



“The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done,

my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’” – Mt. 25:20-21

Readings for the Week of November 16, 2008
 Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
 Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44
 Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40
 Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26,28/Mt 25:31-46

Stewardship: Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today’s Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God.

Congratulations

to our students who will be celebrating the
Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend

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| Emily Ackerman | Mark Goyetche | Caulin Rogers |
| Arica Aiello | Victoria Hilshey | Michelle Rogers |
| Carylann Aiello | Kristina Hodgkins | Michael Russo |
| Nicholas Aiello | Aaron Horne | Julia Sanfilippo |
| Daniel Allen | Kevin Hurd | Samantha Sanfilippo |
| Brandon Ashwell | Kyle Hurd | Hana Sargent |
| Joseph Avila | Geoffrey Kennedy | Hayley Sargent |
| Alexander Ballarin | Zachary Kennedy | Kathleen Sargent |
| Joshiah Bedrosian | Kelsey Keough | Samuel Scatterday |
| Zachary Bettencourt | Nicole Lane | Caterina Scuderi |
| Catarina Brancaleone* | Nicholas Laurie | Michael Sharamitaro |
| Alex Caffi | Alexandra Levie | Marisa Silva |
| Matthew Catarino | Kathryn Martin | Kara Smith |
| Benjamin Chianciola | Melodey Mathews | McKenzie Sonia |
| Emily R. Collins | Sabrina McCarthy | Molly Sonia |
| Emily Collins | Andrew Mizzoni | Moria Souza |
| Tyler Conigliari | Michael Mortillaro | Eric Story |
| Mary Conlon | Stephen Murray | Evan Sutherland |
| Mary Curran | Lauren Palazola | Jenna Svensson |
| Tyler Devlin | Alexis Palazzolo | Meredith Swan |
| William Dixon | David Peters | Madison Symes |
| Brian Enos | Joanna Peters | Alexandra Szytrykler |
| Christian Favalora | Colby Polisson | Nicholas Taormina |
| Kevin Fini | Josephine Provost | Salvatore Taormina |
| Derek Frashure | Jacklyn Puccio | Drew White |
| Marc Giacalone | Christopher Quinlan | Shelly Salvi-Souza* |
| | James Rich | |

*Adult Confirmandi

Holiday Season

By Deacon Dan Dunn

When Abraham Lincoln set aside the last Thursday in November as a day to give thanks to God for all of our many blessings and Franklin Roosevelt later declared the fourth Thursday in November to be a national holiday for Thanksgiving, they probably were not aware that this day would come to be known as the start of the holiday season. For some, the holiday season has become too commercial, too busy and too long. For others, it’s not long enough. But for most of us, the pace of life during the holiday season is hectic and certainly different than during the rest of the year.

The true spirit of the holiday season is not a time solely for shopping, decorating or partying but rather a time to pause and reflect on who we are and what we have been given. Each year we recall that Christianity is a process of receiving and passing along in love. In other words, this season is a time to begin again the practice of Christianity in our lives.

The holiday season includes the celebration of Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year along with the tradition of Advent as a period of preparation for Christmas. It is the one time in the year that it is socially acceptable, if not expected, to be more patient, generous and forgiving in our dealings with one another. Let this season be a time for storytelling and sharing with others what the birth and life of Jesus has meant in your life, and how the practice of your faith has formed who you are. How can we best prepare to celebrate the holiday season? Simply by remembering to include 1) prayer, 2) care and 3) share in our lives at this busy time of year.

Happy Holidays!

THE ARISE CORNER



CONGRATULATIONS!! to all the Leaders and participants who have made Season One of ARISE such a success. The joy and enthusiasm emanating from the 23 Small Faith Sharing Groups have been contagious. All Groups want to stay together and continue to meet in the 2nd Season. We hope they will be joined by many more people who want to learn how to Love Christ and one another better by putting His Word into practice in our everyday lives.

Here are some of the beautiful experiences that people have shared from this Season One:

**The small groups have allowed me to get to know more people who I have seen in Church but did not know. We all have been very supportive of one another when we share our feelings or impressions on the Scripture passage that we read at each meeting.

**The suggestions given to us in the Booklet, on what actions we may take or how we may try to live the Gospel over the next week, have really helped me to reach out to others in situations where I would have never done so in the past—and doing so has been a very rewarding experience for me.

