

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2009



Announced Masses

Sat	12/12	4:00 pm	Elizabeth Brunick (2nd anniv.)/ Anne Rocanella
Sun	12/13	10:30 am	Denise A. Bramble/Cookie & Angel
		12:00 pm	Eleanor Osinski/Sonia Zuchowski Angie Arias/Felicia Diaz
Mon	12/14	8:00 am	Rev. Msgr. Bernard Hewitt/ Fr. Gerard Marable & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
Tue	12/15	8:00 am	Theodore J. Balabuch (6 mo.ann.)/ Fr. Gerard Marable & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
Wed	12/16	8:00 am	Lena Sikorski/Anita Quinn
Thu	12/17	8:00 am	Frances Shopa/Beverly Alberts
Fri	12/18	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Gerard
Sat	12/19	4:00 pm	Lois Southard/Daughter Pat & Dan
Sun	12/20	10:30 am	Eleanor Panko (Birthday)/Family
		12:00 pm	Dec'd. Members of the Canzanese Family/Patty Higgins Juana Diaz/Joseph Diaz

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The People's Tithe
Second Sunday of Advent: \$.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, 12/13/09:

Rel. Education—English	9:15 am	School
Rel. Education—Spanish	10:45 am	School
Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration	12:00 pm	Church

Tuesday, 12/15/09:

CAP Phase II Training	7:00 pm	Church
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*Pre-Hanging of the Greens/Church Decorating
Sunday, December 13th at 2:00 pm in the Church
Please join us!*

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*Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, December 20th at 1:30 pm
Many hands make light work! Please
help decorate our Church for Christmas!*



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From the Desk of Fr. Rico

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Fr. Gerard Marable, our new parish administrator, and the staff of our parish I would like to thank everyone for all the different activities you have organized to show your love and appreciation to Fr. Hallahan for nine years of ministry in our beautiful parish as your pastor. All of us know how difficult it is to say goodbye to someone we love, who becomes part of our lives, someone who is always there to listen to our stories, to share our pains and our joys. In every way, Father Hallahan is the kind of person to whom we have said goodbye. We have let him go to continue his wonderful ministry to people to whom God has called him, so that they too, can experience love, welcoming and care of God in their daily struggles. Thank you for showing him all the support and prayers for his new mission.

However, after every goodbye there is a "WELCOME". In this sense, as a community we welcome our new administrator Fr. Gerard and we know that as a community you will continue showing your support and dedication in every way so that our community can be stronger and continue to make the presence of Christ a reality in our neighborhood. It is the moment to show Fr. Ken that his nine years of service is fruitful and we have learned from him.

We are also very grateful for the extra manpower and womanpower that we received from all the parishioners in helping to decorate our beautiful church for the feast of the Immaculate Conception (Purissima the patron Saint of the Nicaraguans) and for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We are fortunate and grateful to God for the diversity of our parish that helps us to experience God in different ways.

Finally, in our advent journey we are close to the moment that we are waiting for, the Christmas Day, the day to celebrate the birth our savior Jesus Christ. We need to keep the spirit of Christmas alive in our homes and our communities and more especially in our heart. Advent and Christmas are moments in which we need to cultivate the spiritual example of a community and a family praying and worshipping together. It is the most wonderful gift we can give to Jesus and to our family.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Rico Ducle

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Ministry to Black Catholics Training

If you are interested in participating or learning more about ministry to black Catholics, the Lay Ministry Formation Program has specific training sessions that will prepare you for such an initiative. Contact Kevin Connor at kevin.connor@camdendiocese.org, or call (856) 583-6112 for more information.

Retirement Fund for Religious
Religious face rising costs. Data submitted to the National Religious Retirement Office reveals that the average annual cost of care for women and men religious age 70 and over has more than doubled since 1989. Current statistics put this figure at \$35,077 per person annually, with skilled care reaching nearly \$55,000. Your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides critical support to religious institutes in meeting the escalating costs of elder care. Please pray for all religious and give generously to today's second collection. Thank you.

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A Family Perspective

When the crowds in today's gospel asked "What shall we do?" the Baptist was very clear: SHARE. Resist giving token obligatory Christmas gifts. Instead give NECESSITIES to the poor. If those who have nothing or very little are not on your Christmas list, you missed the point of Christmas.

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Stewardship Reflection *Stewardship Evokes Trust*

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." Philippians 4:6-7.

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we live Stewardship, and trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

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**CAP Phase II Training at St. Joan of Arc
Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 7:00 pm
(in the church)
Call (856) 583-6165 or (856) 962-8642 for more
information and/or registration information.
Please register 5 days prior to class date.**

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30 Hour Prayer Vigil and Fast

Once again, our parish will host the 30 Hour Prayer Vigil and Fast in response to the suffering experienced from the violence in our city this past year. This 30 hour vigil of prayer and fasting gives us the opportunity to pray for the murder victims and their families as well as to pray for peace in the new year.



The vigil will begin at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 29th and continue until 4:00 pm on Thursday, December 31st.

Eight Camden parishes will have a time frame to come and pray. St. Joan of Arc's time is scheduled for Tuesday, December 29th from 5:00—10:00 pm, however, all are welcome to come and pray at any time, day or night, during the vigil. Please come!