



**"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'" - Mt. 18:15-16**

**Readings for the Week of September 7, 2008**

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20  
Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16,18-23 or 1:18-23  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38  
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49  
Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

**Stewardship:** Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"

**"Each of us must become the change we seek in the world." (Gandhi)**

A pregnant woman who is homeless. An unemployed father who has no money for food to feed his family or to pay the rent. A woman paying \$400 a month for an apartment the size of a walk-in closet with no kitchen or bathroom. A family that has no money to pay for medicine for a child. A woman living in a basement who awakens one morning to find two feet of water in her apartment and her meager belongings ruined. A family wearing winter coats to bed at night because they cannot afford to keep the heat on for the whole day. These and many others are the faces of poverty in Gloucester and Rockport. Faces shrouded in obscurity and invisible to most of us.

The greatest sin in the world today is *erasing the poor*. Hiding them away and neglecting the poor because they represent our failure to care for the most vulnerable in our society and our community.

You and I can read the gospel and think of what we read as pertaining to another time and place. But the struggles described in the gospel are all around us. The Gospel of Jesus Christ tells stories and gives descriptions of the oppression of the poor. But it also heralds the redemption there is in doing the right thing. Doing the just thing. Scripture and Catholic Social teaching has always proclaimed that poverty is contrary to the will of God. Poverty is a social creation and it begs our humanity to question if our own excesses hurt the poor.

Fortunately, Holy Family Parish casts a bright light on the shadow life of the poor. For decades, the parishes of Cape Ann have cared for those who cannot care for themselves. The St. Vincent de Paul Society in our worship community had been your eyes, and ears, and hands working in our community to bring dignity to those who carry a heavier burden of suffering than the rest of us. They do the ministry for you and me. They deliver the food for us. They bring the clothing that is needed. They relieve the fears of eviction. And they do all of this and much more for you and me in the name of Jesus Christ. We can be proud of them and we can be proud of ourselves for supporting the critical ministry they do for us.

The economic forecast for the coming year is bleak and it fills the

poor with fear. Heating oil, gasoline, food, clothing, housing and necessities of life will cost much more this year. For you and me it will be difficult. For poor families it will be devastating. It is what some call a *poverty tax* which means poor families will have to struggle with the same burdens we will but they will be expected to face those burdens with less. And I believe that what that disparity means is that in our society and community the lives of some are not as valuable as the lives of others. It means the poor matter less. And I also believe that the idea that some lives matter less is what is wrong in the world today. How can a person ask for himself what he refuses to give to another? If we hope to receive mercy in heaven we must give mercy on earth.

Human mercy has compassion for the miseries of the poor. In this life God feels cold and hunger when the poor are cold and hungry. It was Christ who said *I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. (Mt. 25)*. So when the poor are starving, Christ is starving. When a poor family needs something, Christ needs something. When a poor person is thirsty, Christ is thirsty. When a poor person is sick, Christ is sick. In short, the gospel of Jesus Christ tells you and me not to neglect the poor because we will be neglecting Christ. Someone once wrote that God gives but He does not share. He leaves that to you and me.

The men and women volunteers of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will go out in the cold this winter to help the needy for you and me. They will be our redemption. They will not neglect Christ. They will be the gospel for you and me.

Pope John Paul II said that "the poor are the sacred image of God" and so when you and I care for the poor or when we make them *more* and not *less* I believe that we are standing on *sacred ground*.

Thank you people of Holy Family Parish for always standing up for the poor and the helpless and the vulnerable in our community. Thank you for your generous support of our parish's ministry to the poor. May God fill your own lives with His joy and blessings. And may the peace of Christ continue to disturb you and me always.

**Deacon Bill Kane**

**THE ARISE CORNER**



Next weekend is Sign Up Weekend when we launch ARISE Together in Christ here at Holy Family. Again we ask you to check out the information included in this week's Bulletin. There is a Sign Up Card for you to review and, we hope, select the day and time you would like to participate in a small sharing group. For 6 weeks the groups will meet to read and discuss the Mass readings for the coming week. These discussions will not only make the Mass more meaningful, they will reveal God to you in new ways. That's a treasure worth seeking. Check out the list of reasons for joining a faith sharing group and see if you don't find several that speak to you.

**REMEMBER:** Bring your completed sign up card with you to church next weekend – the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of September. The first meeting of the small groups will be the week of October 5<sup>th</sup>. And thank you for praying for the success of ARISE.

