



"All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find

pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." - Jn 10:8-10

Readings for the Week of April 13, 2008

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
 Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others. See John 10:10

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: In what circumstances am I most likely to forget my value in God's eyes? What can I do to remember God's love?

Children: Do I realize that I am the fortunate sheep who is loved and guided by Jesus, my shepherd?

RCIA

RCIA will meet Tuesday, April 15th at 7pm in the parish office.

Whole Parish Catechesis

Our Whole Parish Catechesis event scheduled for Sat. April 26th has been cancelled.

Today is the last day of class for grades 1 through 8.

First Communion

We will celebrate the reception of First Communion on the following dates:

- ❖ **Saturday May 3rd - 4pm Mass at St. Ann**
- ❖ Rehearsal – Wed. April 30th 4-5pm at St. Ann
- ❖ **Sunday, May 4th - 11am Mass at St. Joachim**
- ❖ Rehearsal – Fri. May 2nd 4pm at St. Joachim

Help Beautify Your Parish Grounds



Have a green thumb? We're looking for people of all ages to help beautify our parish grounds. Call Martha Crowley at 978-283-1175 if you can help.

Anyone dividing their perennials, please consider donating some divisions. Thank you!

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!**

Reflections by Father Bullock



At many moments in our life we find ourselves waiting for a loving of God – a God whose love for us is unconditional, all enduring and comprehensive. We rejoice in this. Many of us grew up with a different idea of God and a different emphasis; God has not changed, but our understanding may have.

Because God's love is so central to our lives it is all the more important that we see this love for what it is. This is just a question, but is it possible that we can sometimes make this love into something that it is not, that we make it a covering, not a challenge. God will always love, so it really does not matter what I do; God is always going to love me! Is it possible that, unconsciously, we make God a co-dependent, covering up our addictions and failures and refusals, assuring us that we are all right? We are absolutely correct when we say that God loves us and always will. But if we think that means that it doesn't matter to God what we do or are, how hard we try, how many times we refuse to accept responsibility, we are wrong.

It is precisely because God loves us that it is all-important what we do. If you truly love someone what that person is or does is of real importance to you. A parent will dress a child; send that child back to wash its face, saying, "I want you to look your best." "It matters to me, because you matter to me." True love is tough love.

If this is true of human love how much truer must it be of divine love! In the childhood of humanity God dressed us in the greatest of human gift, our human nature, saying, "I want you to look good." When we came of age God gifted us with his laws of love, saying, "I want you to be good." Nothing about the beloved is unimportant to the true lover – whatever lessens the dignity of the loved one, leads the loved one astray, and mires the loved one in addiction, attachment, or patterns of evil is of supreme importance. A God of fear makes us toe the line; a God of love calls us to follow a way and to trudge a path that is up and down, dotted with obstacles, and sometimes bloodstained. A god of love does not cover over offenses with the putdown that is trivialization, but challenges us to overcome all that diminishes us, that threatens to lure or wrench us away from that love. True love cares and true vigilance involves the ceaseless effort to respond; to strive to measure up; to be the best we can!

Catholic Charities North's Spring Gala

Don't miss "**Spring Blossoms**," Catholic Charities North's 42nd annual Spring Gala, Thursday, May 1st 7-9:30pm at the Hawthorne Hotel in Salem. Discover the work of Catholic Charities North while enjoying the flavors of spring as it is celebrated around the globe. Proceeds from the gala allow Catholic Charities North to:

- ❖ Respond to the needs of the poor and working poor through the meeting of basic needs
- ❖ Develop family support and counseling services, as well as adult education and job training programs
- ❖ Assist immigrants and refugee families as they become participants in their communities

Tickets include a \$50 reception fee and a \$50 donation to support the work of Catholic Charities North, for a total of \$100 per guest. Tickets must be reserved ahead of time. Donations of any size are appreciated at any time. To reserve your ticket, make a donation, or inquire about the event, contact: Sarah Bartley, @781-593-2312 or e-mail sarah_bartley@ccb.org.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Memorials & Donations

Holy Family Parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations in memory of

