



*When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I*

*do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. - Jn 9:35-38*

**Readings for the Week of March 2, 2008**

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38  
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30  
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47  
 Friday: Wis 2: 1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53  
 Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

"While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." – John 9:5

As Disciples of Christ, let us follow Him as a light in the world. Loving God, may this Lenten season show me the way to be your light in the world.

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Adults:** How do I live in trust that God is leading me to a goodness I cannot yet see?

**Children:** What can I pray for this week?

**Religious Education**

Classroom gatherings will resume today, Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will not meet on Easter Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm, St. Ann Church.- our parish will have a Lenten Reconciliation service with individual confessions being heard.

**Students in Grades 5 & 6** are invited to participate in the next Grade Level Mass which will be at 9am in St. Joachim Church on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. If students are interested in singing, they are asked to call Patty Natti, 978-281-4134.

**5<sup>th</sup> graders** are asked to attend classes on Monday afternoons from 4-5pm in St. Ann Church. Classes are scheduled to meet Mondays: March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. These classes will focus on Liturgy. There will be NO Sunday morning class for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders during the month of March.

**Confirmation Students** will host a Soup and Bread Lenten Meal in the church hall on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> following the 4pm Mass. At 7:30pm the St. Patrick's Family Players will perform "Resurrection" a cantata/music drama. Each student is asked to bring along a pot of their family's favorite soup or chowder to share with both our community and the cantata performers. (Remember to label ingredients for those with food allergies.) Everyone is invited to share this incredible experience of forgiveness, love and joy.

**Parents of First Communion Students:** There will be a meeting for parents only on Tues, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in our parish school gym regarding the Sacrament and their reception of First Holy Communion.

**First Communion Retreat,** Saturday morning, March 29th from 9:30-Noon. We will gather in St. Ann Church.



Reflections by  
**Father Bullock**

Today's Gospel is one of the most dramatic stories in John, but he is more interested in making a point than telling a story. Like last week's Gospel of the meeting at the well, the point is baptismal. Last week, water was central – the sign of Jesus as the life-giving water Himself. This week water begins the story but does not dominate it. What does dominate it is what comes

from the watery gift – the growth in the recognition of who and what the gift is.

The story of the blind man is a story of growth that goes far deeper than the physical disease. The physical cure takes place quickly and early. The major part of the story is concerned with a much deeper growth – in the understanding of who it was who gave him the gift. The story is a sign of what faith should mean to us – a new way of seeing self, the world, and all that it contains. It is like putting on a pair of Christ-tinted spectacles. To the person of faith, all the world should look different. The gift of faith is a call to respond to this challenge.

"The Christian of tomorrow will either be a mystic, or will not be a mystic." This does not mean a St. Francis or a John of the Cross. It does mean the necessity of a deep, personal experience of God that springs from the depths of one's own existence and that flows into daily life.

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION  
SERVICE**

The Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated on Monday evening, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm at St. Ann Church. The evening will begin with a time for communal prayer and reflection and follow with an opportunity for individual confession.



**Catholic Appeal**

Next weekend, March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> will be Catholic Appeal Weekend here at Holy Family Parish. God calls each of us to share our gifts with others for the building up of his kingdom. Cardinal Sean is asking every Catholic household to participate in this year's 2008 Catholic Appeal, which funds the many programs and services of our Archdiocese of Boston. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish – so your participation and support are critical.

Cardinal Sean thanks all the families from Holy Family Parish that contributed \$30,502 to the 2007 Catholic Appeal. This year, our participation target is to have 294 households participating. Our financial goal is to raise \$35,500. If we exceed our financial goal, we will receive 20 percent of all funds raised above goal for use here at our parish. Please know that your participation counts and that all gifts matter.

We encourage you to take home an information packet from Mass this weekend so that you can prayerfully consider how you will participate. Those of you that gave to the Appeal last year should also receive a letter from Cardinal Sean. Please bring your completed pledge card and pledge envelopes to Holy Family Parish next week to place in the collection basket. Thank you.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### Memorials & Donations

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

#### Antonio Brancalone

Bob Donnellan  
Mr. & Mrs. John Willette

#### Denise DeChicco

Vita & John LeFavour

#### Capt. Michael Fontana

Godchild Kathleen Giacalone

#### Neil Mitchell

Vita & John LeFavour

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Onofrio & Angie Maggiore  
Kathleen Giacalone

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Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Linquata  
Onofrio & Angie Maggiore

Mary Ann Parisi

Nancy Parisi  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Pata  
Pauline (Catania) Pelosi  
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Silva

Eric Spear

### Divine Mercy Service

A Divine Mercy Service is planned for Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm. in St. Joachim Church. For more information, contact Angela Favaloro at 978 283-5701.



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

Kaitlin Doyle  
Robert W. Perkins

### Stations of the Cross

During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be held in St. Ann Church on Friday afternoons at 3pm.



### Living Stations of the Cross

A live re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross will be presented to the parish community on Palm Sunday evening, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in St. Ann Church. Please be sure to join us for this very touching and spiritual event.



### St. Ann School

St. Ann School is accepting registrations for the 2008-2009 school year. Visit our new website at [www.stannsschool.com](http://www.stannsschool.com) or call 978-283-3455 to schedule a visit

### Liturgic Committee

Liturgic Committee will meet Monday evening, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Office.

