

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 25, 2007



Announced Masses

- Sat 03/24 4:00 pm Angelina Rocanella (42nd Anniv.)/
daughter, Anne
Mildred Corson/Joe Nikituk
- Sun 03/25 10:30 am Benjamin Russo/D' Andrea Genna &
Gilbert Russo & Family
12:00 pm A Special Intention
- Mon 03/26 8:00 am Spencer Smith, Jr.(2nd Anniv.)/
wife, Marie
- Tue 03/27 8:00 am John Zaine/Bill Finnegan
- Wed 03/28 8:00 am Benjamin Russo & Jennie Harris
(1st anniv.)/Fr. Ken Hallahan & SJOA
Parish Family
- Thu 03/29 8:00 am Peter & Mary Finnegan/Bill Finnegan
- Fri 03/30 8:00 am People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
- Sat 03/31 4:00 pm Jennie Harris/Millie Paprzycki
- Sun 04/01 10:30 am Idy Comys/Regina Weirauch
Dec'd. Members of the Sacchetti Fam./
Sacchetti Family
Anthony Rubini, Jr./Family
12:00 pm Jose Lozada & Natalia Ortiz/
Ada Lozada

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Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week
In Memory of Angelina Rocanella
(42nd Anniversary)
Requested by her daughter, Anne

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The People's Tithe
4th Sunday of Lent: \$.00

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, 03/25/07:

RCIA	9:15 am	School
Religious Education—English	9:15 am	School
Religious Education—Spanish	10:45 am	School
Palm Weaving	1:00 pm	Rectory

Monday, 3/26/07:

Palm Weaving	6:00 pm	Rectory
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Friday, 03/30/07:

Stations of the Cross	4:00 pm	Church
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Saturday, 3/31/07:

Lenten Penance Service	2:30 pm	Church
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Palm Weaving

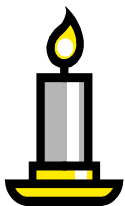
Palm weaving classes will be held Sunday, March 25th at 1:00 pm and Monday, March 26th at 6:00 pm. Classes will take place in the rectory basement. Please come and learn how to weave palm and make beautiful decorations to be displayed in the church on Palm Sunday!

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Attention: Parents & Teachers

Come to a FREE Program on Stopping Gangs
From Coming to your School and Community
Thursday, March 29, 2007—7:00 pm
Catholic Charities Human Resources Building
1845 Haddon Ave., Camden

Participants will learn about gang activity, what attracts children to gangs, how gangs recruit, clothing and behavior of children who want to belong to gangs, and what you can do to prevent children from joining a gang.





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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Once again, I thank a team of people who came to shovel away the snow. Harold Guerrero, Paul Panko, Brian, Michael McCarthy and Blas and Oscar T. This time, the snow softened up enough to make the use of the snow blower possible for part of the job.

Hopefully, this will be the last time for this winter that we'll need volunteers to do this particular job.

Thanks to Mary Anne O'Shea and Mariatu Turay Kirkland for their help in organizing the weaving of the palms. Anyone who would like to help with the weaving is welcome to come to the rectory basement on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. or Monday night at 7:00 p.m.

Thanks to everyone who is helping to make our church beautiful for Holy Week.

I attended a meeting of all of the priests of the diocese on Wednesday. The topic was ministry to the Hispanic population. Some interesting facts were mentioned. In our diocese, there are about 130,000 documented persons from Central and South America and an estimated 50,000 without documents. Most of these people are baptized Catholics.

As a church, the Camden Diocese wants to welcome them all, to any and all of our parishes.

Throughout the USA, all of the mainline churches are declining in membership and growing older, except the Catholic Church. However, if the Hispanic Catholics were removed from the statistics, the Catholic Church, too, would be aging and declining. About 47% of all of the American Catholics of child-bearing age are Hispanics.

Thus, the future of the Catholic Church in America will be heavily influenced by the Spanish-speaking Catholics. The speaker at the meeting, Fr. Kenneth Davis, OFM, also mentioned that there seems to be a correlation among the Latino peoples between learning English and leaving the Catholic Church!!

Another interesting fact: American Catholics make up 6% of the world's Catholics, but we have 16% of the world's priests!! Even with the priest shortage, we have more priests per Catholics than most countries.

Please pray that all Catholics in our Diocese will offer a warm welcome to our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters in the faith.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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Good Friday Procession
Friday, April 6, 2007
beginning at 12:00 pm at
St. Joan of Arc Church.

Walk and pray with the Churches of the Fairview Ministerium as we commemorate Jesus' seven last words.
Everyone welcome!



A Family Perspective

Jesus sent a strong message when he prevented the stoning of the woman. It is wrong to correct another by verbally attacking and hurling insults. A family must not be an arena of violence, but a refuge where we find love, acceptance, forgiveness and respect.

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Stewardship Reflection

A Steward's Giving is Proportional

He said, "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood." (Luke 21;3-4).

When stewards give in proportion to their blessings, they are responding in faith, moving towards the holiness of the wodiw's gift.

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Operation Rice Bowl

The Woman Caught in Adultery

In the story of the woman caught in adultery, Jesus forgave the sin and blessed the sinner. By doing this, He challenges us to first remember our own sin before we seek to punish other people for their sins. In this Gospel, the woman is given the opportunity of making a new beginning.

People in countries such as Niger who live on the edge of the desert are working to steward their resources wisely so all members in their communities have access to basic necessities. Working with Catholic Relief Services to dig new wells and access new sources of clean water, people in Niger are given a new beginning—one that allows villages and communities to thrive. Fresh water can be used for cooking, drinking and farming, which are all necessary for healthy villages and livelihoods. Please support CRS' water management projects with your **prayers, fasting, learning, and giving with Operation Rice Bowl.**

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Catholic Charities Awards Dinner

On Thursday, April 19th, Catholic Charities will hold its fourth annual Justice for All Awards Dinner at Adelphia Grand Ballroom in Deptford, NJ. They will be honoring John P. (Jack) Callahan, Covenant House New Jersey (Atlantic City), Vincent Guest, Esquire, and the New Jerseyans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty for their work in the area of social justice. For information regarding tickets, please go to www.CatholicCharitiesCamden.org or contact Heather Oliver at (856) 342-4117.

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Concert of Irish Stars

**Benefit World Youth Day Australia '08
Pilgrimage with our Pope**

**Saturday, May 19, 2007, 7:00 pm, \$25.00 p/p
Dennis Flyer Theater, Camden County College
For tickets/info. Call (856) 583-2878**