



"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." Lk 6:38

Readings for the Week of February 18, 2007

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
 Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
 Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Religious Education News

Question of the Week

Adults: What makes it hard for me to show God's mercy to others?

Children: How does it feel when someone forgives me?

SCHOOL VACATION: No Religious Education Classes on Sunday Feb. 18th & 25th and on Wednesday, Feb. 21st & 28th (Just a reminder that Ash Wednesday takes place during Vacation week)!

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

TEEN BIBLE STUDY: We are looking to begin a Teen Bible Study program. In order to do this we need an adult team to gather and begin praying about having one. Then we will look for group leaders and begin putting it in place. If you would be interested in doing this with Mrs. Martha Geraghty, please call or e-mail Dawn Alves at the parish office (978) 281-4820, x0119. dalves@holymfamilycapeann.org.

LIVING STATIONS: Rehearsals have begun for the Living Stations of the Cross. We are in need of students from grades 3-12 for various parts. This live presentation is presented to the parish community on Palm Sunday evening, April 1st (time to be announced later). Rehearsals are every Thursday 6 to 7:30 p.m. in St. Ann Church. This is very touching and spiritual event for those presenting it and the parish community. **For more information, please call Sue Demetri or Dawn Alves in the parish office (978) 281-4820, x0119.**

YOUTH GROUP

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Let's go to a Boston Bruins Game!

Thursday, Mar. 1st is an evening game.

Cost is \$40/per person plus the cost of the train.

Call Dawn Alves by Feb. 18th

for permission slips and ticket reservations.

Has your Email Changed?

Many parishioners have recently had their e-mail changed to "comcast.net" and others may in the future. Please use the registration form at the back of your bulletin to let us know your new email address and/or any new contact information.

Reflections by Father Bullock

There was a story in a newspaper about a man stricken with a debilitating disease and the grouping together of old college friends now scattered over the country. These friends were now lawyers and physicians, teachers and architects, blue collar workers and priests. The man knew his income could not cover home and hospital expenses, so each month one of his friends took care that his needs were met. He called them his "roofers" because that was precisely what they did – provide a roof. At his funeral, one of the friends commented in a eulogy, "He led the way to God. Our job was easy. All we did was carry him."

There are many ways in which a group can become "roofers." There have been examples in this parish. They went by a different name, and the needs they met were different, but like the roofers in the gospel, they carried. And it goes on today, in this parish and in other parishes and groups. It can be a prayer line or a meal chain, or assume one of many guises. The main point that unites all is the fact of people coming together to answer some definite goal.

This is an age of mega-deals and mergers, where big is often trumpeted as better. Stories of inhumanity and impersonality abound. But it is good to know that, in spite of all that, the "roofers" are still among us, meeting the needs, living out what is, when all is said and done, pretty much the essence of Christianity.



We are happy to announce recent Baptisms at Holy Family Parish:

Abigail Judith Amigo

Kavan Cavs Aredes

Celia Rose Beauparlant

Elliot Stone Lyman

Emerson Marshall

Lorenzo Benedetto Numerosi

Stefano Accursio Numerosi

Samuel Thomas Pallazolla

Hannah Polini Silva

Matthew Thomas Smith

Alexis Rosalia Thomas

Sawyer Kenneth Towne



Walk for Hunger

Join Project Bread's Walk for Hunger **Sunday, May 6th**. Enjoy a festive day walking through Boston and the surrounding neighborhoods while you help our hungry neighbors in Massachusetts. With the high cost of living in the Commonwealth, your neighbors need your help more than ever. Your pledges will support 400 food pantries, soup kitchens, food banks, and food salvage programs in 135 communities across the state.

Celebrate the spirit of giving along with more than 40,000 other concerned citizens by participating in this rewarding Massachusetts tradition. **For more information, call (617) 723-5000 or visit www.projectbread.org.**



Memorials & Donations

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

Nina Benson
VITA & JOHN LEFAVOUR
SEFATIA ROMEO & FAMILY

Ruth Collins
SEFATIA ROMEO & FAMILY

Seamus Densmore
SEFATIA ROMEO & FAMILY

Gertrude Devaney
ROBERT CUSICK
ROSE SAWYER

Giovanni Grillo
MR. & MRS. VINCENT BARNIA

Giovanni Grillo Cont'd.
MR. & MRS. ROSA GROPPA
PIERINA LOCONTRO
MR. & MRS. PIETRO MANIACI
SEFATIA ROMEO & FAMILY
MR. & MRS. ONOFRIO RUSSO

Michael Moody
MARY & JIM CONTRI

Stephen Rytz
MARY & JIM CONTRI

Richard Strescino
VITA & JOHN LEFAVOUR

Parish Office Closing

The parish office will be **closed Monday, Feb. 19th** in observance of President's Day and reopen at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20th. We wish you a safe and happy President's Day!

RCIA

There will be **no RCIA Monday, Feb. 19th** because of President's Day. Class will resume on Monday, Feb. 26th at 7 p.m. in parish office.

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.**

WELCOME

New Members!

Today, Feb. 18th at the 11 a.m. Mass in St. Joachim Church we will celebrate the Rite of Welcoming for Lois Couch. Lois has been preparing to enter the Catholic Church through the RCIA process. She was baptized in the Methodist Church and at the Easter Vigil she will make a profession of faith as a Catholic and receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Today at the same Mass, we also celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens for Michaela Hilier. She is in the fourth grade and is preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Please keep both Lois and Michaela in your prayers.

Lenten Regulations

Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.



Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their sixtieth year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Liturgy Committee

A Liturgy Committee meeting will be held today at 1 p.m. **Sunday, Feb. 18th** in the parish office.

Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers who help the homebound, hospital patients, nursing home and senior housing residents will not meet **Tuesday, Feb. 20th**. Any questions or concerns, please call Anna Matturro at the parish office (978) 281-4820, x0103.



In Loving Memory
We commend into God's care those who were buried
from our Parish recently:
Rosemary Pascucci Stewart

2nd Annual Irish Dinner

The Guild is hosting this popular parish fundraiser on **Saturday, Mar. 10th** and has invited the G.H.S. Docksidars to provide musical entertainment. **Please contact Bea Ciaramitaro (978) 283-2691 or Grace Hagstrom (978) 546-1619 for more information.**

Support St. Ann Jr. High School!

Come to our annual spaghetti supper on **Saturday, Mar. 3rd** to enjoy homemade spaghetti, meatballs, and salad. Jr. High students will serve you in the parish hall after the 4 o'clock Mass – limited tickets will be sold. We will cook from 5 to 7 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased between 8 a.m. & 2 p.m. at the school office for \$6 each – children 5 and under eat free. First come, first served! All of the money earned will profit our spring class trip to New York. Please support our school!

Married Couples

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like winter because it's a weekend full of fresh air and a time to rejoice in the beauty of our marriage and family. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. Upcoming dates are March 2-4 and April 13-15, 20-22, and 27-29. For more information call Ray and Beth Ginepro (800) 710-WWME or visit www.wwmeMA.org.

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



Mass Intentions

February 17-25, 2007

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007

4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....*Madelyn Fiorentino*
Son, Michael Fiorentino

Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007

8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....*Pro Populo*

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....*Damiano Valenti*
From Daughter, Agata Groppo & Family

10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....*Annarita Sanfilippo*
Lena Sanfilippo

11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....*Mario Peritore & Maria Peritore*
From Wife and Daughter-in-Law

Monday, Feb. 19, 2007 – PRESIDENT'S DAY

9 a.m. (St. Mary Chapel).....*Joseph, Lilly, Sam, & Kathleen Balbo*
From Children

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007 – ASH WEDNESDAY

9 a.m. (St. Ann Church)

Noon (St. Ann Church)

4 p.m. (St. Ann Church)

4 p.m. (St. Joachim Church)



Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007 – NO MASS SCHEDULED

Friday Feb. 23, 2007

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)

Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007

4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....*Giuseppe & Rose Favazza and Family*
From Daughters

Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007

8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....*Rosalind Hopkins*
From Husband & Family

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)

10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....*Mary Frontiero*
From Family

11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....*Pro Populo*



Ash Wednesday Schedule

FEBRUARY 21ST

- 9 a.m. – Mass (St. Ann Church)
- Noon – Prayer Service (St. Ann Church)
- 4 p.m. – Prayer Service, (St. Ann Church)
- 4 p.m. – Prayer Service (St. Joachim Church)
- 7 p.m. – Mass (St. Joachim Church)

NURSING HOMES

- DenMar – 10:30 a.m.
- Seacoast – 2 p.m.
- Golden Living Center – 3:30 p.m.

SENIOR HOUSING COMPLEXES

- Curtis Clark – 10:15 a.m.
- McPhearson Park – 10:30 a.m.
- Central Grammar – 11 a.m.
- Sheedy Park – 1 p.m.

Family, friends, and parishioners are always welcome!

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

- DenMar – 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20th
- Golden Living Center (formerly Greycliff) – 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26th

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)

Last Weekend's Collection

Mass	Attendance	Collection
4 p.m.	267	\$1,780.68
8 a.m.	200	1,168.50
9 a.m.	162	1,095.00
10 a.m.	303	1,587.56
11 a.m.	146	1,038.41
	1,078	\$6,670.15
Office		926.32
Total		\$7,596.47

Feb. 2006 Average Collection: \$5,639.00

Grand Annual Total (as of Feb. 13th): \$61,974.20

This is 82.63% of our \$75,000 goal!

We are grateful for your support!

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection

The second collection for the weekend of Feb. 24/25 is Peter's Pence, which funds emergency relief assistance to those throughout the world who suffer from war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous to this worthy cause!

Charitable Contributions

Due to recent changes in federal tax laws for charitable contributions, beginning in 2007, parishioners who itemize deductions on Schedule A of their tax returns will no longer be able to deduct offertory contributions to the parish unless they maintain a bank record or receive a written contribution statement from the parish. Offertory contributions that are not in a parish envelope cannot be tracked by the parish and will not be included in the year end contribution statement. To ensure tax deductibility for 2007 contributions to our parish, the following methods are recommended:

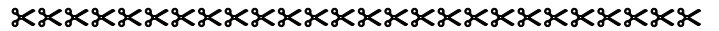
1. Use of parish envelopes provided to you by the parish
2. Written check made payable to the parish
3. Direct deposit
4. Payroll deduction

Our parish will track offertory contributions made using the parish envelope system, and will, upon request, produce a written statement of contributions made during 2007. This information will include the name of the parish, name of parishioner, and total contributions for the year. Our parish cannot track offertory contributions, regardless of the amount, that are not part of our parish envelope system.

Please note that this does not change the requirement that a taxpayer receive an acknowledgement from our parish for each deductible contribution of \$250 or more. If you have any additional questions, please consult with your tax advisor.

Tracking Contributions

As mentioned above, one of the easiest ways to track your offertory contribution is to participate in the parish envelope system. If you are not receiving envelopes, please fill out the form below.



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!