

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, CAPE ANN, MASSACHUSETTS



John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - Lk 3:3

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Readings for the Week of December 6, 2009
 Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
 Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
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Stewardship: Good stewards believe that god, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!" See *Psalm 126*

Religious Education Calendar

Thursday, December 10th—6:30: Home School Gathering in the Parish office.
 Saturday, December 19th: Safety Saturday—Refer to your schedule for times or call the office at 978.281.4820.

St. Ann School Polar Plunge

On New Years Day at noon volunteers will bravely wade into the Atlantic Ocean at Niles Beach. Please come cheer them on! The Polar Plunge is a Parent—Teacher Organization fundraiser that will benefit St. Ann's curriculum development, classroom supplies, teacher professional development, and educational field trips. If you would like to sponsor someone or join in on the fun, please call Sharon Els at 617-413-7797 or e-mail sharonels@alum.mit.edu.

Cape Ann Interfaith Seasonal Gift Bags

Each year at Harvest Meals volunteers put together gift bags to celebrate Christmas or Hanukah. Gift bags are filled with home-baked goodies, fruit, candy, and other delicacies given by faith community members in support of those in need on Cape Ann. The need continues to rise due to the current economic downturn. We'll be putting gift bags together to distribute Tuesday, Dec. 15th, at 3pm. Contributions need to be delivered to St. John's Episcopal Church, 48 Middle St., on 12/15. If this is not possible, call and arrange a time. We ask donors to label gifts as coming from your congregation. **Please do not cook with nuts.** Cookies, brownies, dessert bars; candies: fudge, candy canes, chocolates, or other wonderful treats (**without nuts**); clementines or oranges—all of which brighten the lives of Harvest Meals guests. For more information please call Maud Warren at 978.283.8150 or e-mail maudw1@yahoo.com. Thanks for helping bring God's love to our neighbors.



**Many Thanks!!
Christmas Fair**

Many thanks to the Holy Family Women's Guild and all those who worked on the Christmas Fair. Their tireless efforts continue to make this annual event a tremendous success. Their continued commitment to our Parish is truly appreciated!

2009 Fair Proceeds (before expenses)—\$18,819.15
 2008 Fair Proceeds (before expenses)—\$16,943.81

Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors

A sincere thank you to Jack & Mary Jane Olson and all who helped prepare and serve the Thanksgiving dinner. As always this was a joyful experience for the seniors of Cape Ann.

St. Vincent de Paul

The following items are needed for our food pantry: Jelly, Peanut Butter, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Canned Vegetables, Canned Soups, Baked Beans, Juice, Crackers, and Cereal. Donations may be placed in the receptacle in the church foyer. Thank you!

We were surprised! Are You?

The Pastoral Parish Council had a retreat recently. One of our tasks was to count our blessing in our Parish. (We mentioned immediately the arrival of Fr. John!) The list was rather amazing and heartwarming. You might find it interesting. Here it is:

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| Adoration | Money Counters |
| ARISE | New Relationships Formed |
| Adult Choir | Parish Council |
| Bible Study | Prayer Group |
| Brazilian Community | Religious Ed Volunteers |
| Catholic Cemeteries (Now managed by the Archdioceses of Boston) | RCIA |
| Cevicos Mission | Senior Thanksgiving Dinner |
| E j k n f t g p ø u " | Spirit and Love of the Poor |
| Environmental Committee | St. Ann School |
| Eucharistic Ministers | St. Vincent de Paul |
| Fr. John Walsh | Thursday Book Club |
| Finance Council | Welcoming Ministry |
| Health Care Ministry | Y q o g p ø u " I w k n f |
| Lectors | Youth Ministry |
| | 5 Masses in the Fall/Winter/Spring; 7 Masses in the Summer |

Are you surprised so much is going on? Are you involved in many of the activities? Want to learn more about the various ministries, groups and opportunities? The Parish office can always put you in touch with the right person and we have a Ministries booklet coming out soon. In the mean time, we just rejoice so much is happening—and we acknowledge we don't always take note and give thanks! You might want to do the same.

