



Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." - Mk 16:15-16

Readings for the week of May 24, 2009

Sunday: Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27;16:12-15

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Stewardship: Jesus is the perfect steward—watching carefully over all who have been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me!

Middle School Harbor Cruise

Students entering grades 6 through 8 are invited to join us and hundreds of middle school students from the Boston Archdiocese for an evening of fun and dancing in Boston Harbor. We will be boarding the Provincetown II and sailing around Boston Harbor for the evening. We will leave Gloucester at 5:30pm and return at midnight. Cost of this trip is \$25.00 which includes the cruise and bus transportation. Please call Mary or Dawn at 978.281.4820 to reserve your spot! Reservations must be made no later than June 22nd.



Saturday, July 4th, Holy Family Parish begins our Summer Mass Schedule (through Labor Day weekend, inclusive) which will include the following weekend liturgies:

Saturday Vigil Mass

4pm St. Ann Church (Gloucester)

5:30pm St. Anthony by the Sea Chapel (East Gloucester)

Sunday Masses

7:30am St. Joachim Church (Rockport)

8am St. Ann Church (Gloucester)

9am St. Joachim Church (Rockport)

10am St. Ann Church (Gloucester)

11am St. Anthony by the Sea Chapel (East Gloucester)

Remembering....

Memorial Day is being celebrated this weekend with our Parish Mass at Calvary Cemetery on Monday morning. It is always deeply moving and a beautiful way to honor and pay tribute to those brave individuals who fought and died protecting our freedom.



For me, it marks a special day and brings back memories that run an array of deep emotions. A few years ago, I had the privilege of being at the bedside of several men who were on end of life comfort care. These men had valiantly fought in World War II. Listening to parts of their life stories brought back areas of trauma in my own early life. Each of these individuals, including me, were trying to find their peace with horrific events that happened a long time ago and affected their entire adult lives. The importance of validating one's personal story can never be underestimated. As Chaplain, I was not only gifted by their stories but shared mutual healing.

My experience as a refugee from war torn Hungary, escape to Austria, being a DP (displaced person) for five years and finally allowed entry into America through New York Harbor and the Statute of Liberty, was all an incredible journey. In those intimate moments of mutual sharing, I was given the opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude for their part in bringing me to safety, a new life, and eventually to United States Citizenship. I still feel the poignancy of those moments, the smiles, tears, peace, and gratitude between us. Strange, isn't it how God uses all of us? And just sometimes we get that precious rare awakening I like to call an 'Exquisite Spiritual Moment' never to be forgotten. An awesome awareness of Christ's Presence in the center of a situation and no doubt knowing that we are exactly where we are meant to be. I continue to value my ministry but have a special place in my heart for those I am ever so grateful to. Thank you, this Memorial Day, to Veterans of all wars and to those currently serving throughout the world.

Anna Matturro, Chaplain NACC
Health Care Minister

The Arise Corner



Arise Celebration Mass—May 31st—10am at St. Ann

Please come and join the members of the 20 ARISE Groups at a special Mass to celebrate the joy and success of the first two Seasons of ARISE Together in Christ. Coffee, donuts etc. will be served after Mass in the Parish hall.

Season Three—In the Footsteps of Christ—begins October 4th with sign up for those who have not as yet participated. Watch for more information over the summer.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions
May 23rd - May 30th, 2009

- Saturday, May 23, 2009
4pm (St. Ann)...Capt. John B. Aiello & Sfc. Vito J. Aiello
From Family
Sunday, May 24, 2009
8am (St. Ann)...Anthony Piraino
From Wife, Daughter & Family
9am (St. Joachim)...Joseph LeBlanc, Jr. & Debby Bartlett
From Mom & Dad
10am (St. Ann)...Michael Mortillaro
From Family
11am (St. Joachim)...Pro Populo
Monday, May 25, 2009
9am (Calvary Cemetery)...Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 26, 2009
9am (St. Joachim)...Col. Peter J. Foss
From Family
Wednesday, May 27, 2009
9am (St. Joachim)...Francis Kaminsky
From Wife
Thursday, May 28, 2009
9am (St. Joachim)...Mariano Orlando
From Family
Friday, May 29, 2009
9am (St. Joachim)...Dannette Brown (Living Intention)
From Friday Night Arise Group
Saturday, May 30, 2009
4pm (St. Ann)...Deceased Members of the Madonna DelRosario
Sunday, May 31, 2009
8am (St. Ann)...Pro Populo
9am (St. Joachim)...Paige O. Poole
From MaryAnn & Family
10am (St. Ann)...Antonio Ciolino
From Family
11am (St. Joachim)...Capt. Salvatore & Sarina Barbara
From Children & Grandchildren



Memorials & Donations

Holy Family Parish gratefully acknowledges donations received in memory of:

Grace Bedingfield

Lois Toal & Family

Diane Harrison

Peter & Barbara Forte

Holy Family Parish Choir

Catherine "Katie" Lentini

Mr. & Mrs. James Interrante

Sam & Joanne Interrante

Mark & Lisa (Nicastro) Leahy

Jeremiah & Toni Nicastro

Jerry & Rosalie Nicastro

Catherine Randazza

Mary Verga

M. Joan Rose

Jack



Memorial Day Mass

Monday 9am Mass will be celebrated at Calvary Cemetery. We will not be able to provide seating so, if necessary, please plan to bring your own.

