Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." - Mt 28:5-7

Readings for the Week of March 23, 2008

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

The Resurrection of the Lord "….Do not be afraid! I know you are seeking Jesus the crucified." Matthew 28:5

We have nothing to fear when seeking the crucified Christ. Let us go forth and know that we will see him in Galilee. Loving God, give me courage as I seek you. Let not my fear become a stumbling stone.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: What can I point to in my own behavior as a sign of the power of Christ's resurrection working in my life.

Children: How can my faith in Jesus be of help to others?

RCIA

RCIA will meet Tuesday, March 25th at 7pm in the parish office.

Religious Education

First Communion Retreat: Saturday morning, March 29th from 9:30-Noon. We will gather in the parish hall. Each student must attend with a parent/guardian.

Home Schooling Families: Our next gathering is Thurs. April 3rd, 6:30-8pm in our parish office.

Our next **Grade Level Mass** hosted by Grades 1 & 9 will be on Sunday, April 6th at our 10am St. Ann Mass.

Retreat for Grade 9 Confirmation Students: Monday, April 7th, 5-9pm in our parish school.

Sister Pauline

Former principal of St. Ann High School

Sister M. Pauline (Dora) Chabot, 94, a Sister of Mercy for 68 years, died Friday, Feb. 29, 2008, after a long illness. Sr. Pauline was principal of St. Ann High School for 21 years. A memorial Mass will be celebrated in St. Ann Church on Saturday, March 29th at 10am. All are welcome.

Reflections by Father Bullock

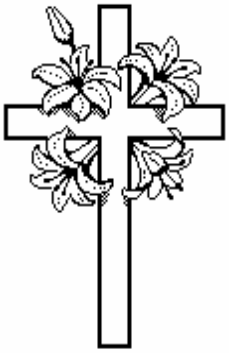
On December 1, 1862, almost half-way through his term of office, Abraham Lincoln stood before the Congress to deliver his Annual Message. It was a time of great stress; a war originally thought to be of brief duration had grown in intensity and uncertainty. It was a divided nation and an increasingly fractious North. Mid-way through his message, the major issue evolved – slavery. Lincoln had already decided upon the Emancipation Proclamation in his mind, but only revealed his thoughts in the last paragraphs of his message to Congress: "The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. We must think anew and act anew. We cannot escape history. The fiery trial through which we pass will light us down in honor or dishonor to the latest generation. We shall nobly save or meanly lose the last best hope of earth. The way is plain."

Those words of Lincoln may well resonate for us today. We must cling to what it means to be an Easter people, an Easter church. We can and must think anew and act anew – becoming a more open and participatory church. Wounds must be healed in so far as possible and far-sighted preparation replace the need of constant reaction. We are a church with untapped resources, and these must be mined to the best of our ability.

We have a right and a need to speak of Easter joy. We can for ourselves and the whole church kindle a light that will last to the latest generation. But, the joy of Easter cannot simply be claimed; it must be worked at and for. As Lincoln would say, "The way is plain."

From the Co-Pastors

"Christ has Risen, He is truly Risen," Our brothers and sisters in the Eastern Churches greet each other with this greeting during the Easter Season. This is the center of our faith, if Jesus had not risen we would be without hope. We do believe we are people of hope, we are a joyful people, ALLELUIA!!!



Holy Family Parish is a parish where we strive to help each one meet the risen Jesus by the way we live and by the way we celebrate through the year. We and the pastoral staff wish you the peace and hope of Easter.

Father Harrison and Father Gariboldi
Co-Pastors

Caution

Even though winter is coming to an end please be aware that the heating pipes on the inside of the pews may still become hot. Please be careful.

Divine Mercy Service

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

Memorials & Donations

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

Antonio Brancaleone

Rosetta Baldassano
Samuel Calamo
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Ciaramitaro
Rose Ciaramitaro
Sammy & Susie Favazza
Peter & Maria Giordano
Rosa (Vitale) Geomelos
Mr. & Mrs. Lillian LoGrasso
Rose Novello
Alerio Orlando
Rosandra & Salvatore Oliva
Catherine Randazza
Ruthie Ryan
Mr. & Mrs. Sebastiano Taormina
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Vitale

Amy Slocum

Margaret Cummings

In Sympathy

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

Elliot R. Julian
Russell T. Kennefick

Host & Wine

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

Bessie Tortorici

From Family

VBS

Please consider joining us as a team leader for this summer's VBS. The program is for children ages 5-12 and will be held the week of July 21st – 25th. Our theme this year is Friendship Trek, Jesus is our Friend Forever! We are looking for team leaders to lead crafts, games, music, story time, snack, decorations and opening and closing prayer. If you are interested in joining our team please come to a VBS meeting on Tuesday evening, April 1st from 6:30-7:30pm in the parish office.

