

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH, CAPE ANN, MASSACHUSETTS



Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. - Mk 9:7-8

Readings for the week of March 8, 2009

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10  
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12  
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-

**Stewardship:** Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare His own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord—of my resources, of my time, of myself—also sacrificial? See Romans 8:32

### Religious Education

Our parish wide Lenten Penance Service will be held on Monday evening, March 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a great time for our community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation BEFORE Easter and a perfect time for our Sacramental grades to celebrate and reinforce this sacrament.

During the month of March we would invite all of our fifth graders to the after-school liturgy program which will be held at St. Joachim on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30. This takes the place of their Sunday morning class and is also an opportunity to consider being an Altar Server. If students cannot attend please contact the office so that we will have a teacher available on Sunday mornings.

### Just musing.....

For almost a month, I have been sidelined. Physically unable to do the things I enjoy most; unable to serve the parish as your deacon.

Four weeks ago, I had back surgery. And I can confess that back surgery is everything it has a reputation for being. It is very painful and the vestiges of pain linger for what seems forever. In my case the surgery was unavoidable. Before I feel too sorry for myself I have to say that many people tell me that they have endured the same experience. However, unlike others, my affliction is probably recompense for an ill-spent youth. If my mother were alive today she no doubt would say: "See....I told you God would punish you!"

Nevertheless, being on the sideline has given me time to muse about suffering in the world. Someone once said that dying is easy; it is life that's hard. Perhaps that is so.

Throughout Lent we hear in the scriptures that we must *repent*. And I think that word can cause us to feel guilty. It causes many to feel unworthy of God's mercy and love. But there is a meaning for *repent* that originates in Latin that offers a better understanding of how we might more prayerfully contemplate our lives during these

weeks before Easter. *Repent* derives from a Latin word that means "rethink" or "to change one's mind."

In the gospel of Mark the suffering and death of Jesus contains a cry of abandonment. It is a cry of loneliness. Jesus says: "My God, my God why have you forsaken me." A powerful line in scripture as it relates to pain and suffering that so many people call *God-forsaken*. To be *God-forsaken* for you and me is to be like Job but without consolation.

We also see in Mark's gospel that Jesus constantly moves towards the sick and suffering and not away from them. Jesus moves towards the ones suffering with demons. He calls the blind man from the edge of the crowd to the center of the crowd. Rather than keeping His distance like the others, Jesus holds the hand of the dead daughter of Jairus.

When I was a young man I was seriously wounded in Vietnam. After a few months I was transferred to a Marine Corps hospital near my family's home. I had lost almost ninety pounds and looked dreadful. On the day I arrived, my family came to visit me. My older brother entered the room and immediately left.

My father found him down the hallway crying. He asked my brother what was wrong and he answered: "That's not my brother."

We do not want to suffer and we do not want those we love to suffer. We cannot accept the reality of those who appear *God-forsaken*. But what I believe is that there is no suffering that you and I encounter that goes unvisited by God. On the cross, Jesus descended into the most desperate and despondent human experience and shouted the feelings of human suffering "*why have you forsaken me*." Feelings that we are alone.

So, when you or I suffer we may be diminished, but we are never abandoned. We are embraced and touched and held by a God who chooses to be there with us. Who chooses to descend into our misery.

Maybe your mother told you the same thing. Maybe she told you that "God would punish you." If we spend time this Lent *rethinking* our relationship with God, we might find that God chooses to be with us always and that there can be no place in our lives that is *God-forsaken*.

Whatever guilt you are carrying this Lent....leave it at the foot of the Cross and walk away. Whatever burden you feel in your heart this Lent.....leave it at the foot of the Cross and walk away. Anything that has broken your life.....leave it at the foot of the Cross and walk way. Let Jesus *change your mind* and call you to the center of His life.

Deacon William F.X. Kane

### The Arise Corner

Who of us has not thirsted at one time or another for something? Understanding—justice—peace in our family—hope—health. In Session 2 of ARISE, we hear anew of the answer to that thirst, Living Water promised by Jesus. In John 4:5-30, 39-42, through the parable of the Samaritan woman at the well, we learn that Jesus will quench our thirst, and we, in turn, will want to tell others of this treasure. Most importantly, we learn how God thirsts for us. Good News!

Thank you to all who are participating in this Season of ARISE and for the prayers of those who cannot. We have about 200 people meeting weekly all over Cape Ann. God has truly blessed us!!



