

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 25, 2009



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY - JANUARY 24

5:00PM **Luis David** r/b Eriberto T. David
Fred Caravelli r/b Marie Pantarelli
Robert Kiessling
r/b Mary & Ed Gramigna

SUNDAY - JANUARY 25

7:30AM **Daniel McMenamin** r/b his mother
Elizabeth Hansen r/b Mary Bannan

9:00AM **Angelo David** r/b Eriberto T. David
Carole Rohloff
r/b John & Mary Margaret Master

11:00AM **People of the Parish**

MONDAY - JANUARY 26

8:00AM **Rose Franchetti** r/b her daughter

TUESDAY - JANUARY 27

8:00AM **Thomas J. Davy**
r/b Elizabeth E. Rochford
Margaret Needham r/b Peggy & Lori

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 28

8:00AM **Alice McCarthy** r/b Family
Phyllis Sesso r/b Stephen Griffey

THURSDAY - JANUARY 29

8:00AM **Jean & Brian O'Neill** r/b Paul Rumley

FRIDAY - JANUARY 30

8:00AM **Dr. A. Joseph & Margaret Hughes**
r/b Margaret P. Hughes
Joseph Franchetti r/b his daughter

SATURDAY - JANUARY 31

8:00AM **Carole M. Rohloff**
r/b Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Heuisler

5:00PM **Alice McCarthy** r/b Family
Angelina Farneti r/b Marie Pantarelli
Robert Kiessling
r/b Jeanne & Ray O'Neil

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 1

7:30AM **People of the Parish**

9:00AM **Joseph Buenzle** r/b wife, Carol
Anna Magnotta
r/b Jim & Elleen Barkhymer

George Gadren
r/b Mr. & Mrs. Neil DeCicco

11:00AM **Caridad Guerrero** r/b Eriberto T. David



Elaine Celenza · Tom Darragh · Katherine Decell · Maryclaire Edgette · Phyllis Edwards · William Fessler · Doris Forebaugh · Marian Garrison · Catherine Koenig · Barbara Lane · Stanley Maslowski · Janet Montegna · Theodore Munkacsy · Frank Panzone · Carmella Paviglianiti · John Plunkett · Paul and Eleanor Raake · Marge Smith · Evie Treganowan · Ella Tulini · Mary Walsh · Margaret Williams · Candy and Jim Yurkonis · and all of our parishioners who are hospitalized or homebound.

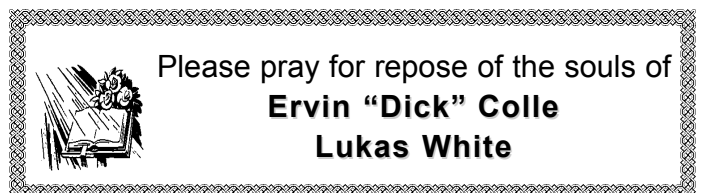
If you wish to add someone to the bulletin prayer list, please call the Parish office 856-429-1600.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. He must have enjoyed working each day alongside them. Our children will someday have lives of their own. We raise them to live their lives as disciples of Christ in a way that is individual to them.


MARRIAGE MOMENTS Get out your wedding pictures. Reminisce about what you've been through together.

PARENTING POINTERS The Internet - Part 1. The internet can be a blessing and a curse. It's a valuable homework tool and facilitates communication among far flung family members. Information that used to take days to find or a trip to the library can often be found in seconds. Ask your child to show you something new online today.

INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE For medical researchers: that their work might be inspired by a love for the truth and a respect for each human person. We pray to the Lord.



Please pray for repose of the souls of
Ervin "Dick" Colle
Lukas White

 "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen."

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

As Catholic citizens, we are committed to upholding the dignity of human life across the entire life span, for those not yet born, the newborn, the elderly and infirm, the terminally ill, and every stage in between. In doing so, we give particular attention to defending the rights of the unborn, who are especially vulnerable. While our concern for human rights and the dignity of human life for those already born is also crucial, this concern is rendered moot if we do not place first concern on the right of that person to be born.

Unfortunately, as a new presidential administration begins and the new Congress convenes, many hard-fought protections obtained in recent years to protect the unborn will be subject to attack and reversal. The new administration and many members of Congress are seeking to expand "abortion rights" by making abortion a federal entitlement that the government must fund and promote through the "Freedom of Choice Act," commonly known as FOCA. The new administration and members of the new Congress have vowed to make passage of this legislation a priority in the years ahead, a priority that actually would expand *Roe v. Wade* and reverse even modest limits on abortion. The Freedom of Choice Act, the most radical and divisive pro-abortion bill ever introduced in Congress, would create a "fundamental right" to abortion that government could not limit but would have to support. FOCA would overturn many existing and widely supported policies, including laws protecting parental involvement and conscience rights and those preventing the barbaric "partialbirth" abortion and taxpayer funding of abortion. FOCA is extreme and immoral legislation.

