

Third Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2007



Announced Masses

Sat 3/10/07 4:00 pm Msgr. James J. Gaffney Anne Rocanella

Sun 3/11/07 10:30 am Regina Weirauch/Regina Weirauch
12:00 pm Open

Mon 3/12/07 8:00 am Barbara Maguire/David Laughlin

Tue 3/13/07 8:00 am Marjorie Jennings/
Joe & Sharon Arechavala & Family

Wed 3/14/07 8:00 am People of the Parish/Fr. Ken

Thu 3/15/07 8:00 am For the Intentions of the Dolan Family/
Mike & Theresa Dolan

Fri 3/16/07 8:00 am George Shopa/Beverly Alberts

Sat 3/17/07 4:00 pm Agnes Landis/Joe Nikituk

Sun 3/18/07 10:30 am (Baby) Theresa Roach/Anita &
Joe Quinn
12:00 pm Bobby Canzanese (2nd Anniv.)/mother

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Entered Eternal Rest Terence Connelly

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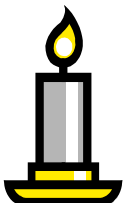
Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend's second collection will be for Catholic Relief Services. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week
In Memory of Regina Weirauch
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by her daughter



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, 03/11/07:

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

Friday, 03/16/07:

Stations of the Cross	4:00 pm	Church
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Operation Rice Bowl A Call to Repentance

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we must repent and turn our hearts completely to God. He also reminds us that each of us must bear fruit. God has definite desires, and in faith we cannot remain neutral to His plans.

Catholic Relief Services' programs are all founded on the Catholic Social Teaching principle of respect for human life and dignity. In Angola, CRS works with uprooted families, former soldiers, and isolated or destabilized communities. Among the many humanitarian programs needed to restore a normal life to people in this area, CRS focuses on the health needs of persons affected by polio and on preventing disease. Please support CRS' health care projects with your **prayers, fasting, learning** and **giving** with Operation Rice Bowl this week. Visit www.crs.org/orb to learn more.

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Volunteer Needed

If you have some time to spare and would be willing to provide transportation for a senior citizen in the parish who needs rides to doctor visits and the bank, please contact the rectory. Financial compensation will be given.



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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to Harold Guerrero for shoveling the snow on Wednesday. He came in the late morning before the snow had finished falling. Then, he came again in the afternoon to put the finishing touches on the job!!

Please remember in your prayers Terrence Connelly, who was baptized, received first communion and confirmation and was married in St. Joan of Arc. He was a police officer for 25 years in Camden, retiring about 9 years. He was struck by a car while walking along a country road in Florida last week. He died of his injuries and was buried from St. Joan of Arc on Saturday. Pray for his wife, Darlene and his daughters, Nicole and Amy. He was only 52 years old.

This week, we have begun the discussions with the other parishes in our region regarding the future of the Catholic Church in our neighborhood. Those discussions will eventually lead to a plan for the six parishes of: The Cathedral, Saint Bartholomew's, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel/Fatima, St. Joseph (South Camden), Sacred Heart and St. Joan of Arc.

Our goal is to prepare a plan for a vibrant and active Catholic community in our section of the city of Camden. Our own parish might also figure in the plan of the neighboring region which includes Woodlynne, Oaklyn, W. Collingswood and Audubon.

Please pray for all of the people who will do the deliberating. We need to trust that the Holy Spirit will be with us as we look at the facts, determine our priorities and make our plans for the future.

This week, the CRS Rice Bowl Lenten Calendar tells the story of 13 year-old Jenita Lopessa of Angola. What struck me about her story is her expression of happiness over a very small gift, the wheelchair that enables her to share in the life of her village.

For those of us who have so much in the way of material things, it is hard to imagine that one thing, such as a wheelchair, could change someone's life so dramatically.

Many blessings on Jenita and on everyone who donates to the CRS through the Rice Bowls. Your donations help to provide good things for needy people, including many children, throughout the world.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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Stewardship Reflection

A Steward's Gift is Prayerful.

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

A steward's giving is prayerful, a matter of faith and honesty before God. Steward's are guided by prayer in their giving and all they do.

A Family Perspective

The gardener in today's gospel gave the fig tree another chance to produce fruit. In families we need to grasp every opportunity to give another chance to each other. Don't waste the opportunity.

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Palm Weaving

Our palm weaving classes will take place as follows: Sunday, March 18th at 1:00 pm, Monday, March 19th at 6:00 pm, Sunday, March 25th at 1:00 pm and Monday, March 26th at 6:00 pm. All classes will be held in the rectory basement. Everyone welcome! Please join us!

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Evening of Reflection

Fr. William T. Miller, SJ will present an evening of reflection on his book, *The Book of Genesis: Question by Question* for anyone who wishes to know the biblical stories, prayers, prophecies and sayings from Genesis in a new and effective way, at Holy Maternity Parish Hall, 431 W. Nicholson Road, Audubon, NJ on Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 7:00 pm. Call Dolores at (856) 547-0444 to reserve your seat. Author signing opportunity. Advanced purchase of the book is highly suggested. Search www.amazon.com for reduced price. Limited number of books will be available for purchase.

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Healing Mass & Anointing

St. Padre Pio Parish at Our Lady of Pompeii Church, 4680 Dante Avenue, Vineland will celebrate a Healing Mass and Anointing on Sunday, March 25, 2007 at 3:00 pm. Relics of St. Padre Pio will be available after the anointing. Lenten Dessert Social will follow in Rosary Hall. For more information, call (856) 681-7526.

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Lector Workshop for Youth

Lectors needed to proclaim the Word of God. Lector training designed just for teens will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2007 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at St. Pius X Parish Center, 344 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill, NJ. Cost: \$25.00 (includes lunch and workshop materials). Diocesan Certification Requirements: anyone who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and completes a lector training workshop. Registration due by April 2nd. Forms available at the rectory or call (856) 583-2866 for more information.

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Camden Catholic High School Inaugural Hall of Fame Inductions

Camden Catholic High School will hold its Inaugural Hall of Fame Inductions on Saturday, April 21, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the school. Tickets are available by calling Janet at (856) 663-2247, ext. 49.