

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 5, 2009



Announced Masses

Sat	04/04	4:00 pm	Bill Convery/Family
Sun	04/05	10:30 am	George Jackson/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Fam.
		12:00 pm	For Blessings & Best Wishes for Daisy Bañuelos on her 3rd B'day/ Godparents, Jose Bañuelos & Beatriz Maldonado
Mon	04/06	8:00 am	Christine Dudo/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Fam.
Tue	04/07	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Wed	04/08	8:00 am	Frances Shopa/Beverly Alberts
Thu	04/09	7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper Colleen Fegan/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Fam.
Fri	04/10	3:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Sat	04/11	4:00 pm	Margaret Hallahan/O'Shea Fam.
Sun	04/12	10:30 am	Samuel B. Pelle, Sr./Carroll Fam.



12:00 pm People of the Parish/Fr. Ken

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The People's Tithe
Fifth Sunday of Lent: \$
5th Sunday: \$

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, 04/05/09:

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

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Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Bartholomew
Holy Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 7:00 pm
All parishioners of St. Joan of Arc welcome.
Agape following Mass in St. Bart's Hall.

Benediction at 10:00 pm

If anyone would like to participate in the Washing of Feet at St. Bart's, please sign the sheet located in the vestibule, or call Debbie at the rectory at (856) 962-8642

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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.



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Blessing of Easter Food Baskets
Saturday, April 11, 2009 10:00 am
St. Joan of Arc Church
Bring your Easter foods and goodies to Church for a special blessing!



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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As you enjoy the beautiful decorations of palm branches throughout the church, say a prayer of thanks for Mary Anne O'Shea and Mariatu Turay who showed people how to weave the palm, stored the finished works of art in the garage and distributed the palm to the people who did their weaving at home.

Thanks to all who wove the palm in the rectory basement, in the community center at Yorkship Square and in their own homes. Your artistic work is a blessing for all of us as we celebrate this most important week in our church year.

This week's CRS calendar for the Lenten Rice Bowl reminds us that poverty strikes in America, too. A family tells the story of their trip to the soup kitchen when they ran out of food and found themselves homeless in the USA.

The soup kitchen they visited is similar to the one run by St. Bartholomew's parish every Saturday morning and the Cathedral Kitchen on Federal Street every day. Your donations to the Rice Bowl and to Catholic Relief Services help to provide for people in need right here in our own country.

As the economic recession continues, and as world leaders try to address the issue in London, all of us recognize that we need to do things differently. No economic system is perfect and the imperfections of our brand of capitalism have been revealed by the current crisis.

The economic world has become global, but the world of governance is still, largely, national. Financial institutions are global, but regulatory agencies are national. That gives the former the opportunity to engage in unregulated behaviors that have helped to cause the disastrous loss of wealth over the past year.

Pray that the world leaders will have the courage and the wisdom to make the difficult decisions that would avoid a worsening of the present situation.

Please consult the bulletin and the Easter letter I sent you for the schedule of prayers for Holy Week. I invite everyone to participate fully.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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Stewardship Reflection—*Stewardship is Needed*

If anyone should say to you, "Why are you doing this?" reply, "The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once." (Mark 11:3)

Why are you doing this? This is a question that could be asked of anyone who gives time, talent and treasure to the church. An answer is found in these words, "The Master is in need of it." As stewards, we are called to give of ourselves to the Lord in the ministries where we are most needed.

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Knights of Columbus Palm Cross Sale
this weekend after all Masses.
Donation: \$5.00 each



From the Bishop

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We hear regularly of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection.

The **Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land**, directed by Pope Benedict XVI, supports Christians in the Holy Land and helps preserve holy sites. The annual collection will be taken up on **Good Friday, April 10, 2009** in parishes in the Diocese of Camden.

The collection supports the work of the Holy Land Franciscans, who have been in the Holy Land since 1217. They care for the poor there by providing housing and help with medical treatment and pharmaceutical costs. They provide scholarships, educate young people in the faith and operate schools in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, Nazareth, Jaffa, Lebanon, and other places in the Holy Land. In 29 parishes they conduct important pastoral ministries, as well as spiritual direction and counseling for residents and pilgrims. They also maintain, repair and protect the holy shrines there.

As we take up this collection in our parishes in union with the Catholic community throughout the world, I thank you for your past generosity and for your support of this year's appeal.

May God continue to guide you and bless you.

Fraternally,
Most Rev. Joseph A. Galante
Bishop of Camden

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Operation Rice Bowl Palm Sunday—The Passion

The story of the anointing of Jesus is one of the few stories that appears in all four Gospels. As people begin to grumble about the cost and waste of the perfume, Jesus responds: "You always have the poor with you and any time you want to you can do something good for them."

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in **prayer** that we are one human family, regardless of our differences. Answering the call to love our neighbors will promote a culture of respect and lead to peace in our own community, and in the communities around the world. May our **fasting** keep us mindful we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

May our **almsgiving** assist hope in need here in the US. 75% of your gifts to Operation Rice Bowl support Catholic Relief Services' programs around the world. The remaining 25% of your contributions stay in dioceses in the US to assist local hunger and poverty alleviation programs.

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City of Camden summer job opportunities for adults ages 18 and older. See flyer in vestibule.