



He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but

whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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Readings for the Week of September 13, 2009

- Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
- Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
- Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16---4:3/Mk 9:30-37

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**Stewardship:** In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice." See *James 2:17*

### Questions of the Week

**Adults:** How are my expectations of Jesus based upon my need to be served or on my willingness to serve others?

**Children:** What might I need to give up so that I can follow Jesus more closely?

### Religious Education



Religious Education

We will hold our final registration for religious education classes on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, from 11am-4pm in the Parish office. Classes begin Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. We will not be accepting new registrations on the first day of class. Call Dawn Alves at

978.281.4820 with any questions.

### Holy Family Parish Youth Choir

Holy Family Parish Youth Choir will resume their rehearsal schedule on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:15pm to 7pm. This year we are offering a CCD component to our Youth Choir which is why the start time is different. For those not participating in the CCD component, music rehearsal will begin at 5:50pm. We are open for new members grades 2-12 and welcome back all of our youth from last year. you have any questions fell free to call the parish office at 978.281.4820.



### Autumn Thoughts

By Deacon Dan Dunn

Fall is the favorite season of the year for many people. For others, it's the beginning of another school year or a chance to develop a new skill. But whatever it means to you, it's here. Time to put away the swimsuits and bring out the sweaters, put away the lawnmowers and bring out the rakes. This year as we adjust our lives to the new season, we have another opportunity to take inventory of our spiritual goals. How successful have we been in the past to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8)? At this time of year when we are trying to adjust our busy schedules to integrate new activities in our lives we have an opportunity to reflect on the importance we place on our prayer life. Some feel that prayer takes time that we just don't have. Certain forms of prayer, such as scripture reading, meditation and reciting formal prayers do take time. Other forms do not. Since we believe that God walks with us each day, prayer can mean simply recognizing Him there with us on the journey. Getting to know Him on the journey starts with the simple prayer, "Lord, help me to pray." Once you experience the relief and peace that comes from walking humbly with your God you will find the time necessary to develop a rich and satisfying prayer life. St. Therese of Lisieux found sainthood by recognizing God in the "little things" of His creation in her life such as flowers, smiles, laughter, tears and suffering.

Prayer is always available to us. In prayer we never receive a busy signal or are asked to leave a message after the beep. With prayer in your life you never need to remain trapped in feeling alone or helpless or afraid. Prayer can transform feelings of fear into an awareness of peace and self-worth. Through prayer, we are able to participate with the Holy Spirit in praising God for His goodness. Prayer, like love, never fails.

### The Arise Corner

TODAY IS SIGN UP WEEKEND--FOR YOU TO WALK "IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"

IF YOU HAVE NOT PARTICIPATED IN ARISE BEFORE OR ARE A YOUNG ADULT—PLEASE FILL OUT A CARD TODAY AND JOIN! DROP YOUR CARD IN THE ARISE BASKETS AT THE EXITS TODAY OR BY SEPT. 20<sup>TH</sup>. IT WILL BE AN EXPERIENCE YOU WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER!!

In our previous ARISE Seasons we learned to listen more carefully, both to what God tells us in the weekly readings and Scriptures, as well as to what other group members share. God is revealed as we share our daily lives, questions, struggles and successes. We learn from one another and how vital that is when we attempt to truly walk in Christ's footsteps. Join us in this third season of ARISE as we break open Scripture and learn what Christ wants us to do to carry out his teachings on charity and social justice for all.

Season Three faith sharing group meetings start the week of October 4<sup>th</sup> for 6 weeks. We hope to see you there!!



*TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*



**September 12<sup>th</sup>—  
September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

- Saturday, September 12, 2009**  
4pm (St. Ann)..... **Capt. Antonino Romeo**  
From Wife & Children
- Sunday, September 13, 2009**  
8am (St. Ann)..... **Capt. Salvatore & Maria Parco**  
From Children  
9am (St. Joachim)..... **Mary Anne Macchi**  
From Family  
10:30am (Stage Fort Park)..... **Parish Picnic**  
11am (St. Joachim)..... **No Mass Scheduled**
- Monday, September 14, 2009**  
9am (St. Joachim)..... **Diane Bertolino**  
From Mother
- Tuesday, September 15, 2009**  
9am (St. Ann)..... **Walburga Schittler**  
From Daughter
- Wednesday, September 16, 2009**  
9am (St. Joachim)..... **Bruce Lorentzen**  
From Wife & Family
- Thursday, September 17, 2009**  
9am (St. Joachim)..... **Lyle Brown**  
From The Loughlin Family
- Friday, September 18, 2009**  
9am (St. Joachim)..... **John Orlando**  
From Wife & Family
- Saturday, September 19, 2009**  
4pm (St. Ann)..... **Michael & Marie Fontana and Son Michael**  
From Family
- Sunday, September 20, 2009**  
8:00am (St. Ann)..... **Cecelia Twalipo**  
From The Twalipo Family  
9am (St. Joachim)..... **Pro Populo**  
10am (St. Ann)..... **Deceased Members of the Sallah  
and Karem Families**  
From Family  
11am (St. Joachim)..... **Marjorie Taylor**  
From Jane & Doug

**Nursing Home Schedule**

- Seacoast—Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 3pm  
DenMar—Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30pm  
Golden Living Center—Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm  
Anointing Mass—Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30  
Parish Picnic—Stage Fort Park

**Health Care Ministry Team**

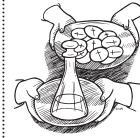
There will be a mandatory meeting for the Health Care Ministry Team on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3-5pm in the second floor conference room. If you are unable to attend, please contact Anna.

**This Weekend's  
Altar Flowers Donations**

St. Ann Church: In memory of **Thomas J. Parisi** from his wife Maryanne Parisi.  
St. Joachim Church: In memory of **Mary Anne Macchi** from her family.



We commend into God's care **Salvatore Curcuru, William Lopes and Theresa MacNeil** who were buried from our parish recently.



**Host & Wine**

The Host & Wine for September were donated in loving memory of:

**Peter, Grace, & Roseanne Ciolino, and Salvatore & Paul Scola**  
From Vincie Scola and Family

**Memorials & Donations**

Holy Family Parish gratefully acknowledges donations received in memory of:

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| <b>Salvatore Curcuru</b><br>Michael & Annalee Aiello<br>Vito & Rosemarie Asaro<br>Faye Curcuru<br>Jennie Favazza<br>Annette & Robert Hale<br>Angela & Steve Miller<br>Felicia & Kevin Raftery<br>Catherine Randazza<br>Tom & Kathy Scola<br>Claudia & Harry Thompson | <b>Mary Mathews</b><br>Carlo & Rosemarie LaRocca<br>Patricia & Anthony Militello         |
| <b>James Doe</b><br>Monica & Bill Nardone  | <b>Grace Orlando</b><br>Angie & Onofrio Maggiore   |
| <b>Mary Mathews</b><br>Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Alves<br>The Catania Family   | <b>Giuseppa Sardo</b><br>Sefatia & Matthew Theken  |
|  | <b>Malla T. McMillan</b><br>Mary Gibran<br>Madeline Sarofeen<br>Sefatia & Matthew Theken |
|  | <b>William Natti</b><br>Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Alves<br>Josh & Teresa Arnold                  |

**Women's Guild**

The next Guild meeting will be held on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

**Penny Sale**

**September 26<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Penny Sale.** Doors open at 5:00pm. Mark your calendar and make it a family fun night. There will be a concession selling hamburgers, hot dogs, and snacks. Plan to come and win some great prizes!

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Penny Sale please contact Helen Downey at 978.283.7391. We are looking for new items such as toys, gift baskets, gift certificates or baked goods.

**Fall Fling**

The Fall Fling will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup>, from 6-10pm in the Parish hall. The North Shore Accapella will be making a return visit to Holy Family Parish. Tickets are \$20 which will include chowder, lobster roll or meatball sub, and dessert. There will be a cash bar of beer and wine. Come and enjoy the night, sing, dance and have a great time with friends as you listen to the group sing the songs of yesterday. Tickets will be sold after Mass and at the Parish office. Contact Bea Ciaramitaro at 978.283.2691 or Rosie Verga at 978.281.4161.



**Rosary**

The Rosary is being said Wednesday nights at 5pm at the Mother of Grace Club, 48 Washington Street. All are welcome to attend.

