



He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. - Mk 5:41-42

Readings for the Week of June 28, 2009

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43  
Monday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19  
Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19  
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27  
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34  
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8  
Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29  
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17  
Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

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**Stewardship:** Today's reading from St. Paul explains the "divine economy" of stewardship—"The relief of others ought not to impoverish you; there should be a certain equality. Your plenty at the present time should supply their need so that their surplus may in turn one day supply your need." See *2 Corinthians 8:13-14*

## Questions of the Week

**Adults:** How has my faith in Jesus brought me through difficulties?

**Children:** When has Jesus helped me face an illness or a painful circumstance?

## Just Musing

On a cold day in January I left home early to travel to the State Prison at Walpole, MA for a pastoral visit with the inmates and Chaplain. I was nursing a head cold so I took two *Tylenol* tablets and put two others in my suit coat pocket. I quickly forgot about them.

Walpole prison is an intimidating place. It is surrounded by a 60 foot high concrete wall that makes the old interior buildings impossible to see from the outside. When you walk inside those walls you pass into a place with a culture that is often violent and hostile and dangerous. It is a *lockdown* prison. Inmates live alone in 6' by 12' cells. They are locked down for 23 hours a day seven days a week. Each inmate is allowed out of his cell for one hour each day to exercise in a small outdoor enclosure. There is virtually no contact with other inmates.

I entered the security area as usual. It is at the entrance to a room called the *trap* which is the last room for entry into the prison area. A heavy metal door slams behind you and the door to the inside opens.

The security procedures were very familiar and routine to me. I took off my shoes and my belt and passed my suit coat to the officer at the desk and walked through the metal detector. I was putting my shoes on when suddenly I heard the officer shout: Drugs! Drugs! I turned and he was holding the two white *Tylenol* tablets in his hand. No explanation or pleading could stop what followed. The tablets are officially

defined as contraband and my forgetfulness warranted suspicion and treatment as a criminal.

I was taken by the arms to a small room and strip searched. With my clothes disheveled I was left sitting alone on a bench humiliated and frightened. It didn't matter at all to them who I was or why I was there. I was now their prisoner. An eternity seemed to pass before an officer returned with my shoes and belt and coat. He said nothing but motioned for me to enter the *trap* so I could enter the prison area. As I entered the inside I felt foolish and diminished. I felt like an inmate.

For years I have looked back on that experience and embraced it for what it was: an encounter with the suffering Christ. After all in Mt. 25:36 Jesus says "*I was in prison and you visited me.*" He tells us that He is the one who is in prison.

On that morning in January I experienced what it is like for every inmate who enters Walpole prison. The isolation, the loneliness, the humiliation, and the intimidation they all feel as they suffer many of the same indignities as Jesus during His Passion. On that morning in January as I walked on the tiers of cells, I struggled a lot less to see the suffering Christ on the face of every inmate. He is in every one of those cells because He said He would be.

On July 1<sup>st</sup> I am leaving Prison Ministry. I have been going in and out of the 27 prisons and jails and the youth detention center in the Archdiocese of Boston for 11 years. It is time for someone else to serve the Church behind all those walls and razor wire. It is for someone else to minister and learn from the fragile and the vulnerable in prison. It is time for me to spend more of my time in parish ministry looking for where Jesus is waiting for me in this community.

I believe that people make us who we are. People can make us better people. People can make us compassionate people. That is God's way. He is waiting for us in anyone who suffers no matter where they are. It is people who inspire us to continue Jesus' ministry especially when that ministry takes us to hostile places or when it takes us to broken places in a person's life. And it is people who inspire us to continue Jesus' ministry when that ministry takes us to broken places in the life of a parish community.

For 11 years I have been inspired by prison Chaplains whose own faith in God's love and mercy has changed people who have what the bible calls *hearts of stone*. The great anthropologist Margaret Meade once said that *a small group of dedicated people can change the world because throughout history it has always been that way*. I have been inspired by prison chaplains who change the world one heart at a time.

Finally, I am grateful to the people of this parish community. I believe that we all live in some kind of prison. But we all have wonderful opportunities to break down the bars or climb the walls in each others' lives. Opportunities to find where Jesus waits for you and me. Opportunities for individual faith and community faith.

What does hope look like? It looks like you and it looks like me. What does compassion and forgiveness look like? It looks like you and it looks like me.

People do make us who we are. People make us better people. That is God's way.

May the peace of Christ disturb you and me always.

Deacon William F.X. Kane

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**June 27<sup>th</sup> –  
July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Saturday, June 27, 2009**

4pm (St. Ann).....**Angela LoGrasso**  
From Santina Aloj

**Sunday, June 28, 2009**

8am (St. Ann).....**Matthew Sweet**  
From Family

9am (St. Joachim).....**Cousin Michael Catania**  
From Joe & Debbie Catania

10am (St. Peter Square).....**Fiesta Mass**

11am (St. Joachim).....**Pro Populo**

**Monday, June 29, 2009**

9am(St. Joachim).....**Herb Hultin**  
From Family

**Tuesday, June 30, 2009**

9am(St. Joachim).....**Matteo Russo**  
From Parents

**Wednesday, July 1, 2009**

9am (St. Joachim).....**Salvatore Palazzolo & Joseph Mocerì**  
From Family

**Thursday, July 2, 2009**

9am (St. Joachim).....**Matthew Jenkins**  
From Mom & Dad

**Friday, July 3, 2009**

9am (St. Joachim)



