

First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2009



Announced Masses

Sat	02/28	4:00 pm	Laura Rocanella (11th anniv.)/ sister, Anne
Sun	03/01	10:30 am	William E. Elsasser/Carroll Fam.
		12:00 pm	Miguel Reyes/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA Parish Family
Mon	03/02	8:00 am	Open
Tue	03/03	8:00 am	Open
Wed	03/04	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Thu	03/05	8:00 am	Peter Donato, Sr./Beloved wife, Louise
Fri	03/06	8:00 am	Open
Sat	03/07	4:00 pm	Msgr. James Gaffney (3rd ann.)/ Anne Rocanella
Sun	03/08	10:30 am	Margaret Hallahan/ Denise Bramble & Family
		12:00 pm	Open

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Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is being burned this week
In Memory of Laura Rocanella
(11th Anniversary)
Requested by her sister, Anne

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The People's Tithe

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$
Thank you for your continued generosity!

Sick List

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

PLEASE NOTE: If your name or the name of a sick friend and/or family member has been removed from this sick list and you would like it put back on, please notify the rectory. Also, please notify the rectory when you or someone you know no longer needs to be on the sick list.

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What's Happening Around SJOA

Sunday, 03/01/09:

RCIA	9:15 am	School
Rel. Ed.—English	9:15 am	School
Rel. Ed.—Spanish	10:45 am	School

Friday, 03/06/09:

Stations of the Cross	4:00 pm	Chruch
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Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend's Second Collection is for Operation Rice Bowl. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds from this collection stays in our diocese to help fund new and existing poverty alleviation projects. Please be generous.

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March CAP

The following sessions will be offered in March:

Tuesday March 3, 2009, 7:30 pm, St. Andrew the Apostle, Gibbsboro, Room 7-8;

Monday, March 9, 2009, 7: 30 pm, Holy Family, Sewell, Acquin Building

Thursday, March 19, 2009, 7:00 pm, Our Lady of Angels, Cape May Court House, St. Gabriel Hall

To attend one of these meetings, call the CAP registration line at (856) 583-6165 or email ddiggons@camdendiocese.org. Please register at least 5 days before the session you would like to attend.

In case of inclement weather, please call the location of the CAP session you are attending.



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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Please remember in your prayers Jaime Tolentino, whose funeral took place in our church this past week. Jaime was only 29 years old. He leaves a wife and two children in Mexico. Please pray for Jaime's family, too. May he rest in peace.

This week, we began the season of Lent. I was very happy to see about 400 people in church on Ash Wednesday!! Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. To help us with the prayer and almsgiving, Catholic Relief Services provides us with the Rice Bowl and Calendar.

I encourage every family to put a Rice Bowl on your dinner table and place the Calendar where it can be seen. Your donations to the Rice Bowl help people throughout the world to make a better life for themselves.

This week's story, about Amal from Egypt, gives an example of microfinancing, the policy of lending small amounts of money to poor people so that they can improve their lives. The story shows how a small amount of money can change the life of an enterprising person and his/her family.

Microfinancing was begun by a Muslim banker from Bangladesh named Muhammad Yunus. He was given the Nobel Prize for Economics in 2008. Catholics are following the ideas of this creative Muslim leader and all of us are helping many people as a result. You are part of this effort. Congratulations!!

Lent is also a time of preparing adults to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Communion. Several adults from our parish are preparing for these sacraments.

I encourage everyone to pray for them throughout this season of Lent. In Baptism we are all called to be priest, prophet and king. Priests pray. Kings use their power for the benefit of all the people. Prophets preach God's love for the poor. All of us as supposed to do these three things, too!!

Lent is a good time to meditate on our own Baptism and to ask ourselves: "How am I living out my anointing as priest, prophet and king?"

Many blessings during this season of renewal.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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Operation Rice Bowl

First Week of Lent—Jesus' Temptation

In Mark's Gospel we read about Jesus being tempted by the devil for forty days. Lent provides us with time to reflect on the temptations we face and remember we rely on God for all things. Through our participation in Operation Rice Bowl, we put our faith into action; our prayers and alms help people in need around the world.

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in **prayer** that the ability to work to earn a living is a right of all people. All workers have the right to fair wage, to organize themselves, and to work in good conditions. May our **fasting** keep us mindful of the workers who provide food for their families. May our **almsgiving** assist Catholic Relief Services as we **learn** about microfinance projects in Egypt.

From the Bishop

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Collection for the Missions among Black and Native Americans will be taken up in parishes of the Diocese of Camden this weekend (February 28-March 1).

This collection has been taken up since 1885 without interruption, making it the first and oldest national collection in the United States. Funds raised from this collection are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the country, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. Many churches and schools in Native and African American communities depend on these evangelization grants to continue their programs and pastoral activities.

In this Pauline Year, we remember how Saint Paul gave witness to the importance of strengthening one's own faith and those around us by his tireless teaching of the Gospel. It is appropriate, then, that the theme for this year's appeal is "Evangelization: Strengthening one's own faith and those around us."

With gratitude for your past support, I ask you to help spread the Gospel and serve our Black and Native American sisters and brothers through your prayers and by your generous support when this collection is taken up in your parish.

Fraternally,
Bishop Galante

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Catholic Divorce Ministry

Crisis points in life, such as divorce and separation can bring spiritual transformation. Suffering is the most painful and projected stage of the grief that comes with the loss of a relationship. Through a formative program of prayer, sacrament and self-introspection, our transformation takes place.

If you have been affected by the pain and grief of divorce, come and replenish yourself with us in Eucharist and fellowship on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 7:00 pm at St. Luke's Parish, 55 Warwick Road, Stratford, NJ. Refreshments following Mass.

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Camden Catholic High School's Spring Musical

The Arts at Camden Catholic will present Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man". Performance dates are March 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 7:30 pm and March 15 at 2:00 pm. Seating is reserved. Tickets: \$10.00. Please call CCHS at (856) 663-2247, ext. 34 for tickets/information.

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Stewardship Reflection

Lenten Stewardship

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

Jesus came to serve and give his life for us. Our Stewardship of service where we give of our time, talent and treasure is modeled from His example of service.