

# First Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2007



## Announced Masses

- Sat 2/24/07 4:00 pm Laura Rocanella (9th Anniv.)/sister,  
Anne
- Sun 2/25/07 10:30 am Anna M. Ostruski/Pat Cunningham  
12:00 pm Open
- Mon 2/26/07 8:00 am Angeline Valeriano/Michael &  
Joan Catalano
- Tue 2/27/07 8:00 am Wayne J. Clark (1st Anniv.)/Chuck,  
Debbie & Dana Carroll
- Wed 2/28/07 8:00 am Barbara Maguire/Joan Laughlin
- Thu 3/01/07 8:00 am Jack Howarth/Family
- Fri 3/02/07 8:00 am People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
- Sat 3/03/07 4:00 pm Mary Nikituk/Joe Nikituk  
For the Intentions of Martha Kleisz  
Jean Fronolich/Terri Todoro
- Sun 3/04/07 10:30 am Rose Arenz/The Bramble Family  
Russell A. Swanson/Cookie &  
Angel Bradford  
Anna Zambetti/Donata & Bernie Kratz  
Francesco DiFante/Daughter, grandsons  
& brother
- 3/05/07 12:00 pm Open

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**Entered Eternal Rest  
Anna Lally**

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## Sanctuary Lamp

**The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week  
In Memory of Laura Rocanella  
Requested by her sister, Anne**

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## The People's Tithe

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$to be supplied  
Thank you for your continued generosity!**

## Sick List

Please pray for those who are ill and those who care for them:

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## What's Happening Around SJOA

### Sunday, 2/25/07:

RCIA	9:15 am	School
Religious Education—English	9:15 am	School
Religious Education—Spanish	10:45 am	School

### Friday, 03/02/07:

Stations of the Cross	4:00 pm	Church
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## Operation Rice Bowl Jesus' Temptation

Jesus went into the desert after His baptism to reflect on God's word, and specifically God's call to Him. He was tempted by the devil with worldly goods, but always remained faithful to God, knowing that "no one who believes in Him shall be put to shame."

In our own day many people struggle to find adequate work and earn a living wage for their families. As Catholics we believe that all people should be respected for their work and that all people have certain basic rights, including the right to earn a wage that is adequate to support a family. Catholic Relief Services helps individuals and small groups in Mexico and other countries start their own businesses, such as farm cooperatives or small stores, so that they may earn enough for food and to pay for their children to go to school. Please support CRS' microfinance projects with your **prayers, fasting, learning, and giving** with Operation Rice Bowl this week. Visit [www.crs.org/orb](http://www.crs.org/orb) to learn more.



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## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to everyone who helped to shovel the snow last week. The snow was followed by freezing rain, which quickly hardened the snow and made it very difficult to remove. Fortunately, sixteen people responded to my pleas for help. They devoted more than 50 hours of labor to clearing the sidewalks so that people could attend the Saturday and Sunday liturgies.

Thanks to Ed Cole, Paul Panko, Harold Guerrero, Stanley Malick, Drew Turner, the Tolentino's (Blas, Oscar, Reve, Esperanza, Evy, Guillermo, Nancy), Lilliana García, Saul S., Hugo Aranda, and José H.

The difficulty of removing the snow was partly my fault. I heard the weather reports, but I did not organize people in time to shovel while the snow was still soft. I'll try to act more expeditiously in the future.

We do have a snow blower and it makes the job much easier, but it must be used before the snow hardens. Volunteers can expect a phone call much earlier the next time it snows.

In fact, if anyone would like to volunteer for future efforts, I'm taking names! I plan to call people before the snow begins to fall, in order to plan for the clean-up as soon as the snowfall stops. If you can help, please let me know.

I was pleased to see more than 300 people attend the Ash Wednesday evening Mass. We did the Mass in Spanish and English, perhaps a sign of things to come, not only in our parish, but throughout the Diocese of Camden.

Everyone received their ashes, as well as a cross to wear throughout the Season of Lent. Everyone also took home a Rice Bowl, for collecting alms for the Catholic Relief Services [CRS]. You can read about this year's projects on the Lenten Calendar provide by CRS.

This week, the calendar tells of a Mexican man, Slavador Garcia, who was helped with a loan through a micro-banking project. This is the approach to banking started by Dr. Muhammad Yunus, the winner of the Nobel Prize for Economics. Micro-banking helps people with very little income to take their meager resources and to convert them into a powerful tool for improving their lives.

You can help such people by contributing to the Rice Bowl!!

Peace,  
Fr. Hallahan

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## A Family Perspective

**The devil tempted Jesus to ignore His Father and to rely on his own abilities (possessions, fame and power). We face the same temptations if we think we earned our blessings. Jesus teaches us to recognize God's protection and love as the source of our blessings and warns not to "put the Lord, your God, to the test."**

## Stewardship Reflection

### Stewards are Trustees

*"Yours, O Lord, are grandeur and power, majesty, splendor and glory. For all in heaven and on earth is yours; yours O Lord, is the sovereignty; you are exalted as head over all." 1 Chronicles 29:11*

**Some truths become clear in the extreme. Christians should be taught that we are trustees, not owners in this world. What comes our way comes with a divine expectation that we will use whatever we have for God's good purpose.**

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## Comedy Night

Camden Catholic High School's Boy's Baseball Team will be holding a Comedy Night on Friday, March 30th at 7:30 pm. Again this year, our delicious food will be provided by Carrabba's Italian Grill. Our emcee and DJ, Bob Kelly—the Channel 3 Traffic Guy—will spin the dance music. Tickets are \$30.00 and are available by calling Rose at (609) 499-0179 or Laurie at (856) 985-1824. Proceeds will benefit the CCHS baseball program.

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## March CAP Sessions

**The Diocese of Camden requires all adults in regular contact with children to attend one CAP (Child Assault Prevention Program) at least once every five years.** If you still have not attended, please see the below listed dates and times:

The following CAP sessions are scheduled for March:

Tuesday, 3/13/07, 7:00 pm, Queen of Apostles, Pennsville, Conference Room

Wednesday, 3/14/07, 7:30 pm, Holy Name of Jesus, Mullica Hill, Parish Center

Thursday, 3/22/07, 7:00 pm, Christ the King, Haddonfield, Church, Lower Level

To attend one of these sessions, please call the CAP registration line at (856) 583-6165 or email [ddig-gons@camdendiocese.org](mailto:ddig-gons@camdendiocese.org). **Please register 5 days in advance.**

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## Mother/Daughter Program

St. Rose of Lima Parish, Haddon Heights will host a Mother/Daughter program on Sunday, March 4, 2007 from 2:00-4:30 pm in the St. Rose of Lima School Hall. This program is a wonderful opportunity for mothers and daughters to explore God's special gift of human fertility and the beauty and wonder of growing up and becoming a woman. Light refreshments will be served. Reservations are required and must be received by February 26th. Cost: \$20.00 per family. For more information, call (856) 583-6117.

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## Easter Concert

The Jubilate Deo Chorale & Orchestra will present "Jesus, A Passion Musical" on Sunday, March 25, 2007 at 2:30 pm at the Commerce Bank Arts Center (Washington Township High School). Tickets: \$15, \$25 & \$30. For more info. Call (856) 858-0693.