**Rosalind Ballarin
Agostini**

Mother, Dad & Daughters

Antonio Brancaleone

Mr & Mrs Keith Richardson

Benjamin Chianciola

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Aiello
Felicia Aiello

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Asaro

Sam & Katy Ciolino

John Cusumano

Frances D'Amico

Grace & Vito Favaloro

Rosario & Millie Gentile

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Giacalone

Vincie Gounaris

Mr. & Mrs. James Interrante

Joanne Marques

Mrs. Augustine Piscitello

Mrs. Joseph Piscitello

Fena Souza

Margaret Strescino

Claudia & Harry Thompson

George McFarland

Margaret Strescino

Pamela Dennis

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Aiello

Nina (Verga) Francis

Vito, Mark &

Tonianne Piscitello

Bill & Mary Rubino

Augustine Piscitello

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Aiello

Simone Sanfilippo

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Aiello

Mr & Mrs Massimo Ballarin

Mr & Mrs Vincent Barna

Mr & Mrs John Carollo

Mr & Mrs Anthony Ciolino

Mr & Mrs Joseph Ciolino

Sam & Katy Ciolino

Salvatore Cracchiolo & Family

Pauline Danish

Margaret Favazza

Mr & Mrs Carlo LaRocca

Mr & Mrs Sylvester Maniscalco

Mr & Mrs Joseph Mannino

Alfred & Frances Piscitello

Vito, Mark &

Tonianne Piscitello

Mary Russo

Vincenza Saputo

Joe & Nancy Virgilio

Cape Ann Food Pantry

Empty Bowl Dinner

Thursday May 8th 4-8pm

Cruiseport Gloucester

Join us for an evening of food and hospitality. Park your car at Good Harbor Beach and enjoy a complimentary trolley car ride along the backshore to the event site. For a minimum donation of \$12 you may choose a handmade bowl crafted by artisans from the community and fill it with delicious soup. The meal is simple---soup, bread and a cookie, but the message goes home with your bowl as a reminder that somewhere someone's bowl is always empty. For more information call 978-283-6776, e-mail: info@foodpantry.org, or visit www.capeannfoodpantry.org.



Parish Calendar

Please send in your calendar requests for July 2008 through June 2009. The dates are subject to availability of space. Thank you for your help in moving us toward an organized parish calendar!

Youth Ministry

Students in grades 6-8 are welcome to join us for an evening of fun and faith in the school gym, Sat., April 19th 6:30-8pm. We will continue to meet the first and third Saturday of every month. Please bring a snack or drink for all to enjoy.

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

Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Crackers, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pancake mix, Pancake syrup

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)

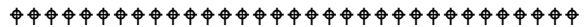
7:30pm – Chaplet of Divine Mercy

8pm – Rosary

Thursdays 9:30am – 1:30pm

7 – 9pm (St. Joachim Church)

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

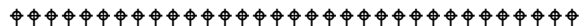


Host & Wine

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

**Joseph D. D'Amico &
Lt. Frank A. D'Amico**

From Family



**In
Sympathy**

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

*Benjamin Chianciola Pamela Dennis
John Rutledge, Jr. Simone Sanfilippo*

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

Shaw's Receipt Program

St. Ann School is still collecting receipts for the Shaw's Receipt Program. To date, we have collected \$2500 due to your generous participation. Thank you and please continue your support by dropping off Shaw's receipts at the church.

Mass Intentions
April 12, 2008 – April 20, 2008

- Saturday, April 12, 2008**
4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Samuel & Sandy Curcuro**
From Family
- Sunday April 13, 2008**
8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Rosemary Pascucci Stewart**
From Andrea Ramus
- 9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Pro Populo**
- 10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Salvatore Lentini**
From Family
- 11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Katy & George Warde**
From Family
- Monday, April 14, 2008**
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)
- Tuesday, April 15, 2008**
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Joanne Bertolino**
From Mother
- Wednesday, April 16, 2008**
9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Col. Peter J. Foss**
From Family
- Thursday, April 17, 2008**
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Rev. Myron F. Bullock**
- Friday, April 18, 2008**
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)
- Saturday, April 19, 2008**
4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Stephen Russo**
From Wife & Children
- Sunday April 20, 2008**
8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Lorenzo & Jennie Lee Scola**
From Family
- 9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Pro Populo**
- 10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Joseph & Providenza Parisi**
From Family
- 11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Pro Populo**

**Bi-Lingual Sacramental
Celebration**

The first bi-lingual (Portuguese) sacramental celebration will take place today, Sunday, April 13th at 10am in St. Ann Church. We welcome Fr. Pedro Damazio and the Brazilian community as we celebrate together the completion of the sacrament of initiation for Johayne Miranda, Sthefanny Ventura de Oliveira, and Joao Victor Ramalho.

Brazilian Mass

A Mass in Portuguese for our Brazilian Community will be offered every Monday evening at 7:30pm in St. Ann Church

Nursing Home Schedule

- Seacoast** – Communion Service Monday April 14th at 3pm
DenMar – Communion Service Monday April 21st at 3:30pm
Golden Living Center – Monday April 28th at 3pm

Last Weekend's Collection

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Collection</u>
4 pm	210	1,715.20
8 am	150	1,466.05
9 am	185	1,510.30
10 am	480	2,462.49
11 am	141	793.50
	1,166	
Weekly Offertory:		7,947.54
Office Offertory:		165.00
Total Offertory:		\$8,112.54
March 2007 average collection		\$7,091.69
Grand Annual Total (as of March 25th):		\$68,597.00
		This is 91.46% of our \$75,000 goal.

Your generous support is truly appreciated!!

Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all supporters of the 2008 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$14,887 from 100 households, reaching 41.9% our parish goal of \$35,500 If you have not yet pledged, please consider a gift today and help us meet our goal. Remember, our parish will receive 25% of all funds we raise above our goal. Please remember to make your pledge now even if you plan on fulfilling that pledge towards the end of the year. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the church to be mailed in, or for more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Every gift matters. Thank you!

Women's Guild



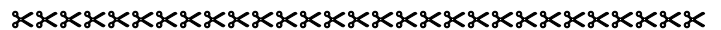
The Holy Family Parish Women's Guild will hold a bake sale after each Mass this weekend. Please support these energetic women in their efforts by purchasing a delicious baked good!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

MARRIED COUPLES: It's spring training time. Play ball with your spouse and sign up to hit a home run! The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in New England are April 25-27 and June 20-22. For more information call Ray & Beth Ginepro at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwmeMA.org.

🕒🕒 **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!