

Twenty-fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

September 20, 2009



**Announced Masses**

Sat	09/19	4:00 pm	Norma Anderson/McShane Family
Sun	09/20	10:30 am	Margaret Maronski (1st anniv.)/ Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA Parish Family
		12:00 pm	Open
Mon	09/21	8:00 am	Norma Anderson (1 mo. Anniv.)/ Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA Parish Family
Tue	09/22	8:00 am	Sarah K. Morton (1 mo. Anniv.)/ Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA Parish Family
Wed	09/23	8:00 am	Open
Thu	09/24	8:00 am	People of the Parish/ Fr. Ken
Fri	09/25	8:00 am	Richard Urban/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA Parish Family
Sat	09/26	4:00 pm	Norma Anderson/Adams Family
Sun	09/27	10:30 am	Mary Ann Wirth/Debbie Carroll
		12:00 pm	Open

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**The People's Tithe**  
**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$**  
**Holy Father Collection: \$**  
*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

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**Second Collection This Weekend**

This weekend's second collection is the national collection for the Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church in the US. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including ours. Please be generous.

**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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**Parish "Town Hall Meeting"**

There will be a parish "Town Hall Meeting" Saturday, September 19th at 5:00 pm here in the church (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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**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!**

**THERE WILL BE A INFORMATIVE MEETING ABOUT SAFETY AND IMMIGRATION MATTERS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009 AT 6:30 PM IN THE CHURCH. EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

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**Food Drive**

The Knights of Columbus Epiphany Council #3485 will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items for their Food Drive here at St. Joan of Arc the weekends of September 26th and 27th and October 3rd and 4th. A collection container will be placed in the vestibule. Please support the Knights in this worthy cause. Your kindness and generosity is always appreciated.



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## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I was happy to see 10 parishioners from St. Joan of Arc attend the CCOP action with Governor Corzine on Tuesday night. I counted the crowd and it appeared to me to be close to 500 people in attendance at the meeting at St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral.

Both the CCOP speakers and the Governor admitted that some progress has been made in improving the city, but that much more needs to be done. Continuing actions by the CCOP are a reminder to city, county and state officials that they have to be accountable for their responsibilities to the residents of our city.

Monday, September 21, we have an opportunity to address one of our city officials about public safety. Camden Police Chief Scott Thompson will come to our church on Monday evening to address concerns about safety here in Fairview. I encourage everyone to come to the church for this meeting.

Please arrive at 5:30 so that we can get everything in place for the meeting to begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. Like the action on Tuesday with the Governor, this action on Monday will be organized and well-presented. As part of the continuing efforts of the CCOP, this action on Monday will be an important part of our efforts to improve our neighborhood. Please come to the church on Monday evening at 5:30 p.m.

The Sunday School Religious Education program begins today. I encourage all parents of school-age children to register your children for the Sunday School, to bring the children every Sunday to their classes and to attend Mass with them afterwards.

It is very important for children to develop good habits early in life. Parents are the primary educators of their children. Parents, by their words and by their actions, lead their children in the pathways of faith. In baptism, we pray that the parents will be good examples for their children. Now is the time for our parents to fulfill the promises they made at the baptism of their children.

Thanks to Margie Nieves who leads the Sunday School program, and to all of the teachers and aids who help in any way to make the program successful. Many blessings to all of you!

Peace,  
Fr. Hallahan

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## New Visions Community Center

On Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 7:30 pm in McDaid Hall at Holy Saviour Parish, 50 Emerald Ave., Westmont, the Social Justice Ministry of Holy Saviour and St. John parishes will host Kevin Moran, Director of the New Visions Community Center, a "drop-in" center serving the homeless community in Camden.

Please come and hear Kevin speak about their program, their plans for the future and their needs for today. A donation of canned goods or cleaning supplies would be greatly appreciated. Questions? Call (856) 986-2436.

## Diocesan Biblical Institute

The Diocesan Biblical Institute will be starting four new Bible Study groups in October which will offer an in-depth study of the Holy Bible. See bulletin board in the vestibule for complete details on times and locations. To register, contact Diane Scafidi at (856) 583-6129, or for more information, contact Dr. Frank Blee, Office of Evangelization, Adult Faith Formation, Senior Ministries at (856) 583-6105.

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## Stewardship Reflection *Stewardship Content Last*

"Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them 'If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.' "

Stewards come to find true meaning in life by being last. To sacrifice can be good. The literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy". We make our lives holy by giving up some of our time, talent and treasure in service of God and His church.

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## Free Concert and Day of Renewal

In celebration of the founding of the new parish community of Christ Our Light, located at 402 Kings Highway North, Cherry Hill, you are invited to attend a concert led by Dan Schutte, composer of "Here I Am, Lord", on Friday, September 25th at 7:00 pm.

On Saturday, September 26th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Dan will lead a Day of Renewal for anyone interested in liturgy. All liturgical ministers are invited to attend this day of listening, reflecting and discussing how vibrant liturgy is the strong foundation for a vibrant community and how the celebration of the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives as Catholic Christians in the world.

**ADMISSION IS FREE FOR BOTH EVENTS.** Please email [mbedics@ChristOurLight.net](mailto:mbedics@ChristOurLight.net) or [cjohnson@ChristOurLight.net](mailto:cjohnson@ChristOurLight.net) so they can plan for lunch. Questions? Call (856) 667-2440, ext. 324 for Mike Bedics or ext. 325 for Cathy Johnson.

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## Eleventh Annual White Mass and Saint Luke's Awards

On Sunday, October 18, 2009, Bishop Joseph A. Galante will be celebrating the White Mass for healthcare workers and their families at the Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center, 1600 Haddon Avenue, Camden, at 1:00 pm. The Saint Luke awards for outstanding service in Catholic healthcare within the Diocese of Camden will be presented during the Mass. This year's honorees are Dr. Robert J. Labaczewski, D.O. of St. Pius X Parish, Cherry Hill; Dr. Vincent T. McDermott, Jr., M.D. and Margaret J. McDermott, R.N. of St. Rose of Lima, Haddon Heights; and Sr. Lucia Maroor, H.S.M., LNHA, Administrator at Bishop McCarthy Residence in Vineland. The keynote speaker at the reception following the Mass will be Reverend Joseph Kukrua, President of Catholic HealthCare Partnership of New Jersey on the topic of healthcare reform. If you would like to attend, please call (856) 342-4125 or email [Katherine.boyer@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Katherine.boyer@camdendiocese.org) to RSVP.