



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Readings for the Week of January 4, 2009

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22---4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19---5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11/Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Stewardship: The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

Questions Of The Week

Adults: Where has the light of faith led me over the past year?

Children: When I look at the stars, what do I most appreciate about God?



Regular Sunday and small faith community classes will resume February 1st.

Celebrating Baptism



We rejoice in the celebration of new life and are happy to announce the following baptisms which recently took place in our parish:

Thelmo John Borges, Donovan Paradis Brush, Caleb Anthony Christo, Patrick Francis Connors, Anthony William Doucette, Paul Alan Dundin, Pascal Sebastian Fishburn, Annabella Lacey Florentino, Taryn Ryan Hensley, Colin Brian McDermott, Dominic John Noto, Abigail Marie Richard, Megan Patricia Sheehan, Andrew John Smith, Halia Ivanna Taylor, Maximus Alexander Thibeault, Justin Colby Tocco, Emma Catherine Wilt, and Morgan Mae Wilt

Blessings in 2009
By Deacon Dan Dunn

Today we celebrate our response to the gift of God in our lives. Whether we call that celebration Epiphany or Little Christmas or the Twelfth Day of Christmas or the Arrival of the Magi, it refers to our journey to find Jesus alive in our lives. For some of us, the journey may seem to take us round and round in circles never quite sure that Jesus is alive in our lives. For others, we know that He is there but we are not sure where. Like the Wise Men who met Him in Bethlehem and lived a life of faith afterwards, we meet God during significant turning points in our lives and then our faith in Him sustains us during the ordinary times. God alone is able to sustain us during unexpected serious events like the morning of September 11, 2001, learning of a serious illness of ourselves or a loved one or experiencing the death of a friend. The work of Epiphany is recalling the times when God was obviously present in our lives, so that today we can respond with the proper prayer for the feast of Epiphany, Thank you, Lord!

I remember wondering why Almighty God would even desire to hear my meager expression of gratitude. I now realize that His desire for my gratitude was for my own good. If I am grateful, I cannot be ungrateful, which is a description of the original sin of pride. Adam and Eve were ungrateful for what they had been given. They wanted more. It's hard to believe that in a couple of months, two years will have passed since Father Bullock died. That means that since that day in April 2007 there have been over 700 opportunities to thank God for the glory of His creation today. Let's strive in the new year to take advantage of every opportunity. Happy New Year and thanks to God for His continued blessings in 2009.

The Arise Corner

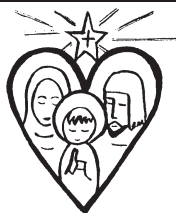


A Group Member's Comment on Season One:

"The questions asked at the end of each meeting on how we can put into practice the main point of the Scripture reading have caused me to really try to live the Gospel everyday."

Season Two **ARISE: Change our Hearts**, begins the week of February 22, 2009 and continues through Lent. If you were unable to participate in Season One, please join us for the next exciting 6 week Season. Sign-up cards are available in the back of the churches. Official Sign Up Weekend will be January 31-February 1.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



**Mass Intentions
January 3rd, 2000 –
January 11th, 2009**

Saturday, January 3, 2009
4 p.m. (St. Ann).....**Capt. Salvatore & Mary Nicastro and
James & Sara Nicastro**
From Family

Sunday, January 4, 2009
8 a.m. (St. Ann).....**Pro Populo**

9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Dr. Cameron Msumba**
From Loving Daughter Victoria & Family

10 a.m. (St. Ann).....**Giacomo Favazza**
From Caterina Puglisi

11 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Salvatore Randazza, Jr.**
From Karen & George Jonaitis

Monday, January 5, 2009
9 a.m. (St. Joachim)..... **> UW _ ' 8 Ð 5 b h c b] c**
From Mary Ellen Burke

Tuesday, January 6, 2009
9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**William Day**
From John & Joan Walsh

Wednesday, January 7, 2009
9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Laurence Gilgun**
From John & Joan Walsh

Thursday, January 8, 2009
9 a.m.(St. Joachim).....**Virginia Keating**

Friday, January 9, 2009
9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Shirley Faretra & Diane**
From The Doucette's

Saturday, January 10, 2009
4 p.m. (St. Ann).....**All Parish Volunteers**

Sunday January 11, 2009
8 a.m. (St. Ann).....**Jerome J. Frontiero**
From Wife Caterina & Family

9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Francis Kaminsky**
From Wife Ellie

10 a.m. (St. Ann).....**Angela A. Vitale and
(Anointing Mass) Grandfather Nicola Vitale**
From Family

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

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Seacoast: Monday, January 12th—3pm
DenMar: Monday, January 19th—3:30pm
Golden Living Center: Monday, January 26th—3pm

**Pastoral Health Care
Ministry Team**

Afternoon of Prayer: Arise and Walk with Christ
January 25th, Our Lady's in Lynnfield, 1:30-3:30pm. Call or e-mail
Anna Maturro we can plan to carpool. Weather permitting.



