

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2009



## Announced Masses

Sat	5/02/09	4:00 pm	Laura Collucci (1st anniv.) Carroll Family Joseph & Angelina Rocanella (wedding anniv./Daughter Anne)
Sun	5/03/09	10:30 am	Helen P. Omiatek/Barbara Fanelle
		12:00 pm	Josefa Canda /Mom
Mon	5/04/09	8:00 am	Janice M. Simon / SJOA
Tue	5/05/09	8:00 am	Open
Wed	5/06/09	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Thu	5/07/09	8:00 am	Frances Shopa / Beveily Alberts
Fri	5/08/09	8:00 am	Open
Sat	5/09/09	4:00 pm	All Living & Deceased Mothers
Sun	5/10/09	10:30 am	All Living & Deceased Mothers
		12:00 pm	All Living & Deceased Mothers

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### Gloucester Catholic High School

"Summer Enrichment Camp" will be held from July 13th through July 17th at the school. The camp is geared for students entering the 7th, 8th and 9th grades. For more information call (856)456-4400 ext.219 or e-mail Pmurphy@gchsrans.org.

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### Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week  
In Memory of Joseph & Angelina Rocanella  
(Wedding Anniv.)

Requested by Daughter Anne Rocanella

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### The People's Tithe

3rd Sunday of Easter: \$

Second Collection: \$

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

## Sick List

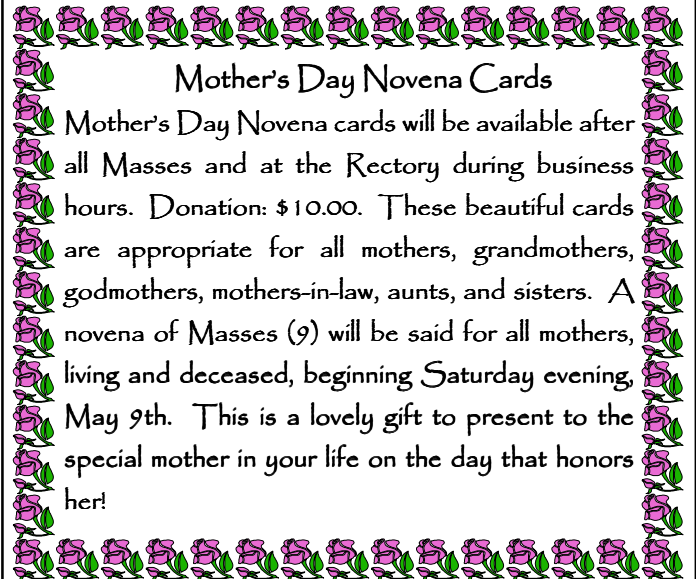
Please pray for those who are ill and those who care for them:

**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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## Furniture Drive

Catholic Charities will be holding a furniture drive on Saturday May 30, 2009 to collect items for our families in need. Dining Room / Kitchenette sets, coffee tables, small /medium sofas, living room chairs and mattresses are desperately needed. Items can be dropped off between 9:00am and 2:00pm at the front entrance of the Human Service Center, located at 1845 Haddon Ave. Camden 08103. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to assist with the drive, please contact Jennifer Dyer at (856) 342-4107.



### Mother's Day Novena Cards

Mother's Day Novena cards will be available after all Masses and at the Rectory during business hours. Donation: \$10.00. These beautiful cards are appropriate for all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, mothers-in-law, aunts, and sisters. A novena of Masses (9) will be said for all mothers, living and deceased, beginning Saturday evening, May 9th. This is a lovely gift to present to the special mother in your life on the day that honors her!

### Sunday, 05/03/09:

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

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## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to everyone who helped with the celebration of Confirmation last week. Fr. Gerard and I confirmed four young people from St. Bartholomew Parish and twenty-three from St. Joan of Arc.

I would like to thank the leaders of our religious education program, the teachers, the musicians and choir, the readers, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, altar servers and all who helped to decorate the church for the ceremony. I'd also like to thank the parishioners who regularly attend the Saturday evening liturgy for their graciousness and hospitality.

As you can see, it takes a lot of cooperation from many people to provide a ceremony like last week's Confirmation. In this case, it took cooperation of people from both parishes. The event showed that we can work together, we can enjoy each other's presence and share each other's competence and be blessed by our mutual faith in the one Lord, one Spirit and one Church!!

To me, the Confirmation ceremony was a sign of hope for the merger of our two parishes. The merger will take place. The committees are working on the details of just how the merger will be brought about. Anyone who has concerns about the merger should join one of the committees.

Right now, we are looking for more members of the finance and buildings committees. If you have concerns about these matters, please see me as soon as possible. The committees will be more effective if they can get the input of more people.

Last Sunday, I attended the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Fr. John Tumosa, the pastor of St. Rose of Lima in Newfield and a good friend of mine. Fr. Tumosa held a Sunday Evening Vespers service. It included the prayers, recitation of the psalms, a short reading from Scripture and then some reflections of Fr. Tumosa's 40 years of service.

The Vespers service reminded me of my semi-ordinary days, when we prayed the Sunday Vespers every week. It reminded me that the church has a long history, which includes a lot of change and development. Sometimes the change is welcome and sometimes it is difficult.

Peace,  
Fr. Hallahan

## A Family Perspective

*The gospel description of Good Shepherd is a job description for parenting. Parents must "know" their children and "freely lay down their lives" each day by sacrificing for their children. Even when they don't want to listen, children must "hear our voice." Like Jesus, it is our job to "lead" our children to the Creator.*

## Stewardship Reflection *Stewardship Really Matters*

*"Better to take refuge in the Lord than  
to put one's trust in mortals"*  
(Psalm 11-8:8)

*Too often our society trains us to take refuge in man-made riches. Too many possessions can leave us empty, always questing for more things that do not really matter. The good we do and blessings we receive from giving our time, talent, and treasure in Stewardship really matter.*

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## **Wipe Out Lead**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Camden  
Is working to wipe out Lead in Camden County. Even a small amount of lead can cause serious health problems in children such as behavior problems, learning difficulties, hearing problems, brain damage, hyperactivity, anemia, and slowed growth and development. New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Catholic Charities is offering **FREE** kits to families that test for the presence of lead dust in the home. To arrange to have a free test done in your home, contact **Christine Polit at (856) 278-2608.**

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## Camden Catholic High School **Spring Concert and Art Exhibit** **May 17th**

Choral and instrumental Concert begins at 2:00pm, followed by the Art Exhibit at 3:30pm.  
Admission is FREE! Visit our web site  
[www.cchsarts.com](http://www.cchsarts.com).

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## Gloucester Catholic High School

The Rams Basketball School for boys entering grade 3rd through 9th will again be held this summer. The camp will be offered two different weeks

**(July 6th to July 10th and July 20th to July 24th)**

under the direction of

Mr. Pat Murphy head coach of GCHS.

For more information call

**Pat Murphy at (856) 456-4400 ext.219** or  
e-mail [Pmurphy@gchsrams.org](mailto:Pmurphy@gchsrams.org)

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## FREE Teen Grief Support Workshop

Teens ages 15-18 that promotes healthy and creative ways of coping with loss in a supportive and caring setting.

Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00pm, 5 week session,

**May 20-June 17**

To learn more or to register, please call **(856) 552-1300, ext.2507**