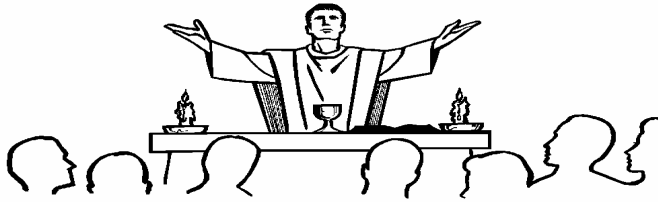




# Second Sunday of Lent



February 28, 2010



## Announced Masses

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
Mon.	03/01	8:00 am	Open
Tue.	03/02	8:00 am	Open
Wed.	03/03	8:00 am	George Shopa/Beverly Alberts
Thu.	03/04	8:00 am	Open
Fr.	03/05	8:00 am	Peter Donato, Sr. (birthday)/ loving daughter, Julie
Sat.	03/06	4:00 pm	Msgr. James Gaffney (4th ann.)/ Anne Rocanella
Sun.	03/07	10:30 am	Gemma DelVecchio/Steve & Beverly Moraca Kathryn Haines/Steve & Aaron Pipito Isabella Canzanese/Anita Quinn
		12:00 pm	Open

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**Beginning Sunday, April 11, 2010, our SUNDAY Mass Schedule will change. The schedule will be as follows:**

**9:00 am – SPANISH MASS**

**11:00 am – ENGLISH MASS**

**PLEASE NOTE: THE SATURDAY 4 PM MASS WILL STAY THE SAME.**

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**The People's Tithe**

**First Sunday of Lent: \$**

**Black & Indian Missions: \$**

*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, 2/28/10:

Rel. Education-English	9:15 am	School
Rel. Education-Spanish	10:45 am	School

#### Friday, 03/05/10:

Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm	Church
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### Operation Rice Bowl The Transfiguration

Jesus' transfiguration was a moment of hope for the disciples, giving them the strength to endure the future sacrifices they would make as they formed the early church. As we continue our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers and sisters in need.



**From the Deacon's Den**

"While he was still speaking,  
a cloud came and cast a shadow over them,  
and they became frightened when they entered the cloud.  
Then from the cloud came a voice that said,  
"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

In today's Gospel, Luke tells the story of the Transfiguration. Even though they had spent a lot of time with Jesus, we know that the apostles were not yet truly converted. In this story, Peter, John and James are given a direct revelation from the Father, confirming who Jesus is. They take the next step in their conversion, (and by no means is this the last step in that journey).

They did not get the Father's message until they were enveloped in a cloud which obscured their vision and frightened them.

It occurs to me that most of us "cradle Catholics" have our conversion experience in a similar manner. We have a casual acquaintance with Jesus until a real tragedy happens, when a shadow is cast over us. It is only then that we experience God's love in a tangible way. We actually hear His voice in the voices of others while we are in the cloud.

The first night of a meeting for a divorce support group is a re-enactment of the same conversion event the apostles endured at the top of the mountain. Tragedy has hit a man or woman, a shadow has been cast over them. They encounter Jesus in the faces of the facilitators and the other members of their new community. The same thing happens when a newcomer attends a 12 step program meeting for the first time. There is nothing but confusion and pain in their face. If they are willing to surrender to the discipline of the method (they say "it works if you work it"), in the end they will be grateful. Being engaged in ministry means it can be your face that consoles someone, that offers help, or just practices the ministry of "presence" by listening to someone's story of loss.

As we travel through Lent, keep in mind that we are a resurrection people. Good Friday is always followed by Easter Sunday. It happened that way last year, it will this year. Each tragedy is another opportunity to hear that voice coming out of the clouds. In the end we can truly say we are grateful people.

Deacon Tom

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**Family Perspective**

On the mountain the appearance of Jesus changed. It is common to show a different face outside our family. Only with those closest to us do we dare reveal our real selves. Love in families is based on mutual acceptance. It's the real thing.

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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.

**Town Hall Meeting**

A Town Hall Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 21st at St. Bart's at 9:00 am and Monday, March 22nd at St. Joan of Arc at 7:00 pm. All parishioners are welcome at both sites. This is the time and opportunity to ask questions and voice your concerns.

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**Camden Catholic Presents "Grease"**

Camden Catholic High School will present the musical "Grease" on March 19, 20, 26 & 27 at 7:30 pm, and March 21 & 28 at 2:00 pm. Tickets: \$10.00. Reserved seating available. For more information, visit [www.cchsarts.com](http://www.cchsarts.com).

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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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**Stewardship Reflection  
At Home in Stewardship**

He then said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (Genesis 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, he has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we show our stewardship to God for the home He has given us? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our finances to God, investing equally in our eternal home just as we invest in our current abode?

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**Concert for Haiti**

**Come ye all the nations, let's sing a praise unto His name.**

**Come out and celebrate an evening of great music.**

**Join us!**

**March 27, 2010 - 6:30 pm**

**St. Joan of Arc Church**

**Free will offering**

**Refreshments from 5-6:00 pm**

**All proceeds received will be for Haiti Relief from the parishes of St. Joan of Arc and**

**St. Bartholomew.**

**For more information, call (856) 962-8642 or Joyce Fletcher at (856) 495-2039**