Parish Tree-Trimming

On Saturday, December 19th, parishioners of Holy Family Parish are invited to the Rectory **following the 4pm Mass** to help trim the Parish tree. Feel free to bring an ornament to hang on the tree. Refreshments will be served.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



December 5th
December 13, 2009

Saturday, December 5, 2009

4pm (St. Ann).....**Domenico Viviano & Anthony Cilluffo**
From Sefatia Romeo Theken

Sunday, December 6, 2009

8am (St. Ann).....**Salvatore Loiacano**
From Family

9am (St. Joachim).....**Pro Populo**

10am (St. Ann).....**Ralph & Josephine Pratt and Grandsons Charles, Thomas and Seamus**
From Family

11am (St. Joachim)....**Thomas, Alice, & Rita Walsh and Family**
From Family

Monday, December 7, 2009

9am (St. Joachim).....**Edward, Margaret & Maureen Wade**
From Ed Wade & Family

5:30pm(St. Ann).....**Vigil Mass**

7:30pm(St. Ann) (Mass in Portuguese)

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

9am (St. Joachim).....**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12pm (St. Ann)

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

9am (St. Joachim).....**Warren E. Houghton**
From Sister June

Thursday, December 10, 2009

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

Friday, December 11, 2009

9am (St. Joachim).....**Walburga Schittler**
From Daughter

Saturday, December 12, 2009

4pm (St. Ann).....**Joe Orlando**
From Sister & Family

Sunday, December 13, 2009

8am (St. Ann).....**Pro Populo**

9am (St. Joachim).....**Capt. Joseph & Rose Palazola, Marvin Wilson, Sr. and Marvin Wilson, Jr.**
From Jean Wilson

10am (St. Ann).....**Angela A. Vitale**
From Grandmother

11am (St. Joachim).....**Gabriel, Michael & Dominic Ferrante**
(Anointing Mass) From Family

Nursing Home Schedule

Seacoast—Monday, December 14th at 3pm

Den Mar—Monday, December 21st at 3:30

Golden Living Center—Monday, December 28th at 3pm

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 7th

5:30pm Vigil Mass (St. Ann)

Tuesday, December 8th

9am (St. Joachim Church) &

12pm (St. Ann Church)



Altar Flower Donations

Donations are being accepted for Altar Flowers. Please call the office if you'd like to remember your loved ones with the purchase of flowers to be displayed on the altar of St. Ann or St. Joachim.



Host & Wine

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

~Edward R. Ghidella and
The Bendik Family ~

From Wife and Sons

Host & Wine Donations

Donations are being accepted for Host and Wine for January through June of 2010. If you'd like to remember a loved one with a donation, please call the office.

Memorials & Donations

Holy Family Parish gratefully acknowledges donations received in memory of:

Francesco Paul

Brancaleone

Catherine Randazza

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Pauline Danish

Phil & Jane Demetri

Sarina Favazza

Valentina Guilfooy

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Linquata

Dominic & Marie Loiacano

Joe Loiacano

Sam & Rosalie Parisi

Pauline Piscitello

Catherine Randazza

John & Joanne Senos

Andrew LaRosa

Vito, Marc &

Tonianne Piscitello

John & Joanne Senos

Grace & Robert Spoon

Grace (Catania) Veerman

Phyllis Toppan

Felicia Aiello

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Pauline Danish

Jane & Phil Demetri

Grace & Vito Favalaro

Dominic & Marie Loiacano

Onofrio & Angie Maggiore

Joseph Orlando

Pauline (Catania) Pelosi

Fena Souza



In Loving Memory

We commend into God's care **Francesco Brancaleone, Virginia Favazza, Sylvia Fears, Josephine Pouliot and Phyllis Toppan** who were buried from our parish recently. Please remember them in your prayers.

Catholic Charities

Please join Catholic Charities in making wishes come true this Christmas!

