



On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:11

Readings for the Week of January 7, 2007

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Religious Education News

Question of the Week

Adults: Sometimes on long journeys we are tempted to turn back. What keeps you on the road to Jesus?

Children: It has been said that the star is a symbol of faith. How can your faith be a star for others this week? How can it light the sky?

CONFIRMATION PICTURES are in and can be picked up in the parish office during business hours.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES Gr. 1-9 will resume Sunday, Jan. 21st. This includes the 9th Grade Confirmation Class which will meet for the first time following the 10 a.m. Mass from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in St. Ann School Gym. Blessings for a Happy New Year to our Religious Education students and their families!

YOUTH GROUP

All High School Students are invited to "game night" (our next gathering) Monday, Jan. 8th. We have a few board games as well as an Air Hockey and Foosball table, but feel free to bring along your own. We meet in the Religious Education/Youth room in St. Ann School from 6:30 to 8 p.m. We will also discuss fun winter activities with faith-filled friends, so bring along your ideas!

Teen Mission Trip

During February Vacation eight students will return to our Cevicos Mission in support of education for the children in the surrounding Compos of Cevicos. We will host an **indoor yard sale on Saturday, Jan. 20th**. Clean out your children's old sporting equipment, toys and books, as well as your kitchen cabinets. We are asking for household goods only (no clothing). **On Saturday, Jan. 27th the students will hold a Dominican Dinner**, sharing with you some of the familiar foods they will be enjoying in the Dominican Republic. Tickets will be sold next weekend at all Masses. The proceeds from these events will support rental vehicles, food, and financial gifts for the Sisters who run our mission clinic.

Reflections by Father Bullock

There was a French movie some years ago, "The Return of Martin Guerre," and the more recent film, modeled upon it, "Somersby." Both treat the same basic plot: a man returns to his village after many years of absence – after having been given up for dead by family and friends and all the villagers. Movies different in many aspects of plot and resolution but common to both the fact that this return forces questions upon each of the villagers, and decisions consequent upon their answers to this question. Is this the same man or not? What is my attitude if I believe it is? What should my attitude be if I do not so believe? As noted the movies differ markedly, but the central theme remains: someone returns to his village – and things are not the same for all!

In a sense, is this not the central theme, the essence of Christmas and the Christmas message? An infant has returned to his village the earth – and all the villagers aware of his return must question and make decisions. For many this question is "who?" Who is this child, and why should this child have any affect upon me? For us, the question is not "who?" but "what?" What does the return of this Child, another Christmas, mean to me? How did it affect my life in the past?...and how do I want it to affect my life in the coming year? Basically, am I ready to listen ever more closely, and attend to the message that is this Child's return?

Marathons are common today. The first marathon occurred in 491 B.C. and took its name from the site of a famous victory of the Greeks over the Persians. Word needed to be sent to the Greek King Archeus, some 25 miles away. A long distance runner was sent, carrying a torch. At his destination he collapses but still manages to gasp the word "victory." A cartoon some time ago pictured a runner arriving at his destination, and gasping to the awaiting crowd, "I forgot the message."

This is always a danger to us in the busiest of all seasons with its multiple demands and concerns and preparations. But we cannot afford to go forth and forget the message. Simple in its greatness, it reminds us that once more God has visited His village – that He calls us to be partners with Him in remaking the world – a city – a family – ourselves. You can change, the message tells us; you can be different, and make a difference. We can because God cared enough to return and to grace the world with the ultimate grace that is His presence.

PACE

PROGRAM OF ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY

The Elder Service Plan of the North Shore's PACE program will soon be in Gloucester. PACE programs coordinate and provide all needed preventive, primary, acute and long term care services so that older individuals can continue to live in the community. PACE is an innovative model that enables individuals who are at least 55 years old, and certified by their state to need nursing home care, to live safely and independently in their homes with support services.