**Attention UMass-Amherst Students and Parents**

As you return to school this fall we want to make sure that you know that the Newman Catholic Center at UMass-Amherst is available to you and that our staff is eager to help in any way that we can. Newman offers a home-away-from home environment where students can pray, study, relax and meet other students. The Center offers extensive spiritual service and social programs. We also have the best cafeteria in Amherst. The Newman Center is located right on campus. We encourage all of you to drop in to meet the staff. If you are interested in being a lector, a catechist, a member of the choir or a member of the Newman Student Association, we'd love to hear from you. Please visit our website [www.newmanumass.org](http://www.newmanumass.org) to register and to learn more about our programs.

**Fr. Bullock Road Race**

Help support families in need in the Gloucester area by participating in the Father Bullock 5 Mile Run and 2 Mile Walk on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30am at Good Harbor Beach. For more information and to register for the event go to [www.fatherbullockroadrace.com](http://www.fatherbullockroadrace.com).

**Tour of Italy**

The Shroud of Turin, once-in-a lifetime chance for public viewing, is being planned for April 25-May 6, 2010 - also featuring Lake Maggiore, Lake Como, Milan, Montecatina, Siena, San Gimignano, Assist, Florence, Rome and Vatican City. Leaving from Logan Airport via Alitalia, 12day/10 night tour will also include sightseeing in the Northern Lakes Region of Italy, the Province of Tuscany and in Rome, staying at superior hotels, all transfers and sightseeing, continental breakfast each morning, 2 lunches, and 3-course dinner each evening at hotel, wine tasting in Chianti Country, professional tour escort, English speaking tour guides.

Cost for this four is by check, \$2,439 (twin occupancy), \$2,499 by credit card. Planned by Durgan Travel Service, and sponsored by the Friends of the Council on Aging, all are welcome to join this tour. Brochures are at the Rose Baker Senior Center. For more information, please call 978.281.9765.

**Financial Summary**

<b>5 Weekends in August 2009</b>	
Offertory:	\$41,703.04
EFT Contributions (42 Participants):	\$3,878.00
Total Offertory:	\$45,581.01
Average Weekly Offertory:	\$9,116.21
<b>5 Weekends in August 2008</b>	
Total Offertory:	\$45,154.15
EFT Contributions	\$3,014.65
Total Offertory	\$48,168.80
Average Weekly Offertory:	\$9,633.76

**Catholic TV**

Fr. Gariboldi will be celebrating Mass on Catholic TV September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am, channel WBPX 68, Comcast Cable channel 11.

Last Weekend's Collection

Mass	Attendance	Collection
4pm	205	\$1,421.55
5:30pm	168	643.25
7:30am	86	637.55
8am	200	1,312.00
9am	198	1,039.50
10am	150	1,150.20
11am	178	1,219.87
	<b>1,185</b>	

<b>Weekly Offertory:</b>	<b>\$7,423.92</b>
<b>September EFT Contributions (4 Weeks):</b>	<b>989.50</b>
<b>Office Offertory:</b>	<b>901.00</b>
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>\$9,314.42</b>
<b>September 2008 average collection:</b>	<b>\$9,633.76</b>
<b>@ U g h ' K Y Y _ D g ' &amp; Catholic University ]</b>	<b>\$2,318.44</b>
<b>Catholic Appeal:</b>	<b>\$28,693.00</b>
<b>(80.8% of our \$35,500 goal)</b>	

*Thank you for your support!!*

**Grand Annual**

We want to thank all those who have contributed thus far to the Parish's Grand Annual Campaign. As of Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, our total raised was \$39,265.87. This is 60.41% of our goal of \$65,000. Given that the campaign just began August 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>, we are very encouraged. While we still have a long way to go, this is a positive start. As you know, the money gathered through this campaign allows us to continue our many ministries and programs. These ministries define what the parish is and will be. Your help is critical as Holy Family moves forward. We hope everyone will consider a contribution and give what they can. Your generosity and support is most appreciated.

**St. Vincent de Paul**

The following items are needed for our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry: Cereal, soup, canned veggies, tuna fish, dry or Parmalat milk, PB&J, crackers, pasta, pasta sauce, and juice. Donations may be placed in the receptacle in the church foyer. Thanks for your support.

€ € **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!!**