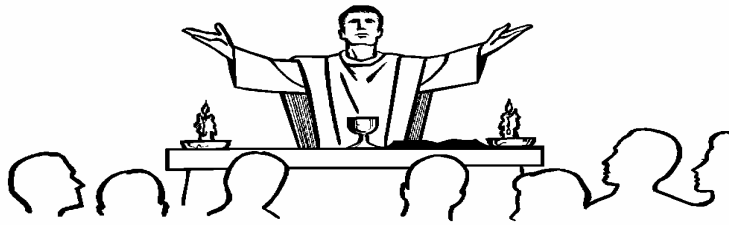


# Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 5, 2009



## Announced Masses

Sat	7/04/09	4:00 pm	Rose Brummett/Dan and Pat Murphy
Sun	7/05/09	10:30 am	Helen Vespe/Albert DeAngelis
		12:00 pm	Open
Mon	7/06/09	8:00 am	Martha Kleisz (6 mo. anniv.)/ Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
Tue	7/07/09	8:00 am	Ray O'Shea (20th anniv.)/Family
Wed	7/08/09	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Thu	7/09/09	8:00 am	Frances Shopa/Beverly Alberts
Fri	7/10/09	8:00 am	Margaret Hallahan (Birthday)/ St. Joan of Arc Parish Staff
Sat	7/11/09	4:00 pm	Aunt Martha (Kleisz)/John & Debbie
Sun	7/12/09	10:30 am	Mickey O'Donnell/Barb Sacchetti
		12:00 pm	Open

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### Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week  
In Memory of Florence Boehm  
Requested by Florence Driscoll

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The People's Tithe  
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$  
Thank you for your continued generosity!

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## Washington D.C. Trip To The National Basilica

Saturday, August 22, 2009  
For more Information  
please call Margie Nieves  
at (856) 962-8642

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## 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 some-  
one you know no longer needs to be on the sick list.

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## Gloucester Catholic High School

The Rams Basketball School for boys enter-  
ing grade 3 through 9 will again be held  
this summer. The camp will be offered two  
different weeks (**July 6th to July 10th and  
July 20th to July 24th**) under the direc-  
tion of Mr. Pat Murphy, head coach of  
GCHS. For more information call **Pat Murphy**  
at (856) 456-4400 ext. 219 or e-mail [Pmurphy@gchsrams.org](mailto:Pmurphy@gchsrams.org).

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## Gloucester Catholic High School

"Summer Enrichment Camp" will be held  
from July 13th through July 17th at the  
school. The camp is geared for students  
entering the 7th, 8th and 9th grades.  
For more information call (856) 456-4400  
ext. 219 or e-mail [Pmurphy@gchsrams.org](mailto:Pmurphy@gchsrams.org).



The rectory will close at 1:00 pm on  
Fridays starting the first week in July  
through Labor Day.

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## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to Andrés Gomez and his crew for mowing the lawn this week and for trimming the hedges and the flower beds. I hope everyone enjoys the beauty of our property.

Thanks to all who continue to work on the vegetable garden. Peppers and tomatoes have begun to flower and we are looking forward to a fruitful harvest!!

The newspapers report this week that the Vatican is investigating the religious orders of Sisters in the USA. The investigation raises many questions in my mind.

One of the questions is: "Why are men who have power so terrified of women?" Just as the ayatollahs in Iran are frightened by the women of their society who are getting educated and refusing to be treated as badly as they were in the past, so the Vatican officials seem to be frightened by the nuns who did exactly what they were told to do by the bishops at the Vatican Council!!

Another question is the relationship of culture to faith. Our faith is in Jesus, who told us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned and the sick and change the society for the betterment of the poorest members [this is what is meant by the "year of favor" announced by Jesus in Luke's gospel].

The Roman Catholic Church, over the centuries, has accumulated a lot of customs, practices, possessions and teachings that have nothing to do with Jesus!!! Sometimes, I wonder whether the leaders are more concerned about following Jesus or about retaining their own power by insisting that all Catholics adhere to cultural items, practices or teachings that came from the many secular [pagan] cultures that the Catholic Church has encountered.

To me, there isn't much difference between forcing nuns to wear habits and forcing Muslim women to wear the burqa!!

A final question is: "How do we live our faith in the contemporary world?" How much of the practices of past centuries should we hold on to, and how much should we adapt our teachings and practices to the contemporary experience? There is not an easy answer to this question, but I suspect that many of our bishops and other leaders would feel much more comfortable had they lived in previous centuries rather than in our own.

Peace,  
Fr. Hallahan

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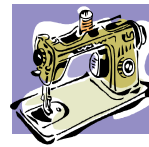
## Seeking Volunteers!

Moorestown Visiting Nurses & Hospice is seeking caring and compassionate volunteers to visit terminally ill patients in their home or care facility. Training is provided and volunteers can give as little or as much time as they wish. Volunteers are also needed for office work, community outreach, and bereavement. Please contact Volunteer Manager by calling (856) 552-1300 or emailing volunteer@moorestownvna.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Bridge of Your Future Program

Catholic Charities will once again be accepting applications for its program. Bridge to Your Future. Those who are accepted into the program must demonstrate a high degree of motivation and strongly desire to rely on their own abilities to manage their financial lives. If this sounds like something you are interested in, please call Sylvia Loumeau at (856) 342-4162 for more information.

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**Free Chess, Sewing & Embroidering Classes**  
**Every Thursday in Rectory Basement from 5:30-7:30 pm.**  
**For more information call the rectory at (856) 962-8642.**



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## A Family Perspective

Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The home town folks couldn't accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had seen him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we don't see God present in the ordinary routines of family life. "The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it. Live it.

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## Stewardship Reflection

### "On our Feet Stewardship"

**"As he spoke to me, spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I hear the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you..." (Ezekiel 2:2and 3a)**

God sends each of us to do some special work for Him. He gives us all the talents that we need to do that work. However, do we listen to God when he calls? Do we get up on our feet and give our time to do the work of our calling? This is the basis for good Stewardship.

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## 14th Annual Rams on the Reef

Gloucester Catholic Alumni will sponsor their 13th annual Rams on the Reef on Saturday, August 8, 2009 from 2-7 pm at the La-Costa Bar in Sea Isle City, NJ. \$30.00 at the door entitles you to unlimited draft beer, wine and soft drinks, and a barbeque buffet. For information, contact Colleen McIntyre at cmcintyre@comcast.net or Annamarie Kinsey at kinsey1@comcast.net.