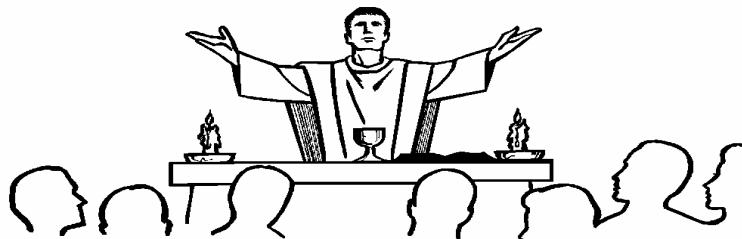


# Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2009



## Announced Masses

- Sat 10/24/09 4:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Ed Miller & Family  
(47th wed. anniv.)/Wm. Finnegan
- Sun 10/25/09 10:30 am Louise T. Donato/Debbie Carroll  
& Family
- 12:00 pm Open
- Mon 10/26/09 8:00 am For the Intentions of Lois Martin/  
Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA  
Parish Family
- Tue 10/27/09 8:00 am People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
- Wed 10/28/09 8:00 am Open
- Thu 10/29/09 8:00 am Open
- Fri 10/30/09 8:00 am Mary DiBattista/Fr. Ken Hallahan  
& the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
- Sat 10/31/09 4:00 pm Marian & Al Southard/  
daughter, Pat and Dan
- Sun 11/01/09 10:30 am Denise A. Bramble/Fr. Hallahan &  
the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
- 12:00 pm Frances Shopa/Beverly Alberts

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**Entered Eternal Rest**  
**Denise A. Bramble**  
(Former SJOA Parish Secretary  
& Bookkeeper)

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**The People's Tithe**  
**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$**  
*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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## What's Happening Around SJOA

### Sunday, 10/25/09:

Religious Ed.—English	9:15 am	School
Religious Ed.—Spanish	10:45 am	School

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## A Family Perspective

We may not be blind like Bartemaues in today's gospel, but often our vision is clouded by the cataracts of routine and we lose sight of the needs of those closest to us. For the sake of your family, stop at least once a day and say the partemaues prayer, "Lord that I might see."

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## Stewardship Reflection

### Grateful Stewards

*"Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." (Mark 10:52b)*

Stewardship calls us to be grateful. Like all of our basic senses and talents, sight is a gift we often take for granted. Remember that whatever we do, we do with the gifts that God has given us.

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**Don't Forget to Get Your Free Flu Shot!**  
**Friday, October 30th, 10 am—12 noon**  
**Malandra Hall**



**From the Pastor**

Dear Parishioners,

Please remember in your prayers Denise Bramble who was the parish secretary at St. Joan of Arc for many years, and who was the bookkeeper during my first few years here. Denise died on Sunday, October 18 after a long struggle with cancer. May she rest in peace.

In this Sunday's readings, two kinds of shouting are heard. One is the shouting for joy by the people of Israel when they return from exile. Jeremiah encourages the people to shout for joy. Their time of exile is over and they will return home.

As we move towards the merger of our parish with St. Bartholomew's, I believe that many of us are experiencing the feelings that the Jewish people experienced when they went into exile. At that time, they lost their Temple, they had to change their religious practices, they also lost all of their political power and their money. They went into exile in a foreign land and had to learn another language.

Many of our parishioners have already been through similar experiences. In the midst of such changes, they retained their faith. The Jewish people retained their faith, too. Once they returned to Jerusalem, their religion would no longer be the same, but their faith was the same faith.

In our merger, we will keep our Temple. We will continue to use St. Joan of Arc church for Sunday Masses. We will not have to move to another country. We can shout for joy like the Jewish audience of Jeremiah!!

In the gospel, Bartimaeus shouts, too. However, he shouts for help. He hears that Jesus is passing by. He shouts: "Help me." Jesus, although he probably recognizes immediately that Bartimaeus is blind, he does not presume to know what the man wants. He asks: "What can I do for you?"

"Lord, that I may see," the blind man responds.

We can make the petition of Bartimaeus our own. We all need to see more clearly. Perhaps, in particular, when we think about the merger of our parishes, we need to see more clearly what is really going to happen and what it will mean for us.

When the Jewish people first saw the Promised Land, some were fearful. They came back with tales of giants who lived in the land. They were afraid to enter and they tried to discourage others from going there. Some people feel the same way about the coming mergers.

They are fearful of going into a future that is upon us and is going to happen whether we want it to or not!! Hopefully, we can all pray the prayer of Bartimaeus: "Lord, that we may see." When we see more clearly, we'll know what God is asking of us now.

Peace,  
Fr. Hallahan

**You are cordially invited to attend evening prayer  
With the Rite of Institution to the  
Ministry of Reader for Candidates in  
Diaconate Formation on  
Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 7:00 pm  
Transfiguration Parish, W. Collingswood, NJ  
Mark J. Lacy of St. Bartholomew Parish  
is among those being instituted.  
A light reception will follow. Everyone welcome.**

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**Halloween Party**

Saturday, October 31st  
6:00 to 12:00 midnight

St. Joan of Arc School Cafeteria

Tickets: \$3.00 per person, and can be purchased at  
the rectory, after Masses or at the door.



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**All Souls Remembrance**

Don't forget to drop off your All Souls Remembrance envelopes either at the rectory or in the collection basket. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for the entire month of November. Masses will be celebrated each week during the month for your deceased loved ones whose names you have mentioned. Extra envelopes are available in the vestibule or at the rectory.

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**Annual Bereavement Mass**

Please join us for our annual Bereavement Mass, which will be celebrated on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 4:00 pm. This special liturgy is celebrated in honor of our family and friends who have died in the past five years. A special tribute is planned during the Mass through a candle lighting ceremony. Refreshments will be served following the Mass in the school cafeteria.

*Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods is asked to please call Debbie at the rectory at (856) 962-8642. All baked goods should be delivered to the rectory on Friday, November 6th. Thank you.*

*Also, anyone interested in helping with set up, serving and/or clean up of refreshments is asked to please call Debbie at the rectory.*

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**Degree Programs in Education**

The Catholic Schools Partnership is pleased to announce that it has joined with Felician College to help enrich and invigorate the Camden area by providing affordable bachelor's and master's degree programs in teacher education in Camden. For more information, see the flyer in the vestibule, or call the rectory at (856) 962-8642.