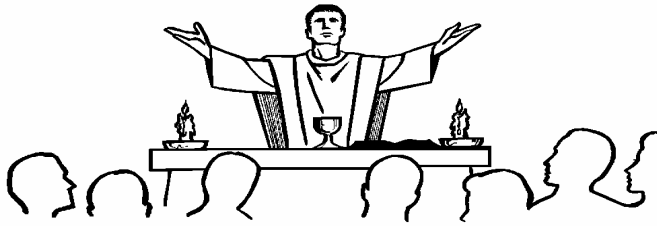




First Sunday of Lent



February 21, 2010



Announced Masses

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. Family
		12:00 pm	Open
Mon.	02/22	8:00 am	Open
Tue.	02/23	8:00 am	Frances Shopa/Beverly Alberts
Wed.	02/24	8:00 am	Bernard Sacco (10th anniv.)/ Bernadette & Family
Thu.	02/25	8:00 am	Open
Fri.	02/26	8:00 am	Jim East/Joe Nikituk
Sat.	02/27	4:00 pm	Laura Rocanella (12th anniv.)/ sister, Anne
Sun.	02/28	10:30 am	Gemma Del Vecchio/Cookie & Angel
		12:00 pm	Juana Valdez (10th anniv.)/ Monica Valdez

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Entered Eternal Rest
Msgr. Charles Barth
Isabella "Cissie" Canzanese

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The People's Tithe
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!

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

Sunday, 2/21/10:

Rel. Education-English	9:15 am	School
Rel. Education-Spanish	10:45 am	School
Liturgy Committee Meeting	1:30 pm	Rectory Basement

Friday, 02/26/10:

Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm	Church
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Collection for Missions Among Black and Native Americans This Weekend

The collection for the Missions among Black and Native Americans will be taken up this weekend, February 20-21, 2010. Since 1884, proceeds from this collection have been distributed as grants to dioceses supporting and strengthening evangelization programs, which would otherwise be in danger of disappearing, among Black, American Indian, Eskimo and Aleute communities in the US. You can help spread the Gospel and serve our Black and native American sisters and brothers through your prayers and through your generous support.



First Sunday of Lent



From the Desk of Fr. Rico

Lent is the forty day period before Easter, excluding Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need. Lent is a penitential season of the Church year and as such religious practices, such as attendance at daily Masses, reception of the Sacrament of Penance, the devotion of the station of the cross, works of charity and justice, and acts of self-denial are highly encouraged. It is the season in which we come together in our parish community to heal and to build new relationships that embrace, respect and appreciate each one as a God's gifts to our parish.

A good and grace-filled Lenten Season to all.

Fr. Rico

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Some Creative Ways to Fast During Lent

- ◆ Have "*An Embrace the Silence Evening*". Turn off everything, TV, stereo, iPods, etc. Silence is good for the soul.
- ◆ Turn off your computer at the end of the day. Then switch off the power strip your computer is plugged into. If you turn the computer off first, you will not lose any data. Unplugging computers or turning off the power strip can save up to \$100 annually.
- ◆ Learn more about the Catholic Church's teaching on *Caring for God's Creation* at www.catholicsandclimatechange.org.
- ◆ Use tap water rather than bottled water. Not only does this keep plastic out of landfills, but the bottled water business is making water a commodity rather than a gift given to all by God. Go to www.thinkoutsidethebottle.org for more info.
- ◆ Check your closet to see what you don't use or need anymore and give it to others.

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Operation Rice Bowl *Jesus' Temptation*

In Luke's story of the temptations of Jesus we see how we can be tempted by wealth, power, and esteem just as He was. Lent calls us to focus on our faith life by living it in deeper ways. As we begin our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us pray and sacrifice so that through our faith life we can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.

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A Family Perspective

Jesus was led by the Spirit into "the wilderness." What is the wilderness to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Are there uncharted areas in your marriage or family you avoid? Lent is not about working on our agenda, but letting God work His agenda in us.

"Les Miserables" at Paul VI High School

This year, Paul VI High School will perform "Les Miserables" as its annual musical on February 26 & 27 with a dinner theatre prior to the show, and February 28th, March 4 & 6 as matinees. Tickets: \$10.00 each. To reserve tickets contact Nicole Estrella at nestrella@pvihs.org, or Sister Diana Higgins at dhiggins@pvihs.org.

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South Jersey Catholic Medical Association Communion Breakfast

The Annual Communion Breakfast sponsored by the South Jersey Medical Association will be held this year on Sunday, March 14th at 9:00 am at St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center in Blackwood. Bishop Galante will be the principal celebrant of the Mass preceding the breakfast.

The guest speaker will be Msgr. Richard LaVerghetta, Pastor of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Marlton, NJ. He will discuss, "The Personality of Prayer."

Registration should be sent to South Jersey Catholic Medical Association, 1845 Haddon Ave., Camden, NJ 08103. The fee is \$12.50 for members, and \$15.00 for non-members. The fee for children is \$9.00. For more information, call (856) 342-4125.

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Stewardship Reflection

Stewards Share Their Best

"Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given me..." (Deuteronomy 26:10a)

This simple line from the Old Testament presents us with two challenges. First, do we bring God our first fruits—the best that we have to offer? Second, do we remember that everything we have has been given to us by God? We brought nothing into this world and we can take nothing from it. Stewardship calls us to share the best we have been given.

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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, or email info@romero-center.org.