

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2009



Announced Masses

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
		12:00 pm	Jose Dolores Rodriguez / Rodriguez Family
Mon	5/18/09	8:00 am	Open
Tue	5/19/09	8:00 am	Margaret Hallahan / Rosemarie Sanchirico
Wed	5/20/09	8:00 am	Caroline Carducci / Fr. Ken & SJOA Church
Thu	5/21/09	8:00 am	People of the Parish
		7:00 pm	Open
Fri	5/22/09	8:00 am	George Shope / Beverly Alberto
Sat	5/23/09	4:00 pm	Joseph Rocanella (Birthday) / Daughter Anne
Sun	5/24/09	10:30 am	Mary Theresa Gallagher / Chuck, Debbie, & Dana Carroll
	5/25/09	12:00 pm	Jovita Ventura / Hijo Santiago Medina

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Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend's Second Collection is for the Catholic Communications Campaign. Your generosity and support will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

The People's Tithe

5th Sunday of Easter: \$

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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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**.

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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A Family Perspective

Can you say to your children the words of Jesus in today's scripture, "As the Creator has loved me, so I have loved you"? This requires we "lay down our life" (our time, attention, opinions) for each other. This is the sacrament of family life, when God becomes visible in our sacrificial love for one another.

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Stewardship Reflection

Stewards Love Jesus

"This is my commandment: love on another as I love you." (John 15:12)

Do you love Jesus/ Stewardship is a way of life follow life following this commandment. We give our time, talent, and treasure as an act of imitating Jesus' actions and loving one another.

What's Happening Around SJOA

Sunday, 5/17/09:

Last Day

Religious Education-English	9:15 am	School
Religious Education-Spanish	10:45 am	School

Saturday, 5/23/09:

1st Communion Practice	9:00am	Church
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Sunday, 5/24/05:

1st Communion	10:30 am	Church
	12:00 pm	Church

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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Mr. Mike Devlin, the director of the Children's Garden, visited me this week. He will come this week with his workers to till the soil behind the garage, and between the two fences.

I would like some young people to volunteer to help with the garden. When the crops grow, you can take the produce home to your family. This will bring nutritious food to your family and help to reduce the food bill for the summer!!

The young people need to plant the seedlings and to water and weed while the plants grow. The plants are given without cost to us and volunteers from Americorps will assist with the garden.

Parents, please encourage your children to participate in this project. Your children will learn about the earth, the plants, good nutrition as well as some lessons about working together.

Leaders of the Children's Garden speak both Spanish and English.

When I was a teenager, my family lived in the farmlands of South Jersey, in Repaupo. We planted tomatoes, peppers and corn in our garden. The food tasted delicious when we harvested it from our own plants. We even cooked and froze some of the vegetables, so that we could have them again in the winter time!!

I hope that the youth of our parish will enjoy the experience of gardening, as I did when I was young.

Please pray for all of the First Communion children and their families. They will celebrate the sacrament on Sunday, May 24. I'm looking forward to the celebration of the faith of these families.

At the children's baptism, their parents promised to share their faith with their children and to raise them in the practice of the faith. This is another step in that journey.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan



Ascension Thursday

May 21, 2009

is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Masses: 8:00 am & 7:00 pm
In observance of this holy day, the
rectory office will be closed.

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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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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.

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Walk - A - Thon Please Join Our

To support homeless pregnant women and their Children with
shelter, food medical care, education, job skills, social skills,
counseling, spiritual guidance, parenting, nutrition, computer
classes, and so much more.

Camden County - Haddon Heights Park, Haddon Heights, NJ

Registration: 8:30am—10:00am

Walk: 9:00am—12:00am

www.goodcounselhomes.org or contact Anne Fleming
(856) 686-1885

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**

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