Given our concern for the dignity of human life, every Catholic citizen has the grave obligation to oppose FOCA and any law that attacks human life and to promote the few protections that currently exist to protect the unborn. As such, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, in cooperation with state bishops' conferences, including the New Jersey Catholic Conference, and our diocesan Respect Life offices, are working to raise awareness about FOCA and the efforts now underway to erode protections for the unborn. As part of this effort, a national postcard campaign later this month will send a forceful message to Congress that we will not tolerate new attacks on the unborn and will work to oppose any laws and policies that would harm the unborn.

This weekend, postcards will be available in each parish of the Diocese of Camden. Each postcard strip has three cards, one for your U.S. Representative and two for your U.S. Senators. I am urging you to sign the postcards, address them to your Senators and U.S. Representative and mail them at your earliest convenience.

U.S. SENATORS

The Honorable Frank Lautenberg
The Honorable Robert Menendez

U.S. HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES (Choose one based on your district)

The Honorable Robert E. Andrews (Congressional District 1)
The Honorable Frank A. LoBiondo (Congressional District 2)
The Honorable John Adler (Congressional District 3)

I also encourage you to visit www.camdendiocese.org to find out more about the campaign to oppose FOCA and other threats to human life. With this effort and your prayerful support, we can give strong witness to our unshakable convictions regarding the inviolability and God-given dignity of human life.

May God continue to guide you and bless you.

Fraternally,



Most Reverend Joseph A. Galante, D.D., J.C.D.
Bishop of Camden

RESPECT FOR LIFE CORNER

"If the election is misinterpreted ideologically as a referendum on abortion, the unity desired by President-elect Obama and all Americans at this moment of crisis will be impossible to achieve. Abortion kills not only unborn children; it destroys constitutional order and the common good, which is assured only when the life of every human being is legally protected. Aggressively pro-abortion policies, legislation and executive orders will permanently alienate tens of millions of Americans, and would be seen by many as an attack on the free exercise of their religion."

Statement by USCCB President Cardinal Francis George
on behalf of the USCCB
Nov. 12, 2008

PARISH CALENDAR

- Jan 25** Mission Membership Sunday:
2ND COLLECTION
- Jan 26** CKRS "Immigration Day Celebration"
9AM-1PM - MH
Religious Education Classes
3:30PM & 7:00PM-CKRS
- Jan 27** Bible Study 9:30AM - PC
- Jan 28** Youth Groups 6:30PM - MH
- Jan 29** Children's Choir 6:00PM - CH. Balcony
Adult Choir 7:00PM - CH. Balcony

ATTENTION CTK REGIONAL SCHOOL ALUMNI

Have you visited your Alma Mater lately? I welcome you to pay a visit to our school via the web-site at www.ckrs.org. You'll be happy to see a vibrant, dynamic Catholic school in action! You'll also find information on Open Houses if you desire an in-person visit!

In an effort to improve Alumni Relations, we are seeking updated contact information from all Alumni. If you would forward your information to me, I'd be happy to update our records and keep you informed of the exciting happenings at your Alma Mater. Please forward your First Name, Maiden Name, Last Name, Graduation Year, Address, Phone Number, and e-mail address to me at epeach1446@aol.com, or mail to 145 Munn Lane, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

If you have family who have moved out of the area, we'd appreciate their updates as well. Thank you, Maura Peach, CTK Foundation Alumni Relations Chair.



HOUSE OF CHARITY

A gentle reminder that the House of Charity will continue to calculate gifts and payments for the 2008 Campaign pledges through March 31, 2009.

Thanks to your generosity

we are very close to our goal of \$165,000.

To date, we have collected \$152,884.11.

We ask that you consider fulfilling your pledge within this period.

May God continue to shower you with His many blessings for all that you do for our parish!



If you would like a 2008 End-of-Year Contributions Statement, please call the parish office and leave your name and address. Statements will be mailed out at the end of January. Thank you!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Christ the King Regional School is hosting a Pancake Breakfast to kick off the start of Catholic School's Week. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 11:00AM in the school cafeteria on Sunday, January 25TH.

