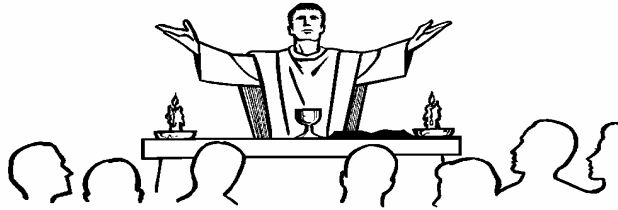


Second Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2007



Announced Masses

Sat 4/14 4:00 pm Fr. Stephen Cervoni/Anne Rocanella

Sun 4/15 10:30 am Susan Frampton/Kathy & Bach

12:00 pm Alberto Gonzalez/Adelfa Martinez

Mon 4/16 8:00 am Barbara & Rose Reid/Joan Laughlin

Tue 4/17 8:00 am A Special Intention

Wed 4/18 8:00 am Carol Martino/Joe DiTaranto & Fam.

Thu 4/19 8:00 am Agnes Landis/Joe Nikituk

Fri 4/20 8:00 am For the Intentions of the Dolan
Family/Mike & Theresa Dolan

Sat 4/21 4:00 pm Jennie Harris/John &
Debbie Paprzycki

Sun 4/22 10:30 am Anna M. Ostruski/Bob &
Nancy Tozer

12:00 pm Flor M. Torres & Juan H. Lozada/
Ada Lozada

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**The People's Tithe
Easter Sunday: \$.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, 4/15/07:

Religious Ed.—English 9:15 am Church
Religious Ed.—Spanish 10:45 am Church

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A Family Perspective

In today's gospel the apostles recognized Jesus by his wounds. It is silly to pretend we are without faults. Those closest to us know our wounds and still accept and love us. Our wounded self is our true self. Accepting our own wounds we can accept the faults in others.

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Stewardship Reflection

A Steward Cherishes God's Gifts

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroys and thieves break in and steal." (Matthew 6:19)

It is possible to squander God's gifts. We can waste time. We can fail to take care of our physical bodies. We can pollute the earth. We can neglect our families. We can hoard our material resources. The life of stewardship is profoundly sensitive to the duty of cherishing God's gifts.



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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Holy Week and Easter celebrations a wonderful expression of our faith. Many people devoted a great deal of time and effort to the decorations, the music and other elements of the celebrations.

I want to thank all of those who decorated, the musicians, the altar servers, ushers, Eucharistic ministers and lectors. I appreciate the efforts of everyone who contributed in any way to the ceremonies.

Thanks, also, to everyone who came to the celebrations. There were more than a hundred people at the bi-lingual vigil for Easter, about 120 at the 10:30 and 339 at the Spanish Mass on Easter. The Good Friday procession through the streets included 103 people, of whom more than half came from our parish. About 45 people attended the Good Friday prayer service at 3:00 pm and 110 attended the Holy Thursday liturgy.

Thanks, finally, to all of the people who have helped with the planning process for the future of the parish. We have had many meetings, experienced a good deal of frustration, but have submitted some serious ideas for the future of the Catholic presence in the city of Camden.

There are two more meetings scheduled for the parishes in the Deanery of the City of Camden. All nine parishes will submit a plan for the city parishes on May 12. The final details of that plan will probably not be known until May 10, the date of our final meeting.

Thus far, the planning team of the six parishes "between the bridges" has been somewhat divided between those who want to keep all six churches open and those who see the need to combine some churches to make a parish that consists of two or more "communities of faith."

The argument for retaining all six churches is based on the Catholic principle of the "preferential option for the poor." If Camden is the poorest city in the USA, the Catholic Church should not abandon it. Of course, if all six churches are kept open on this basis, they must all demonstrate that they are committed to doing something in behalf of the poor.

Pope John Paul II clearly stated in his homily at Yankee Stadium that poverty must be addressed with efforts at both charity and justice. Justice means identifying the causes of poverty and seeking remedies of those causes. Charity is giving people food baskets and other services. Justice is changing the laws so that poor people have a better chance at improving their own situations.

If anyone has any ideas about these matters, I'd be happy to listen to them. Or, anyone with ideas can speak to pastoral planning committee members.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan



Camden Catholic High School Hall of Fame Induction Gala

Camden Catholic High School will hold its inaugural Hall of Fame Induction Gala on Saturday, April 21st at 7 pm at Camden Catholic High School. An elegant cocktail reception will follow the induction ceremony. Tickets are \$40.00 and are available by contacting Janet at (856) 663-2247, ext. 49. The list of inductees can be viewed at www.camdenatholic.org.

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Catholic Social Teaching: So What?

While often called "the Church's best kept secret," Catholic Social Teaching is at the heart of our Catholic faith. It is rooted in Biblical justice and calls on all disciples to honor and respect the dignity of everyone, to stand with Jesus in changing structures that oppress people who are poor, to care for the earth. Come spend some time discussing Jesus' mandate to repent and love in light of these themes of Catholic Social Teaching. And at the end of our time together, perhaps we will have a response to: "So what? What difference do these teachings make within me and beyond me?" Presenter: Suzy Eyler, M.A., April 24th, 7:30-9:00 pm at St. Charles Borromeo, Washington Township. Registration fee: \$5.00 for non-parishioners. For more information, see www.camdendiocese.org, go to Lay Leadership, or call Nicole Hasson at (856) 583-6123.

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ATTENTION: Free Medical Treatment Available For Uninsured at Camden Medical Clinic!!!

If you or someone you know is in need of medical treatment and have no medical insurance, a free medical clinic, staffed by medical students of UMDNJ, is available to you. The clinic is open every Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. It is located in the OEO Building, 538 Broadway, Camden, NJ, (856) 541-1752.

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Community Health Fair Saturday, April 28, 2007—10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Bethel Deliverance Church
812-814 Kaighns Avenue, Camden
Free, Confidential Health Screenings:

Blood Pressure, Glucose (Blood Sugar),
HIV Testing, Prostate Cancer

Important Information on: Alzheimers Disease
& Dementia, Affordable Health Insurance,
Alcohol & Substance Abuse

Representatives From: Lourdes Medical Center,
Cooper Early Prevention Program, Alzheimer's
Association, New Jersey Family Care and more!
Free giveaways, pretzels and water ice!