This fall, many have come to Catholic Charities seeking help to buy food, stay in their homes and provide heat for their families. Will you join us in our charitable work this Christmas? To participate, please visit ccab.org or contact Sarah at 781.593.2312.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th

4pm & 6pm—St. Ann

5pm and Midnight—St. Joachim

Sunday, December 25th

10am—St. Ann

10am—St. Joachim

Advent Christmas Concert



Today, Sunday December 6th the Holy Family Choir will perform its fifth Advent-Christmas Concert. The music has been selected to embrace this wonderful holy season, as well as to bring us closer to the arrival of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Our choir members have been very busy preparing for this joyous occasion and look

forward to your presence. The Children's Youth Choir will again grace this year's concert with their celestial voices. In addition to the Children's choir, we will have the pleasure of our Brazilian musicians performing in this year's program. If you haven't had the pleasure of attending a Monday night mass with our Brazilian neighbors and their delightful music, this concert will be a perfect opportunity to hear them. The Music Ministry Program is so excited about this upcoming Advent/Christmas Concert. So please, come and join us at 2pm at St. Ann Church and share in this holy seasonal and diversified musical event. We look forward to seeing you!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Christmas Giving Trees, sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, have been set up in the vestibules of St. Joachim and St. Ann Churches. Each tree is decorated with colored stars describing a gift, which may be donated for the people of Cape Ann. Each gift should be new and unused and returned unwrapped with the original star attached. The trees will be up until Sunday December 13th and all the gifts should be returned to the business office no later than noon Wednesday, December 16th. WE ARE SORRY BUT NO GIFTS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE AS WE ARE A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION AND ALL GIFTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 19TH.

Madonna del Rosario Society Christmas Party

The Madonna del Rosario Society will celebrate Christmas at the Gloucester House Restaurant on Sunday, December 13th. The meeting will start at 12 noon followed by a luncheon at 12:30pm. Tickets must be purchased by December 8th. A raffle will be held during the party. Membership dues for 2010 are payable at this time. For tickets, call Grace at 978.281-1907 or Rosalie at 978.283.0504. If no answer, please leave a message.

Cevicos Mission Trip

Missionaries from Holy Family will be traveling to Cevicos in the Dominican Republic January 16th-23rd. they will need your prayers and donations for our medical clinics. **Please do not donate items not on this list.**

Liquid and chewable acetaminophen for children, Monistat and other items that can be used in hygiene packs for women, anti-fungal cream, acetaminophen 325mg, 500mg, and 650mg for arthritis, ibuprofen 200mg, aspirin (81mg for heart), Selsun Blue shampoo, adult & senior multivitamins, Prilosec, Tums, cough syrup for adults, cold and allergy meds (day & night), Ziploc Bags (quart, sandwich, & snack sizes), bars of soap.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES



Flower envelopes are in the back of the church for those of you who wish to make a Christmas Flower donation in memory of your deceased loved ones.

Last Weekend's Collection

Mass	Attendance	Collection
4pm	180	\$1,408.00
8am	170	1,303.25
9am	173	1,283.85
10am	245	1,402.66
11am	191	1,015.25
	959	

Weekly Offertory:	\$6,413.01
November EFT Contributions (5 Weeks):	\$967.00
Office Offertory:	426.25
Total Offertory:	\$7,806.26
November 2008 average collection:	\$8,481.30
Catholic Appeal: (83% of our \$35,500 goal)	\$29,458.00

We appreciate your support!!

Grand Annual News

Total contributions as of Dec. 1st have reached \$70,564.87 With an additional 2 responses coming in this week **we have achieved 94.09% of our \$75,000 goal!** We are most grateful to all of you who have contributed thus far to this year's campaign. If you have yet to participate, we hope you consider a contribution and give what you can. Remember, all Grand Annual contributions are tax-deductible, stay within Holy Family Parish, and will be used to meet local needs. **We appreciate your donation!**

Christmas Collection

The upcoming Christmas Collection supports the retirement, healthcare and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. We encourage you to please give generously on behalf of the priests that have devoted their lives to faithfully serving God and the faithful of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.

Repairs to Ramp

Repairs to the ramp at St. Ann Church are expected to be complete by next weekend, barring any unforeseen circumstances. Please keep this in mind if you use the ramp. Feel free to call the office on Friday afternoon or Sunday morning for an update on the repairs. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

€ € 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!!