

Twenty-second Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 30, 2009



Announced Masses

Sat	08/29	4:00 pm	Joseph Rocanella (14th anniv.)/ daughter, Anne
Sun	08/30	10:30 am	Edith Egbert/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
		12:00 pm	Diego Barrientos/ Rosario Barrientos Carmen Rubert Alvarado (1st anniv.).Julio Figueroa & Carmen Alvarado
Mon	08/31	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Tue	09/01	8:00 am	Open
Wed	09/02	8:00 am	For the Intentions of Lois Martin/ Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
Thu	09/03	8:00 am	Open
Fri	09/04	8:00 am	Frances Shopa/Beverly Alberts
Sat	09/05	4:00 pm	Bill Convery/Wife, Olga
Sun	09/06	10:30 am	For the Intentions of Anna Tangi/ Colucci Family Paul Johnson/ Rosemarie Sanchirico
		12:00 pm	Open

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Entered Eternal Rest
Norma H. Anderson
Sarah K. Morton

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The People's Tithe
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!

New Parish Mission Statement

As a sacrifice of praise the people of St. Bartholomew and St. Joan of Arc welcome people of every race, language and way of life around the table of our Lord Jesus Christ in an American African/Hispanic expression of Roman Catholic worship. Sharing our time, talent and treasure in acts of justice, we proclaim the "Gospel of Life" with and for the people of Camden.

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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 someone you know no longer needs to be on the sick list.

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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) 962-9642.

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Second Collection This Weekend
Our second collection this weekend will be our 5th Sunday Collection. Proceeds from this collection will be used to offset air conditioning costs for our parish buildings. Your support and generosity is always greatly appreciated!



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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As the nation continues to discuss the proposals for the revision of our medical system, or at least of the insurance system, we all need to look at the facts and make sensible judgments about the best things to do for our society.

In a discussion such as this, some very basic perspectives on society are at issue. For example, should we support the individual, allowing the individual as much liberty [choices] as possible? Or, should we try to promote the needs of certain sectors of the society, such as children, the elderly and those with chronic conditions?

Ideally, we would like to do both, but, in reality, we often cannot do everything that we would like to. Limitations are caused by the availability of medical personnel, technology and facilities, as well as the amount of money available.

In the tradition of the Catholic Church, the teachings try to balance the interests of the individual with the interests of the entire society. Individuals who are doing well in the society, and whose success and well-being is inevitably subsidized by the labor of the lower-paid members of the society, often emphasize individual liberties [often called "freedoms"] to the detriment of addressing the needs of children, the elderly and the poor.

The Catholic Church teaches that we all must help the needy, as today's reading remind us. We do this through our individual efforts, but we also do it through group efforts, such as government policy!! This teaching agrees with the preamble to the USA Constitution which says that the government is established, among other things to "promote the general welfare."

The general welfare includes the well-being of everyone, not just those who are successful, who have health insurance, a good education, a good job, a house, etc. In the Catholic tradition, we call this value "the common good." In our tradition, all individuals and all structures, including government, insurance companies, hospitals, doctors, etc. should ask themselves: "How can I and the structures I participate in work for the benefit of everyone in the society?"

The answer to this question is our response to the "general welfare" or the "common good." As Catholics, we see this as the most important question to answer when we discuss health care for our nation. The important issue is not whether I get what I want or need, but whether everyone, especially the "least of my brothers and sisters" get what they need!!

Think about it!!

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

A Family Perspective

In today's Gospel Jesus reminds us it is not WHAT we do but WHY we do it which gives religious significance to our actions. Family life is full of rituals and routines. When they are done "in the Lord" with love, they are holy.

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Stewardship Reflection

Stewardship Doers

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourself." (James 1:22)

What do you do to live God's word? Do you share time and talent and treasure in parish ministries? Do you live your Stewardship daily, reaching out to those in need around you each day?

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Yard Sale/Flea Market

Saturday, September 19, 2009 - 8:00 am—3:00 pm

1400 Collings Road (school grounds)

Cost of Tables: \$10.00

One man's junk is another man's treasure!

Come and shop or sell your gently used treasures. Registration deadline: Monday, September 14th at St. Joan of Arc rectory. For more information, call the rectory at (856) 962-8642.

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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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Camden Catholic High School Veteran's Mass

Camden Catholic High School will be holding a Veteran's Mass on November 11th at 9:00 am. We are looking for all Camden Catholic Alumni who are veterans, along with the names of those who were killed in action. Please contact Walt Sandell at walt-sand@hotmail.com with veteran information.

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