

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, CAPE ANN, MASSACHUSETTS



Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

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Readings for the Week of March 21, 2010
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11 or 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14---23:56 or 23:1-49

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Stewardship: "For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." ~ Philipians 3:8

Learning to see our material possessions as just so much rubbish is an important step in growing closer to Jesus Christ. Then we are able to give more freely and joyfully.

Religious Education

Saturday, March 27th is the last gathering for the Middle School Students who meet after the 4pm Mass.

Sunday, March 28th (Palm Sunday) is the last gathering for Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 who meet in our Parish School.

Registrations for next year will go home with the students and are due back July 1st.

First Communion Retreat is on Saturday, March 27th, 1-3pm in the school gym. Please bring sacramental pictures which include students to be used for their banners.

Good Friday Walk: Confirmation Students looking for a great community service opportunity can participate in the North Shore's 31st Annual Good Friday Walk to be held on April 2nd. Proceeds go to assist North Shore families in need of emergency funds to pay for housing, utilities and other necessities of life. For more information and sponsor sheets visit www.goodfridaywalk.org or call Alan Battistelli at 978.927.5847.

Staying Connected

Hopefully by now everyone's home has electricity, rooftops are being repaired and cellars are drying out! After observing a number of downed trees, my nephew asked me "Auntie Dawn, how come the storm took so many trees down but I see so many Christmas ornaments still hanging on trees. How come they didn't blow off?" An interesting observation on his part and one that also made me somewhat amazed. As I thought about those Christmas bulbs still in tact, I thought it must be the connection; someone had to knot them on very securely.

While I tried to explain this to him, I decided the best way was to talk about the love God has for all people. Regardless of the storms we face in life, God is always attached to us. It does not matter who we are, where we live, what religion we practice, there is always God who loves us infinitely. We wondered together about the circumstances for which the Christmas bulbs were hung. I explained that sometimes there are accidents along the highway and it is a way for loved ones to be remembered and to continue to celebrate the holidays with them, kind of like going to the cemetery. Also some just love what Christmas means ~ Christ coming into the world to teach us the true meaning of what the gift of love means.

Later that evening I thought more about that conversation and realized the beauty of our Sacramental life within our church. We do indeed come up against a number of storms in our lives. By celebrating the sacraments we are "reconnected" or reminded in a different way about the commitment or initial way God has knotted us to God's own self. Each year I am sure individuals revisit the sites to "tighten" the connection and hang some new Christmas bulbs. Eventually everyone's life will come to an end and we will miss them. Death is never easy to accept, but we must go on with our lives. Our sacraments help this to be possible. During this season of Lent "tighten" your connection, celebrate the healing love of God through the sacrament of Reconciliation and continue to celebrate the Eucharist on the Lords day.

This spring my nephew will celebrate his First Communion, and in the fall his sister will celebrate Confirmation. We will also celebrate a family wedding in the spring and I am sure life will take its toll on someone we know and we will celebrate their funeral Mass. This is what we do as a faith community to tighten our connection to God, but make no mistake about it, we are knotted to God forever. May you remember God's love each time you see those Christmas bulbs on your travels!

Dawn Alves
Faith Formation Director

God so loved
the world



Arise Corner



Our journey through Lent and through the six weeks of ARISE was designed to lead us to a new life in Christ. God always hungers to pour out his Spirit on us so that we can live fully the life for which we were created.

In **Ezekiel 36:24-28** we hear again of God's promises to us—a **New Heart, a New Spirit**, that we will be his people and he will be our God. It is a time for rejoicing and claiming anew the graces of God freely poured out on us.

Let us celebrate the gifts we have been given by sharing our Good News with others, and remembering the grace of forgiveness and reconciliation that we all have received. Let us be more and more the "disciples of Christ" that our baptism calls us to be.



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



**March 20th—
March 28th, 2010**

Saturday, March 20

4pm (St. Ann).....**Capt. Salvatore & Josephine Santuccio and
Capt. Stephen & Catherine Demetri and family**
From Daughter Kathleen

Sunday, March 21

8am (St. Ann).....**Anthony "Jike" Parisi**
From Family
9am (St. Joachim).....**Pro Populo**
10am (St. Ann).....**Capt. Michael Lovasco & Lena Lovasco**
From Family
11am (St. Joachim).....**Paul LeBlanc**
From Family

7:00pm(St. Ann) (Mass in Portuguese)

Monday, March 22

9am (St. Joachim)

Tuesday, March 23

9am (St. Joachim)

Wednesday, March 24

9am (St. Joachim)

Thursday, March 25

9am (St. Joachim)

Friday, March 26

9am (St. Joachim)

Saturday, March 27

4pm (St. Ann).....**Frank Aloï**
From Wife

Sunday, March 28

8am (St. Ann).....**Pro Populo**
9am (St. Joachim).....**Charles Seed**
From Family
10am (St. Ann).....**Joseph P. Orlando, Jr.**
From Family
11am (St. Joachim).....**Francesco & Grazia LoCoco**
From Son & Family

7:00pm (St. Ann) (Mass in Portuguese)

Nursing Home Masses

*Golden Living Center ~ Monday, March 29th at 3pm

*Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Eucharist

Health Care Ministry Team

The 6th Annual Gathering for Pastoral Visitors takes place April 24th, 9am-12pm at the Pastoral Center, Braintree. Topic: "Bereavement: Companions on the journey." Registration required—fee is \$10. Call or e-mail Anna if you are interested in attending, 978.281.4820 or Annamatturro@verizon.net.



