



Jesus said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them.— Lk 2:49-50

Readings for the Week of December 27, 2009

Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 1:5---2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
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Stewardship: The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

Religious Education Calendar

Looking Ahead

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

Feast of the Epiphany



Please join students from our Parish, led by Susanne Demetri, for our annual Epiphany Procession celebrating the upcoming feast day. The procession will begin our 4pm Mass on Saturday, January 2, 2010.

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 EIs at 617-413-7797 or e-mail sharonels@alum.mit.edu.

Shaw's Receipt Program

The Shaw's Receipt Program has come to an end. Thanks to all who collected and submitted their receipts to benefit St. Ann School!

Just Musing

Where dreams come true. That is what is on the sign over the entrance to Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Several months ago, my wife and I decided to take a vacation and with the dollar so weak in Europe we chose to go to Disney World. In the event that you think I am too old for Disney World and really didn't go, I have a Mickey Mouse watch to prove I did.

First, I have to say that it was wonderful to get away alone with my wife and fall in love with her all over again.

And so, back to the Magic Kingdom and dreams. What impressed me more than any of the rides, shows and exhibits is something you really have to step back and contemplate while you are there. What occurred to me is that it is a peaceful place. Visitors, children and adults, walk around smiling and happy. They don't even seem to mind waiting in long lines and they have animated conversations with strangers in line with them.

The staff in the parks are not called workers or employees. They are called cast members. Each has a role, no matter how menial or trivial, that is important to the production. That makes everyone important.

Arriving home it occurred to me: what about our own Magic Kingdom? Our little part of God's Kingdom here in Holy Family Parish. Production may be mundane word for God's Kingdom but that's what it is and you and I are the cast. Whatever our role may become in God's script for life we sanctify God's Kingdom. You and I are the magic. You and I bring about peace and happiness for each other. You and I are important to God's production.

And then there's the thing about dreams coming true. What about that? What about the hopes and the desires and dreams you and I have for ourselves and each other? What about God's dreams for you and me? During the flight home it occurred to me that I only dream for the future. I don't dream for today. And that is unfortunate because I believe that God dreams for you and me for today. He dreams in real time. He has all these great ideas and things for our happiness today. And I believe that when tomorrow comes He will have more dreams for your happiness and mine. We are important. Each of us matter. God needs us to sanctify His kingdom. God needs us to show the magic of His love and happiness to each other. And that makes God happy.

Oh, and by the way, Mickey sends his regards to each of you.

Deacon Kane



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



December 26th, 2009
January 3rd, 2010

Saturday, December 26, 2009
4pm (St. Ann).....**Rose Testaverde**
From Family

Sunday, December 27, 2009
8am (St. Ann).....**Andrew & Margaret Orlando**
From Family

9am (St. Joachim).....**Nancy Brown**
From Family

10am (St. Ann).....**Joseph Nicastro**
From Family

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

Monday, December 28, 2009
9am (St. Joachim).....**Joseph & Frank Ciaramitaro
and Salvatore Loiacano**
From Sisters

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

Tuesday, December 29, 2009
9am (St. Joachim).....**Phillip Baptiste**
From Catherine Randazza

Wednesday, December 30, 2009
9am (St. Joachim).....**Thomas Jenkins**
From Mother & Father

Thursday, December 31, 2009
9am (St. Joachim).....**Mary Seed**
From Family

4pm (St. Ann).....**New Years Eve**
8pm (St. Ann) (Mass in Portuguese)

Friday, January 1, 2010
10am (St. Joachim).....**New Years Day**

Saturday, January 2, 2010
4pm (St. Ann).....**Jerome J. Frontiero**
From Wife & Family

Sunday, January 3, 2010
8am (St. Ann).....**Pro Populo**
9am (St. Joachim).....**George Warde and his daughter Katy**
From Peg Warde & Family

10am (St. Ann).....**Mary Alves**
(Anointing Mass) From Family

11am (St. Joachim).....**Jeremiah Kean & Andrea Murphy**
From Family

Nursing Home Schedule

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

Seacoast—Monday, January 11th at 3pm

Den Mar—Monday, January 18th at 3:30

Golden Living Center—Monday, January 25th at 3pm



Host & Wine

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

~Edward R. Ghidella and
The Bendik Family ~
From Wife and Sons



Memorials & Donations

Holy Family Parish gratefully acknowledges
donations received in memory of:

Virginia Favazza

Donna & Tom Lupo

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Mary Feener

Marie Foss

Virginia A. Jeffrey

Phyllis Toppan

Donna & Tom Lupo



We commend into God's care

Hannah Terasita Jemiolo and

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buried from our parish recently.

May they rest in peace.

New Year's Schedule

Thursday, December 31st New Year's Eve

4pm—St. Ann Church

Friday, January 1st New Years Day

10am—St. Joachim Church

Catholic Charities Needs Your Help

Help your Cape Ann neighbors by providing a donation to the local Catholic Charities Gloucester Office for basic needs—food, utility and rental assistance during these difficult economic times. Please send donations to Catholic Charities North, attn: Sarah Gindel, 60 Prospect St., Gloucester, MA. Please put "basic needs" in the memo line. Thank you. For more info. call 978-283-3055.

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.



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Anointing Masses will be the first Sunday
of each month at alternating worship sites.
The next anointing Mass will be Sunday,
January 3rd, 10am at St. Ann.

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.



A Special Thank You

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all those who helped make our Christmas Giving Trees such a huge success. We're sure there were many happy children Christmas morning due to your generosity.

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.

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

January 10th, the Pastoral Parish Council meets at 1pm in the Parish Hall. Finances of the Parish will be the principal topic for discussion. PLEASE MARK YOU CALENDAR AND JOIN US. All are welcome.

Save The Date

Holy Family Parish celebrates it's 5th anniversary at the 4pm Mass on Saturday, January 9th. All are invited to celebrate Mass then join us in the Parish Hall for a spaghetti dinner.

Christian Vocation:

being attentive to our Christian call to witness God's tremendous love.

On the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Church invites us to consider our own vocation. How can I discern God's call? How can I listen to God's invitation? Marriage, religious life, priesthood, diaconate...What am I to offer: my talents, my skills, my entire being? We have all been chosen by God through our Baptism to respond to our vocation. A panel of men and women will speak about their vocations. Take time with God and others to explore your vocational call. The time is right, God is waiting for you.

When: Sunday, January 10, 2010
Where: St. Michael Parish Hall, North Andover, MA
Time: 2-5 including Vespers and Benediction
Please R.S.V.P. to Sister Marian Batho, CSJ at 617.746.5637 or Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org.

Last Weekend's Collection
Due to early bulletin submission dates, last weekend's collections were not available. Collection totals from 12/20 and 12/25 will be printed in next weekend's bulletin.

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection

Next weekend's second collection supports St. Ann School.

Grand Annual—Almost There!

Total contributions as of Dec. 14th 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 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!**



Your Christmas Offering

We hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas Day in celebration of the birth of our savior. As a reminder, the Christmas Collection supports the retirement, healthcare and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. If you have not done so already and you wish to do so, you may include your completed Christmas Collection envelope in today's collection basket. Thank you for your continued generosity to the church.

Office Closed

The business office will be closed New Year's Day, Friday, January 1st.

€ € Bulletin Deadline € €

Please have all items for submission to the Jan. 10th bulletin in our office by noon on Tuesday, Jan. 5th. 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!!