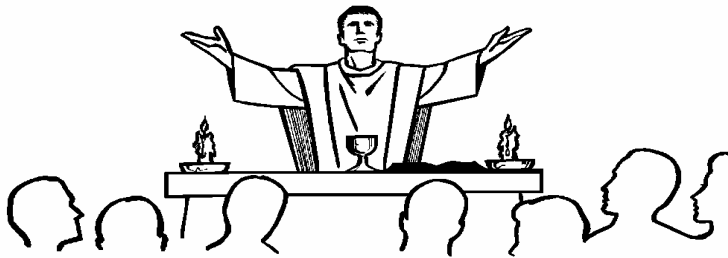


Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 26, 2009



Announced Masses

Sat	7/25	4:00 pm	Fr. John Wheeler, T.O.R./ (2nd anniv.)/Anne Rocanella
Sun	7/26	10:30 am	Joe Iobbi/Damariz Perez & Family In Celebration of Fr. Ken's 34th Year of Ordination to the Priesthood/Mariatu Turay
		12:00 pm	Maria Elena Rodriguez/ Rodriguez Family
Mon	7/27	8:00 am	Paul Johnson/Anita & Joe Quinn
Tue	7/28	8:00 am	Josephine Tozer (6 mo. Anniv.)/ Chuck, Debbie & Dana Carroll
Wed	7/29	8:00 am	Joan Doyle/Anita & Joe Quinn
Thu	7/30	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Fri	7/31	8:00 am	Craig Ross/Rosemarie Sanchirico
Sat	8/01	4:00 pm	Peter Sanchirico/Emily & Rosemarie Sanchirico For the Intentions, Recovery & Health of Helen Abramczyk/ Debbie Carroll
Sun	8/02	10:30 am	Leon J. Ostruski (40th anniv.)/ Debbie Carroll & Family Mary Ann Wirth/ Joyce & Jasmine Fletcher
		12:00 pm	Frances Shopa/Beverly Alberts

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The People's Tithe

16th 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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**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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Farewell, Mary Dolan

*"To everything there is a season, and
a time to every purpose under heaven."*

After 58 years of devoted service to St. Joan of Arc, our organist, Mary Dolan, has decided to retire. Mary's presence will surely be missed, as she gave so much of her time, talents, and heart to St. Joan of Arc Parish, not only as our music director, but to many other parish ministries, as well as her volunteer work in the rectory.

Next Sunday, August 2nd, we will honor Mary at the 10:30 am Mass to thank her for her service and devotion. Please join us in wishing her well. A reception will follow in the school cafeteria.



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Today is a happy day in my own life, because I celebrate the 34th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood at St. Patrick's Church in Woodbury on July 26, 1975. Last Saturday, I had the pleasure of preaching at the liturgy which celebrated the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone at St. Patrick's Church!

The pastor, Msgr. Joseph DiMauro, estimates that the church was the site of 50,000 Masses, 6,000 funerals, 5,000 weddings, 4,000 baptisms and one ordination to the priesthood!! Right now, the parish has 8 Masses every weekend, four in the church and four in the recently built Parish Center.

Please pray for the continued flourishing of St. Patrick's parish.

Today's readings speak of feeding the hungry. About 850 million people in the world go hungry every day. Those of us who live in the industrialized world cannot really comprehend the depths of poverty that afflicts about 40% of the world's population, more than 2 billion people.

The injustice of that kind of poverty leads, almost inevitably, to the wars and revolutions in our world, not to mention the creation of radical groups whom we currently call "terrorists." If we want to stop war, insurrection and terrorism, we need to create a world unlike the present world where 2 billion people have no clean drinking water, little or no education, no plumbing in their homes, less than \$3.00 per day salary for 10-12 hours' work, no political power to express their views and corrupt governments who take the good things of society for themselves while ignoring the needs of their people.

In his latest encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate* [Charity in Truth], Pope Benedict XVI says that justice precedes charity! Before we even think about loving people, according to the Pope, we need to create a just world, a world very different from the world that actually exists. This is an obligation of all people, not just Christians, according to the Pope.

Pope Benedict continues to teach the insight of Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II, that, without a just world in which people are treated fairly, get enough to eat, get paid a decent salary for their work, can hope for a better world for their children, we can expect more of what we have—war, revolution, violence and destruction.

The Catholic Church tries to improve people's lives through organizations such as the Catholic Relief Services' Food Security Program. You can learn more about it at <http://crs.org/food-security>. Another organization that works to feed the hungry is Bread for the World, <http://breadfortheworld.org>.

Please pray for the continued efforts of these two organizations that imitate Elisha the prophet and Jesus, the Savior!!

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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The Rectory Office will close at 1:00 pm on Fridays now through Labor Day



Trip To The National Basilica in Washington, DC

Sponsored by the Ladies of St. Peter Claver and St. Joan of Arc

Saturday, August 22, 2009

Cost: \$26.00 per person

(covers lunch and dinner)

Departure: From SJOA

at 8:00 am (Breakfast will be offered)

Itinerary: The Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Lunch, Prayers at the Shrines of Our Lady Guadalupe and Mother of Africa, Two hours free time on the National Mall.

Departure: 4:00 pm, Dinner at Old Country

Buffet; arrival at SJOA at 8:30 pm

Registration: 25 seats for each parish. First

come, first served. Deadline: August 14th.

Registrations will be accepted at both SJOA

and St. Bart's. For more information/

questions, call Margie Nieves at SJOA at

(856) 962-8642. Only 6 seats left!

We already have a waiting list. Remember, only payment in full guarantees your space.

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Stewardship Reflection

Stewardship of Sharing

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" (John 6:9)

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only one of our Lord's miracles which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share in Stewardship. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him.

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A Family Perspective

In today's Gospel a child shared his little lunch and thousands were fed, proof that the smallest act of sharing can have great significance. There are people in our lives who are starving for attention, understanding and affection. The Gospel is clear: when we share ourselves, miracles happen. Take time to be miraculous.