



"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world

that he gave his only Son, so he who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn. 3:14-16

Readings for the Week of September 14, 2008

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Stewardship: Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul. "While we live, we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die, we die as His servants." See Romans 14:7-9

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: To what extent do I try to join the trials and sufferings of my life to those of Jesus?

Children: When I see a crucifix or picture of Jesus on the cross, do I say a prayer of thanks to him for loving me that much?

THE ARISE CORNER



Today is the day to Sign Up for the first season of ARISE at all of the Masses. The small faith sharing groups will start the week of October 5th and will meet weekly for 6 weeks through the week of November 9th. Please seriously consider joining a group. You will experience much joy in your own personal faith journey and in building unity with other members of your group.

If you did not bring your completed card with you today or need to fill out a new Sign-up card, you will have the opportunity to do so during Mass this weekend. Cards will be distributed and you will have a few minutes to fill one out. Or, you may drop off or mail a completed card to the Parish Office BY September 15th. This is a significant time for our parish. Keep ARISE in your prayers.

"Growing old is not for sissies..."

You have all read that our elderly, shut-in and nursing home residents are an active part of our parish family.

Their Ministry is primarily one of prayer. They pray for our Co-Pastors, staff and all in our faith community. Currently, they also pray for the success of the ARISE program which will strengthen and revitalize our Holy Family Parish. A few have looked forward to 'telephone ministry' - making and receiving calls from someone who is also home-bound. Some have participated in our 'prayer shawl ministry' which is temporarily on hold since we have several on hand.

We invite and encourage the elderly, especially our nursing home residents to minister to one another. They can do this by supporting, listening and being a compassionate presence. These residents are in a unique position to understand each other's concerns, fears, pains and frustrations. They also have more time to share one another's memories and life stories. They are not afraid to ask important questions..." How do you feel.....really feel?"; "What worries you?"; "What do you still want/need to do?" And the ever pressing questions pertaining to life and death....and how a person still finds purpose and meaning no matter how old or the condition of one's body or mind. Still more talk about the hope and promise of Eternal Life. What a rich rewarding wisdom time it can be!

I reflect on people living at home alone and wonder if I really listen....do I listen with my heart as well as my head? How sensitive am I to their needs....to words and feelings of those trying hard to keep their independence and stay in current living conditions.....who often smile all the while hiding the agony of their pain and loneliness? How can I console someone living with family who feels they are a terrible burden and how can I listen to family members in the midst of 24/7 care? These are just a few questions I ask myself as well as the members of this team ministry. Our reward comes from knowing that we bring God's Presence and Word and our love and caring to people who are valued and precious just as they are.

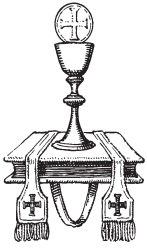
A few of the lessons they have taught me...
-The importance of religious beliefs...knowing God is always present...suffering with and strengthening along the way.
-To reflect on relationships beginning with "God and I", then extending to family and friends.
-To simplify and slow down.
-To age with Grace and Dignity in spite of often hearing the comment that "growing old is not for sissies."
Thank you for this and so much more!

Anna Maturro, Chaplain, NACC
Coordinator of Pastoral Health Care Ministry



Coffee & Donuts

There will be coffee and donuts again at the Rockport Community House following the 9am Mass, starting September 28th. If you would like to volunteer to serve the coffee hour, please contact Jean Dugan at 978-283-9256.



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 knowl-
 edge 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 23rd at The Holy Family
 Parish Office. Call Fr. Gariboldi at 978-281-4820 for more
 information. All sessions are conducted in an informal, re-
 laxed manner with respect for questions and each individ-
 ual.

Women's Guild

The annual Guild Penny Sale will be held September 20th, 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 dona-
 tions are greatly appreciated.

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.

Up coming events for October: At our monthly meeting, October
 7th at 7pm in the parish hall - we will have a guest speaker the
 topic will be Women's Faith. The Harvest Fair October 18th in the
 parish hall. The Guild will have a theme table called "Grandma's
 Attic. Stop and have a walk down Memory Lane. Italian Night,
 October 25th, 6pm in the parish hall. Enjoy a night with the North
 Shore Acappella, a great Italian buffet and a cash bar of beer &
 wine. tickets are \$20.00. Call Bea Ciaramitaro for more informa-
 tion, 978-283-2691.

Madonna del Rosario Meeting

The Madonna del Rosario Society members will hold a meeting
 Saturday, Sept. 27th at 1:30 in the parish hall. All members are
 urged to attend. Refreshments and Bingo will follow the meeting.

Parish Pay

Our numbers continue to increase. Thanks to all 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 dona-
 tions to be made via your checking, savings, or credit card ac-
 count. 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).

Last Weekend's Collection

Mass	Attendance	Collection
4 pm	240	1,813.58
8 am	155	1,304.00
9 am	181	1,685.00
10am	325	1,625.10
	901	

Weekly Offertory:	\$6,427.68
Septembert Weekly EFT Contributions:	\$766.17
Office Offertory:	<u>\$766.00</u>
Total Offertory:	\$7,959.85
September 2007 average collection:	\$9,547.72
St. Ann School:	\$2,407.25
Today's 2 nd Collection supports Catholic University	

Financial Summary

5 Weekends in August 2008

Offertory:	\$45,154.15
EFT Contributions (30 Participants):	<u>\$3,014.65</u>
Total Offertory:	\$48,168.80

Average Weekly Offertory: \$9,633.76

4 Weekends in August 2007

Total Offertory: \$40,847.22

Average Weekly Offertory: \$10,211.80

Grand Annual Campaign

As of Tuesday, September 9th, our total raised was **\$35,952.00**.
 This is 47.94% 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 18 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**

⓪⓪ Bulletin Deadline ⓪⓪

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.

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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!