



# LA PARROQUIA DEL SAGRADO CORAZON

## SACRED HEART PARISH GIAO X U THANH TAM PAROISIE AN CHROI NAOFA

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JANUARY 29, 2012, CANDLEMAS

*a people called to be a Christian community and to stand on the side of life with all the struggling people of Camden and the world. Gathering around God's table every Sunday, we celebrate that Christ is Risen and ultimately all is well.*

### CANDLEMAS

“At **Christmas** the light appeared to a few, at **Epiphany** to the whole world. And **now**, the light is placed into our very own hands.”



*Simeon said to Mary his mother: “This child is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed – and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword – so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare.”*

from Gospel of The Presentation

### THE HINGE OF THE YEAR

**February 2nd** is a day that Sacred Heart people are very fond of. Not everyone knows its significance but to us it is very special. In the Catholic churches it is Candlemas, 40 days after Christmas day—the completion of the Christmas season. It is the midway point between the winter solstice and the spring equinox—the hinge of the year. It's our turning point—one side of our face is shadowed with the darkness of winter, the other brightens to the coming spring. In pre-Christian times the Romans carried candles and torches to invite the spring. Thousands of years before that, farmers lit torches on this day to insure that the spring sun would come to make the crops grow. This is a very special day for everyone who loves the light and even for the ground hog poking over his shadow.

**The Hinge of the year;  
holding candles in church  
lighting up our breaths.**

Nick Virgilio

### JOHN BERNARD SIPPLE (1955 - 2012)

J.B., Barbara Dever's brother, was born in Carlisle, PA on February 15, 1955, the son of Mary Ellen Royer and John Bernard Breuer. Soon after his birth, his father disappeared and was never heard from again. Later, his mother married Harry Sipple and came with her children to live in Camden, NJ and there J.B. was raised. In his teens, he took an interest in cooking and spent almost a decade in study and training to become a chef. He worked as an executive chef in significant venues in several states. In 1991, a young woman from Georgia came to J.B. for a job and Charla got a husband. God blessed them with two children, Brittany and Spencer. In 2004, the family came to Connecticut, where J.B. was executive chef in the Darien Country Club. In the last years of the decade, the U.S. economy annually got worse and the road darkened terribly in front of the little family. Charla was stricken with cancer and J.B. lost his job. He sat beside his wife with terminal illness every day for four months. Charla died on January 2, 2011. She was one month short of her 44th birthday. For J.B., the road got darker. His unemployment ran out. He couldn't find a job. Then, he was afflicted with a disease of the esophagus. Couldn't eat. Lost 100 pounds. Lost his health insurance. Finally found a doctor to do a risky operation. Couldn't pay the rent. Deep depression since Charla died. Couldn't care adequately for his children, 19 and 16. Attempted suicide on December 19, 2011. Hospitalized with psychiatric care. No solution for him. On January 17, 2012, he died by his own hand. His children, Brittany and Spencer, both spoke heroically to the Sacred Heart congregation at his funeral here on Friday night while two urns, the ashes of mother and father, rested on a table beside them. The Easter candle flickered behind the table. “Too long a sacrifice,” says W.B. Yeats, “makes a stone of the heart,” but not so with John Bernard Sipple. His, too soft to go on. Eternal rest to him and Charla! Peace and healing forever! Unending sympathy to their dear children, Brittany and Spencer, and all the family!

### OUR JULIAN TURNS 16 TOMORROW!

Happy Birthday to **Julian Jaquez** and the best of blessings on his whole life! May that life be at least six times sixteen! He lives on Viola Street, graduated from Sacred Heart School and is now at Camden Catholic. He is a charming, generous and delightful young man! Julian, God bless your mother! God bless your father, too!



### CELTIC SPRING CONCERT 2012

is being set up as the Bulletin goes to press! More next week!

