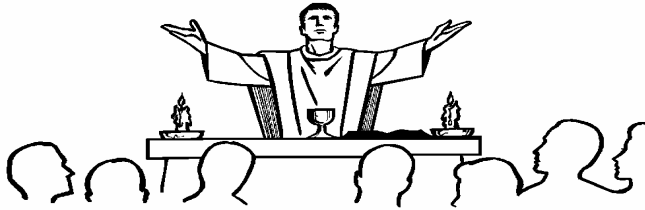


# 2nd Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2009



## Announced Masses

Sat	04/18	4:00 pm	Anthony Brenna/Dan & Pat Murphy
Sun	04/19	10:30 am	Margaret S. Hallahan/Agnes Ruiz & Family
		12:00 pm	Ernestina Figueroa/Monsita, Miguelina, Anita & Julia Figueroa & Family
Mon	04/20	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
Tue	04/21	8:00 am	For the Victims of the Earthquake in Italy/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
Wed	04/22	8:00 am	For Victims of Piracy/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
Thu	04/23	8:00 am	For all Immigrants/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
Fri	04/24	8:00 am	For the Intentions of Archbishop Timothy Dolan/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the St. Joan of Arc Parish Fam.
Sat	04/25	4:00 pm	Aunt Martha Kleisz/Cathy Murtha
Sun	04/26	10:30 am	Josephine Tozer/Dolores Clark & Family
		12:00 pm	Fidelia Aguirrez (15th anniv.)/ Family

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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:

**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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## Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week  
In Memory of Raymond O'Shea (Birthday)  
Requested by his Family

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## What's Happening Around SJOA

### Sunday, 04/19/09:

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

### Friday, 04/24/09:

Confirmation Practice	6:00 pm	Church
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### Saturday, 04/25/09:

Confirmation	4:00 pm	Church
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## Stewardship Reflection

### *Stewards Give Back*

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possession was his own, but they had everything in common.” (Acts 4:32)

Stewardship calls us to recognize, just as the early Christians did, that none of our possessions is our own. All that we have—our health, our education, our skills, our talents and our livelihood—are gifts from God. How do we give back of our time, talent and treasure to God?

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## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

The celebration of Holy Week and Easter was a wonderful expression of the faith of our parish in the Risen Christ. The attendance at the ceremonies was much higher than previous years. I'm very grateful to everyone who helped in any way with the ceremonies.

I am always pleased to see the flowers bloom in the springtime. The flowers that decorate our altar and sanctuary during the Easter season return in succeeding years to remind us that the grace of God and the life-giving power of God never end.

When I first arrived here, a fellow priest told me to "do something about the property—it needs some landscaping." Mr. Peter Martus helped by planting more than 30 trees. Then, we began to plant the Easter flowers, with the experienced help of Mary Anne O'Shea, Anna Rubini and her daughters Carol and Pat (Strow) and her granddaughters Christine and Carolyn. Many thanks to all of them.

As I reminisce, I am reminded, too of Emma Palese, who taught us how to weave the palm for Palm Sunday. Now, Mary Anne O'Shea and Mariatu Turay have led the efforts, with much help from Emma Garcia and the Latino community.

Peter Martus has moved out of the parish and Anna Rubini and Emma Palese have gone on to the next life. Please remember them all in your prayers. Their good work continues to bless us all.

On Tuesday, I attended a meeting at the Camden County Prosecutor's office about the treatment of undocumented immigrants. The New Jersey Attorney General has forbidden the local police departments from asking for proof of legal status when a person reports a crime, or is the victim of a crime, or witnesses a crime.

The order from the Attorney General was sent to the police departments throughout the state two years ago. Not all a police departments have complied with the order. The Camden County prosecutor would like the Camden Police Department to comply.

The point of the order is that people who witness crimes, or who are victims of crimes, should not be afraid to call the police. Their fear simply encourages the criminals to commit more crimes.

I'll provide more information as time goes on.

A blessed Easter Season to all.

Peace,  
Fr. Hallahan

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## LIHEAP / NJ SHARES Programs

Funds are still available for assistance with paying your utility bills through April 30th. If you need assistance, call 1-973-430-8207 or visit their website at [www.pseg.com/help](http://www.pseg.com/help) for more information.

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## A Family Perspective

Notice Jesus came into a house and said, "Peace be with you." Peace is not measured only by the noise levels in our home; it also depends on the levels of trust, acceptance, forgiveness and respect for one another.

## Parish Merger Update

In order for the parishioners of St. Joan of Arc to be able to address their questions and concerns regarding the merger, Fr. Gerard will preside at the Sunday 12:00 pm Mass once a month, either on the 3rd or 4th Sunday of the month, beginning with this Sunday, April 19th. Anyone wishing to attend the Mass and present Fr. Gerard with their questions and concerns is welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have questions, concerns and/or comments, please come and let your voice be heard!

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## Are You a Veteran or a Family Member of a Veteran?

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden, will be holding focus groups to learn more about the needs of Veterans and their families before, during and after their family members are deployment. Veterans of all wars, especially Iraq and Afghanistan, and their family members are invited to join us for a meeting on Monday, April 20, 2009 at St. Rose of Lima Parish Center, 300 Kings Highway, Haddon Heights, NJ at 7:00 pm. For more information, call Kaitlyn Muller at (856) 342-4175, or email [kaitlyn.muller@camdendiocese.org](mailto:kaitlyn.muller@camdendiocese.org).

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## 14th Annual Rams on the Reef

The 14th Annual Rams on the Reef will take place on Saturday, August 8, 2009 from 2-7 pm at the LaCosta Bar in Sea Isle, NJ. \$30.00 at the door entitles you to unlimited draft beer, wine and soft drinks. A barbecue buffet of grilled chicken breast, hamburgers, hot dogs, marcaroni salad and tossed salad. For further information contact Colleen McIntyre via email at [cmcintyre@comcast.net](mailto:cmcintyre@comcast.net) or Annamarie Kinsey at [kinsey1@comcast.net](mailto:kinsey1@comcast.net).

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## Gloucester Catholic High School Summer Camps

Gloucester Catholic High School is offering a Summer Enrichment Camp for students entering 7th, 8th and 9th grades July 13 through 17, 2009. For more information, call (856) 456-4400, ext. 219 or email [Pmurphy@gchsrams.org](mailto:Pmurphy@gchsrams.org).

The Rams Basketball School for boys entering grades 3 through 9 will be held July 6-10 and July 20-24, 2009. For more information, call Pat Murphy at (856) 456-4400, ext. 219 or email [Pmurphy@comcast.org](mailto:Pmurphy@comcast.org).

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## Free Grief Support Groups

Moorestown Visiting Nurses & Hospice is offering special programs designed for those who feel the loss a loved one. All groups are lead by professionals and provide the opportunity to share stories and feelings in a comfortable and private atmosphere. For more information, call (856) 552-1300, ext. 2507.

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## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS