



Jesus said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God,

saying, "We have never seen anything like this." - Mk 2:11-12

Readings for the Week of February 22, 2009

Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20---6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Stewardship: Forgiveness, too, is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today's Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God's forgiveness?

Questions Of The Week

Adults: What might I do to carry a friend or family member closer to Christ?

Children: How do my actions of love show God's love to others?

Religious Education

There are no classes scheduled for today, Sunday, Feb. 22nd as students end their winter break.

Sunday, March 1st is our final gathering for **Whole Parish Faith Formation**. Our 2nd and 8th graders will serve as hosts at our 10am Mass and will provide refreshments following the celebration of Mass. Students in these two grade levels are asked to participate in serving in the following ways; ushers, greeters, lectors, bearer of gifts, participants of song, and provide breakfast refreshments.

St. Ann School



St. Ann School is pleased to announce that our fourth auction "Sailing into the Future," will be held March 20th at Cruiseport Gloucester. We invite all parishioners to attend this exciting fundraiser. Tickets are \$30 each or \$250 for a table of 10. This event will be catered by Vinwood of Ipswich. If you are able to donate any goods or services or are interested in advertising in our catalog, please come by the School office any time during school hours. Tickets are available in the School office.

*******We have a very exciting auction raffle!*******

With the help of **Gloucester Auto Body** we have a brand new RED R-8 WILDFIRE scooter. Only 250 tickets will be sold. Each ticket is \$50 and can be purchased in the office during school hours. For more information call the school at 978-283-3455.

Lenten Journey By Deacon Dan Dunn

Each year we begin again the marvelous journey that brings us to celebrate Jesus' triumph over death on Easter morning. Next Wednesday we remember the words from the Book of Daniel (9:3), "I turned to the Lord God, pleading in earnest prayer, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes." The mark that we place on our foreheads reminds us to "turn from your sin and be faithful to the gospel." As we prepare to begin our Lenten journey, it is good to reflect on where we are headed in our life right now and is that leading us to where we want to be — because we will undoubtedly get to where we are headed. Lent is a time to decide if a path-change is what we desire.

Lent is a period of 40 days (actually 47 days) when we strive to rekindle our love for God. He understands us better than anyone. He provides for all of our needs. He loves us unconditionally. Yet He is the best friend that we so easily forget about. During Lent we attempt to renew that friendship via prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three methods may seem simplistic but there is a power for healing our relationship in each one of them. We may feel too poor for almsgiving or too hungry for fasting but we are never too busy for prayer. It is a place to start. He will show you the rest of the way.

The Arise Corner



Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday and we hear a call to renew our lives. It is good that this week we begin the first meeting of our faith sharing groups in

ARISE: Change Our Hearts.

For the next six weeks of Lent our groups will meet weekly to explore the Sunday readings, share reflections on God's word, and explore its significance in our daily lives.

We are called to prayer, fasting and almsgiving in Lent. Participants will be able to explore the meaning of these practices for their own walk with God as well as learn from and pray for one another. A blessed Lent awaits us.

Mass Intentions

February 21st – February 29th, 2009

Saturday, February 21, 2009

4 p.m. (St. Ann)..... **Caterina Favazza**
From Mr. & Mrs. Francesco Taormina

Sunday, February 22, 2009

8 a.m. (St. Ann)..... **Virginia Asaro**
From Grace Brancaleone

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

10 a.m. (St. Ann)..... **Amy Slocum**
From Family

11 a.m. (St. Joachim)..... **Mario Peritore & Gabriele Ferrante**
From Wife & Children

Monday, February 23, 2009

9 a.m. (St. Joachim)

Tuesday, February 24, 2009.....No Mass Scheduled

Wednesday, February 25, 2009.....Ash Wednesday

9 a.m. (St. Joachim)

Noon (St. Ann) Prayer Service

4 p.m. (St. Joachim) Prayer Service

7 p.m. (St. Ann)



Thursday, February 26, 2009

9 a.m. (St. Joachim)

Friday, February 27, 2009

9 a.m. (St. Joachim)..... **Peter Coley**
From Moyra Coley

Saturday, February 28, 2009

4 p.m. (St. Ann)..... **Nunziata & Stefano Milone**
From Children

Sunday February 29, 2009

8 a.m. (St. Ann)..... **Capt. Gus, Frances, & Nicholas Demetri**
From Family

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

10 a.m. (St. Ann)..... **Salvatore Lovasco**
From Sophie & Nina Frontiero

11 a.m. (St. Joachim)..... **Arthur J. Monroe, Sr.**
From Mother & Sisters

Ash Wednesday Schedule

February 25th

9 a.m. – Mass (St. Joachim)

Noon – Prayer Service (St. Ann)

4 p.m. – Prayer Service (St. Joachim)

7 p.m. – Mass (St. Ann)

Ashes will be distributed during all Masses and Prayer Services.

Also, for the convenience of our Senior Citizens, Holy Family Parish will hold:

Liturgy of the Word and distribution of Ashes

DenMar – 10:30am

Seacoast – 2pm.

Golden Living Center – 3pm

Rockport: Broadway Apts. – 10:30am

Gloucester: Curtis Clark – 10:30am

Day by Day – 10:30am

Sheedy Park – 10:45am

McPhearson Park – 10:45am

Elder Service of North Shore – 11am

Central Grammar – 1:30pm

Family, friends, and parishioners are always welcome.