Tickets may be purchased at the door. Prices are \$5 per adult and \$3 per child, with a maximum cost of \$20 per family. We invite all families, grandparents, friends, and neighbors to attend. "Breaking bread together" is a great way to maintain our connection to each other as a school and parish community.

OPEN HOUSES: Also as part of our Catholic Schools Week events, Christ the King Regional School is hosting two Open Houses on Sunday, January 25TH, from 10:30AM to 12:30PM and on Wednesday, January 28TH, from 9:30 to 11:00AM.

All are welcome to tour our school, meet our faculty and administration and to experience a typical day in the life of a CKRS student from Pre-School to eighth grade.

Christ the King Regional School has provided exceptional catholic education for nearly 70 years, beginning in 1940. Come join us at an Open House and experience the wonderful tradition for yourself!!

For more information, call the school office at 856-429-2084 or visit our website at www.ckrs.org.

CKRS GROCERY SCRIP SALES

Grocery Scrip may be purchased at the School

- MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY -

9:00AM TO 2:00PM



MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Benefiting

Christ the King Regional School

March 7TH - 7:00PM-12MID

Woodcrest Country Club, Cherry Hill

\$75.00 per person includes ample food, open bar.

Get \$50 in playing chips if you buy tickets before

February 15TH.

Click on www.CKRS.org for more information, as

well as ticket and sponsorship opportunities.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Jesus said to them, "Come after me; I will make you fishers of men."

(Mark 1:17)

Jesus calls all Christians to follow Him. By being good stewards, we can follow the path to God uniquely identified for each of us.



ATTENTION!

...All Men and Women...

Have you reached
the Golden Years?

Are you interested in joining
a Seniors Club?

If not, why not?

...more information will follow
in our weekly bulletins!...



TEENS!

Senior High and Junior High Youth Groups meet this Wednesday, January 28TH, at 6:30PM in Morgan Hall, below the church.

"Come for the fun. Stay because it's real."

RETREAT WEEKENDS

Spiritual and fun-filled weekend retreats for teenagers are being scheduled. Come join the fun, March 27TH-29TH FOR 8TH & 9TH grade students and February 27TH-March 1ST FOR 10TH, 11TH and 12TH grade students.

Retreats are held at the Malaga Camp in Malaga, NJ. For any questions or more information, please call Maria Pitoscia 856-397-4771.



The **SOUSMPER BOWL OF CARING** is a project of CTK Youth Group, in collaboration with Youth Groups around the country. Each Youth Group from participating churches selects a local organization that is dedicated to uplifting the needy and to changing social structures that create poverty and hunger.

This year we have named The Romero Center of Camden as the organization we are supporting. The funds will be used to send several of our youth on an Urban Challenge Retreat next weekend.

You can help by looking for teenagers with large pots in the back of the church after each Mass on Super Bowl weekend (January 31ST-February 1ST) and dropping money in the pots. You can also write a prayer expressing your desires to end the suffering of extreme poverty and hunger and drop this prayer in the pot, too. For more information on the Romero Center go to www.romero-center.org. Thanks for all the ways you support our teens and our world.

A MESSAGE OF RADICAL WELCOME FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, you are welcome to join us for dialogue and fellowship.

This is an invitation for young adults from all over Camden and Burlington Counties who may feel left out of their church communities, unsure of where they fit in, as well as those young adults who are just looking for more ways to reconnect to their faith community. Whether you are a single or married young adult, come join us as we gather together socially, explore topics in young adult spirituality, engage in service, and discuss how we may continue to form a community of seekers, trying to live a faithful and faith-filled life. Several events are already planned with many more to come.

Any questions or to join our mailing list please call or email Mike Giansiracusa, Romero Center Ministries 856-964-9777 ext. 606, mikeg@romero-center.org, or Joanna Schmidt, St. Peter Celestine 856-667-2440 ext. 245, jschmidt@saintpetercelestine.org.

FIVE COMMONLY ASKED

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CHOIR...



I haven't sung since High School/College, can I be a member of the choir? *Absolutely! The Christ the King Choir welcomes singers of all levels of ability from Grade 9 to adult. The choir is open to all Christ the King parishioners as well as parents not in the parish, but who have children enrolled at Christ the King Regional School.*

Do I have to audition for the choir? *NO! We believe there is a place for EVERYONE in our choir.*

When does the choir rehearse? *Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00PM in the church.*

When does the choir sing? *The choir sings at 11:00AM Mass on Sundays.*

I would like to sing with the choir but my husband/wife works on Thursday evenings/Sunday mornings and I don't have anyone to babysit my children. Can I still join? *Childcare is provided for rehearsals and Sunday mass in the "Sofa Room" of Morgan Hall at no charge. We have High School and Middle School students providing the childcare. They have activities planned and can even help with homework!*

For further information, please contact Bill Walton at 856-429-1600 ext. 109 or send an email him to gammyandbub@comcast.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER



Please remember to return filled baby bottles on the weekend of February 8TH. **PLEASE RETURN ALL BOTTLES, AS THEY ARE COSTLY TO REPLACE.** *Options* deeply appreciates your support of this life-affirming ministry for the women, for the child, for life.