### FIRST FOOD SHARING DAY OF 2012!

It felt like New Year's Day with everyone wishing each other a Happy New Year! **Caroline Moody** read *Psalm 91* to center us and **Lolly Davis** prayed magnificently as always. **Theresa Weems** came up to sing with a profound request for everyone “to pray and pray daily!” Many thanks to all the volunteers! It was a great day!

### THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISÉ

Friday, February 3rd! The Blessing of the Throat Prayer: **Through the intercession of St. Blaisé, Bishop and Martyr, may God heal you from every evil of the throat and every other evil through Jesus Christ, Our Savior. Amen.**

### Masses for the Week

Sunday Masses: 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM  
Daily Mass: 8:15 AM in the rectory chapel.

**Jan. 30th** for *Mary Schaffer*

**Jan. 31st** **John Bosco**  
for *Helen Chico*

**Feb. 1st** **Brigid of Ireland**  
for *Eleanor Mezzacappa*

**Feb. 2nd** **Presentation of Jesus**  
(In Church) for *Joe Balzano*

**Feb. 3rd** **Blaise**  
for *Deceased Members of the Sisters of St. Joseph*

**Feb. 4th** for *Terry Kernan*  
*Thomas Noone*

**Mass** in Lourdes Chapel Saturday, 4 PM; Sunday, Noon for people on the east side of the parish who cannot get to Sacred Heart.

### WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

that they may be healed and comforted. This week, we especially remember: Justin Laurenzi, Mary Lou Kraemer, Jack Shannon, John Opacak, William Greenan, Kathleen Pierce, Dean Cucinotta, Brian Spence, Marie Warrington, Jim O'Donnell, Doris Cunningham, Mike Esola, Laura Lipetz, Cathy Hainesworth, Othmar Carli, Betzaida Ortiz, Tim Grabowski, Gus Marini, Tim Gooney, Josephine Sliwowski, Parris Dattilio, Gloria Orr, Russ Dinger, Stevie Liles, Tom Dunn, Pete Severns, Richard Dougherty, Rosa Ramirez, Richard Bookman, and Mark Dixon.

### WE PRAY FOR THE DEAD

especially those we knew, were privileged to love, and whose lives touched ours. This month we remember those who died and were buried from our church during the month of January: Michael Rossi, Margaret Mallon, William Antonick, Charles Labato, Josephine Bezich, Louise Stetch, Agnes Smith, John Dugan, Peter Del Grande, Harry Sipple, Joseph Balzano, Sr., Nicholas Virgilio, Blanche Koonz, Maria Guzzie, Valerie Parris, Josephine Lagocki, Frances Cabaniss, Andy Orsini, Alfred Castagnola, Helen Straub, Elizabeth Tanksley, Tillie Kazlacunas, Elizabeth Sweeney, Barbara Kelly, John Koonz, Marie McKenna, Bill Pallies, Eleanor Geibel, Mary Schaffer and Anjanea Williams.

### WE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS

who died and/or were buried from this Church since **February 2011**: Gene Luyster, Jeanette DiCarlantonio, Margaret Cummings, Joseph Gaus, Joseph Gavin, Jr., Bud Lavell, Tony Prete, Kathy Seelaus, Wilma Shrift, John Preisano, Patricia Jackson, and Joe Balzano.

### WE ESPECIALLY REMEMBER

**Mary Schaffer** died on January 30, 2008 - **four years ago** tomorrow! May she rest in peace!

### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK!

We pray for **Gabriel Mattia** baptized on January 31st at Sacred Heart Church, Camden, NJ; **Mary Moody Nuhn** baptized on February 4th at Sacred Heart Church, Camden, NJ.

### THE GIFTS OF JOE BALZANO CORNER

Joe died on October 19, 2011. (1933 - 2011) #19. He was a constant provider in countless ways for the Dominican Sisters in the Monastery on Haddon Avenue.



**7: 40 AM** - Monday to Friday at 418 Jasper across from the Sacred Heart driveway.