Host & Wine
The Host & Wine for
March were donated
In loving memory of

~**Paul Brancaleone and Paul LeBlanc**~
From **María & Richard Theriault**

Memorials & Donations

Holy Family Parish gratefully acknowledges
donations received in memory of:

Austin W. Connors, Jr.

Bertha Clancy

Anthony & Ann Moceri

Margaret Driscoll

Charles & Marianne

Nicastro

Mildred Garland

Betty Interrante

Paul Salah

Regina & David Girard

Linda & Richie Martin

Mrs. Caye Stawinsky

Holy Family Prayer Group

The Holy Family Prayer Group resumes **Thursdays at 7pm in St. Joachim Church, Rockport**. For all interested, the Rosary is said at 6:30pm.

Prayer Shawl Knitting:

A Ministry of Love and Connection



A gathering of parishioners who would like to participate in knitting, prayer, conversation, and coffee ~ call and leave your name and telephone number at the office. You will be contacted in a few weeks and scheduling will be worked out among group members.

St. Vincent de Paul

Thank You

Thank you for your response to our need for bureaus. It is amazing how such a small thing can make a difference in a persons daily life!

Food Pantry

The following items are needed for the SVDP food pantry: Canned soups & vegetables, boxed potatoes, crackers, baked beans, juice, macaroni & cheese, tomato sauce, peanut butter and jelly.

Palm Sunday Procession

There will be a special Palm Sunday procession at the 9am Mass at St. Joachim. This will begin outside weather permitting; in case of bad weather the procession will begin in the Church. There will also be a special Palm Sunday procession at the 10am Mass at St. Ann with the procession beginning on the side of the church near the ramp. In case of inclement weather the procession will begin in the Parish Hall.



Holy Thursday April 1st
Mass of The Lord's Supper
7pm ~ St. Ann

Good Friday April 2nd
Celebration of the Lord's Passion
3pm ~ St. Joachim
7pm ~ St. Ann

Holy Saturday April 3rd ~ Easter Vigil
7:30pm ~ St. Ann

Easter Sunday April 4th
8am ~ St. Ann
9am ~ St. Joachim
10am ~ St. Ann
11am ~ St. Joachim
7pm ~ St. Ann (Mass in Portuguese)

The Light is On For You

Please Come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent ~ The Church encourages all Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Lent. In addition to our normal Saturday afternoon confession time, St. Ann Church and St. Joachim Church of Holy Family Parish, together with all the churches of the Archdiocese of Boston, will be open on **Lenten Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm**. Please take advantage of this opportunity to make a good Lenten confession. Please also reach out to the Catholics you know that have been away from the regular practice of our faith and invite them to seize this chance to begin again. The Archdiocese's website for this initiative, www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org, has great material to help everyone prepare to make a good confession. St. Anthony Chapel in East Gloucester remains closed for the winter months and will not be open for Wednesday night confessions.



Save The Date

On Friday, May 7th, St. Ann School will celebrate 125 years of Catholic Education. The Gala event "**125 Years of Forevill**" will take place at Cruiseport Gloucester from 6:30-11:30pm. Tickets are on sale in the school office. Please call 978.283.3455 to reserve your place at the table.

St. Ann School Raffle

St. Ann School is conducting a cash raffle which will be drawn at the GALA. 400 tickets will be sold for a top prize of \$5,000! Tickets are \$50 each and are available at the school. Please call for details, 978.283.3455.



Altar Server Training

Training has begun for students grades 4 and older who are interested in being an Altar Server. Please call the Parish Office to register or for more information.

Legion of Mary Stations of the Cross

The Legion of Mary will be leading Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 3pm in St. Ann Church.

Book Bags for Cevicos

The first shipment of book bags was taken on the last mission trip in January 2010 and distributed to elementary-age students. We are finishing up our second winter working on this project and we would like to thank all the parishioners who have donated fabric, Spanish books, school supplies and time. Over 200 bags have been finished. The group meets Tuesday mornings through the winter and newcomers are always welcome. We continue to need fabric, thread, and Spanish children's books. For more information contact Liz Wood at 978-546-7260.



Paschal Candles

Anyone wishing to make a memorial donation in memory of a loved one to help purchase the Paschal Candles used at St. Ann and St. Joachim Churches please contact the office.

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Mass	Attendance	Collection
4pm	205	\$1,683.26
8am	90	701.50
9am	89	495.92
10am	160	718.65
11am	155	698.50
	<u>699</u>	

Weekly Offertory:	\$4,297.83
March EFT Contributions (4 Weeks):	1,180.75
Office Offertory:	930.00
Total Offertory:	<u>\$6,408.58</u>
March 2009 average collection:	\$8,240.94
Grand Annual: (108.87% of Goal!)	\$81,654.87
St. Ann School Collection:	

A special thanks to those who weathered the storm and came to Mass this weekend!!!

Catholic Appeal

During this season of Lent, God calls us to renew our faith, deepen our relationship with Christ, and share our many gifts with others. Christ has set the example as the perfect Steward: "For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." The Catholic Appeal is one way all of us can support the mission of Christ's Church in the 144 cities and towns of our Archdiocese. Please be thankful, intentional, and prayerful as you make a pledge to this year's Appeal. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the Church. For more information, please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org.

Easter Flower Envelopes



Easter flower envelopes are in the back of both worship sites. These envelopes are provided for you to make a donation for flowers in memory of loved ones.

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April 10th and 11th, after all the Masses at both worship sites, the Women's Guild will have a Bake Sale. Pick up that special desert for Sunday dinner, or cookies for the kids school lunches or snacks. We will need volunteers to cover the Masses please let Helen know if you can help out.

€ € Bulletin Deadline € €

Please have all items for submission to the March 28th bulletin in our office by noon on Tuesday, March 23rd. 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!!