

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2009



Announced Masses



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
Mon	5/11/09	8:00 am	All Living & Deceased Mothers
Tue	5/12/09	8:00 am	All Living & Deceased Mothers
Wed	5/13/09	8:00 am	All Living & Deceased Mothers
Thu	5/14/09	8:00 am	All Living & Deceased Mothers
Fri	5/15/09	8:00 am	All Living & Deceased Mothers
Sat	5/16/09	4:00 pm	All Living & Deceased Mothers
Sun	5/17/09	10:30 am	Samuel B. Pelle, Jr. / Carmen & Chris Fanelli
	5/18/09	12:00 pm	Jose Dolores Rodriguez / Rodriguez Family

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What's Happening Around SJOA

Sunday, 5/10/09	No Class	
Religious Education-English	9:15 am	School
Religious Education-Spanish	10:45 am	School

Crowning of the Blessed Mother after all Masses This Weekend!

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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. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to assist with the drive, please contact **Jennifer Dyer at (856) 342-4107**.

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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**

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 Joseph & Angelina Rocanella (Wedding Anniv.)
Requested by Daughter Anne Rocanella



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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.



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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.

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)

Both programs will be 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



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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Mothers's Day to all of the mothers in our parish. Like the vine in today's gospel, you have borne fruit and have given new life to the world and to the church. May your children always return to you the love that you show to them.

Thanks to all of the youth who came to the parish last Saturday to plant the flowers from Easter. They planted hydrangeas, tulips, azaleas, lilies and hyacinths. Next year, all of these flowers will remind us of the power of life over death as they blossom in the springtime to mark the end of winter.

At that time, we'll also think of the youth who planted the flowers and say a prayer of blessing for them.

Among those who helped were: Emma G., Anahi G., Emeli G., Gracelia P., Jose Luis P., Jocelyn C., Heriberto C., Cassandra C., and Damariz .

This past Monday, I was invited to the office of Fr. Terry Odien, the priest personnel director. There, I met with Fr. Odien and Msgr. Bob McDermott. They asked me whether I'd be willing to serve as a co-convener for the merger of two neighboring parishes, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Woodlynne [predominantly Vietnamese] and Transfiguration in West Collingswood.

Fr. Joseph An Nguyen, the pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary, will be the other co-convener and the future pastor of the merged parish. I agreed to serve as co-convener with Fr. Nguyen. Fr. Lodge, the pastor of Transfiguration, has requested to be a senior priest.

I shall continue to be the pastor of St. Joan of Arc parish until the merger with St. Bartholomew's is completed. The role of co-convener will be added to my present responsibilities, but will not diminish my role as pastor or teacher.

Please pray for me, that I'll be able to fulfill this new responsibility in a way that will benefit the people of West Collingswood, Woodlynne and the Vietnamese Catholic population of Camden County.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

Happy Mother's Day
to all our Mothers
from
Fr. Hallahan!



Wipe Out Lead

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.**

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!

A Family Perspective

The words of Jesus in today's gospel, "**Abide in me,**" are appropriate on a day we honor mothers because a special bond exists connecting mothers and their children extending beyond birth and death. They will always "abide" in each other. It is a lasting presence.

Stewardship Reflection *Stewardship in Deed and Truth*

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."
(1John 3:18)

How do we love in deed and truth?
The answer is through Stewardship—giving of our time in prayer, giving of our talents in ministry, and giving of our financial blessings to support the work of the Church.

The People's Tithe
4th Sunday of Easter: \$
Thank you for your continued generosity!