Embroidering Classes
Every Thursday and Friday
Starting on June 18 & 19 at
5:00—7:00 pm



For more information
call the rectory at (856) 962-8642

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Every Marriage Counts
A Special Information Session
For

**RCIA Teams and Leaders ,
Parish Catechetical Leaders,
Parish Pastoral Associates, and Clergy**

Dates and Locations

Tuesday, June 16, 7-9pm—Holy Family Parish,
226 Hurffville Rd., Sewell/Washington Township
Saturday, June 20, 9-11am—Sacred Heart Church,

