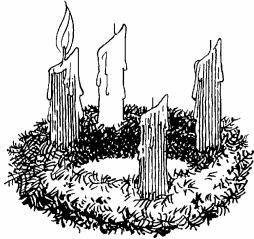


First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2009



Announced Masses

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
Mon	11/30	8:00 am	Jason Cunningham/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA Parish Family
Tue	12/01	8:00 am	Denise A. Bramble/ Margie Laarkamp
Wed	12/02	8:00 am	All Souls
Thu	12/03	8:00 am	Denise A. Bramble/Dan & Pat Murphy
Fri	12/04	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Sat	12/05	4:00 pm	Denise A. Bramble/Bill & Mary Dolan Frances Gajtkowski/Family
Sun	12/06	10:30 am	Denise A. Bramble/Joyce & Jasmine Fletcher Antoinette Fletcher/Agnes Ruiz Bernice Levy/Patty & Jeff Horner Leo Bridgeman/Horner Family Sean Bridgeman/Horner Family
		12:00 pm	Rosary
		12:30 pm	Open

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The People's Tithe
Christ the King: \$00

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$
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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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE NAMING CEREMONY FOR OUR "NEW PARISH" THIS 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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Farewell Fr. Hallahan

Please 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.

We'll have a pasta dinner after the Saturday 4:00 pm Mass, a continental breakfast after 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. Although we'll miss him, we wish him much luck, success and happiness at St. Agnes!

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





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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to everyone who helped last weekend with the Thanksgiving Baskets and the celebration of Our Lady of Divine Providence.

In conjunction with the Lutherans, Methodists and Baptists, we provided Thanksgiving dinners for about 130 families. Thanks to Mike Slocum, Patricia Murphy, Paul Panko, Mariatu Turay, Tim O'Donnell, Debbie Carroll, Catholic Charities and Tony Diamond's vegetable stand for all of their help in bringing the Thanksgiving Baskets to our brothers and sisters in need. May the Lord reward you for your goodness to them.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the lovely celebration of Our Lady of Divine Providence. We paid tribute to the patroness of Puerto Rico by creating a fitting throne with hundreds of flowers of different kinds and different colors. An artist friend of mine visited from Chicago and was delighted with the beauty of the Providencia decorations.

We also sang of our faith and of the noble history of the Puerto Ricans, who have nurtured the faith for more than 500 years. Like many of the Latino peoples of the Southeast and Southwest of the USA, the Puerto Ricans are not immigrants. They did not cross the border, but the border crossed them!! After the USA took Puerto Rico from Spain during the Spanish-American War in the 1890s, all of the Puerto Ricans eventually became citizens.

The Puerto Rican people have given us all an example of how to live the faith in the "borders" between two cultures, Spanish and English, island and mainland, Latino, African and Anglo. Many blessings to all of our Puerto Rican brothers and sisters.

Thanks to Elvin P., Berkys G., Irene T., Esperanza T., Emma G, Alberto C., Minerva V., Damariz P., Margarita R., Carlos M., Angel S. and all those who helped with the liturgy and who provided food for the luncheon after the Mass.

The celebration was a gracious expression of our faith and our community. Thanks to everyone who made it happen.

This week, we begin Advent. It is a new beginning of the liturgical year, and for me, it is a new beginning for my ministry. I'll be moving this week to St. Agnes in Blackwood, although I'll return next week for all of the weekend Masses here.

My nine years as pastor of St. Joan of Arc have been a blessing for me and I thank all of you for your goodness to me over those years.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan



Thank You!

Thank you for your support of last week's Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Because of your generosity, more low-income people in the United States will be able to break the cycle of poverty and improve their communities. In these times when everyone's budget is stretched, we are especially grateful for your support.

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A Family Perspective

The Christmas season pressures families to buy and consume. Today's gospel warns: "Be on guard and alert" lest you get caught up in the buying frenzy. The most important shopping you can do is in your own heart to discover what you can change. It is not what you get or give which makes the difference this Christmas, it is who you become.

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Stewardship Reflection *Stewards Stand Erect*

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)

Images of the final judgment can be scary. However, living as good Stewards, we have carefully planned our giving and followed Our Lord's example of service and sacrifice. Thus, no matter the day or the hour, we will be ready to stand erect and raise our heads to meet God face to face.

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Get 100 Gallons of Free Oil!

If you receive energy assistance or are within income guidelines, **you qualify** for 100 gallons of free heating oil!

Starting in December, call TOLL FREE 1-877-563-4645 (Citizens Energy Corp.) and tell them that you would like Royal Oil Company to bring you 100 gallons of oil and give them Dealer ID #103844.

If you have any questions, call Mary Gleeson at Royal Oil at (856) 401-8668 or see the flyer in the vestibule.

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Let's Start Decorating!

We're hoping to get an early start again this year with decorating the church, so, if you have some time to spare on Sunday, December 13th at around 2:00 pm, we will be in the church putting up the wreaths, window candles and swags and other little things.

Of course, our "Hanging of the Greens" is scheduled for the Sunday before Christmas, which is Sunday, December 20th, and the poinsettias will be put out on Wednesday evening, December 23rd. **ANY HELP THAT YOU CAN OFFER WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

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*Blessing of Expectant Mothers
This weekend*