**Saturday, July 4, 2009**

4pm (St. Ann).....**Giovanni Battista Orlando & Matteo Russo**  
From Sister Vincie & Nephew Matteo

5:30 (St. Anthony).....**Louise & Frank Rotondo**  
Phyllis Smithers & Family

**Sunday, July 5, 2009**

7:30(St. Joachim).....Pro Populo

8am (St. Ann).....**Claude Souza & Dick Hesse**  
From Family

9am (St. Joachim).....**Marjorie May**  
From Family

10:00am (St. Ann).....**Ignazio LoContro**  
From Wife & Children

11am (St. Anthony).....**William & Eunice Smith**  
From Maryanne Smith Koeller

**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:

- Hannah Grace Aspesi
- Joseph Brousseau
- Flynn G. Blanchard
- Ryan William Connelly
- Isabella Rose Dacruz
- Angelina Grace Guyotte
- Isabel Nichole Lyon
- Kasey H. MacIsaac
- Kyan Isaac Meldrum
- Clayton Tyler Pierce
- Drew William Rodolosi
- Juliana Grace Marie Viviano
- Isabel Giovanna Williams



**Memorials & Donations**

Holy Family Parish gratefully acknowledges donations received in memory of:

**Sandy Curcuru**  
Family

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Helen Porper

A new crystal wine pitcher for St. Joachim was donated in memory of *Diane Harris* from a parish family.

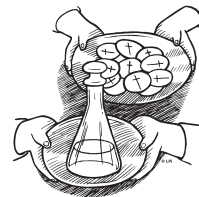
A new vestment for St. Anthony was donated in memory of *fouise & Frank Rotondo* from Phyllis Smithers and Family.

A flower urn for St. Joachim was donated in memory of *Mary M. Morley* from Paula Hannon.

**In Sympathy**

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care those who were buried from our Parish recently:

Kenneth Dagle and Viva Triantafellow



**Host & Wine**

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

**Michael Mortillaro**

From Eleanora Mortillaro

The Host & Wine for the Fiesta Mass was donated in loving memory of

**Matteo Russo & John Battista Orlando**

From Giuseppina Orlando Russo & sons,  
Anna Orlando, Dominic Orlando &  
Grace Orlando Burbridge

**Holy Family Prayer Group**

The Holy Family Prayer Group resumes **Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in St. Joachim Church, Rockport.** For all interested, the Rosary is said at 6:30pm. Questions? Call Louise 978-281-3645.

**Office Closed**

The office will be closed on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> in honor of Independence Day.



**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**, 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)



Parishioners are invited to have flowers and/or plants placed on the Altar at any of our worship sites in memory or in honor of a loved one. **Arrangements will be purchased**

by the Arts & Environment Committee 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.

**Vacation Bible School**

VBS will take place July 27<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup> for Pre-K to Grade 5 (ages 4-11) from 9:30-noon. Register now by calling or stopping by the Parish office. The deadline for registration is July 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Dawn Alves at 978.281.4820 for more information.

**St. Vincent de Paul**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society needs your help! We are in need of a space to store our supply of used furniture for the needy of Cape Ann. If you have space and can help us please give us a call.

Help is needed with our furniture deliveries. If you can donate a couple of hours on a weekday after 4pm please let us know.

We also have need for a futon style couch in good condition. If you can help with any of the above, please call Harry Miller at 978.281.2701.

**Food Pantry Needs**

The following items are needed for our food pantry: Cereal, canned veggies, tuna fish, dry or Parmalat milk, oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly, crackers and juice. Donations may be placed in the receptacle in the church foyer. Thank you for your support!

**Parish Ministry Leaders & Organizers**

The Parish office is putting together a directory of all parish ministries, organizations and committees to be given to parishioners. We are asking that the key contact person in each organization provide us with the following: Organization name, contact person, title, meeting times (if applicable), brief description of organization/ministry. Please drop this information off at parish office or e-mail hfinfo@holyfamilycapeann.org. Thank you!

**First Communion Pictures**

First Communion pictures are in! Please pick them up at the Parish office any weekday between 10am-4pm or Sunday between 8am-noon.

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| <u>Mass</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Collection</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 4pm         | 195               | \$1,657.78        |
| 8am         | 270               | 1,485.75          |
| 9am         | 148               | 1,460.27          |
| 10am        | 320               | 1,392.85          |
| 11am        | 148               | 842.89            |
|             | 1,081             |                   |

**Weekly Offertory:** \$6,839.54  
**June EFT Contributions (4 Weeks):** 994.50  
**Office Offertory:** 139.25  
**Total Offertory:** \$7,973.29  
**June 2008 average collection:** \$9,506.34

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Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!



**Open Door Meals**

Thank you Holy Family Parish! Asking just \$1.00 from each of you brought us \$1,013.34! Open Door thanks you! Holy Family Book Club thanks you!

**2009 Catholic Appeal**

Stewardship reminds us to count our blessings, acknowledge God's gifts to us and express thanks to Him. We do this by a proportionate giving of our time, talent and treasure. We sincerely thank all members of our parish who as good stewards have made a gift to the Catholic Appeal. We have \$7,042 to raise before we reach our parish goal of \$35,500. You are helping many people with many needs. God calls us to share what we have to help others. If you have not yet made your pledge, envelopes are available at the back of the Church. For more information please visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com) or call 1.617.779.3700. Every gift matters. Thank you!

**Flower Urns Needed**

The Gardening Committee would like to purchase new large urns to help beautify our worship sites. If you would like to donate one in memory of a loved one, or for more information, please contact the Parish office.

**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!