



*John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see*

*the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:32-34*

**Readings for the Week of January 20, 2008**

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34  
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18  
Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:20-21  
Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

"I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." Isaiah 6

In a world of darkness we crave the light of God. Lord God, how may I be your flame of love in this world today?

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Adults:** What can I do to become more comfortable and even bold in sharing my faith with others?

**Children:** What have I learned about Jesus that I can share with a friend or a member of my family?



**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. 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am.**

**Confirmation Catechists: Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 11am.**

**First Communion Catechists: Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am.**

**Classroom Gatherings:** Due to Martin Luther King Weekend, Catholic Schools Week, and Whole Parish Gathering, our next classroom gathering will be on Sunday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.

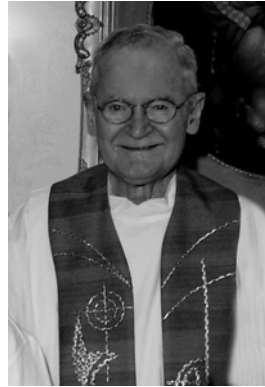
**All 6<sup>th</sup> graders** meet for their Liturgy Class on Thursday afternoons during the month of January from 4-5pm in the Church of St. Ann.

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders** who meet once per month need to meet the bus at 9am on Sat., Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> in front of St. Ann Church for their trip to the seminary.

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

**RCIA** 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. The next meeting is Monday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Office. If you have questions please call Kathleen McCabe at 978-281-4820.

## Reflections by Father Bullock



The background, John's whole life was a preparation for witnessing to Jesus. The comparison is to the old Israel in regard to the wilderness and the Jordan River. Yet twice in this reading John tells us he did not recognize Jesus. He had spent his whole life waiting. At first when He comes John does not recognize Him. But John does finally recognize Him – in doing of what he was called to do, what his very name signifies, in baptizing. When John the Baptizer baptizes Jesus, then he recognizes Him.

There is the possibility of lesson here – but one that may not be very welcome. An age of "doing what I want when I want" "of not being bound down" – an age when words like duty and obligation and accountability can be very heavy. And yet that is precisely what the reading may be trying to tell us.

It may be precisely in doing the things I have to do, in fulfilling my obligations before devoting myself to my pleasures that I will most clearly recognize Jesus. I may love history and hate math, but it is in struggling with the hated math that I may recognize Him. Cooking is fun but cleaning a drudge; yet the latter may be the path. Being a free spirit is exhilarating and completing the expected paper work may be a struggle, but the dividends will come with the latter.

Like John, our lives are – or should be – a continuing effort at recognition. Of course God is present in all circumstances and happenings: it is our blindness not His separateness that is the problem. But it is a thought and a consolation that accountability and fidelity to the humdrum and the daily may be a major pathway to Him

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**In Loving Memory**

We commend into God's care those who were buried from our Parish recently:

**Josephine Rallo**

**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.

**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.



**Holy Family Parish Raffle**

Close to 200 parishioners and friends of Holy Family Parish came together at the Gloucester House on January 13th for the second annual Parish Sweepstakes. Four local ladies shared the \$10,000 first-place ticket, but the real winner was Holy Family Parish, a beneficiary of about \$13,000 from the sale of the tickets and, even more importantly, the centerpiece of an evening of camaraderie and support on the third anniversary of the formation of the Parish. The winners in the raffle are as follows: Rosalie Orlando, Kathleen Giamanco, Pearl Parisi, Marie Parisi, Tom Paradis, Tom Unis, Christina Rhodes, Susan Sullivan, B. Campbell, Joe LeBlanc, Joe Mitchell, and Bruno & Barbara Kozel. The Women's Guild Raffle was won by Frank Lander. Raffle Co-chairs Michael Costello and Martha Crowley thank all of the sellers and buyers who made the drawing so successful. Holy Family Parish thanks Michael & Martha for all their hard work in coordinating this event.



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

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**Holy Spirit Prayer Group**

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 7pm in St. Joachim Church, Rockport. Questions? Call Louise 978-281-3645.



**Rosary**

The Rosary is being said Wednesday nights at 5pm in the Mother of Grace Club (48 Washington St., Glou.). Please join us!

**Eucharistic Adoration**

- Mondays - 7 to 9pm (St. Joachim Church)
7:30pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy
8pm - Rosary
Thursdays - 9:30am - 1:30pm
7 - 9pm (St. Joachim Church)

To sign up or for more info, call Angela 978-283-5701.

**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.



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