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*September 6<sup>th</sup> – September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008*

- Saturday, September 6, 2008**  
4 p.m. (St. Ann).....**Joseph & Stephanie Capone**  
From Family
- Sunday September 7, 2008**  
8 a.m. (St. Ann).....**William Budrow**  
From Wife & Children
- 9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Pietro & Valentina Favazza**  
From Mr. & Mrs. Alfonzo Millefoglie
- 10 a.m. (Stage Fort Park).....**Parish Picnic.**  
Anointing Mass
- 11 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**No Mass Scheduled**
- Monday, September 8, 2008**  
9 a.m. (St. Ann).....**Feast of the Mother of Grace Club**
- Tuesday, September 9, 2008**  
9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Lonnie Tranos**  
From Mary Susan
- Wednesday, September 10, 2008**  
9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Peter Coley**  
From Sarah Gindel
- Thursday, September 11, 2008**  
9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Joanne Bertolino & Dianne Vannah**  
From Mother
- Friday, September 12, 2008**  
9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Vincenza Cusumano**  
From Daughter Nina Groppo & Family
- Saturday, September 13, 2008**  
4 p.m. (St. Ann).....**Capt. Antonino Romeo**  
From Wife & Children
- Sunday September 14, 2008**  
8 a.m. (St. Ann).....**Pro Populo**
- 9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Ernest Medico**  
From Wife
- 10 a.m. (St. Ann).....**Deceased Members of the Karem & Sallah Families**  
From Family
- 11 a.m. (St. Joachim)

**Nursing Home Mass Schedule**

Seacoast: Monday, Sept. 8 – 3pm  
Den Mar: Monday, Sept. 15 – 3:30pm  
Golden Living Center: Monday, Sept. 22 – 3pm  
Health Care Ministry Team will meet Tuesday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at St. Ann School faculty room. If you are unable to attend, please notify the office at 978-281-4820.



Religious Education classes will be starting up soon. If you would like to register please contact our office by phone, 978-281-4820 or e-mail below for more information. We are very excited about our program and its new time options. **In order to better serve our families we are looking for more catechists.** If you would like to

learn more about becoming a Catechist for grades 1-10 please call Dawn at 978-281-4820 ext.119 or e-mail [dalves@hollyfamilycapeann.org](mailto:dalves@hollyfamilycapeann.org).

**Holy Family Prayer Group**

The Holy Family Prayer Group meets **Thursdays at 7pm in St. Joachim Church, Rockport.** For all interested, the Rosary is said at 6:30pm. Questions? Call Louise 978-281-3645.



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

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| <b>Rosalia Cilluffo</b><br>Joanne & John Senos                                     | <b>Angela LoGrasso cont.</b><br>Eleanora Mortillaro<br>Phyllis Quince                                    |
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| Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Ferrara<br>Mr. & Mrs. John Gallo<br>Mr. & Mrs. Pietro Maniaci | <b>Catrina Mayo</b><br>Pietro & Sara Maniaci   |

**Host & Wine**  
*The Host & Wine for August was donated in loving memory of:*  
**McTigue & Geraghty Families**  
*From Pat & Richie Geraghty*



**We commend into God's care  
Angela LoGrasso & Jack Reilly  
who were buried from our Parish  
recently.**

**Action, Inc. – Fuel Assistance**

The Action Fuel Assistance Program is available to qualified households November 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009. Gross yearly income limits are \$20,800.00 for a single person, \$28,000.00 for a two-person household, \$35,200.00 for three-persons, \$42,400.00 for four persons and \$49,600.00 for a five-person household. The Fuel Assistance Program covers all types of heating fuel and, for homeowners only, may cover heating system repairs and replacement as well as summertime cleanings. Discounts for natural gas, heating oil, electricity and telephone service are also available. For renters and homeowners, energy efficiency education and building weatherization retrofit are available and may include sealing out cold air infiltration, installation of insulation, replacement of electrically inefficient refrigerators and installation of compact fluorescent light bulbs. Action's goals are to teach clients how to conserve energy, lower utility bills and to assist them in those processes. Please call 978-281-3900 for more information



Holy Family Parish extends its deepest appreciation to Martha Crowley and the grounds committee for their continued efforts beautifying the parish grounds. The flower gardens they have planted and maintained look spectacular!! **Thank You!!!**

**St. Ann School PTO Craft Fair**

There are still a few tables left for St. Ann School PTO Craft Fair being held on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-2pm. Please call the school at 978-283-3455 for more information.



