

Armed Forces Day Mass and Flag Blessing Saint Joseph's Church, Camden, NJ

St. Joseph's History Society of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic (Polish) Church, Camden, NJ will honor active military personnel during the annual Armed Forces Day Mass at 10:30 AM on Sunday, May 18, 2014.

The names of active service men and women will be read and remembered in prayer during Mass. In addition, parishioners and friends are invited to bring the memorial flags of deceased loved ones who served in the military for a special blessing. To have an active service member remembered during Mass, please send the name and branch of the service to: stjhistory@yahoo.com.

Special guests and military representatives attending the ceremony will include a contingent of Sea Cadets attached to the *Battleship New Jersey*, the Marine Corp. League Color Guard, local Boy Scout troops, and several veterans organizations and service groups.

St. Joseph's is honored this year to welcome the participation of the *USS Olympia*, represented by the Independence Seaport Museum in Philadelphia. The *Olympia* served as the flagship of Adm. Dewey during the Spanish American War and transported the body of the Unknown Soldier from France to the United States in 1922.

A reception will follow the mass with light refreshments served. Military memorabilia of parishioners who served in the US Armed Forces will be on display. In addition, representatives from the *Battleship New Jersey* and the *USS Olympia* will provide information on the two historic warships.

For more information, please contact Grant Wilinski at 609-965-2614 or grantwilinski@comcast.net. St. Joseph's Church is located at 10th and Mechanic Sts. Camden, NJ. 08104. The church's webpage can be viewed at: <http://www.stjosephscamdennj.org/>