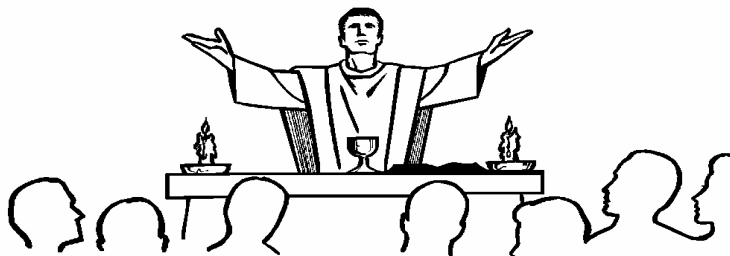


Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2009



Announced Masses

Sat	08/15	4:00 pm	Giardini Family/Emily & Rosemarie Sanchirico
Sun	08/16	10:30 am	Mickey O'Donnell/Diane & Sue Palmer
		12:00 pm	George Shopa/Beverly Alberts
Mon	08/17	8:00 am	Mary Ann Wirth/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Fam.
Tue	08/18	8:00 am	Ralph Beatty/Tom & Carol & The CDM
Wed	08/19	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Thu	08/20	8:00 am	Carol Maddaloni/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Fam.
Fri	08/21	8:00 am	For the Intentions of Lois Martin/ Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
Sat	08/22	4:00 pm	Mary Hamilton/Panko Family
Sun	08/23	10:30 am	Joseph Kavanagh & Doris Kavanagh Stavoli/Family
		12:00 pm	Open

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The People's Tithe
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$
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 information
call the rectory at (856) 962-8642.

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A Family Perspective

Jesus reminds us today: life comes from flesh and blood. Parents often feel 'drained' because their children's needs continually demand personal sacrifice. This is the vocation of parenting: to give our flesh and blood so our children may live.

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Stewardship Reflection *Stewardship Wisdom*

"Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise." (Ephesians 5:15)

A wise person recognizes that all we have comes from God and is thankful for their many blessings. A wise person realizes that God wants us to share our blessings becoming Stewards for Him in His work of Redemption here on earth.

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2009-10 Religious Education Program

Registration for our Fall Religious Education Classes will take place Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 6:30 pm and Friday from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at the rectory. For more information, call the rectory at (856) 962-8642.



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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Well, the nation has begun a discussion about health care. I have read that people are bringing their guns to the discussion!! I guess they feel strongly about the topic.

I did hear one expert on the issue who said something worth thinking about. He said that in a large health care system, you are trying to accomplish three objectives: quality, distribution and cost containment. He said that you can achieve two out of three, but not all three!!

In the USA, we tried to protect the quality of medical care in the 1920's. It was at that time that the government began to license doctors. Also the federal government began to regulate the research, production, sale and advertising regarding medications. Government regulation achieved its objective. In the USA, we have high quality health care.

Distribution of medical care is more difficult. The greatest difficulty is to get medical care to the poor. Since it costs money, which the poor don't have, getting medical care to the poor is a challenge. In the USA, once again, the federal government intervened and began the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

Medicare is a federally funded program of medical coverage for the elderly, a companion to the Social Security insurance. Medicare provides health coverage to the low-income elderly. Medicaid provides health coverage to the very poor, the handicapped, recently arrived refugees and others. Mostly, it provides coverage to the children who are poor.

Thus, the federal programs have taken care of the elderly and the children. The people who are left out are the low-income working people who do not qualify as "poor." They cannot afford to buy medical insurance because it is too expensive. Their employers do not provide the coverage, because they are not required to do so. Thus, about 40 million people in the USA have no health insurance.

The present debate is about how to provide for these working people who are not wealthy enough to afford insurance.

The final issue is cost of medical care. Part of the present debate is how to contain the costs, because they are getting so high that they are becoming a threat to the welfare of the overall economy. Right now medical care makes up about 16% of our total economy. A healthy economy keeps medical costs much lower than this.

Costs are driven up by: expensive medications, expensive therapies, expensive tests done by expensive machinery, duplication of services, excessive paperwork and bureaucracy, specialization of doctors and the overtreatment of the dying. Each of those topics deserves more discussion.

As our national discussion continues, I hope that people will look at the facts, realize that we must make some difficult decisions and also realize that no decision will give everyone what they want, or even what they need.

Peace,
Father Hallahan

CAP Training

CAP is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The policy of the diocese is that adults will attend **CAP** once every five years.

CAP 1 teaches attendees to recognize child abuse and neglect and how to report to the proper authorities, and is for **new volunteers and employees**.

CAP 2 is No More Bullies, No More Victims and is a workshop on bullying awareness and prevention. Cyberbullying is also addressed. Both sessions are 90 minutes.

Adults must attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2. After five years, adults have the option of attending **CAP 1** again if they prefer.

The following sessions will be offered in September:

CAP PHASE 1

Thurs., 9/2/09, 1:30 pm, Camden Catholic High School, Cherry Hill, Cafeteria

Wed., 9/9/09, 7:00 pm, St. Katherine Drexel, Egg Harbor Twp., Parish Life Center

Thurs., 9/10/09, 7:00 pm, Sacred Heart High School, Vineland, Gym

Mon., 9/14/09, 7:00 pm, St. Paul, Stone Harbor, Msgr. Quinn Hall

Tue., 9/15/09, 7:00 pm, St. Cecilia, Pennsauken, School.

CAP PHASE 2—Bullying Prevention

Wed., 9/9/09, 7:00 pm, St. Bartholomew, Camden, Parish Hall

Thurs., 9/17/09, 7:00 pm, Our Lady of the Lakes, Collings Lakes, Parish Hall

Wed., 9/23/09, 7:00 pm, St. Frances Cabrini, Ocean City, Parish Hall

Wed., 9/30/09, 7:00 pm, St. Mary, Williamstown, School

To attend of these classes, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Safe Environment for Children, Youth and Adults at (856) 583-6165 or email ddiggon@camdendiocese.org to register. Please register at least 5 days prior to the session you would like to attend.

In case of inclement weather, please call the location of the CAP session you are attending.

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College Night at Camden Catholic High School

Camden Catholic High School will have its 41st Regional College Information Program on Tuesday, September 15th, at 7:30 pm. Representatives from 150 colleges and universities will be available in the gym. Public and parochial high school students, along with their parents or guardians, are welcome to attend.

Financial Aid Night will be held in the Camden Catholic High School auditorium on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:30 pm. For more information, please call Camden Catholic High School at (856) 663-2247.

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

