

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, CAPE ANN, MASSACHUSETTS



John answered them all, saying, %o Q Á æ { Á à æ] c you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy

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Readings for the Week of December 13, 2009

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
 Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
 Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
 Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
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Stewardship: V [á æ ^ q • Á Õ [•] ^ | Á] ! [ç ā á ^ • Á æ Á à | ~ ^] (An) Saturday, December 19th, parishioners of Holy Family Parish are invited to the Rectory, following the 4pm Mass to help trim the Parish tree. It is not necessary to bring an ornament, just your festive selves! Light refreshments will be served.



Religious Education Calendar

Next Saturday, Dec. 19th, is our Faith Formation Safety Saturday. These meetings are mandated by our Boston Diocese Child Protection Office for the intention of keeping all children safe. All students should meet in our school gym at the scheduled times:
 Grade 1 & 2 - 9-10:30am Grade 3 & 4 - 10:45-Noon
 Grade 5 & 6 - 2:30-3:30pm Grade 7 & 8 - 5:30-6:30pm

Looking Ahead

Jan. 2nd, Kindergarten gathering, St. Ann Church 9am
 Jan. 10th, grade level Mass, grade 3, 11am St. Joachim
 Jan. 24th, WPFH hosted by grades 4 & 8, beginning with 10am Mass at St. Ann

Feast of the Epiphany

We are seeking students for our Epiphany Procession for the upcoming feast day, which will begin our 4PM Mass on Saturday, January 2, 2010.



Roles needed to be filled: 1 shepherd, 1 servant boy, 3 wise men, Mary & Joseph, 7 angels for the North Star, 2 littlest angels (Pre-K through Gr.2).
 Students from Grades 3 and up are invited to participate in this procession. If you are interested, please call Susanne Demetri at 978-283-5096 for rehearsal dates and permission slips.

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 c @ æ c Á , ā | | Á à ^ } ^ ~ ā c Á Û c È Á Æ } } q • Á & ~ 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.



A Big Thank You

The Advent/Christmas Concert held Dec. 6th was a huge success due in part to our dedicated musicians, and the great support of our Co-Pastors. The Holy Family Music Ministry would like to graciously thank all the parishioners, friends, parents, and family who were able to attend our Advent/Christmas Concert. Your presence enhanced this concert! Once again, I would like to thank our Adult Choir, Youth/ Ô @ ā | á ! ^ } q • Á Ô @ [ā ! È Á Q } • c ! ~ { ^ } c æ | ā • c Brazilian group for their time, efforts, and love of music. It is a pleasure to participate with these fine people, and their talents. I look forward to yet another exciting musical year!!

Thomas Misuraca, Director of Music Ministry

St. Vincent de Paul Needs

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!
The following items are also needed: Coffee tables, end table, small kitchen table and kitchen chairs. Please call Harry Miller if you can help at 978.281.2701.

Parish Tree -Trimming

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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.

The ARISE Corner



Thank you to all those members of ARISE who made the ARISE celebration Mass and reception such a success. Û c æ ! c ā } * Á , ā c @ Á Ø ! È Á Û [} q • Á @ [{ ā | c @ ^ Á] [! ! È Á c [Á V [{ q • Á { ~ • ā & Á % Ô [Á c ^ [~ Á à [Á ~ } c [Á { ^ + È Á c @ ! [over 160

(including people from the action shelter) were served a delicious meal of eggs, fruit, bagels and muffins, culminating in a wonderful talk by Ms. Kathy Motyka, of Renew International on the seven themes of catholic social teaching · the main teachings of the 3rd season of ARISE. [{ Á It was a talk that challenged all of us to continue to reach out with charity and justice to all those in need. A truly beautiful celebration!!



Altar Flower Donations

The flowers on St. Ann Altar were donated in loving memory of Mercurio & Rosalia Ciaramitaro and Stefana & Frank Taormina from Mr. & Mrs. Vito Ciaramitaro.

Donations are being accepted for Altar Flowers. Please call purchase of flowers to be displayed on the altar of St. Ann or St. Joachim.

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 donate items on this list only.**

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.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

You may have noticed two recent projects on the St. Ann campus. We would like to update you on how these projects were paid for, neither involved Parish operating funds. The majority of the funding for the ramp came from a savings account restricted to increasing accessibility to the church for those not able to manage stairs (people with disabilities, people using walkers or wheelchairs, or the elderly). Remaining funds came through Reconfiguration Funds held by the Archdiocese. The other project involved tearing down the old carport on the far side of the Rectory and installing a fence around that parking lot. Reconfiguration Funds will be used for this as well.

CatholicTV

CatholicTV will intersperse Advent and Christmas programming with their regular schedule throughout December and especially from Monday, December 21st through December 26th, CatholicTV will become **ChristmasTV** for 72 hours of non-stop specials.

You can always watch all of the fine Catholic TV programming live and on-demand at our easy to navigate website: www.CatholicTV.com.

Financial Summary

5 Weekends in November 2009	
Offertory:	\$37,735.92
EFT Contributions:	\$4,835.00
Total Offertory:	\$42,570.92
Average Weekly Offertory:	\$8,514.18
5 Weekends in November 2008	
Offertory:	\$38,471.86
EFT Contributions:	\$3,934.65
Total Offertory:	\$42,406.51
Average Weekly Offertory:	\$8,481.30

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Mass	Attendance	Collection
4pm	480	\$1,637.00
8am	160	1,068.00
9am	162	1,087.25
10am	310	2,556.50
11am	130	652.41
	1,242	

Weekly Offertory:	\$7,001.16
December EFT Contributions (4 Weeks):	\$1,211.25
Office Offertory:	516.00
Total Offertory:	\$8,728.41
December 2008 average collection:	\$7,787.55
Catholic Appeal:	\$29,458.00
(83% of our \$35,500 goal)	

We appreciate your support!!

Grand Annual Almost There!

Total contributions as of Dec. 8th have reached \$71,279.87 With an additional 7 responses coming in this week **we have achieved 95.04% of our \$75,000 goal!** We are most grateful to 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.

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.

Bulletin Deadline

Due to the upcoming Holidays and publishing deadlines, bulletin notice due dates for the next few weeks are as follows:
 Dec. 20th bulletin submissions are due Mon. Dec. 14th
 Dec. 27th bulletin submissions are due Tues. Dec. 15th
 Jan. 3rd bulletin submissions are due Mon. Dec. 21st

Please have all items for submission in our office by noon on these dates. 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!!