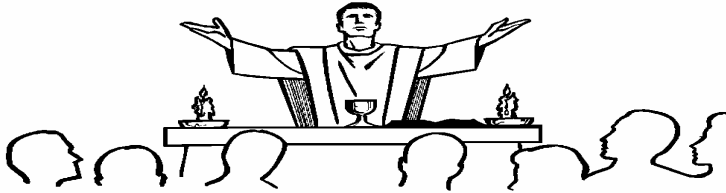


Twenty-seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time

October 4, 2009



Announced Masses

Sat	10/03	4:00 pm	Mary Nikituk/Joe Nikituk Sarah Morton/Mary, John, Nicole & Nicholas
Sun	10/04	10:30 am	Wayne J. Clark (birthday)/family Mary Ann Wirth/Cookie & Angel
		12:00 pm	Ramon Arias & Angel Arias/ Felicia Diaz
Mon	10/05	8:00 am	Open
Tue	10/06	8:00 am	Frances Shopa/Beverly Alberts
Wed	10/07	8:00 am	Open
Thu	10/08	8:00 am	Edward McCabe/James & Pat Carroll
Fri	10/09	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Sat	10/10	4:00 pm	Bill Convery (6th anniv.)/Family
Sun	10/11	10:30 am	Open
		12:00 pm	Open



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Altar Flowers

**In Memory of Sr. Catherine Joseph, O.P.
Requested by the Shannon Family**

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Second Collection This Weekend

This 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

**26th 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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Attention Parishioners!

Parish name suggestion forms are located in the vestibule. If you have a suggestion, please fill out the form and return it either in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory before October 12th.

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A Family Perspective

Today's gospel is about "new math." In a Christian marriage, 1+1 does not equal 1 or 2, but 3. Each person retains their own unique identity but together create another identity (the "one flesh" Jesus speaks about in the gospel) which is greater than the sum of the individuals. Christian marriage is a challenge to be greater than ourselves.

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Stewardship Reflection

Stewardship and Creation

"The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air and all wild animals, but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man." (Genesis 2:20)

The creation story reminds us that from the very beginning of time God put the entire world into our care. We are called God's Stewards—offering our service and sacrifice for the benefit of all.



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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Please make time on Monday evening to come to the church at 6:00 p.m. to hear Police Chief Scott Thompson. He will address the recent crime spree in our neighborhood, as well as the Police Department's efforts to address crime.

For the past 10 years or so, CCOP has been meeting with the police and the Department leaders. This meeting is one more effort to keep the communication going and to increase our cooperation. Your presence will show the police, and your neighbors, that you care about the safety of our village. Please come. It is important.

I received a phone call from Fr. Terry Odien, the director of priest personnel. He will arrange a meeting of the five pastors along the Black Horse Pike to discuss ministry to the Spanish-speaking people who live in the five parishes. This meeting will have an effect on my future assignment.

Please pray for the pastors and for Fr. Odien. They will be asked to think about new ways to foster ministry to the people of God and they will have to be willing to adjust their own understanding of themselves as pastors as well as the role of priests who work with them, but do not live with them.

In addition, the pastors will have to agree on a method of paying for the priests and the other support services that will be needed for this ministry. This is a change. Change is difficult for priests as it is for laypeople. Please pray for everyone involved.

Sunday is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. G.K. Chesterton once said that the only person who had ever really followed the teachings of Jesus, since Jesus himself, was Francis of Assisi!!

Francis could recognize the goodness of God in nature, in the animals, in his friends and fellow-believers and even in his enemies! He once went to Northern Africa in the middle of a Crusade to meet with the Sultan. In the meeting, he tried to convince the Sultan, as he had tried to convince the Christian Crusaders, to end the war and to live in peace with everyone.

The Sultan supposedly said: "if all Christians were like this one, we wouldn't have any wars with them." Today, we can all ask ourselves how do we perceive God in nature, our friends and our enemies!!

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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Open House at the Manor at St. Mary's

The Manor at St. Mary's is hosting an open house on Saturday, October 10th from 10 am to 2 pm, 220 St. Mary's Drive, Cherry Hill. Free blood pressure screenings, refreshments, door prizes and more. If you're interested in senior living options, or plan to in the future, this is a great way to preview the environment at St. Mary's, an affordable alternative to assisted living.

Bishop Eustace Open House

Bishop Eustace Preparatory School invites students and parents to an Open House on Sunday, October 18, 2009 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

All 8th grade students seeking admission to Bishop Eustace must sit for one of their entrance exams, administered on Saturdays, November 7th and 21st at 9:00 am. Exam fee: \$25.00. Students are also encouraged to sit for the scholarship exam on Saturday, October 24th at 8:00 am. Exam fee: \$25.00. The thirteen highest scorers will receive an academic scholarship. Financial aid is also available. For more information, call the Advancement Office at (856) 662-2160, ext. 252.

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Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing Open House

Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing—Cooperative Program with Camden County College is holding Formal Information Sessions/Open House at Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing, 1600 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ on the following dates:

Sunday, November 8, 2009 5:00 pm & 6:00 pm
Sunday, February 7, 2010 1:00 pm & 2:00 pm
Thursday, April 22, 2010 5:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Stop by for a tour of the school and visit with a faculty member who can advise you regarding a nursing career. Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing offers a diploma in nursing/Associate in Science Degree, with low tuition and strong clinical practice, and is the only source of Catholic nursing education in Southern New Jersey.

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21st Annual Camden Diocesan Charismatic Conference
October 9-11, 2009, Wildwoods Convention Center
Boardwalk & Burk Ave., Wildwood, NJ
Junior & Senior Youth Tracks
Registration at the door: \$35.00
For more info., call (609) 522-5010 for adults
(856) 228-3086 for youth

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Camden Catholic High School 2010 Hall of Fame

Nominations are now being accepted until November 15, 2009 for alumni, faculty, staff and friends who have made outstanding accomplishments in their communities and their lives since their association with CCHS. Categories of recognition are in academics, athletics and arts. Nomination forms are available on www.camdencatholicalumni.org or at the main office of the school.

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The St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center
2009– Autumn & 2010-Winter Booklet of Programs
& Retreats is available. Anyone interested in
receiving a copy can call (856) 227-1436 or email
mmcnabb@camdendioces.org
Visit them on the web at www.stpius10th.org