## Eucharistic Adoration

**Mondays**  
 7 – 9pm (St. Joachim Church)  
 7:30pm – Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
 8pm – Rosary

**Thursdays**  
 9:30am – 12:30pm  
 To sign up or for more info,  
 call Angela 978-283-5701.

## RCIA

### Ready for the Next step?

- ❖ Do you want to know more about the Catholic Church?
- ❖ Were you baptized a Catholic but did not receive first Eucharist and Confirmation?
- ❖ Do you want more meaning, understanding, and knowledge about what life in Jesus is all about?
- ❖ Do you want to become a Catholic?

Find out about.....

### The Rite of Christian Initiation For Adults (RCIA)

Sessions are starting September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Holy Family Parish Office. Call Fr. Gariboldi at 978-281-4820 for more information. All sessions are conducted in an informal, relaxed manner with respect for questions and each individual.

## Women's Guild

The annual Guild Penny Sale will be held September 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm in the parish hall. There will be 5 rounds of prizes, such as Gift Certificates, novelties, toys, baked goods, a 50/50 raffle and a food concession. Helen Downey is the contact person, please call Helen at 978-283-7391 for what is needed for prizes. All donations are greatly appreciated.

The Guild is still selling cookbooks after all Masses. The cookbooks make wonderful gifts and have many yummy recipes. Cost is \$10.00.

Ladies looking for a fun night out once a month, who like to be involved in events to help raise money for the Parish, or who like to meet new friends or see old friends, come to our next meeting, no obligation to join. Call Bea at 978-283-2691 for information. New members are always welcome.

## Mother of Grace Club

The Rosary is being held at the Mother of Grace Club, 48 Washington St., Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm and 7pm. There will also be a High Mass on Mon. Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am at St. Ann Church. On Fri. Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> the Cosmo Quartette will perform from 6pm-10pm; Sat. Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> the Jimmy Geary Band will perform from 6pm-10pm. On Sun. Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm there will be a Benediction Service followed by the annual procession and band concert. Please come celebrate The Mother of Grace Feast with us. Everyone is welcome.

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Adults:** How do I manage conflict in my family or workplace? Do I first approach the "offender" face to face or is gossip my initial reaction?

**Children:** What do I do when I feel hurt by a relative or a friend? Can I ask Jesus to help me deal with the situation?

## Bible Study Group

Our Parish Bible Study will resume on Monday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm in the parish office. We will meet for the next 4 Mondays, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>. We will not meet during the 6 weeks of the Arise Program, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>-Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. Call Connie for more information, 978-525-2334.

## Last Weekend's Collection

Mass	Attendance	Collection
4 pm	201	1,904.45
5:30 pm	120	827.00
7:30 am	116	862.26
8 am	205	1,617.00
9 am	189	1,307.60
10am	155	1,047.29
11 am	227	1,286.35
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**Weekly Offertory:** \$8,851.95  
**August Weekly EFT Contributions:** \$602.93  
**Office Offertory:** \$697.00  
**Total Offertory:** \$10,151.88  
**August, 2007 average collection:** \$10,211.80  
**Next Weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection supports Catholic University**

## Grand Annual Campaign

As of Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, our total raised was **\$32,757**. This is 43.68% of our goal of **\$75,000**. Once again, we want to thank those who have contributed thus far to this year's campaign. We received an additional 6 responses this week.

After the campaign's first few weeks we are optimistic that we can reach our goal. While we still have a long way to go, this is a positive start. The success of this campaign allows us to continue our many ministries and programs. These ministries define what the parish is and will be. Your help is critical as Holy Family moves forward. We hope everyone will consider a contribution and give what they can.

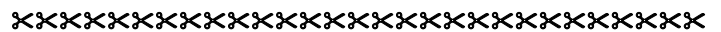
All Grand Annual contributions are tax deductible and stay within the Holy Family community. As always, please know that your generous support of time, treasure, or talent is essential to the life of Holy Family and **is most appreciated**

## Parish Pay

We wish to thank those who have signed up for automated giving through ParishPay. This is an alternative means of support for our parish instead of through envelopes or the weekly collection. You don't have to remember to bring a check or cash each week. Instead, you authorize donations to be made via your checking, savings, or credit card account. There is no cost to participate. Additional information and sign up sheets can be found at each worship site. You can also call our office (978-281-4820) or visit our website ([www.holyfamilycapeann.org](http://www.holyfamilycapeann.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