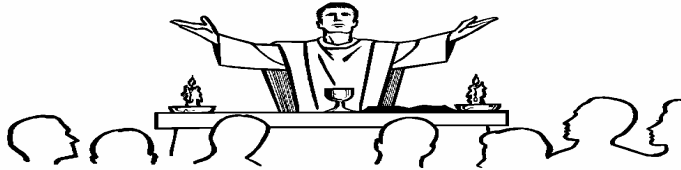


# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2010



## Announced Masses

Sat.	02/13	4:00 pm	Laura Rocanella (Birthday)/ Sister, Anne
Sun.	02/14	10:30 am	Mary Duffy Gallagher (1st ann.)/ Kathy & Bach DelVecchio
		12:00 pm	Open
Mon.	02/15	8:00 am	Open
Tue.	02/16	8:00 am	George Shopa/Beverly Alberts
Wed.	02/17	8:00 am	People of the Parish/Fr. Gerard &
		7:00 pm	Open Fr. Rico
Thu.	02/18	8:00 am	Open
Fri.	02/19	10:00 am	Open
			
Sat.	02/20	4:00 pm	Paul Panko, Sr./Dan & Pat Murphy
Sun.	02/21	10:30 am	Wm. J. Forebaugh/Fr. Gerard Marable & the SJOA Par. Fam.
		12:00 pm	Open

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### Entered Eternal Rest

**Virginia Redfern  
Paul J. Panko, Sr.**

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### The People's Tithe

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$.00**  
*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

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### Operation Rice Bowl

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. As part of our community's observance of Lent, we ask all families to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit [orb.crs.org](http://orb.crs.org) for more information.

## New Parish Mission Statement

As a sacrifice of praise the people of St. Bartholomew and St. Joan of Arc welcome people of every race, language and way of life around the table of our Lord Jesus Christ in an American African/Hispanic expression of Roman Catholic worship. Sharing our time, talent and treasure in acts of justice, we proclaim the "Gospel of Life" with and for the people of Camden.

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## 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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## What's Happening Around SJOA

### Wednesday, 02/17/10:

Ashes—distribution of ashes at Mass only. No afternoon service.		8:00 am	Church
		7:00 pm	Church

### Friday, 02/19/10:

Stations of the Cross		7:00 pm	Church
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## Stewardship Reflection

### *Stewards Share their Blessings*

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation." (Luke 6:24)

Jesus' words to the crowd can seem harsh to all of us who enjoy the many blessings of living in one of the richest countries of the world. Yet, in reality the sin is not in being rich. The sin is in failing to share our blessings, to live in stewardship. When was the last time you looked at your income and determined what percentage you were giving to those who had less than you?

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## A Family Perspective

In order to be with the people, today's gospel tells us "Jesus came down the mountain and stood on level ground." World Marriage Day reminds us marriage is not lived on the lofty mountain tops but in the nitty-gritty of every day life.



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### From the Deacon's Den

This Sunday is World Marriage Day. Since 1983 the Church has celebrated married love on the second Sunday in February. This year it is also Valentine's Day! Congratulations to all of our wives and husbands in the parish. The United States Council of Catholic Bishops published a pastoral letter last fall regarding marriage (it can be found on the web at <http://www.foryourmarriage.org> ) One important point that you may reflect on is what the bishops tell us is the purpose of marriage. "It has two purposes: the good of the spouses, called the unitive purpose, and the procreation and education of children...The unitive purpose of marriage means that husband and wife participate in God's own self-giving love. The two become one flesh, giving mutual help and service to each other through their intimate union." This change in emphasis, putting the "good of the spouses" before procreation reflects the thinking of Pope John Paul II, who wrote a series of reflections that have become known as "The Theology of the Body". This work has been called "a ticking time bomb" by the Pope's biographer, George Weigel. It revolutionizes the Church's understanding of the physical relationship between husband and wife. The pope refers to this intimacy as a glimpse of Heaven. Our physical relations are raised to the level of prayer. No wonder Weigel is so emphatic about this theology. I invite you to take some time to read the bishops pastoral letter, as well as some of Christopher West's book on the Theology of the Body. Celebrate your marriage today and every day.

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### Lenten Regulations 2010

Lent is the penitential season of the Church's year. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Lent has six Sundays. The sixth is called "Passion" or Palm Sunday, and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. It commemorates the Lord's passion and death on Good Friday, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil and ends with evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Then the joyful Easter Season of 50 days begins.

Traditionally, the Lenten season is a season in which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized. **Fast and abstinence are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. (Limit of 1 full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.) All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. (All who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat.) There is no obligation to fast during the weekdays of Lent. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.**

Eater Duty Obligation: After they have received their 1st Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

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**Ash Wednesday Collection—February 17, 2010  
Aid to Churches in Central & Eastern Europe.  
Your support will be greatly appreciated.**

### St. Josephine Bakhita

For Canonization:

Eva Da Costa was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil in 1931. She was married to Yoziro Onishi, of Japanese origin. They had four children. They separated and the care of the children was left to her. She worked very hard to support her family. She had diabetes, which affected both legs with gangrene from infected eczema. The condition grew serious to a possibility of amputation of her right leg.

On April 24, 1992, Canossian Sister Regina Dos Santos, was making her usual round visiting patients. Eva met her, related all her troubles, and then she showed Sister the horrific condition of her legs. Sr. REGina invited Eva to a prayer gathering in preparation for the Beatification of Sr. Josephine Bakhita. The novena was held, every Wednesday from April 29 to June 24, 1992.

Eva was so sick, she could not attend every Wednesday. But she was present for the one on May 27. Sister read out the passages regarding the torture inflicted on the young slave Bakhita. Eva Da Costa was deeply touched about all this suffering. She instinctively placed her hands on her wounded legs and pleaded in silence, humbly begging: "Sr. Bakhita, you suffered so much, please help me. Please cure my legs!". The following twenty four hours, her wounds began to heal, the skin reappeared and covered her claws. Both legs were completely cured. She showed this to the Sisters, and they were sure it was a miracle!

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### Pre-Cana Workshop in Spanish

The parish of St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral, located at 2907 Federal Street, Camden, NJ will be providing a Pre-Cana Workshop in Spanish on Saturday, March 13th beginning at 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Romero Center. This workshop is available for any couple who is preparing for the sacrament of marriage. The cost of this event will be \$150.00 per couple. St. Joan of Arc Church will provide some assistance with the cost. For more information, please call Evelyn immediately at (856) 964-2776, ext. 414.

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### 10th Annual Romero Lecture, March 26, 2010

Rutgers University, Camden

Rev. Bryan Massingale

**"The Hidden Faces of Racism: Excluding the other in Our Church, Our Society and Ourselves"**

Film, workshops and panel discussion starting at noon. Keynote presentation at 7:00 pm. Adults, \$10.00, Students with ID: \$5.00 Afternoon sessions: Free of charge. For information, call Cheryl at (856) 964-9777, or visit [www.romero-center.org](http://www.romero-center.org), or email [info@romero-center.org](mailto:info@romero-center.org).

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### Collection for Missions Among Black and Native American Next Weekend

The collection for the Missions among Black and Native Americans will be taken up next weekend, February 20-21, 2010. Proceeds from this collection are distributed as grants to dioceses supporting evangelization programs among Black, American Indian, Eskimo and Aleute communities in the US. Your support will be greatly appreciated.