



Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
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Readings for the week of April 19, 2009

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
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Questions of the Week

Adults: What personal experience of forgiveness strengthened my confidence in the gift of the Holy Spirit?

Children: How can I be a peacemaker among friends?

Religious Education

First Communion!!

Our first celebration for First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, April 26th at our 10am Mass. Families celebrating at this time are asked to come to practice on Friday, April 24th from 4-5pm. We will meet in St. Ann Church. Please note individuals coming to play BINGO will also be parking in the parking lot so you may want to park elsewhere!

Pride Stride for Cevicos Mission

Please consider walking the Pride Stride this year to help raise funds for Holy Family Parish Cevicos Mission. Funds raised will help bring medical care and supplies to our sister parish in Cevicos. Contact Shelly at 978.281.4187 for more information.

Health Care Ministry

The Health Care Ministry Team will meet Tuesday, April 21st from 7-9pm in the faculty room of St. Ann School. Please call Anna at 978.281.4820 ext. 103 if you are unable to attend.

Archdiocese Website

The Archdiocese of Boston has launched a new website designed to bring Catholics closer to their faith and to offer the wider community an expanded and more comprehensive view of the Church. The new website, www.BostonCatholic.org, was launched on St Patrick's Day and contains helpful information on the Church with links to parishes. It also offers a number of new features, including a video welcome message from Cardinal Sean, streamlined navigation, and many new videos and slideshows. Each office, service and ministry has dedicated space on the site.

"We give God thanks..."

There is a story told of six girls who sat down at a McDonald's. One bowed her head, made the sign of the cross, and prayed her grace before the meal. The other girls giggled. She asked them why they thought this was so funny. They retorted, "Why should we give thanks, we paid for the food." "Where did you get the money?" she asked. "Our parents." was the response. "And just where do you think they got the money?" the thankful girl questioned. "They worked for it!" they answered. "Where did they get the strength to go to work—where does it all come from?" the persistent girl asked. The next day, all six girls said grace when they sat down to eat.

The day before Jesus was to be arrested and sacrificed for the world, He too sat down for a meal with friends. Every Eucharistic Prayer reminds us that on the eve of his death, Jesus blessed God, and gave God thanks and praise. Sometimes when I am at table with my friends and one or more of us are experiencing problems at home or within our work, the last thing we think of is "thanking God" for these difficult moments. We would much rather order another glass of wine, change the subject, or discuss a good book or movie we saw.

The truth of the matter is we are not thanking God for these moments or challenges, but appreciating that every gift, every moment we have comes from God. Eucharist means giving thanks. This Easter Season when we are most grateful for His life, death, and resurrection, as Christians we should remember "to give thanks." This is especially true as we prepare our children for their First Eucharist. The importance of receiving Eucharist on a weekly basis cannot be emphasized enough, but remembering to give God thanks must be a daily practice. For what are you grateful for this Easter Season, and have you thanked God today?

Dawn Alves

Director of Faith Formation

The Arise Corner



How much we have to be grateful for! We take in the beauty of this season, with its promise of hope and joy. And how grateful we are for the gifts of Season 2 of ARISE that prepared our hearts to more fully experience the love poured out at Easter and the joy which will continue through these 50 days of the Easter Season.

A big "thank you" to all those who made Season 2 a great success—the participants and leaders who faithfully walked the Lenten journey together. Season 3, "In the Footsteps of Christ", will start next Fall so there is plenty of time and opportunity to share your experience in ARISE with family, friends and neighbors and invite them to join in the Fall Season. Thank you for all the prayers that have carried us this far. Keep praying that the hunger to know Jesus keeps growing in all our hearts.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions
April 18th—April 26th, 2009

- Saturday, April 18, 2009
4pm (St. Ann).....Frank Alo
From Wife
Sunday, April 19, 2009
8am (St. Ann).....Ralph Martin, Sr.
From Family
9am (St. Joachim).....Pro Populo
10am (St. Ann).....Stephen Russo
From Family
11am (St. Joachim).....Vincenza Cusumano
From Daughter Nina & Family
Monday, April 20, 2009
9am(St. Joachim).....Genevieve Nowak & Anna Nowak
From Sister Michalowicz Family
Tuesday, April 21, 2009
9am(St. Joachim)
Wednesday, April 22, 2009
9am (St. Joachim).....Irma Gariboldi
From Fr. Gariboldi
Thursday April 23, 2009
9am (St. Joachim).....Diane Harrison
From Angela & Joe Favaloro
Friday April 24, 2009
9am (St. Joachim).....Margarita Scanio
From Family
Saturday, April 25, 2009
4pm (St. Ann).....Simone Sanfilippo
From Wife & Children
Sunday, April 26, 2009
8am (St. Ann).....Mildred Donaldson
From Family
9am (St. Joachim).....Pro Populo
10am (St. Ann).....First Communion
11am (St. Joachim).....Matteo Russo
Cathy & Will Letourneaux

Nursing Home Schedule

Den Mar: Monday—April 20th, 3:30pm
Golden Living Center: Monday—April 27th, 3pm

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19th

2-2:30pm—Recitation of the Holy Rosary

2:30-3:30pm—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration

Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 3pm

Benediction

Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and first class relic of St. Faustina

3:30pm—Refreshments in the Parish Hall

Good will offerings will be accepted to benefit Catholic Charities North.

On April 22, 2001 Pope John Paul II declared that the feast of the Divine Mercy is to be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter throughout the world.



Host & Wine

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

Rosalia Ciluffo

From Joseph & Grace Brancaleone 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

Grace Bedingfield, Susanna Flanagan, Bartolo Grillo, John Laughlin, Mary Leary, Anna Pallazola, and Roger Parady

Memorials & Donations

Holy Family Parish gratefully acknowledges donations received in memory of:

Grace Bedingfield

Russell & Karen Anderson

Allyn & Jeanne Smith

Bartolo Grillo

Sarina Favazza Francesca Piraino Jane & Enzo Russo

Diane Harrison

Josh & Teresa Arnold Willie & Jean Dugan Rosaria & Harry Floyd

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Hilary Oliver

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Grace & Domenic

Taormina

Pietro Taormina

Joseph Dinan

Jeanne Verge

Tom & Matthew Jenkins

Joan Lindberg

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Phyllis O'Maley Curcuru

Kathleen Nolan

Jeanne Verge

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Salvatore & Serafina Ferrara

Anna Pallazola

Laura Wyninegar

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Roger Parady

Helen Porper

Dana Perry

Helen Porper



Contributions for this year's Paschal Candle at St. Joachim were graciously donated in memory

of Joseph Orlando from Joe & Audrey Brancaleone and William H. Budrow from Jane & Enzo Russo and family.

The Paschal Candle at St. Ann Church was graciously donated in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Augustine Piscitello by their family.