Although PACE will not be opening its doors on Emerson Avenue in Gloucester until spring, Marketing & Enrollment Coordinator Teresa Gove Arnold will be available at the Rose Baker Senior Center each Friday beginning in January to provide information regarding this model of care. Teresa will be happy to answer your questions as this exciting new alternative to care is introduced to Cape Ann. **To schedule an appointment, call (978) 281-9765.**

Last Chance for Raffle Tickets

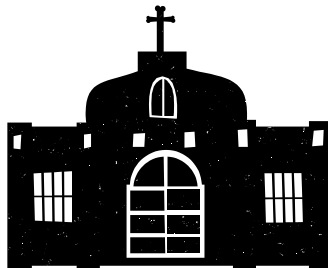
Don't miss out! Less than 25 tickets remain for the Holy Family Parish Sweepstakes. Join us on Jan. 7th from 5-7 p.m. at the Gloucester House Restaurant for a cocktail & hors d'oeuvre reception, as we celebrate the second anniversary of the formation of Holy Family Parish. A total of eight cash prizes will be drawn including a \$10,000 first prize. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office on Sunday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, or by calling Mike Costello (978) 546-7140. A ticket will admit two to the reception. Good Luck!

Fuel Assistance

You may be eligible for savings and discounts on your heating bill if your income meets 2006-2007 fuel assistance guidelines. Gross monthly household income:

One person	\$1,633
Two people	2,200
Three people	2,766
Four people	3,333
Five people	3,900

Receive discounts on your gas, electric, telephone, and oil bills. You may also be eligible for repairs, cleanings, or replacement of heating systems (homeowners). Weatherization is also available for your home or apartment. If your refrigerator or freezer is not energy efficient, National Grid may replace it free of charge. Your water bed may be replaced with a regular mattress. The energy manager will provide energy saving light bulbs and water conservation devices, also at no cost to you. The goal of this program is to help conserve energy as well as to lower your high energy costs. **Please call (978) 281-3900 for more information.**



Cevicos Mission

Members of the Holy Family Parish Mission are preparing for our second trip of the year to our sister parish in Cevicos, Dominican Republic on Jan. 13th. Parishioners from Holy Family have always been generous in supporting our continuing need for basic medical supplies. If able, we are in need of the following items:

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| Adult vitamins | Advil |
| Pre-natal vitamins | Antifungal cream |
| Pediatric chewable vitamins | Antibacterial ointment |
| Adult Tylenol | Selcin Blue shampoo |
| Pediatric chewable Tylenol | |
| Pediatric liquid Tylenol | |
| Prilosec (or any over-the-counter antacid tablets/pills) | |

Please leave supplies at the rear of St. Joachim or St. Ann worship sites by Jan. 7th.

Parish Council

The Holy Family Parish Council will meet at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21st in the Rockport Community House. Everyone is welcome to attend!



Memorials & Donations

Holy Family Parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations in memory of:

Peter Burns
 SAM & KATY CIOLINO
 JIM & MARY CONTRI
 MR. & MRS. JOSEPH LOMBARDO
 BILL & MARY RUBINO

Joe Nicaastro
 VITO & ROSEMARIE ASARO
 MR. & MRS. JEROME CIARAMITARO
 SAM & KATY CIOLINO

Joe Nicaastro Cont'd.
 JOE & GRACE CURCURI
 JOE & GRACE FAVAZZA
 MARY ANN FITTRO
 JOANNE & SAM INTERRANTE
 JENNIE & GEORGE MCKINNON
 DOMINIC & MARIE LOIACANO
 VITO, MARC, & TONIANNE PISCITELLO
 ALLYN & JEANNE SMITH
 HARRY & CLAUDIA THOMPSON
 JOE & FRANCES VIZENA

Adult Education

We are considering offering the **LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY ON INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE** on Saturday mornings at 10:30 beginning in January. We need at least six people to start the class. **If you are interested in participating in this study, please call Kathleen McCabe (978) 281-4820 x0121.**

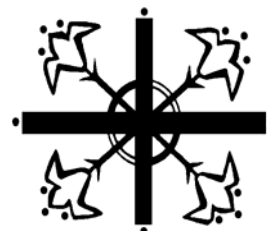
RCIA

RCIA classes will resume on **Monday, Jan. 8th** at 7 p.m. in the parish office.

