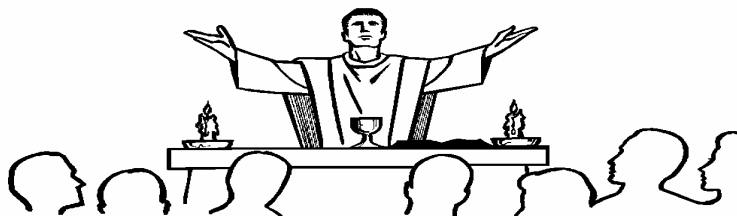


Twenty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

September 6, 2009



Announced Masses

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
Mon	09/07	8:00 am	Anna Ostruski (Birthday)/Family
Tue	09/08	8:00 am	Marie Grace DiFante (33rd Anniv.)/Family
Wed	09/09	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Thu	09/10	8:00 am	George Shopa/Beverly Alberts
Fri	09/11	8:00 am	Tom Marinelli/Fellow Veterans
Sat	09/12	4:00 pm	Mary Ann Wirth/Anita & Joe Quinn
Sun	09/13	10:30 am	Theodore Balabuch/ Betty Balabuch
		12:00 pm	Open

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The People's Tithe
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$00
5th Sunday Collection: \$00
Thank you for your continued generosity!

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Second Collection Next Weekend
Next weekend's second collection is the Holy Father (Peter's Pence) Collection. Your continued support and generosity is always greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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.

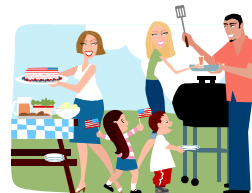
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Sick List

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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Have A Safe and Happy Labor Day!

**In observance of this holiday the
rectory office will be closed on
Monday, September 7, 2009**

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Parish "Town Hall Meeting"

There will be a parish "Town Hall Meeting" on Saturday, September 19th at 5:00 pm in the church at St. Joan of Arc and Sunday, September 20th at 9:15 am in the church at St. Bartholomew. Both meetings are an opportunity to hear a report from the merger Core Team. This will also be a great opportunity to ask questions and to discuss the naming of the new parish. You are encouraged to attend one or both meetings.



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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

On Monday night, I attended a public action of the CCOP [Camden Churches Organized for People] held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on River Road. Police Chief Scott Thompson was the principal guest at the meeting and the purpose of the meeting was to clarify the policy of the Camden Police Department about the treatment of immigrants who are victims of crimes.

As you probably know, immigrants, especially the undocumented, are often victims of crimes. It appears as if the teenage gangs, predominantly Black, but sometimes mixed-race, are targeting immigrants for robberies. They seem to be targeting Mexicans in particular.

The teen gang members believe that the victims of the crimes will not call the police, for fear that the police will ask for their residency papers—green card, visa, working papers, or USA passport. Since the undocumented do not have the necessary papers, they will be reluctant to report a crime or to testify as a witness to a crime.

Chief Thompson made it clear at the meeting on Monday night that the Camden police officers are forbidden to ask about documentation when they are speaking with a victim or a witness to a crime. The Camden Police officers will not ask for this information and so they will not report anything to the ICE [Immigration Control and Enforcement].

The situation is different with criminals. If an undocumented person commits a crime, especially a violent crime, then he/she is subject to questioning about his/her immigration status.

Chief Thompson also made it clear that he will not deputize the Police department to act as agents of the ICE. This has been done in Monmouth County, NJ, with very bad results for the reporting of crimes against people.

This is an important issue, because the Police Department of the City of Camden has responsibility for certain kinds of crimes, but not for all crimes. They are not an agent of the federal government, but of the local government. If they were to act as agents of the federal government, in this case in particular, they could seriously decrease their effectiveness in addressing local crime.

Chief Thompson also assured us the he would work with CCOP to get a law passed in City Council similar to the law in Trenton which restricts the police from interrogating victims and witnesses to crime about their immigration status.

The CCOP will continue to work with the people of Camden to address this issue. Some of our own parishioners have been victims of robberies and other crimes. We need to go to their assistance. One way we do this is through our work in the CCOP.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan



2009-10 Religious Education Program
Registration for our Fall Religious Education Classes will take place Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 6:30 pm at the rectory. For more information, call the rectory at (856) 962-9642.

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Stewardship Reflection *Stewards are Rich in Faith*

“Listen, my beloved brothers. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom that he promised to those who love Him?” (James 2:5)

We learn, by living a life of Stewardship that being rich in faith is more important than being rich in possessions. When we are rich in faith, we know that material things do not bring us the peace in our life that we experience when we share what we have with others.

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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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Divorce and Beyond

The Catholic Divorce Ministry of the Camden Diocese will be starting a 10 week support program, Divorce and Beyond, starting Wednesday, September 9, 2009 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at St. Rose of Lima Parish, 300 Kings Highway, Haddon Heights, NJ. Registration fee: \$20.00 (to cover cost of materials). Registration is required. To register, call Ann at (856) 869-0076 or email cdmof-camdencounty@yahoo.com.

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September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in males. African-American males have a 32% higher risk of developing this disease. Unfortunately, due to embarrassment, or other circumstances, males often do not get this important screening.

African-American or Hispanic males over age 45, and other males age 50 and over should take advantage of **FREE** prostate cancer screenings through the Camden County Cancer Screening Project by calling (856) 968-7406. **DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC! GET A FREE PROSTATE SCREENING.**