Host & Wine

*The Host & Wine
for January
was donated in
loving memory of*

Antonio Brancaleone
From Joseph & Grace Brancaleone

Charismatic Prayer Group

A Charismatic Prayer Group meets at St. Joachim Church on
Thursday evenings from 7-8pm. The Rosary is said at 6:30pm.
Join us!



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deceased brothers and sisters
who were buried from our Parish recently;:*

**Marcello Gordon
Salvatore P. Lovasco**



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

<p>Wilfred Beaulieu Al & Paula Bolcome</p> <p>John B. Curcuro Vito & Rosemarie Asaro Al & Paula Bolcome Pauline Danish Vincie Gounaris Mr. & Mrs. Walter McGrath Marion & Dexter Murray Mr. & Mrs. Michael Valaskatgis</p> <p>Antonio Favazza Mr. & Mrs. Vito Ciaramitaro</p>	<p>Salvatore Gucciard Mr. & Mrs. Vito Ciaramitaro</p> <p>Capt. Salvatore P. Lovasco Mrs. Antonina Brancaleone Pauline Danish Carmella Frontiero Vincie Gounaris Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Linquatam Mr. & Mrs. Alfonzo Millefoglie Cathy & Donny Nicastro Mary Verga</p>
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Attention Parish Volunteers

Without the assistance of volunteers, the parish pastoral staff
would not be able to carry out the many ministries which enable
the gospel to be preached and lived in Holy Family Parish.
To give thanks for all of you, the parish staff is inviting all volun-
teers to a special Mass in your honor on Saturday January 10th, at
4pm, followed by light refreshments in the parish hall. Please join
us!

Catholic Charities Needs Your Help

Help your Cape Ann neighbors by providing a donation to the local Catholic Charities Gloucester Office for basic needs—food, utility and rental assistance—during these difficult economic times. Please send donations to Catholic Charities North, attn: Sarah Gindel, 60 Prospect St., Gloucester, MA. Please put “basic needs” in the memo line. Thank you. For more info. call 978-283-3055.

Cevicos Mission Trip

Our parish missionaries will be traveling to Cevicos in the Dominican Republic January 10-17 and will again be collecting over-the-counter medical supplies to carry with them. Donations of any of the items below can be placed in the baskets at the rear of the church: please remember that we cannot bring any medicines that are near their expiration date. Thank you for your continued generosity to our mission!

Cold and fever relief for children, such as:
Acetaminophen/ Tylenol; liquid, chewable or infant drops,
Ibuprofen/Motrin liquid

Also:
Acetaminophen/Tylenol 500mg (not pm)
Antifungal cream
Aspirin 81mg (for heart)
Tylenol 625mg (for arthritis)
Cough syrup
Bacitracin or Neosporin Ointment
Selsun Blue shampoo (used for skin rash)

Ibuprofen/Motrin
Claritin
Tums
Cough drops

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. 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 Jan.6, Three Kings Day. For more information or tickets, please contact Jean Dugan at 978-283-9256.

Thank You

A Special Thank You

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all those who have helped make our Christmas Giving Branches such a huge success. We're sure there were many happy children Christmas morning due to your generosity.

St. Ann School

St. Ann School is accepting enrollment for the 2009/2010 school year. Many classes are filling quickly and we would like to give priority to Holy Family Parish families. To register call Sr. Judy at 978-283-3455.

Youth Group Event

All Night Ski Trip! February 18th, 2009. Leave Gloucester at 9pm return at 8am on February 19th.
Ski all night! Games, breakfast, Mass and more! Join hundreds of teens from parishes in the Boston area for a great night! Cost of the trip is \$70.00 which includes bus transportation, all night skiing, and breakfast. Sign up no later than January 28th by calling Mary at 978-283-6510 or the parish office at 978-281-4820.

€ € 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.

Christmas Collections

Mass	Attendance
4pm	800
5pm	350
6pm	160
12 midnight	149
10am(St. Ann)	285
10am(St. Joachim)	172
	1,916



Christmas Collection Total: \$11,969.25
This collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of retired priests of the Archdiocese. 10% is retained for parish needs.

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Mass	Attendance	Collection
4pm	180	\$1,305.75
8am	175	1,444.00
9am	179	1,227.09
10am	355	1,522.66
11am	146	989.30
	1,035	

Weekly Offertory:	\$6,488.80
December EFT Contributions (4 Weeks):	\$983.67
Office Offertory:	\$1,578.00
Total Offertory:	\$9,050.47
December 2007 average collection:	\$7,933.94

Your continued support is needed and appreciated!!

Grand Annual News

As of Monday afternoon, December 29th our total raised was \$53,906.00. This is 71.87% of our \$75,000 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

Thank you to the more than 40 parishioners who have signed up for automated giving through ParishPay. This is an alternative means of support where you authorize donations to be made via your checking, savings, or credit card account. There is no cost to participate. Call our office (978-281-4820) or visit our website (www.holyfamilycapeann.org) for more information.

Are you leaving Cape Ann 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.

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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!!