Host & Wine

The Host & Wine for January was donated in loving memory of:

Thomas & Rose Lupo
 Tommy, Rosemarie, & Jennie Faye Lupo
 From Family



SVDP Society Meeting

The St. Vincent DePaul Society will meet at 7 p.m. Wed., Jan. 10th in St. Ann School. New members are welcome!

A Special Thank You

The members of the SVDP Society would like to thank all those who helped make our Christmas giving trees such a huge success. We are sure there were many happy children Christmas morning due to your generosity!



We commend into God's care our deceased brothers and sisters who were buried from our Parish recently:

Peter Burns Joseph Nicaastro
Cleonice Tornburg



Mass Intentions

January 6 – 14, 2007

Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007
4 p.m. (St. Ann Church) – **HOLY FAMILY ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007
8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Andrew & Margaret Orlando**
From Family
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Pro Populo**
10 a.m. (St. Ann Church)
Angela A. Vitale and Grandfather, Nicolo Vitale
From Family
11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)

Monday, Jan. 8, 2007
9 a.m. (St. Mary Chapel)
Family of Infant Christopher Joseph Locke
Ed & Joan Locke and Family

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Vincent G. Bradley**
Sara Gindel

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007
9 a.m. (St. Mary Chapel).....**Paul Ciaramitaro**
From Wife

Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)

Friday Jan. 12, 2007
9 a.m. (St. Mary Chapel)...**Giuseppe "Capt. Joe "Spray" Saputo**
From Wife & Children

Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007
4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Lillian Frontiero**
From Daughter, Joan Fugalli

Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007
8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Jesse & Pauline Marques**
From Children
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Pro Populo**
10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Capt. Salvatore & Mary Nicastro**
From Family
11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Seamus Densmore**
From Family

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays – 7 to 9 p.m. (St. Joachim Church)
7:30 p.m. - Chaplet of Divine Mercy
8 p.m. – Rosary

Thursdays – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (St. Mary Chapel)

Parish Office Hours

As of Jan. 4th the parish office began closing at **5 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. on Thursdays.** Other office hours remain the same.

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Seacoast - 3:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8th
DenMar - 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16th
Greycliff – at 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22nd

Family, friends, and parishioners are always welcome!

Church Parking

Parking maps, with six suggested sites around St. Joachim Church in Rockport are available in the back of St. Ann Church, in the parish office, and on our website www.holyfamilycapeann.org. Parking maps for St. Ann Church are also on the website.

Last Weekend's Collection

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Collection</u>
St. Ann (4 p.m.)	212	\$1,517.36
St. Ann (8 a.m.)	141	1,162.00
St. Joachim (9 a.m.)	178	1,367.25
St. Ann (10 a.m.)	209	1,729.11
St. Joachim (11 a.m.)	168	1,199.00
	908	\$6,974.72
Office		914.00
Total		\$7,888.72
Jan. – Dec. 2005 average weekly collection:		\$6,947.00
Jan. – Dec. 2006 average weekly collection:		\$7,809.00
Average amount needed per week to sustain the current level of programs and services		\$11,500.00
Grand Annual Total (as of Jan. 2 nd):		\$61,283.20
This is 81.71% of our \$75,000 goal.		

..... **Your contribution makes a difference!**

Memorial Benches

We are pleased to announce that the first memorial bench has been installed at St. Joachim Church. A second bench is on the way. Our hope is that we will be able to place additional benches along the walkway. **Anyone interested in purchasing a bench or obtaining more information should contact John Rosetti at the parish office (978) 281-4820 x0112.**

St. Ann School

The school's new shop "**Where Angels Go, an Opportunity Shop**" has reopened as of Friday, Jan. 8th. Store hours for the public are Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and for school families only, Fridays 1 to 3 p.m.

We need donations of vintage items including furniture, working lamps, chairs, dishes, glassware, and other "too good to throw out" pieces on an ongoing basis. **Drop-off hours are Monday mornings and Friday afternoons only.**

This is the last week that PTO Christmas Calendars will be available in the school office for \$15. Prizes will be drawn Jan. 14th.

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Please have all items for submission to next week's bulletin in our office **by 12 noon on Tuesday.** Items submitted after that time will be considered for the following week.

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!