

Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2009



Announced Masses

Sat	03/14	4:00 pm	Connie Clark/Nick, Tara, Ryan & Alyssa Rhodes
Sun	03/15	10:30 am	Samuel B. Pelle, Jr./ Denise Bramble & Family
		12:00 pm	Open
Mon	03/16	8:00 am	George Shopa/Beverly Alberts
Tue	03/17	8:00 am	Agnes R. Landis/Friends & Fam.
Wed	03/18	8:00 am	Barbara Grasso (3 mo. Anniv.)/ Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA Parish Family
Thu	03/19	8:00 am	Bobby Canzanese (4th Anniv.)/ Mother
Fri	03/20	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Sat	03/21	4:00 pm	Fr .Steven Cervoni (4th anniv.)/ Anne Rocanella
Sun	03/22	10:30 am	Margaret Hallahan/ Sonia Q. Zuchowski
		12:00 pm	Open

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The People's Tithe

Second Sunday of Lent: \$.00

Aid to Churches in Europe: \$.00

Operation Rice Bowl: \$.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend's Second Collection is for the Bishop's Annual Overseas Appeal. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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, 03/15/09:

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

Friday, 03/20/09:

Stations of the Cross	4:30 pm	Church
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Palm Weaving

Our palm weaving classes will take place as follows: Sunday, March 22nd at 1:00 pm, Monday, March 23rd at 6:30 pm, Sunday, March 29th at 1:00 pm and Monday, March 30th at 6:30 pm. All classes will be held in the rectory basement. Everyone welcome! Mark your calendars and come join us and learn how to weave beautiful palm decorations for our church for Palm Sunday!

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An Evening for Life

Wednesday, April 1, 2009 - 7 to 9 pm

St. Luke's Church, 55 Warwick Road, Stratford

Meditation on the Sanctity of Life ~ Divine Mercy Chaplet

Mass for Life

Please bring a baby item to benefit First Way and Choices of the Heart Pregnancy Centers



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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This week's Rice Bowl story from the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) calendar tells the story of a young woman who was orphaned by the death of both of her parents from AIDS.

The story reminds me of the devastating effects that disease can have on families. AIDS is still fatal in many parts of the world, because of the lack, or the expense, of the medications. Here in the USA, sickness can often mean the loss of a job, which is followed by the loss of the home, or bankruptcy.

CRS tries to help the people in coping with the consequences of AIDS. Sophia Nyoni found a home, friendship and a job at CRS.

Tanzania has tried, since its independence to build up a national spirit of mutual assistance. Under President Julius Nyrere, the government insisted that the country adopt one single language of commerce. They decided on Swahili. This made the exercise of government, education, and business much easier. It also helped the foreign missionaries, since they could learn one language and travel anywhere in the country.

Please pray for the people of Tanzania. They have been an example of good leadership for the rest of Africa to follow.

I'm writing this letter on Thursday, March 12, the anniversary of the martyrdom of Fr. Rutilio Grande, SJ, the priest who was killed in El Salvador in 1977. Fr. Grande's death had a profound effect on the whole country, because the newly appointed Archbishop Oscar Romero, decided to hold the funeral of the priest, and the old man and young boy who were killed with Fr. Grande on a Sunday.

The Archbishop also cancelled all of the Sunday masses in the entire diocese!! He wanted everyone to come to the priest's funeral, or to listen to it on the radio.

Archbishop Romero spoke of the injustices of the deaths. The soldiers killed the three men in cold blood, with no provocation. Such murders were beginning to be more common in El Salvador in 1977. By 1980, they were a daily occurrence.

Speaking for the poor, the oppressed and all those abused by the misuse of power, Oscar Romero was a voice for the voiceless. He condemned the army, the police and the government for the killing of the innocent. He himself was murdered on March 24, 1980. The memory of the martyrs is still strong in El Salvador. Please pray for these long-suffering people.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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Stewardship Reflection *Stewardship Interference*

"You shall not crave idols for yourself in the shape of anything in the sky above or in the waters beneath the earth." (Exodus 20:4)

Have you created idols for yourself in earthly shapes? An idol, which blocks stewardship, can be in the shape of money, sports, fashions, travel or anything else we value more than God and His word among us.

Operation Rice Bowl - Third Sunday of Lent The Cleansing of The Temple

Today we read of Jesus cleansing the Temple. This story has a sense of urgency. It is not about anger, it's about transformation. Jesus is saying: "No more business as usual. There is not much time left. Be converted, be cleansed because the reign of God is at hand."

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in prayer that all humanity has been made in the image of God. Through our actions we must express that each person is precious and that the lives and welfare of all people are priorities. May our fasting keep us mindful of the hunger of the people of the world. May our almsgiving assist Catholic Relief Services as we learn about programs that care for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Tanzania.

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Camden Catholic High School Fashion Show

This year's theme is a fashion show of a different kind...Not just for women anymore! An evening of fashion, comedy and great prizes! Please join us on April 2nd at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Rt. 70, Cherry Hill. All proceeds go to Camden Catholic's technology program. Events include student fashion models, entertainment and a raffle of a variety of gift baskets. Tickets: \$50.00. Cocktails and activities start at 5:30 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm, followed by fashion show. Tickets available at (856) 663-2247, ext. 11. or for more information, go to www.camdencatholic.org.

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Parish Lenten Penance Service
St. Joan of Arc Church
Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 2:30 pm
Last opportunity for confession before Easter.

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Good Friday Procession
Friday, April 10, 2009
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!
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration
of the Cross and Communion Service
At 3:00 pm at St. Joan of Arc Church