Many thanks, Norm Glenn, Grand Knight, Marian Council 3784, Cherry Hill. **Vivat Jesus!**

TASTE OF WINTER

Save the date for the Second Annual Taste of Winter on Thursday, February 26TH.

Please join us at The Camden County Boathouse along Cooper River. Generously sponsored by SJHotChefs, with wine underwritten by Moore Brothers Wine Company. Proceeds for this event benefit Interfaith Caregivers of Haddonfield and Haddon Heights. Truly a night to remember! For more information, please contact Carolyn Brickner at 856-429-5545.

SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Family Life Office is offering the Divorce and Beyond Program designed to help persons who are divorced or in the process of divorcing. Meetings will be held at St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center in Blackwood beginning February 3RD at 7:30PM.

Divorce does not just happen in a courtroom but is an on-going process of letting go and adjusting to a new life.

All persons are invited to join us for additional support and continual growth. Interested persons please call Sr. Eucharista at 856-629-0840.



In *A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women*, the U.S. Catholic bishops wrote: "We condemn the use of the Bible to condone abusive behavior.

Violence against women, in the home or outside the home is never justified. Violence in any form --- physical, sexual, psychological or verbal --- is sinful; many times it is a crime as well."

If you need help locally, call The Camden County Women's Center for shelter, counseling, legal information, etc. 856-227-1234; The National Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-4-A-Child; or The National Center on Elder Abuse 1-800-677-1166.

FASHION SHOW

Dear Friends of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, we are very grateful for your support during the past years. Please join us again on Sunday, March 1ST for our 8TH Annual Fashion Show: *Light the Way VIII For Peace*, presented by the Cathedral Ministries at Auletto Caterers 1849 Cooper Street, Almonesson, NJ.

Social Hour and Chinese Auction: 1:30 to 3:00PM. Donation: \$45. Fashions by: Marlene's of Collingswood. We have a very entertaining show planned for you. God Bless You.

For more information or to volunteer, call Doris Cunningham at 856-854-4335 or 856-964-1580.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel' ... Jesus said to them 'Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men' ... Then He called them ..."

We have begun the Gospel of Mark and walk with Jesus along the Sea of Galilee. Isn't it easy to form a mental picture – hearing the lapping of water, seeing the birds circling overhead, capturing the aroma of freshly caught fish, feeling the breeze coming onto shore? Then the figure comes like a town crier announcing some really good news – "the kingdom is at hand." The summons was two fold – repent and believe.

The message was compelling as two sets of brothers, whether for reasons of curiosity or in response to grace, they left what they were doing and became disciples. The rest is history. As we read this gospel today, we may be sitting in a church, reflecting at home, on a bus or train, and the message comes to us, the invitation to repentance or conversion, the summons to believe.

When I realize that repentance is the response to a grace given by the Lord, I ask for both. When he speaks of belief, I ask that my faith may become stronger, with a willingness to follow, as the psalmist says "unreservedly", I am sure that the brothers, busy about their work, were not planning to abandon their nets to walk with the Lord when they started out that day. I am also sure that they were glad that they did.

I ask myself, how ready is my listening heart to accept Christ's invitation to follow Him more closely this week. Aware that He accompanies me with His grace and support, it can be a different and better week for me and all with whom I share the Good News, the Gospel.

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 Through Moses, God passed on the commandments he wished all people to follow. He tells us not to worship idols or take the name of the Lord in vain. All the laws God gave to us, if followed, would ensure that we could live in peace and harmony with one another as he had planned.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:22-25 Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Although they claimed to possess wisdom, "God's folly is wiser than men, and his weakness is more powerful than men."

Gospel: John 2:13-25 Jesus went to the temple of Jerusalem to find merchants there selling sheep and doves. He knocked over their tables and drove the animals away. The merchants asked him for a sign that he was authorized to do this. He told them to "destroy this temple (referring to his body) and in three days I will raise it up." The merchants misunderstood, and did not believe he could rebuild in three days what had taken nearly 50 years to build. Still many believed in him, after seeing the miracles he had performed.