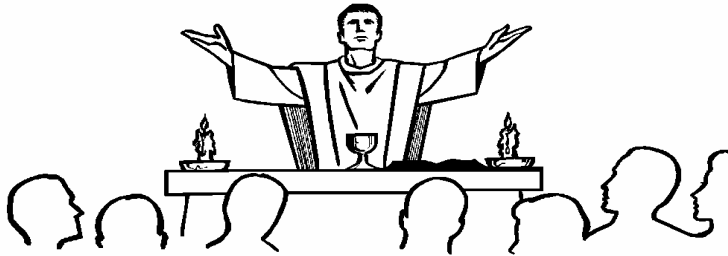


Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2009



Announced Masses

Sat	08/01	4:00 pm	Peter Sanchirico/Emily & Rosemarie Sanchirico For the Intentions, Recovery & Health of Helen Abramczyk/ Debbie Carroll
Sun	08/02	10:30 am	Leon J. Ostruski (40th anniv.)/ Debbie Carroll & Family Mary Ann Wirth/Joyce & Jasmine Fletcher
		12:00 pm	Frances Shopa/Beverly Alberts
Mon	08/03	8:00 am	Patty Morris/Joe Nikituk
Tue	08/04	8:00 am	Marie Oriziruk/Tom & Lauren Hallahan
Wed	08/05	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Thu	08/06	8:00 am	Patricia Lafferty/Joe Nikituk
Fri	08/07	8:00 am	For the Intentions of Lois Martin/ Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
Sat	08/08	4:00 pm	Mary Duffy Gallagher/Daughter Kathy & Bach Del Vecchio
Sun	08/09	10:30 am	Guy & Agnes Landis/Friends & Family
		12:00 pm	Open

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The People's Tithe
17th 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 the Rectory
Basement from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.
For more information call the
rectory at (856) 962-8642.

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Church Annulment Workshop

On Wednesday, August 19, 2009 from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm, the St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center in Blackwood will be sponsoring an all day Church Annulment Workshop for anyone seeking an annulment. The workshop will be conducted in English and Spanish. Volunteers will be available that day for anyone wishing to initiate the appropriate paperwork. The cost is \$30.00 (lunch included). If interested, please call (856) 227-1436.



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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

The readings once again this week speak of food. The Israelites in the desert complain about the lack of food, and they receive manna, the bread that they find on the ground in the morning. This food sustains them, but they complain later about the boring diet, so the Lord sends them quail.

In the gospel, Jesus invites the crowd (and us) to recognize that many kinds of nourishment are needed for the human person. Food alone is not enough. We need spiritual, emotional, intellectual and cultural nourishment, too.

Jesus speaks only of the spiritual nourishment that comes from prayer, fasting, charity and justice. This spiritual nourishment is vital for our well-being as persons. Without it, we wither like plants without water.

The other kinds of nourishment: emotional, intellectual and cultural, are also very important for us. As human beings, we are different from the animals. Having enough to eat physically does not satisfy us. We need other kinds of nourishment.

Perhaps as a nation, and a culture, we compensate for our lack of spiritual, emotional, intellectual and cultural nourishment by overeating the physical food. Obesity in the USA has reached epidemic proportions!

I am reminded of these different kinds of nourishment as I read Nelson Mandela's autobiography, Long Walk to Freedom. Right now, I'm at the part where he is imprisoned. He describes the food. Prisoners received the same food every day, a little bowl of grain meal that seldom contained any vegetables or meat. In solitary confinement, a prisoner would receive only "rice water," that is, water that was boiled with some rice in it, but the rice was removed before serving it to the prisoner!

In spite of the poor physical diet, the prisoners maintained their spirits by their camaraderie, by taking correspondence courses through the universities, by singing while they worked and by encouraging each other through difficult times.

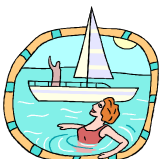
Nelson Mandela, in my opinion, is one of the greatest human beings of the 20th and 21st centuries. In 1991, after spending 27 years in prison, 7 of them in solitary confinement, he emerged to speak a message of healing and reconciliation. He was granted the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1993 and elected President of South Africa in 1994.

Today, he continues to be a diplomat for peace and reconciliation throughout Africa. He benefitted greatly from the intellectual nourishment of the universities and the spiritual, emotional and cultural nourishment of his fellow prisoners.

We can all follow his example by taking advantage of the resources that nourish us!!

Peace,
Father 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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Lector and Eucharistic Minister Training

There are training sessions scheduled for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers during the months of August and October, 2009. Registration deadline for August classes is August 15th and for the October classes is September 26th. If you are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please call the rectory for more information.

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A Family Perspective

Jesus tells us in today's Gospel: "I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will never hunger. Do not work for food that perishes but for food that endures for eternal life." If we are what we eat, then perhaps it is time to put your family on the Gospel Diet and devote more time and energy to the "bread of life."