



After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from

the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:16-17

Readings for the Week of January 13, 2008

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Stewardship Reflections

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality." Acts 10:34
All are one in the body of Christ. Lord God, how can I share your love today?

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: When I am faced with the difficult need to change, how does my faith in Jesus strengthen me to begin anew?

Children: What can I do this week to start my day by focusing on God?



Catechists please note your appropriate level and gathering time and join us for some reflection and planning for the upcoming liturgical season of Lent. We will gather in the School Teachers Lounge on the main floor of our parish school.

Catechists leading Grades 1 & 3-8: Sunday, Jan. 20th at 11am.

Confirmation Catechists: Sunday, January 27th at 11am.

First Communion Catechists: Sunday, February 2nd, at 11am.

Classroom Gatherings: In January we will meet **only once** – today, Sunday, January 13th, due to the holiday weekend and Catholic Schools Week.

All 6th graders meet for their Liturgy Class on Thursday afternoons during the month of January from 4-5pm in the Church of St. Ann. This will **replace** their Jan. 13th class.

Confirmation pictures are in! Please pick them up in the parish office.

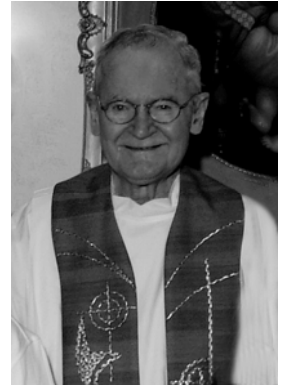
RCIA

A new Inquiry class will be beginning on Tuesday, January 15th at 7pm in the Parish Office. The Rite of Christian Initiation is for adults who have never been baptized, adults baptized in other Christian traditions and adults baptized as Catholics who have not received First Communion and Confirmation. If you have questions please call Kathleen McCabe at 978-281-4820.

Reflections by Father Bullock

Each of us has a role to play and a contribution to make in God's plan. No false humility, I'm no good, etc. There are things God wants us to do. Creation is like a gigantic, ongoing jigsaw puzzle with all sorts of little pieces to be fitted in. The pieces could be something we are called to without even realizing it; it can run from brain power to muscle power, from planning to executing, from directing to volunteering. God is saying I need a little piece here or there to fill this need, to complete this picture section.

We rail against the media for the violence it portrays; but the media also tells us of the little pieces that fill in the jigsaw puzzle even though they see no jigsaw puzzle to begin with. An article on the Red Cross told of their need for volunteers "when the fire engines leave, the Red Cross pulls up". Red Cross volunteers deal in the basics: a sandwich, a blanket, temporary lodging. Each volunteer is a piece of the puzzle, and what happens when the volunteers dwindle?



Nancy Mairs in "Ordinary Time" tells of working at a shelter in Arizona, Casa Maria, named after the Virgin of Guadalupe. Part of the clientele is mobile, but most (drug users, alcoholics, the chronically down and out) can't be sent to an employment office. Who would hire them? Who wants to spend more than 5 minutes with them? Who commits to those unable to make commitments – other pieces of the puzzle?

What it comes down to is the words of a Clancy Brothers song: "All God's creatures got a place in the choir. Some sing low and some sing higher. Some sing out loud on the telephone wire, and some just clap their hands or paws or anything they got!"

Just so, all God's children are pieces of the puzzle. Aware or unaware, all are part of the solution, God's solution. The minister in Flannery O'Connor's "The River" would lift up each baptized child and proclaim, "Now you count; now you really count." Unbelievable as it may seem, we really do count! To each person the manifestation of the spirit is given for the common good.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



We rejoice in the celebration of new life and are happy to announce the following baptisms which recently took place in our parish:

Morgan Grace Brady
Bianca Rochelle Bruni
Cole Patrick Costa
Joseph Andrew Gucciardi
Ryan Wesley Madruga
Chanel Grace Martin

Zachary Oscar Noble
Kiara Paulita Olson
Ryan Christopher Ouellette
Michael Thomas Salafia
Joshua Charles Smith
Darya Danielle Wnorowski

Health Care Ministry

The Health Care Ministry Team will meet Tuesday, January 22nd, at 7pm in the St. Ann School Faculty Room. Please call Anna Matturro at 978-281-4820 X 103 if you are unable to attend. Snow date, January 29th.

Week of Prayer For Christian Unity January 18-26, 2008

The Archdiocese Office of Ecumenical and Inter-religious Affairs and the Focolare Movement are sponsoring an Evening of Prayer For Christian Unity

When: January 25, 2008
Time: 7:30-9:30pm (followed by refreshments)
Where: St. Mary's Chapel at Boston College
Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA
Tel: 617-552-8200

All are invited to come together and, as St. Paul says, to: **"Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17)** for the gift of Unity among Christians and for those gifts which lead to Unity. CATHOLICS AND CHRISTIANS OF ALL DENOMINATIONS ARE WELCOME.

For further information contact: Del Wnorowski at 978-546-3141, dwnorowski@hotmail.com or Mary DeRosia at 617-558-1964, mderosia@verizon.net.

Food Pantry Needs

The St. Vincent de Paul Society needs your help! We are looking for the following items for our food pantry:

pancake mix
syrup
canned stews
juices

Donations may be placed in the receptacle in the church foyer. Thank you for your support.



ART AND ENVIRONMENT

The Art and Environment Committee will meet Thursday, January 17th at 7pm in the Parish Office.



Holy Family Parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations in memory of:

Capt. Thomas Favazza
Pauline Danish

Marjorie Mondello
John & Maria Favazza

Francis Ricci
Lois Couch

Erwin H. Ziemer, Jr.
John & Lee O'Leary

Christmas Flower Donation

The following donation was inadvertently left off the Christmas Flower Donation list:

In memory of Sam, John & Sal Curcuro & A.J.

We apologize for this omission.

Coffee and Donuts

Coffee & donuts will not be served at St. Joachim for the month of January. We will resume the first week of February.

Fresh coffee and donuts are being served **after Mass on Sundays at St. Ann Church** in the parish hall.



Last Chance for Raffle Tickets

Don't miss out! Few tickets remain for the Parish Raffle. Join us tonight, Jan. 13th, 5-7pm at the Gloucester House Restaurant for a cocktail party as we celebrate the third anniversary of the formation of Holy Family Parish. A total of eight cash prizes will be drawn including a \$10,000 grand prize. Tickets can be purchased in the office Sun., 8am-12pm, or by calling Mike Costello at 978-546-7140 or Martha Crowley at 978-283-1175



We commend into God's care our deceased brothers and sisters who were buried from our Parish recently:

Frances Ricci & Donald LeClaire

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Seacoast – Monday, January 14th, 3pm (Anointing Mass)
DenMar – Monday, January 21st, 3:30pm
Golden Living Center – Monday, January 28th, 3pm (Anointing Mass)

Host & Wine

The Host & Wine for January was donated in loving memory of:

Vincenza Cusumano

From Daughter Nina Groppo & Family



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