

Twenty-sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

September 27, 2009



**Announced Masses**

- Sat 9/26/09 4:00 pm Norma Anderson/Adams Family
- Sun 9/27/09 10:30 am Mary Ann Wirth/Debbie Carroll
- 12:00 pm Linda Vega & Luis Collazo/  
Felicia Diaz
- Mon 9/28/09 8:00 am Helen O'Shea (6th anniv.)/Family
- Tue 9/29/09 8:00 am For the Intentions of Lois Martin/  
Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA  
Parish Family
- Wed 9/30/09 8:00 am Open
- Thu 10/01/09 8:00 am Magdalena Mshomba Ngoilaley/  
Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA  
Parish Family
- Fri 10/02/09 8:00 am People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
- Sat 10/03/09 4:00 pm Mary Nikituk/Joe Nikituk  
Sarah Morton/Mary, John, Nicole  
& Nicholas
- Sun 10/04/09 10:30 am Wayne J. Clark (Birthday)/Family  
Mary Ann Wirth/Cookie & Angel
- 12:00 pm Ramon Arias & Angel Arias/  
Felicia Diaz

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**Second Collection Next Weekend**

Next weekend's second collection is for **Respect Life Sunday**. As always, your support and generosity will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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**The People's Tithe**

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$00**

**Catholic University: \$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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**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 this weekend and next weekend (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 appreciated.

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**2009 Flu Shot/Pneumonia Shot Schedule**

Wednesday, September 30th

Cooper River Park Senior Health Fair (rain or shine)  
North Park Drive, Pennsauken - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Friday, October 30th

Malandara Hall, New Jersey & Collings Road, Camden  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

A full schedule of the dates, times and locations is posted in the vestibule. Contact Camden County Dept. of Health & Human Services, Personal Health Services at (856) 374-6248 for more information.

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**Giant Yard Sale**

Saturday, October 3, 2009 (rain date 10/10) at 8:00 am  
St. Stephen's Church, 6306 Browning Road, Pennsauken  
Household goods, lots of furniture, large appliances,  
televisions & other electronics, tools, sports equipment  
& much more! Good food and drink!  
For info. Call (856) 663-1207 or see flyer in vestibule



# Twenty-sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time



## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Today's readings are a reminder to us to confront our own petty jealousies, envies and fear of people who are different from ourselves. The followers of Moses and the followers of Jesus both express their weakness of faith by failing to see that God can be present in people different from themselves.

The "elders" in the first reading felt special because they attended the meeting in the tent, experienced God coming down upon them and went out to prophecy. When they saw two others, Eldad and Medad, who had not been in the tent, prophesying, they tried to stop them.

Moses was more confident in his relationship with God. He knew that God loved him. He knew that God had chosen him. Therefore, he was not afraid that God could choose other people, too!! Moses' faith was strong enough that he did not object to God's acting outside of the protocols, the rules, the regulations or the customs.

Jesus reacted the same way Moses did when the disciples tried to stop some unknown men from driving out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus knew who he was. He knew that the Spirit was upon Him. He knew that he was "the Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased," so he was not upset when the Spirit descended on others, too!!

Jealousy is an insidious vice that destroys the jealous person from within, and usually destroys all of his or her relationships, too. Jealousy is a manifestation of fear and a serious lack of appreciation of one's own goodness.

One extreme example appeared in the papers this week. A legislator from New York was so jealous that his girlfriend had a business card from a man, that he slashed her across the cheek with a broken glass.

Most of us don't resort to such violent behavior, but we all need to check our own feelings when we get upset with the people in our families, in our workplace, or in the community around us. When we can truly "rejoice with those who rejoice," then we are people who have a firm faith in God's goodness to ourselves. We can be happy with the success of our family members and friends. We can be happy that they enjoy other relationships of friendship, affirmation, kindness and love.

In all of the mergers that are happening among our parishes, we need to be ready to welcome God's goodness in the newly-assigned priests who are coming to our parishes. Even when a priest is beloved by the people, his successor is also a person worthy of acceptance and encouragement and love by the people of the parish.

Changes will be coming in our own parish and I invite everyone to prepare their hearts and their spirits to welcome the new personnel, priests and also lay people, who will be exercising leadership in the newly configured parish.

Peace,  
Fr. Ken

## From the Bishop

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

For over 30 years, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated **Respect Life Sunday on the first Sunday in October**. The theme this year is *Every Child Brings Us God's Smile*.

Our baptism challenges us to love our brothers and sisters in the truth of God's plan and compels us to oppose violence and injustice against any person whether it is through abortion, abuse, the death penalty or war. In our work to respect life in all its forms, we must love equally the unborn child and the mothers who carry them. The sick and the dying must be afforded proper medical care and protected from those who would seek to end their lives prematurely through euthanasia.

Our respect for life must include working to defend the institution of marriage as a sacred union between one man and one woman so as to provide the proper foundation for children who *bring us God's smile*. It also compels us to work to provide health care for all in a way that does not include procedures such as abortion or euthanasia and that retains a conscience clause for health care workers.

As you know, the **Respect Life Collection** is the primary source of funding for our Respect Life activities and initiatives. Your sacrificial financial support and prayers will help us respond to our vocational call to testify to "Christ's charity, through works of justice, peace and development, which is part and parcel of evangelization, because Jesus Christ, who loves us, is concerned with the whole person" (Caritas in veritate, 15.) I ask you once again to generously support this collection.

May God continue to guide you and bless you.

Fraternally,  
Most Rev. Joseph A. Galante  
Bishop of Camden

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## 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. For registration/information, contact Diane Scafidi at (856) 583-6129, Dr. Frank Blee, Office of Evangelization, at (856) 583-6105.

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## 100th Anniversary Celebration

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Grade School and Commercial School is celebrating its 100th Anniversary with a special Mass on Sunday, October 25th at 1:00 pm at OLMC Church, 4th Street & Ramon Gonzalez Way, Camden. A luncheon will follow in the school basement. The cost of the luncheon is \$25.00 per person with the proceeds of the luncheon benefiting the San Miguel School of Camden, a Catholic and Lasallian middle school for boys, located in the former OLMC Grade School. RSVP by October 16th. For more information, call Brother Joseph Juliano at (856) 342-6707, ex. 202, or email Brother Juliano at [president@sanmiguelcamden.org](mailto:president@sanmiguelcamden.org), or visit the school's website at [www.sanmiguelcamden.org](http://www.sanmiguelcamden.org) to register.