

Our Lord Jesus Christ  
The King

November 22, 2009



## Announced Masses

Sat	11/21	4:00 pm	Denise A. Bramble/Terri Todoro & Family
Sun	11/22	10:30 am	Denise A. Bramble/Barbara & Bobby Fanelle
		12:00 pm	Linda Vega/Felicia Diaz
Mon	11/23	8:00 am	Leonard B. Ferrara, Jr. (1st Anniv.)/ Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
Tue	11/24	8:00 am	All Souls
Wed	11/25	8:00 am	Margaret S. Hallahan (1st Anniv.)/ Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
Thu	11/26	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Fri	11/27	8:00 am	Gloria Richardson/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
Sat	11/28	4:00 pm	Denise A. Bramble/Dolores Clark & Family
Sun	11/29	10:30 am	Denise A. Bramble/Chuck, Debbie & Dana Carroll
		12:00 pm	Eleanor Osinski/Sonia Zuchowski

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The People's Tithe  
33rd 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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### What's Happening Around SJOA

#### Sunday, 11/22/09:

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

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*Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service  
Bridge of Peace  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wednesday, November 25, 2009, 7:00 pm*

*The Churches of the Fairview  
Ministerium invite you to come together  
and give thanks to God for our many  
blessings on this Thanksgiving Eve!  
All are welcome!*



*The rectory office will be closed  
on Thursday & Friday  
November 26 & 27, 2009*



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## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we celebrate two feast days: Christ the King (last Sunday of Ordinary Time) and Our Lady of Divine Providence (Patroness of Puerto Rico).

Both of these feasts have a spiritual and a political significance. Christ the King is based on many biblical texts which refer to God as King, or to Jesus who acknowledged that he was a King, but not of this world. In the Our Father, we pray: "Thy Kingdom Come . . ."

Thus, there is a spiritual dimension to this feast. It is a reminder that our first allegiance as believers, is not to any nation, including the USA, but the Kingship of God in Jesus Christ.

The political dimension of this feast is twofold. On the one hand, Pope Pius IX, who instituted the feast in 1925, was making a statement about Benito Mussolini, the dictator of Italy. The Pope was reminding the Italian people, that Mussolini was a temporal ruler, whose rule would be limited. The Pope opposed any political system or government that demanded absolute loyalty.

On the other hand, the Pope started this feast day just a few years after most of the monarchies of Europe had collapsed as a result of World War I. The Pope was concerned that the system of government that had ruled Europe for many centuries was gone and was being replaced by more sinister systems of communism (in Russia) and Fascism (in Austria, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Germany).

The Pope was trying to signal to Catholics that political allegiance is always a limited fealty. Only God can command a total loyalty. All of us should remember this in the midst of our political debates. We should be very suspicious of people who claim "patriotism" as a reason to oppress the poor, the weak, the minority person, the immigrant or the foreigner.

Our Lady of Divine Providence is also a feast day that has both spiritual and political implications. Our Lady stands as a witness to God's care and concern for all people. Most Catholics have a special devotion to Mary, believing that Mary can understand our own human experiences, can sympathize with us and can bring our prayers and hopes to her Son.

The feast of Our Lady of Divine Providence was celebrated in Europe on January 2, but Pope Paul VI moved the feast day to November 19 when he declared Our Lady of Divine Providence as the patroness of Puerto Rico. November 19 is the date when Christopher Columbus landed in Puerto Rico on his second voyage to the New World.

Thus, the feast day is a celebration of the spiritual, cultural and political heritage of the Puerto Rican people. Viva Puerto Rico!!

Peace,  
Fr. Hallahan

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE NAMING CEREMONY FOR OUR "NEW PARISH" ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2009 AT 1:15 PM IN THE ST. BARTHOLOMEW HALL ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

PLEASE NOTE: THE PURPOSE OF THIS CEREMONY IS TO PICK THREE NAMES FROM THE PRESENT LIST. THE THREE NAMES CHOSEN ON NOVEMBER 29TH WILL THEN BE SUBMITTED TO THE BISHOP, WHO WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION ON THE NAME OF OUR NEW PARISH.

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## December CAP Phase I and II at St. Joan of Arc

CAP Phase I will be held here at St. Joan of Arc on Tuesday, December 1st and CAP Phase II on Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in attending either of these two sessions should call the rectory at (856) 962-8642.

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## A Family Perspective

When we are young, our parents "tell us about Jesus" and we believe what our parents believe. At some point we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate's question: "Are you the King?" Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

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## Stewardship Reflection

### *Stewardship for an Eternal Kingdom*

"Jesus answered. 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" (John 18:36a)

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting our Stewardship? We should invest our time, talent and treasure in working for that eternal kingdom.

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## Farewell Fr. Hallahan

Mark your calendars to join us as we say farewell to Fr. Ken during the weekend of December 5th & 6th. After nine years as our pastor, Fr. Ken will be leaving us for a new assignment.

The festivities will include a pasta dinner after the Saturday 4:00 pm Mass, a continental breakfast following the Sunday 10:30 am Mass and a luncheon after the 12:00 pm Spanish Mass.

Fr. Ken has served us well during his time as Pastor of St. Joan of Arc Parish. Although we'll miss him, we wish him much luck, success and happiness in his new assignment.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with setup, serving and/or cleanup is asked to contact Debbie at the rectory.