So if you want to join a Group for Season Two, called “**Change Our Hearts**”, pick up a Sign-Up Card from the rear of the Church and drop it off at the Office or put it in the collection basket. There will be an official Sign Up Sunday in early February. Season Two begins the week of February 22nd and continues for 6 weeks. Let’s keep praying for on-going enrichment from ARISE for our parish.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY

Mass Intentions

November 15th – November 23rd, 2008

Saturday, November 15, 2008

4 p.m. (St. Ann).....*Rosalía & Enzo Giambanco*
From Children & Grandchildren

Sunday, November 16, 2008

8 a.m. (St. Ann)...*Anthony, Stephanie, Joseph & Grace Piraino*
From Family

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

10 a.m. (St. Ann).....*Confirmation*

11 a.m. (St. Joachim).....*Jay Harrington*
From Family

Monday, November 17, 2008

9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....*Peter Scola*
From Wife

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....*Herb Hultin*
From Family

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....*Antonio Favazza*
From Daughter Caterina

Thursday, November 20, 2008

9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....*John & Mary Walsh*
From Son

Friday, November 21, 2008

9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....*Maureen Wade*
From Edward Wade

Saturday, November 22, 2008

4 p.m. (St. Ann).....*Pietro & Rosaria Cannavo*
From Antonino Cannavo & Family

Sunday, November 23, 2008

8 a.m. (St. Ann).....*Salvatore & Grace Parisi*
From Family

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

10 a.m. (St. Ann).....*Giovanni & Francesca Orso Maggiore*
From Son Onofrio

11 a.m. (St. Joachim).....*Seamus Densmore*
From Family

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

DenMar—Monday, Nov. 17th at 3:30pm Anointings
Golden Living Center: Monday, Nov. 24th at 3pm

Religious Education

Our next **Whole Parish Faith Formation** event is scheduled for November 23rd. All of the children in grades 1-5 are reminded to bring their crowns to the 10am Mass which begins this event. Everyone is invited to bring along a food item for our parish St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.

First Communion Parent Meeting

On Monday evening, November 17th we will have a meeting for the parents of students who are preparing for the sacrament of First Eucharist regarding the sacrament of Reconciliation. This meeting will take place in our parish hall at 7pm. It is an adult conversation, children need not attend.

Questions Of The Week

Adults: How am I sharing my faith, time and the gifts that God has entrusted to me with my family, friends and coworkers?

Children: How do I share my gifts with my friends and classmates in order to help them?



Host & Wine

*The Host & Wine
for November
was donated in
loving memory of
Emery & Jeanette SantaPaul &
Dorothy Halffman*

Mass Intentions 2009

Mass Intentions for January through June 2009 are now being accepted by calling 978-281-4820 or stopping by the office.

Youth Choir

Preparation for Christmas

The Holy Family Parish Youth Choir has started to prepare music for Christmas celebrations. Youth wanting to join the choir for the Christmas season are invited to come to our practices on Monday's from 6pm – 7pm at St Ann Church. Presently the group is made up of young people from grade 2 – grade 9.

Advent Christmas Concert

December 7, 2008 the Holy Family Choir will perform its fourth Advent/Christmas Concert. The music has been selected to embrace this holy season and to bring us closer to the arrival of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Our choir members have been very busy preparing for this joyous occasion and look forward to your presence. Our newly organized Children's Choir will also grace this year's concert with their celestial voices. This year's concert will once again feature the Bell Choir bringing us more of their festive music. The Music Ministry Program is so excited about this upcoming Advent/Christmas Concert. Please come to St. Ann Church on Sunday, Dec. 7th at 2pm and share in this holy seasonal event. We look forward to seeing you!

Pastoral Health Care Team

The Pastoral Health Care Team will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 18th at 7pm in the faculty room of St. Ann School. Please be on time. Call the office at 978-281-4820 if you cannot make this meeting

Lectors Workbooks

Lectors: The new workbooks for 2009 have come in and are available in the sacristies of both St. Ann and St. Joachim churches. Please be sure to pick up your copy in the next several weeks. The new cycle of readings begins the weekend of November 29/30. We continue to encourage all Lectors at Holy Family Parish to use this important resource in your weekly preparation for proclaiming God's Word.



Rest in Peace

We commend
Into God's care
Sally Brown & Treasa Lynn Sheehan
who were buried
from our parish recently.

