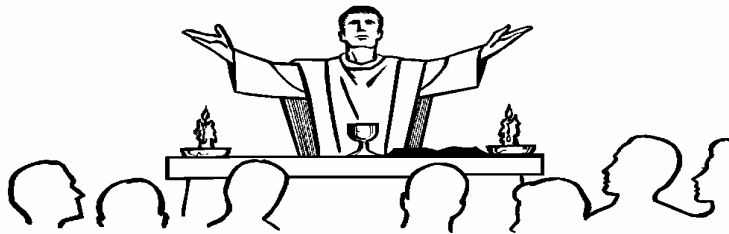


# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 24, 2009



## Announced Masses



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
		12:00 pm	Jovita Ventura / Hijo Santiago Medina
Mon	5/25/09	8:00 am	Mary Nikituk / Joe Nikituk
Tue	5/26/09	8:00 am	Cavagnam / Fr. Ken Hallahan & SJOA Parish
Wed	5/27/09	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Thu	5/28/09	8:00 am	Leon J. Ostruski ( Birthday) Daughter & Family
Fri	5/29/09	8:00 am	Open
Sat	5/30/09	4:00 pm	Martha Kleisz / Helen Abramczyk
Sun	5/31/09	10:30 am	Mary Theresa Gallagher / Mr. & Mrs. Ray Del Vecchio & Family
		12:00 pm	Ariana Ramos / Fr. Ken Hallahan & SJOA Community Lidia Arias / Maria E. Brito

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**The People's Tithe  
6th Sunday of Easter: \$  
Second Collection  
(Catholic Communications): \$  
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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## 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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## 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 (**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](mailto:Pmurphy@gchsrams.org)

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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.**

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to all of the First Communion children and their parents, families and friends. May this be a joyful day that lingers for many years in your memory.

Thanks to everyone who helped to prepare for the celebration.

Peace,  
Fr. Hallahan

The following is a letter from Fr. Gerard:

On April 19th -Divine Mercy Sunday I presided at the Spanish language mass. Since I speak only a tourist's Spanish the experience was humiliating for me and perhaps also for the congregation. Judging by their response it was very uncomfortable.

Many times during the prayers I wanted to escape and hide; I wanted to stop and I wished someone else could take over. The congregation may have felt the same. It was a kind of dying. But this is the good news.

I remember the humiliation of Jesus when He washed the feet of His disciples. To wash someone's feet was the work of slaves and women in the time of Jesus. He did this to show us the kind of service and leadership he expects in His Church. The reaction of St. Peter tells us how humiliating it was for Jesus to do this.

By my feelings of humiliation on April 19th, I said to the people of St. Joan of Arc and St. Barts that I was willing to be a fool for Christ as your priest and fellow Christian. Each of us must decide if we are willing to endure a sense of humiliation in our Christian service to one another as we try to speak each other's language and share each other's stories.

Will you, like St. Peter, refuse the humiliation or will you suffer through it in imitation of Christ?

I am a sinner full of pride and prejudice. I share this pain and glory because I want you to experience the Good News of Mathew 5:3.

Fr. Gerard Marable

## A Family Perspective

Before ascending to heaven, Jesus told us to "proclaim the gospel." The great St. Francis of Assisi added to this when he said: "Preach always and sometimes, if necessary, use words." We preach by how we live. What is the message preached by your family?

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## Stewardship Reflection *Stewardship Watch*

*"This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."*

*(Act 1:116)*

*Where will we be in our Stewardship journey when Jesus returns? We will be separated into sheep and goats depending on how much we have used our blessing to help those in need.*

*Watch where you are going.*

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# Congratulations

"First Communion Class of 2009"

Luis Gonzalez  
Alturo Gonzalez  
Jowie Lopez

Joanis M. Lopez  
Brenda Vidals

Gandhi Vidals

Francisco Rosado

Karina Ramos

Olga Ramos

Devin Brian Lee

Denise Christine Lee

Alayna Juliana Ortiz

Cystal Adanna Osuji

Daisy Daniella Guerrero



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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