

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 27, 2009



Announced Masses

Sat	12/26	4:00 pm	Denise A. Bramble/Paul Panko, Jr.
Sun	12/27	10:30 am	Elizabeth & Daniel Meschini/ Diane & Family
		12:00 pm	Ramon Garcia/Joseph Diaz
Mon	12/28	8:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Finnegan/Son
Tue	12/29	8:00 am	Denise A. Bramble/Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Onorato
Wed	12/30	8:00 am	Frances S. Lightcap/Fr. Gerard Marable and the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
Thu	12/31	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Gerard
		5:00 pm	Agnes R. Landis/Friends & Family
Fri	01/01	10:00 am	Open
Sat	01/02	4:00 pm	Gloria C. Richardson/Kavanagh Family
Sun	01/03	10:30 am	Jerry Bickle/Fletcher & Beacon Families
		12:00 pm	Open

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Entered Eternal Rest
Sr. Mary Ryan, O.P.
Gemma Del Vecchio

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The People's Tithe
Fourth Sunday of Advent: \$0.00
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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30 Hour Prayer Vigil and Fast

The 30 murders in Camden City call us to stop and reflect on what we can do to diminish violence in our families, our communities, our city, and our country in the coming year.



Once again, our parish will host the 30 Hour Prayer Vigil and Fast beginning at 5 pm on Tuesday, December 29th through 4 pm Thursday, December 31st. Each hour, the memory of a Camden murder victim will be held in prayer, one hour for each person who has been killed. At 7 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, there will be a solemn reading of the names of murder victims of violence.

Eight Camden parishes will have a time frame to come and pray. Our parish'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!

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Best Wishes to all of you for a Safe, Healthy
and Happy New Year!

The rectory office will be closed on
Friday, January 1, 2010. Please Note: January 1st
is a Holy Day of Obligation this year!



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Administrator's Reflection

Beloved Sisters and Brothers of St. Joan of Arc,

I say 'sisters and brothers' because in the Good News of Jesus Christ as well as in the science of genetics, we are sisters and brothers. I say 'beloved' because God has first loved each and every one of us and St. John tells us that "God is Love".

Bishop Joseph Galante appointed me the administrator for St. Joan of Arc effective December 1st; I am also pastor of St. Bartholomew. Some of you may remember me living and serving here with Frs. Brady and Charlie McColgan in the 1980's.

I with Fr. Rico Ducle', Deacon Tom Jennings, Mrs. Debbie Carroll and the staff of the parish will continue to empower leadership and service at St. Joan of Arc to the glory of our God and the emancipation of God's people.

In this Year of the Priest as designated by the Holy Father Benedict XVI, I ask your prayers for me, Fr. Ken and Fr. Ducle' as we strive to live our sacred calling in service to the various communities to which we have been sent.

St. Joan of Arc and St. Bartholomew have very unique communities whose languages, customs and worship styles enrich and make Catholic our Catholic Church. Our new mission statement agrees with Revelation 5:9 and 7:9 "I had a vision of a great multitude...from every nation, race, people and tongue" gathered around the table of the Lord. I invite you with me to be intentional about this vision for all our communities. May we find unity in the Word of God, the Eucharist, service and the one appointed and sent to serve as pastor/administrator.

"Change produces stress and stress increases pathologies." I acknowledge that I have 'issues' and always stand in need of prayer and forgiveness. As God's holy people let us be generous in forgiveness, patient and understanding of ourselves and each other. People will see and remark that we are in word and in deed, brothers and sisters, beloved of God.

Fr. Gerard Marable, M.Div., M.Th.
Administrator.

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"The Rising"

Stories From Camden
By Art Fennell

Airs on Comcast Network Channels 8 and 201 HD
Thursday, December 24th at 11:00 pm
Saturday, December 26th at 5:30 pm
Friday, January 1, 2010 at 9:00 pm
(All times subject to change)



Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, January 3, 2010

The Three Kings will be visiting St. Joan of Arc Church at each Mass to present gifts to all children in attendance. Mark your calendars!

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A Family Perspective

Because Jesus did not tell his parents His plans to stay in Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph were distraught and probably felt negligent and guilty. Like the Holy Family, parents today operate with the same deficit because children don't disclose all their plans. Despite the centuries, the problems of parenting are the same.

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Stewardship Reflection Year-Round Stewardship

"Beloved, see what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God." 1 John 3:1

During this season of giving, let's also remember the gifts that God has given to us, including the gift of making us His children. Are we as grateful for that wonderful gift as we are for all the material gifts we have received? Do we live Stewardship to show our gratitude to God for the gifts he gives us all year?

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The Camden Biblical Institute

The Camden Biblical Institute will be starting new Bible study groups in January and February which will offer an in-depth study of the Holy Bible. The new classes will start at St. Agnes in Blackwood on January 5th, St. Thomas More in Cherry Hill on January 18th and Maris Stella, Avalon on February 3rd. See the bulletin board in the vestibule for more information, or call Dr. Frank Blee at the Diocese at (856) 583-6105.

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Young Adult Retreat

All young adults, ages 18-39, married or single, are welcome to a diocese-wide retreat February 5, 6, & 7, 2010 at St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center, Blackwood. Discover the gifts God has given you an discern how to use them to build the Church and serve others. Experience a sense of community and Jesus' invitation to take part in the ongoing life of the Church. Do not miss this opportunity for an uplifting and fulfilling experience. We promise you this could be the greatest gift you give yourself! The cost per person in double-occupancy room is \$80.00. If you are interested in attending this retreat or have any questions at all, please contact Diocese of Camden—Young Adult Ministries at (856) 583-2878 or andres.arango@camdendiocese.org.