### St. Joseph Altar Blessings

Limited appointments are available for altar blessings on Sun., March 16<sup>th</sup> and Mon., March 17<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office to schedule an appointment.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Clothes Closet located in the basement of St. Ann School, corner of Prospect and Pleasant Streets, is open Wednesdays from 6-8pm and Saturdays from 10am-1pm. A mid-winter clearance sale is now being held through the month of March. Items of clothing for men, women and children include coats, jackets, ski pants, sweaters, and many quality accessories for the family wardrobe. Stop by and see what we have to offer. Through the efforts of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, proceeds benefit the everyday needs of families in our community.

### Food Pantry Needs

Pasta, Tuna Fish, Jelly, Juice, Canned Ham, Soup & Sauces

### 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 – 9pm (St. Joachim Church)**  
**7:30pm – Chapel 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.

### Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Den Mar – Communion Service, March 5<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am  
Seacoast – Mass, March 10<sup>th</sup> – 3pm (anointing)  
Golden Living Center – Mass, March 31<sup>st</sup> – 3pm

### Women's Guild News

The next Guild meeting will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall. A short business meeting will be followed by refreshments and an "Evening of Beauty" social. Come find out about new cosmetics and how to apply them. The ladies from CVS in Beverly will be there to show us how. All are welcome. If anyone is interested in becoming a member please come to the meeting or call Bea Ciaramitaro at 978-283-2691. Upcoming events include a cake sale before and after Masses on April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> and a fashion show on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### St. Patrick's Day Irish Dinner

The annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Dinner will be held Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the parish hall. Come for a traditional family style corn beef and cabbage dinner with soda bread and dessert. Music provided by the Docksiders. Come, wear your green, enjoy the music and dine on a hearty meal. Tickets can be purchased from Guild members, or at the church office. Cost is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Tickets will not be sold at the door so purchase them early!



### Health Care Ministry Team

The Health Care Ministry Team will meet Tues., March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the faculty room at St. Ann School. If you cannot attend please call Anna Maturro at 978-281-4820 x103.

### RCIA

RCIA will meet on Tuesday evening, March 4 at 7pm in the Parish Office.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

March 1, 2008 – March 9, 2008

<b>Saturday, March 1, 2007</b> 4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....	<b>Michael Fontana &amp; Marie &amp; Michael Fontana</b> From Wife & Children
<b>Sunday March 2, 2007</b> 8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....	<b>Samuel "Sam" Scola</b> Family
9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....	<b>Herbert O. Hultin</b> From Wife
10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....	<b>Paul Scuderi</b> From Family
11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....	<b>Pro Populo</b> From Family
<b>Monday, March 3, 2008</b> 9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....	<b>Arthur Munroe, Jr.</b> Sister MaryAnn
<b>Tuesday, March 4, 2008</b> 9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....	<b>Diane Vannah</b> From Mother
<b>Wednesday, March 5, 2008</b> 9 a.m. (St. Joachim)	
<b>Thursday, March 6, 2008</b> 9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....	<b>Herbert O. Hultin</b> From Family
<b>Friday, March 7, 2008</b> 9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....	<b>Guisepe Giordano</b> From Wife & Children
<b>Saturday, March 8, 2007</b> 4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....	<b>Kathleen Shutt</b> From Family
<b>Sunday March 9, 2007</b> 8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....	<b>Rosaria &amp; Giuseppe Cambria</b> From Wife
9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....	<b>Pro Populo</b>
10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....	<b>Paul Ciaramitaro, Jr.</b> From Mother
11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....	<b>Deacon Richard Gindel</b> From Family

## Lenten Regulations



Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their sixtieth year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only

one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

## Altar Server Training

Students, Grades 4 and older who are interested in being an Altar Server are invited to the instructional lessons on the following Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 in St. Joachim Church - March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Last Weekend's Collection

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Collection</u>
4 pm	180	1,390.88
8 am	125	1,716.00
9 am	120	988.00
10 am	195	1,688.50
11 am	169	1,470.70
	789	

<b>Weekly Offertory:</b>	<b>7,254.08</b>
<b>Office Offertory:</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>\$7,304.08</b>
<b>Holy Family Cevicos Missionary:</b>	<b>\$5,058.64</b>
<b>February 2007 average collection:</b>	<b>\$7,419.55</b>
<b>March 2007 average collection</b>	<b>\$7,091.69</b>

Next weeks second collection benefits St. Ann School.

*We appreciate your generous support!!*

## Easter Flower Envelopes

Easter flower envelopes are in the back of both worship sites. These envelopes are provided for you to make a donation for flowers in memory of loved ones.



### Host & Wine

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

**Bessie Tortorisi**

*From Family*



## Cursillo Ultreya

The Cape Ann Cursillo Community will be hosting their next Ultreya on Sat., March 8<sup>th</sup> at St. John Church hall in Essex, MA. There will be a pot luck supper following the 4pm Mass. The Ultreya will begin at 6pm. All are welcome and need not have been on a Cursillo Encounter weekend to attend. Please call Al Mitchell @ 978-281-0536 for more information.

## ⌚ Bulletin Deadline ⌚

Please have all items for submission to next week's bulletin in our office by noon on TUESDAY. Items submitted after that time will be considered for the following week.

## Tracking Contributions For Tax Reporting

One of the easiest ways to track your offertory contribution for tax reporting is to participate in the parish envelope system. If you are not receiving envelopes, please fill out the form below.



## Holy Family Parish Registration

If you wish to register as a member of Holy Family Parish, please print the following information and deposit in the offertory.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

We look forward to hearing from you!

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