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



### Mass Intentions March 7<sup>th</sup>—March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009

#### Saturday, March 7, 2009

4 p.m. (St. Ann).....**Rosaria & Giuseppe Cambria**  
From Daughter, Granddaughter & Family

#### Sunday, March 8, 2009

8 a.m. (St. Ann).....**Augusto Prudenzi**  
From Wife & Children

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

10 a.m. (St. Ann).....**Giuseppe "Joseph" Orlando**  
From Wife & Children

11 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Charles & John Morrison**  
From Edwina MacDearmid

#### Monday, March 9, 2009

9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Deacon Richard Gindel**  
From Family

#### Tuesday, March 10, 2009

9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**James & Rita Kelly**  
From Moyra Coley

#### Wednesday, March 11, 2009

9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Anthony Gilardi**  
From Sons Anthony & Paul

#### Thursday, March 12, 2009

9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Paul LeBlanc**  
From Family

#### Friday, March 13, 2009

9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Gaspar Orlando**  
From Family

#### Saturday, March 14, 2009

4 p.m. (St. Ann).....**Capt. Salvatore & Josephine Santuccio  
and Family**  
From Daughter Kathleen

#### Sunday March 15, 2009

8 a.m. (St. Ann).....**Jennie Faye Lupo**  
From Family

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

10 a.m. (St. Ann).....**William & Eunice Smith**  
From Maryanne Koeller

11 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Maureen Powers**  
From Mother

### Lenten Penance Service



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

### St. Joseph Altar Blessings

The custom remains strong in many families to have an altar or table blessed in honor of St. Joseph on his feast day. Anyone wishing to arrange for this blessing in their home is asked to contact the parish office during regular business hours to schedule a time. There will be a limited number of appointments for a priest or deacon to come and offer this blessing in the home – these will be filled on a first come, first served basis.



St. Joseph's Table

## Host & Wine

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

**Paul LeBlanc**

From Family



### In Loving Memory

### Memorials & Donations

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

#### Grace Dessert

Antoinette Aiello  
Phyllis (Aiello) Scola

#### Elaine Peak

Grace Veerman



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

**Cecilia Silva**  
**Grace Pratt**

### 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.

### Legion of Mary

The Stations of the Cross will be said every Friday during Lent at 3pm in St. Ann Church. Richard Pierce will lead this service.

### 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 all.

Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Academy of Our Lady of Nazareth

Announcing the all-new Academy of Our Lady of Nazareth, an all girls Catholic college preparatory high school opening in September 2009; a school of rigorous academics and premier performing arts. Check our website for details [www.savenaz.com](http://www.savenaz.com).

## Food Pantry Needs

The St. Vincent de Paul Society needs your help! We are looking for the following items for our food pantry:

Canned meat, peanut butter & jelly, spaghetti & spaghetti sauce, baked beans, pancake mix & syrup, packaged (dry or canned) potatoes, juice, and cereal



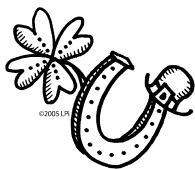
Any donations may be placed in the receptacle in the church foyer. Thank you for your support!

## St. Vincent de Paul Conference

The monthly meeting of the Holy Family Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> in the teacher's room of St. Ann School. The meeting will begin at 7pm and all members are urged to attend, especially those on duty during the past month.

Anyone wishing to learn more about becoming an active member or a volunteer at the "Clothes Closet" please contact Harry Miller at 978-281-2701 or Helen Downey at 978-283-7391— they would be happy to discuss this with you.

## St. Patrick's Day Irish Dinner



The annual Irish Night, sponsored by the Women's Guild, will be held March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Parish hall.

Come for a traditional 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.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 sde-metri2000@yahoo.com for further information.

## St. Ann School



St. Ann School is pleased to announce that our fourth auction "Sailing into the Future," will be held March 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Last Weekend's Collection

| Mass | Attendance  | Collection |
|------|-------------|------------|
| 4pm  | 222         | \$2,060.01 |
| 8am  | 137         | 1,591.00   |
| 9am  | 151         | 1,107.00   |
| 10am | 600         | 1,594.87   |
| 11am | 87          | 650.00     |
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| Weekly Offertory                                       | \$7,002.88                    |
| March EFT Contributions (5 Weeks):                     | \$808.93                      |
| Office Offertory:                                      | \$267.00                      |
| Total Offertory:                                       | \$8,078.81                    |
| March 2008 average collection:                         | \$8,807.70                    |
| Ash Wednesday Collection—St. Vincent DePaul            | \$1,683.49                    |
| Last Week's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection—St. Ann School: | \$2,130.58                    |
| This Week's Special 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection:        | 2009 Catholic Appeal          |
| Grand Annual Total as of March 3 <sup>rd</sup> :       | \$55,136.00                   |
|  | (73.51% of our \$75,000 goal) |

## Catholic Appeal Weekend

This is Catholic Appeal Weekend here at Holy Family. We, like all parishes throughout our Archdiocese, will be showing a video message from Cardinal Sean before all Masses and asking every Catholic household to participate by making a pledge. The Appeal is a once-a-year pledge drive to benefit the many central ministries and services of the Archdiocese of Boston. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish. Because of the economic downturn, support of the Catholic Appeal is more urgent this year. Thank you in advance for joining with parishioners throughout our Archdiocese's 292 parishes to carry on the broader work of our Church. Every gift matters. For more information, please visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org](http://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.

## 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](http://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.



## 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!!