Office Closed

Please note that the parish office will be closed Memorial Day - Monday, May 25th.

Nursing Home Schedule

Golden Living Center: Tuesday - May 26th, 3pm

Northeast Catholic Family Conference

Families, mark your calendars! The Northeast Catholic Family Conference will take place on Sunday, June 28th at St. Mary's in Waltham, beginning at 1pm. The conference offers prayer, music and workshops for adults, children and teens. Cardinal Sean will celebrate Mass and join us for the family cookout! For more information or to register, please go to www.schoolofnazareth.org or contact Fr. Michael Harrington at mharrington@rcab.org or 781.956.0548.

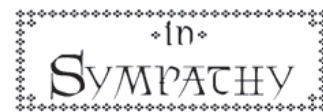


Host & Wine

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

Joseph "Joe Popcorn" Ciaramitaro

From Wife & Children



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

Josephine Gibbons & Catherine Lentini

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Needs

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

Cereal, canned meat, tuna fish, instant potatoes, canned soup and macaroni & cheese. Any donations may be placed in the receptacle in the church foyer. Thank you for your support!



Vestment for St. Anthony

Due to its current condition, the vestment used at St. Anthony Chapel is in need of replacement. If you would like to donate the cost or partial cost of a new vestment in memory of a loved one, please contact the Parish office at 978.281.4820.



Mother of Grace Club

The Rosary will be said May 1st – May 31st at 1pm at the Mother of Grace Club, 58 Washington St..

Rosary

Recitation of the Holy Rosary will take place each Wednesday at 5pm at the Mother of Grace Club, 58 Washington St. All are welcome!

Madonna del Rosario Celebrates Mother's Day

The Madonna del Rosario Society will celebrate Mother's Day at a meeting on Saturday, May 30th at 1pm in the Parish hall. Refreshments will be served and Bingo will follow. Members will attend 4pm Mass following the meeting to honor our deceased members. Please wear your medals.

Arts and Environment

The Arts and Environment committee invites parishioners to have flowers and/or plants placed on the Altar at any of our worship sites in memory or in honor of a loved. **Committee members will purchase the arrangement** and both the name of the donor and the person remembered will be placed in the bulletin. New flower arrangements would be placed on the Altar each week. Please contact the Parish office for more information.

Parish Council

Congratulations to Sheila Boudrow, Beth Crippen, Regina Kane, Neil Mathews, & Betty Pool who will join parish council members Vito Piscitello, Co-Chair, Lianne Authier, Jack Clarke, Mark Natti, Kay Partridge, Hilary Oliver, Cheryl Keating, & Angela Favaloro.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on May 31st at 1pm in the Parish hall. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Fr. Leo Dionne Celebrates 50 Years

Fr. Leo Dionne, OMI, a Gloucester native, will be celebrating the 4pm Mass on Saturday, June 6th at St. Ann Church in celebration of the 50th anniversary of his ordination.



Project Rachel

Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. Project Rachel will offer a "Come to the Waters" post abortion healing retreat on Saturday, May 30th. For more information and registration, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com. All calls are confidential.

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.

Last Weekend's Collection

Mass	Attendance	Collection
4pm	210	\$2,014.35
8am	180	1,622.00
9am	201	1,655.21
10am	350	1,745.83
11am	118	907.25
	1,059	
Weekly Offertory:		\$7,944.64
May EFT Contributions (5 Weeks):		770.93
Office Offertory:		387.19
Total Offertory:		\$9,102.76
May 2008 average collection:		\$8,354.00
Grand Annual Total as of May 19th:		\$55,641.00
(74.19% of our \$75,000 goal)		
Last Week's 2nd Collection		
Catholic Communication:		\$1,338.99

Next Week's Second Collection

Next week's second collection supports the two seminaries in the Archdiocese of Boston: Saint John's Seminary & Blessed John XXIII Seminary for later vocations. Most priests in the Archdiocese have been formed in one of these seminaries and feel blessed to be able to be educated locally, where they can assist in parishes of the people they will be ordained to serve. Please be generous to support these important institutions for our future in our Archdiocese.

2009 Catholic Appeal

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 We still have \$10,832 to raise before we reach our parish goal of \$35,500. Thank you to all that have already contributed. If you have not yet given, please consider a gift today and help us meet our goal. Remember, our parish will receive 25% of all funds we raise above our goal. So each gift has the potential to increase parish revenue while still supporting the ministries funded by the Catholic Appeal. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend. You can pick up information packets in the back of the Church with pledge forms to be mailed in, or for more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 1.617.779.3700. Every gift matters. Thank you!

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!