Thanksgiving for Seniors

Parishioners of Holy Family will host a Thanksgiving dinner for the seniors of Cape Ann on Wednesday, Nov. 26th at 12 noon at the Gloucester Elks Lodge, Atlantic Rd. For reservations, transportation, or meal deliveries, please call the parish office by Sunday, Nov. 23rd at 978-281-4820.

The sign-up sheets are in the back of the church. Will those of you who are willing to volunteer for food or services, please leave your name and phone number on the sheets.

We are providing pans for the squash, sweet potatoes, stuffing, and mashed potatoes that will fit into our chafing dishes. You may pick these up when you sign up.

Thank you for your overwhelming support for this senior dinner. We are always amazed at what a cooperative group of volunteers we have every year. The seniors have always expressed their gratitude for providing such an enjoyable day. They appreciate the food and the company of their friends.

Holy Family Women's Guild News

The Guild Christmas party will be December 2nd at 6pm in the parish hall. The cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for guests. The meal will be from the Gloucester House. Each member is asked to bring a \$5 gift donation for St. Vincent de Paul. Please note this is RSVP and a final count must be given no later than November 28th. Please call Bea or any officer to RSVP. Please note there will not be a meeting in January.

Dues are being collected for the 2008-2009 year. Please check with the treasurer to see if you are paid up for the year. Dues are \$10.00; the year runs from August 2008 to July 2009. New members are always welcome.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair is November 22nd. This year's theme is "Winter Wonderland." This is a great time for young and old. Come and do your Christmas shopping. There will be an international food table, craft tables, raffles, a baby boutique, a Chinese raffle, baked goods, and a food concession, just to name a few items. Mark your calendar and bring the whole family to a Winter Wonderland!

We need 100+ generous parishioners who will each be willing to make a beautiful theme basket (approximate value \$25.00) for our Wheel of Fortune game. The table needs baskets for adults as well as baskets for children (toys, games, puzzles, winter wear, etc.). The fair is a major fundraiser for our parish and it is vital to have everyone's help. Baskets can be brought to the church hall on Friday, November 21st. We will have a couple of new features this year—rounds where just the kids can play and rounds for \$2.00 with a more generous basket. Please call Jeanne at 978-281-1915 if you have any questions.

Bingo

There will be no Bingo on Friday, November 21st due to the Christmas Fair.

Action, Inc. – Fuel Assistance

The Action Fuel Assistance Program is available to qualified households November 1st, 2008 through April 30th, 2009. Gross yearly income limits are \$27,876.00 for a single person, \$36,454.00 for a two-person household, \$45,031.00 for three persons, \$53,608.00 for four persons and \$62,186.00 for a five-person household. Call 978-281-3900 for more information.

Quilt Raffle

Raffle tickets are available in the parish office for a quilt to be raffled off to benefit the Holy Family Parish Mission to Cevicos, Dominican Republic. The quilt measures 48"x48"; it is sky blue and sunshine yellow and would make a beautiful decorative or baby quilt. The winning ticket will be drawn on January 6, Three Kings Day. For more information or tickets, please contact Jean Dugan at 978-283-9256.

Last Weekend's Collection

Mass	Attendance	Collection
4 pm	220	1,901.70
8 am	210	1,586.50
9 am	177	1,783.25
10am	270	1,341.41
11am	141	1,020.71
	1,018	

Weekly Offertory:	\$7,633.57
November EFT Contributions (5 Weeks):	\$786.93
Office Offertory:	\$280.00
Total Offertory:	\$8,700.50
November 2007 average collection:	\$8,958.12
Last Week's 2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul	\$9,530.56
Next Week's 2nd collection: Campaign for Human Development	

Thank you for your generous contributions!!

Grand Annual News

As of Tuesday afternoon, November 11th our total raised was \$50,301.00. This is 67.07% of our \$75,000 goal.

With an additional 3 responses coming in this week **we have achieved 2/3 of our goal**. We are most grateful to all of you who have contributed thus far to this year's campaign. If you have yet to participate, we hope you consider a contribution and give what you can. Remember, all Grand Annual contributions are tax-deductible, stay within Holy Family Parish, and will be used to meet local needs. **We appreciate your donation!**

Parish Pay

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 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).

Are you leaving Gloucester for a time this winter? Would you like to continue to support your parish while you are away? How about signing up for ParishPay? Your support will be a great help to the Holy Family Community.

🕒 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.

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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: _____
