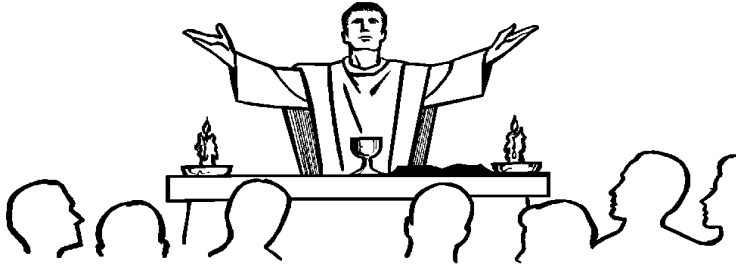




Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



June 27, 2010



Sat.	06/26	4:00 pm	Paul Panko, Sr./Pat Cunningham
Sun.	06/27	9:00 am	Open
		11:00 am	Peter Donato, Sr. (3rd anniv.)/ English Loving & Devoted Daughter, Julie
Mon.	06/28	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Gerard
Tue.	06/29	8:00 am	Fr. Micael D'Amico/Fr. Gerard Marable & the SJOA Par. Family
Wed.	06/30	8:00 am	Open
Thu.	07/01	8:00 am	Open
Fri.	07/02	8:00 am	Open
Sat.	07/03	4:00 pm	Isabella Canzanese/Anne Rocanella
Sun.	07/04	9:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Gerard
		11:00 am	Open
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Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week
In Memory of Raymond & Helen O'Shea
(wedding anniversary)
Requested by their Family

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The People's Tithe

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$.00
Saturday, 4:00 pm: \$.00
Sunday, 9:00 am: \$.00
Sunday, 11:00 am: \$.00
Sun. 6/13/10—11:00 am Mass: \$.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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WorldWide Youth Car wash

It was a great day for a car wash! Thank you for your generous participation in the car wash hosted by the youth on May 20, 2010. We raised \$145.00. This money will be put towards continuing youth activities. Thanks again!

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What's Happening Around SJOA

Tuesday, 6/29/10:

Choir Practice	6:30 pm	Church
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Wednesday, 6/30/10:

Spanish Choir Practice	6:00 pm	Rectory
Youth Group Meeting	6:30 pm	Church

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A Family Perspective

The gospel reports Jesus "set His face to go to Jerusalem" and his disciples could not dissuade Him from this commitment. The life changing commitments of marriage and parenting bind a family together. "No one puts a hand to plow and looks back" because commitments "set our face" to a future we create.



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Pastor's Reflection

A special appreciation to Rhoda Trinity for all the great work she has done for and with the Core Team for the merger.

Here are some reflections on the meeting with the Core Team and the Diocesan Review Board which took place on June 9th:

The atmosphere at the meeting was comfortable and most participants felt free to speak their minds and hearts. From what was said, I was reminded again of the hesitant participation of the Latino community in the merger process and the need for communication, especially with them and other members of St. Joan of Arc. Apparently there are significant numbers of people at St. Joan of Arc who feel that they are not getting information on what is going on and feel that their voices are not being heard. I wonder how we can address this concern.

Going forward evangelization as regards to St. Joan and the new parish will be of great importance both financially and demographically.

It seems that all the procedural questions of the diocese have been adequately answered though they too acknowledge that we are a unique merger and they have no ready answers to some of our challenges. These challenges are financial but even more so, how to bring the three communities together in Christian love, which and how to use buildings, the peculiar imbalances between the two sites, a lingering distrust regarding the naming of the parish and St. Bart's as the parish seat, and the fear that the Joan of Arc site will be closed. This distrust may grow when the parish is declared to be both a territorial and personal parish for African American Catholics. In spite of these challenges those of us who have worked long and hard in the process have grown in our love, faith and hope for each other and are learning to stand in solidarity with each other. While some people at St. Bart's may share with St. Joan of Arc some of the same concerns, distrust and feeling that they are being ignored, generally there is an attitude of openness to the merger at St. Bart's.

In response to the challenges the leadership of Fr. Gerard is to model love based on the skills of cultural competence, to trust in the Ways of God and to rely on those of you who hear and respond to God's call saying, "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will."

Fr. Gerard Marable, Administrator/Pastor

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Opportunity Scholarship Act

A Bill which would create the opportunity for disadvantaged children in failing schools to attend a school of the parent's choice has now been referred to the Education Committee of NJ Assembly. Parishioners are urged to contact members of the Senate Budget & Appropriations Committee and the Assembly Education Committee expressing support for S-1872/A-2810. There are two members on the committee from districts within the Diocese of Camden; The Honorable James Beach (D), 1916 Rt. 70 E, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003, Senbeach@njleg.org and The Honorable Jeff Van Drew (D), 21 N. Main St., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210, SenVanDrew@njleg.org. Contact them to urge their fellow legislators to move this legislation forward. For more information, go to www.WeCanDoBetter-nj.org.

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Life is hard. Afterlife is harder!



Stewardship Reflection—Daily Stewardship

"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23b)

We are not good at "denying ourselves" in this society. Our current economic situation is evidence of what happens when people think they can have everything they want. Jesus calls us to stewardship, to setting our own personal "wants" aside so that we have the resources to follow Him daily.

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House of Charity

As we close out the Year of the Priest this month, we are grateful for the gift of the vocations of all our priests in the Diocese of Camden. A gift to the House of Charity helps to promote new vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Contact the parish for a House of Charity pledge card, or access our website at www.camdendiocese.org and click on the House of Charity link.

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Our Local Communities: Breaking Down or Building Up

Join Bishop Galante in discovering the connection between Catholic Social Teaching and the much needed revitalization of older, first-ring suburbs on Wednesday, June 30th in St. Lawrence Hall at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 135 N. White Horse Pike, Lindenwold, NJ, immediately following the 7:00 pm Mass. Included in this program is a screening of *The New Metropolis*, an award winning PBS documentary which takes place in Pennsauken. For more information, call (856) 627-2222.

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FREE Children's Summer Program at SJOA

There's still time to sign up for our FREE children's summer program, "Crocodile Dock", which will run Monday through Friday, July 12th through July 16th, from 6:00-8:00 pm in the rectory basement. All children ages 10 to 15 welcome. Please call the rectory at (856) 962-8642.

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"Summer Fling Fever" Karaoke Dance Party

St. Bartholomew's Ladies Guild will present a "Summer Fling Fever" Karaoke Dance Party on Saturday, July 24th from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am at the St. Bart's George Murray Hall. Tickets: \$10.00 in advance; \$15.00 at the door. BYOB and BYOF. Call St. Bart's rectory at (856) 365-0573 for tickets/information. Also see flyer in the vestibule.

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Assistance for Working or Unemployed Families

For a limited time, Catholic Charities has the ability to assist low to middle income (up to \$74,000 for a family of 4) families who are experiencing difficulty paying their rent, mortgage and/or utility bills due to the economic recession. To be eligible a family must live in Camden County, be currently unemployed or receiving unemployment benefits, have children under 18 residing in the home, be able to document your hardship and attend an information session at Catholic Charities. Call (856) 342-8787 for the next information session date and what information you will need to bring with you.