Host & Wine

The Host & Wine
for February
was donated in
loving memory of

Antonio Brancaleone

From Giuseppe & Audrey Brancaleone,
Salvatore & Brenda Brancaleone, Thomas &
Carmela Brancaleone, Anthony & Christina
Brancaleone, Mario & Joanna Brancaleone,
and Lucia & Mike Toarmina



Rest in Peace

We commend into God's care those who
were buried from our Parish recently:

Gaspar Orlando
Frank Paradis

Memorials & Donations

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

Virginia Asaro

Josh & Teresa Arnold

George Budrow

Mary Howard

Gaspar Orlando

Sam & Katy Ciolino

Fay & Paolo D'Angelo

Frances D'Amico

Margaret Favazza

Antonia & Rosario Grillo

Valentina Guilfooy

Mr. & Mrs. Pietro Maniaci

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mannino

Jerry & Rosalie Nicastro

Sefatia Romeo &

Matthew Theken

Anthony & Anna Sanfilippo

Frank & Maria Sanfilippo

Joseph Sanfilippo

John & Joanne Senos

Josephine & Tony Taormina

James O'Hara

Dawn & Thomas Alves

John Battista Orlando

Anna Jordan

Frank Paradis

Dawn & Thomas Alves

Vito Piscitello

Elaine Peak

Mary Ann Fittro

Matteo Russo

Anna Jordan

Phyllis Quince

Joseph Silva

Dawn & Thomas Alves



Lenten Penance Service



The Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated on Monday evening, March 9th at 6pm at St. Ann Church. The evening will begin with a time for communal prayer and reflection and follow with an opportunity for individual confession

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Golden Living Center: Monday, February 23rd — 3pm

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Mark your calendar: Irish Night, March 14th, 6pm Parish hall Annual Irish Dinner of corned beef, and all the fixings: cabbage, potatoes, carrots, soda bread, and dessert. Cash bar of beer and wine. Irish music provided by Michael O'Leary and Friends. Cost of a ticket is \$20 and may be purchased in the Parish office, from Guild members and after Masses. Call Helen Downey at 978-283-7391 for information. Come, wear your green, and join us for a fun filled evening, sing along with the band and enjoy a good Irish meal.



Thank you to the Women's Guild and all who attended the Valentine's Dance. \$1,125 was raised for the Parish! The dedication and commitment of our Women's Guild is truly appreciated!

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Collection</u>
4pm	220	\$1,500.65
8am	165	1,293.05
9am	166	1,306.00
10am	250	1,189.00
11am	157	1,275.76
	958	

Weekly Offertory	\$6,564.46
February EFT Contributions (4 Weeks):	\$1,018.66
Office Offertory:	\$428.00
Total Offertory:	\$8,011.12
February 2008 average collection:	\$8,178.00
This Week's Second Collection:	Cevicos Mission
Next Week's Second Collection:	St. Ann School

Book Bags to Cevicos

Thank you to the congregation for all of your help on the Book Bags to Cevicos Project. With the help of 5 seamstresses, we are making wonderful progress. As of this week, we have completed 39 book bags for the children and 3 book bags for the teachers. We have also collected a number of children's books in Spanish. If anyone is still interested in helping, we are meeting every Tuesday morning at the Tuck Inn in Rockport, cutting and sewing book bags for all first graders in Cevicos. The plan is to add a simple children's book (in Spanish) along with some school supplies in each child's book bag. We are intending that the bags will be delivered to Cevicos in the Fall of 2009.

We have almost depleted our donated fabric supply and are wondering if anyone has additional fabric remnants, threads, or Spanish children's books and/or school supplies to donate to the project. Please give Liz a call at 978-546-7260 or e-mail her at info@tuckinn.com if you are able to help out in any way. Thank You!

Legion of Mary

Beginning Friday, February 27th the Stations of the Cross will be said at 3pm in St. Ann Church and will continue each Friday of Lent. Richard Pierce will lead this service.

Living Stations of the Cross

This prayer service/live re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross will be presented to the Parish community on Palm Sunday, April 5th, 6:30pm at St. Ann Church. Students in grades 4 and up are needed to participate in this service.

Rehearsals will take place every Thursday at St. Ann Church from 6-7pm. If your son/daughter is interested in participating, please call Sue Demetri at 978-283-5096 or e-mail her at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com for further information.

Lenten Regulations

Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Catholic Appeal Weekend

The weekend of March 7-8 will be Catholic Appeal Weekend here at Holy Family Parish. Cardinal Sean is asking every Catholic household to participate in the 2009 Catholic Appeal, which funds the many central ministries and services of the Archdiocese of Boston. The Catholic Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish—so your participation and support are critical. Because of the economic downturn, support of the Catholic Appeal is more urgent this year. On Appeal Weekend, we will be showing a video message from Cardinal Sean and asking every Catholic household to make a pledge. Please begin to prayerfully consider how you will participate. Every gift matters. For more information, please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org.

Grand Annual News

As of Tuesday afternoon, February 10th our total raised was \$55,136.00. This is 73.51% 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!**

ParishPay

Thank you to the more than 43 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.

€ € 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: _____