

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2009



Announced Masses

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
Mon	03/23	8:00 am	Open
Tue	03/24	8:00 am	Open
Wed	03/25	8:00 am	Open
Thu	03/26	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Fri	03/27	8:00 am	Open
Sat	03/28	4:00 pm	Angelina Rocanella (44th anniv.)/ Anne Rocanella Mr. & Mrs. Peter Finnegan/Son
Sun	03/29	10:30 am	Margaret Hallahan/ The Del Vecchio Family

12:00 pm Open

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Sanctuary Lamp

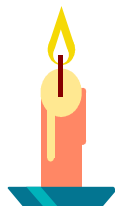
The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week
In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel V. Costello
Requested by Dan Costello

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The People's Tithe

Third 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:

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, 03/22/09:

RCIA	9:15 am	Church
Rel. Ed.—English	9:15 am	School
Rel. Ed.—Spanish	10:45 am	School
Palm Weaving	1:00 pm	Rectory

Monday, 03/23/09:

Palm Weaving	6:30 pm	Rectory
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Friday, 03/27/09:

Stations of the Cross	4:30 pm	Church
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Palm Weaving



Monday, March 23rd at 6:30 pm, Sunday, March 29th at 1:00 pm and Monday, March 30th at 6:30 pm. Classes are held in the rectory basement. Everyone welcome! Come join us and learn how to weave beautiful palm decorations for our church for Palm Sunday!

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Parish Lenten Penance Service

St. Joan of Arc Church

Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 2:30 pm



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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 dairy farmer in the Central American country of Honduras. The country is very poor and has been afflicted with corrupt governments and hurricanes that destroyed much of its economy.

CRS helps the farmers to improve their crops, to market their products and to organize themselves to cooperate with one another to make a better life for their families. Your donations to the Rice Bowl help CRS to continue this work.

This week, we begin to weave the palms. Sundays, the 22nd and 29th and Mondays, the 23rd and 30th will be the times to weave in the rectory basement. Everyone is welcome.

I encourage families with children to bring your children to learn how to weave the palm. This will allow the children to participate in the celebration of our faith.

The palms remind us of the glory of Jesus and the foolhardiness of the human heart. One week, the people were waving palms, the next week crying out for Jesus' death. Things haven't changed much.

Later, we'll burn the palms to create ashes for Ash Wednesday, to remind ourselves that "we are dust and unto dust we shall return."

This week, Fr. Gerard and I met with Msgr. Roger McGrath of the Priests' Personnel Board. He was monitoring the progress of the Core Team and the merger of the two parishes. We gave him a report and he encouraged the team to keep up the good work of preparing for the merger of St. Joan of Arc and St. Bartholomew.

Our Easter letter will go out soon. I encourage everyone to mark your calendars for Holy Week. We celebrate the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday and the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Please set aside time in your own life to remember these important moments in the life of Jesus.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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Operation Rice Bowl

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Nicodemus and Jesus

In today's Gospel, the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus reminds us during Lent that as we seek to put our spiritual lives in order, we cannot accomplish this task on our own. God has done for us what we cannot do for ourselves. We are reminded that we have been made able to see the kingdom of God; we have been given the gift of eternal life through the waters of baptism.

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in **payer** that we are called to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us. Through protecting the environment in which we live, we respect the goodness of nature, a gift God has given. May our **fasting** keep us mindful of those who have no clean water to grow crops or to nourish their families. May our **almsgiving** assist Catholic Relief Services as we **learn** about agriculture programs in Honduras.

Catholic Relief Services Collection This Weekend

The State Department estimates that nearly 5 million people have been displaced, forced to leave their homes, because of the war in Iraq. The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports resettlement services for refugees, serves victims of human trafficking, and provides pastoral care and advocacy. Of the 50,000 total refugees authorized to enter the United States in 2007, nearly one-third were helped by USCCB Migration and Refugee Services, one organization receiving funds from the Collection. The Collection also supports legal services for refugees, advocacy, relief and development, and disaster/emergency relief. When you donate to The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you give hope. Please be generous in today's collection.

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Stewardship Reflection

Stewardship Sacrifice

"For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious first born, but He does ask that we give sacrificially of our time, talent and treasure in service to His people.

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Financial Workshop

With the economy as it's been, money seems to be on everyone's mind these days. Please join Catholic Charities' Bridge to Your Future Program in the first of a series of financial workshops designed to assist people in responsible financial management on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 7:30 pm at 1845 Haddon Avenue, Camden. Learn how to select the correct amount of dependents on your W-4 so you have the most available cash from each paycheck without owing the IRS at the end of the year. You will also learn why getting a refund at the end of the year might not be the best thing for you, and Earned Income Tax Credit—who is eligible and how to get it.

The workshop is offered by H&R Block and is open the public. Registration is requested by not required. Call (856) 342-4162 to register. There is no cost, but donations will be accepted.

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St. Bart's Annual Good Friday

Fish Fry

Sponsored by St. Bart's Altar and Rosary Society, the Annual Good Friday Fish Fry will be held on Friday, April 10th from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm in St. Bart's Church Hall. Fish dinner: \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids under 12. Crab cake dinner: \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for kids under 12. There are a limited amount of tickets, so please purchase in advance. Please call St. Bart's rectory at (856) 365-0573 for tickets/information.