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. 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 – 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.

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Golden Living Center – Mass, March 31st – 3pm

Mass Intentions

You may reserve Mass intentions for the second half of 2008 beginning at **10am Friday, May 9th**. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Please feel free to contact the parish office 978-281-4820 with any requests or questions at that time-***or better yet, stop and see us!***

Open Door

Three times a year, our parish is committed to sponsoring and serving a meal through the Open Door Program. Thurs. March 27th is our first date for 2008. Our next dates are May 15th & Sept. 18th. Thankfully we have sufficient funds from last year's collection to cover our March 27th meal. We will be asking for your generosity once more in the near future. Please come and join the Holy Family Book Club in the prep and serving at Open Door, Emerson Ave., on March 27th anytime between 1:30 & 5pm. For more information call Connie @ 978-525-2334.

St. Ann School

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

March 22, 2008 – March 30, 2008

Holy Saturday, March 22, 2008
8 p.m. (St. Ann Church) – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday March 23, 2008
8 a.m. (St. Ann Church)
9 a.m. (St. Joachim)
10 a.m. (St. Ann Church)
11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)

Monday, March 24, 2008
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)……..***Kerrin Kelly Nelson***
From Susan Richardson

Tuesday, March 25, 2008
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)……***Paige Taylor (Healing Intention)***
From Barbara Siergiewicz

Wednesday, March 26, 2008
9 a.m. (St. Joachim)……***Mary Casey Seed***
From Barbara Siergiewicz

Thursday, March 27, 2008
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)

Friday, March 28, 2008
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)……***Paul LeBlanc***
From Family

Saturday, March 29, 2008
4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).***Maria Santissima Annunziata of Trapeto***
From Nina Groppo

Sunday March 30, 2008
8 a.m. (St. Ann Church)……***Daivd M. Johnson***
From Mother, Father & Sister

9 a.m. (St. Joachim)……***Pro Populo***

10 a.m. (St. Ann Church)……***Sylvester Nowak***
From John & Judy Michalowicz

11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)……***Charles & John Morrison***
From Edwina MacDearmid

The Paschal Mystery

The resurrection is a mystery which we can never understand but only believe. This mystery takes us beyond all which is familiar to us – the very humus of ourselves – to a realm where God's glory and majesty and power lift us up to share in the new dignity of risen life. Easter is a celebration whereby we ourselves acknowledge who Christ really is – the one who shared in our humanity even to the point of accepting death, but who conquered death to raise us up to share in his life. This new life and dignity isn't something which can be measured or calculated or grasped. It is a freely given gift by the Divine One who has loved us from the beginning of creation, who breathed life into us, and who continues to beckon us to grow in the truth of who we are.

A Special Thank You!

The Holy Family Guild raised **$598.84** (after expenses) at this year's Irish Dinner! We thank the Guild for their continued efforts in support of our parish.

A special thank you to Virgilio's Bakery for supplying dinner rolls for the Lenten Soup Cantata. Your generosity is appreciated.

Last Weekend's Collection

Mass	Attendance	Collection
4 pm	305	2,063.75
8 am	225	1,709.00
9 am	187	1,334.00
10 am	520	2,254.75
11 am	266	1,351.65
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Weekly Offertory:	**8,713.15**
Office Offertory:	**379.00**
Total Offertory:	**$9,092.15**
March 2007 average collection	**$7,091.69**
Last Weeks Second Collection for St. Ann School	**$3,025.82**
Grand Annual Total (as of March 17th):	**$67,547.00**

This is 90.06% of our $75,000 goal.

Thank you for your continued support!!

Just a reminder that all monies collected at Easter throughout the Archdiocese will be used for retirement, medical, and/or financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese. Rising health care costs and less than expected investment returns have increased the levels of funding needed. We encourage you to give generously to this collection. All of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston thank you for supporting us in these challenging times!

2008 Catholic Appeal

Cardinal Sean wishes everyone at Holy Family Parish a Happy Easter. He also thanks everyone who has participated in the 2008 Catholic Appeal. These contributions fund the good works of our Archdiocese and will improve the lives of many in our faith community. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish. Cardinal Sean is inviting every Catholic household to participate. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the church. Please return your completed pledge/gift through the mail in the envelope provided in the information packet. For more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Thank you!

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.

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!