



**"If any one comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:26-27**

**Stewardship Reflections – Following God in Everyday Life:**  
 "So therefore, whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple." – Luke 14:33

Being a disciple of Christ is an all-consuming love affair. Loving God, what gifts of time, talent, and treasure can I give you?

**Question of the Week**

**Adults:** What things distract me from keeping Jesus first in my life?

**Children:** How can I put Jesus first in my mind and heart this week?

**Readings for the Week of September 9, 2007**

Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
Monday:	Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Saturday:	1 Tm 1:15-17/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Next Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

**Religious Education News**

**FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PICTURES ARE IN!!!**  
 Last year's classes are available. Please come by the office during business hours to pick them up.

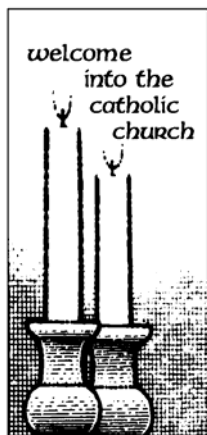
**REGISTRATION FOR GRADES 1-6:** We will hold a registration/parent meeting for grades 1-6 in our parish school gym. Please attend either date:  
 9 a.m. TODAY, Sunday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>  
 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>

**REGISTRATION FOR GRADES 7-9** will also be held in our parish school gym at 6 p.m. TONIGHT, Sunday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**MEETINGS IN THE SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION TEACHERS – 6:30 p.m. TONIGHT, Sunday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.
- TEACHERS Gr. 3 to 6 – 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>.

**CATECHISTS:** Our Program is growing and there is a need for new Classroom Leaders at all levels. Let's keep the Good News going by passing on our faith. Contact Dawn Alves at the parish office (978) 281-4820 ext. 0119 or e-mail [dalves@holycapann.org](mailto:dalves@holycapann.org).



**RCIA**

Are you a non-Catholic who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Do you have questions about what Catholics believe and why Catholics do what they do? Then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for you. We will have an Inquiry class beginning in mid-September and you are welcome to join us. This is a time of Inquiry and no commitments are expected. If you decide you are interested in being Catholic then you will move on to the next phase of the process when you are ready.

**If you are interested or you have questions please call Kathleen McCabe (978) 281-4820 ext. 0121.**

**Reflections by Father Bullock**

*Prior to his passing, Father Bullock transcribed his reflections for inclusion in our parish bulletin. We will continue to share them with you in the coming weeks.*

**WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO CHANGE. DO WE HAVE THE WILL TO SET THAT POTENTIAL IN MOTION?**

The Scriptures speak of conversion – a turning around or changing of one's life. The first thing that Jesus seeks when He begins His ministry is called "Metanoia" in Greek, a change of heart; a new attitude, a process and basic to it is activity.

I would like to suggest a comparison between two sacraments that are on all other levels dissimilar: Baptism and Confession (Reconciliation/Penance). Baptism is our entryway into the Christian Life, dominant and central. Confession in many ways is an abandoned, floundering sacrament whose Vatican II updating has seemingly done little to stop the hemorrhaging use of the sacrament. These are two very different sacraments, one going one way, the other another. But there is one point of comparison. In updating Baptism, Vatican II made it dynamic – from a stress on the removal of original sin (something done to me as a baby), to a commitment to living and doing and being. Granted, this commitment is made by others on the baby's behalf, but made to be ratified and fleshed out by that same baby grown to responsibility.



In regards to Confession, in spite of updating the old view holds prescience. It is still considered penance for the removal of sins committed after Baptism. But my sins can be forgiven in other ways: Eucharist, prayer, good works, etc. And mortal sin – the terrible fact of alienation from God, the turning away from God – well certainly I'm not guilty of that – so why bother with Confession? Apart from the obvious benefit of sacramental grace, we can miss the point that this sacrament too, like Baptism in this one regard, can be seen not just as unloading of sin, but as a powerful means to conversion, to the continuing effort to change my life and attitude – to reconcile – to heal. This is something that does not end in the confessional, but begins anew there as Baptism begins with water.

The business of Christian life is constant, unceasing change, seeking as Paul says, the putting on of the attitude of Christ. I use Confession, therefore, because I am a traveling person – and I need constant doses of sacramental strength if I am to travel effectively. I bring, not a laundry list so much, as an agenda that is constantly in need of affirmation, correction, adjustment. I bring myself!



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## Shaw's Receipt Rewards Program

Everyone has to shop for food, but what if food shopping meant you could also help raise money for our school! Send in your Shaw's or Star Market register receipts and St. Ann School will receive 1% of all eligible purchases. It's that easy! Spread the word and collect from family members, friends, neighbors – anyone who shops at Shaw's or Star Market. There's a box in the back of each worship site for your receipts or drop them in the collection basket.

**Keep the receipts coming – thank you for your support!**

## Harvest Festival & Fish Fry

St. Ann School is holding a Harvest Festival & Fish Fry **Saturday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parish hall.** Applications for tables are being accepted (\$25/table). Contact the school office (978) 283-3455.



### Host & Wine

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

*Charles & Helen Eaton*

From William Eaton

## Reconfiguration Funds at Work

There continue to be a number of projects ongoing at Holy Family Parish. Exterior masonry work continues on the school, Rectory and office. This project will be ongoing and includes re-pointing the brick work and rebuilding several sets of stairs. We will also be doing exterior work on St. Ann Church. Rectory roof and gutter work continues. The painting of St. Joachim Church has begun. As with earlier projects, reconfiguration funds provided to Holy Family Parish by the Archdiocese will be used to pay for this work.

## Book Club for Women's Spirituality

**Beginning Thursday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>** join us for prayer and dialogue with a shared focus of God's love. The group meets on Thursday mornings in the parish office from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Bring along your own copy of Matthew Fox's *Illuminations of Hildegard of Bingen*.

## Pastoral Health Care Ministry

(Eucharistic ministers to homebound, nursing home residents, hospital patients, and senior housing residents)

There will be a Team Meeting on **Tuesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 to 9 p.m. in the Faculty Room of St. Ann School.** Please be on time. If unable to attend, call Anna Maturro (978) 281-4820 ext. 0103.

## Holy Family Guild News

**GIGANTIC PENNY SALE:** The Holy Family Women's Guild will be having a Penny Sale **Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.** Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. There will be over 200 prizes, a 50/50 raffle, food concession, and much more. All are welcome. If anyone would like to donate items or help, please contact Helen Downey (978) 283-7391.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR:** On Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, Holy Family Parish will be having the annual Christmas Fair. Our Parish should be very proud of this most successful fund-raising event. **On Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall there will be a planning meeting.** We invite all parishioners to join us. Contact Bea Ciaramitaro (978) 283-2691 with any questions.

## Food Pantry Needs

The St. Vincent de Paul Society needs your help! We are looking for the following items for our food pantry:

- beef stew
- canned fruits
- clam chowder
- juices
- spaghetti sauce
- tomato soup



Any donations may be placed in the receptacle in the church foyer. Also anyone wanting to make a monetary donation may do so by using the envelopes at the back of the church.

## In Loving Memory

We commend into God's care those who were buried from our Parish recently:

*Cathy Cabral Annie Gallo*  
*James Nicastrò*

## Tune in to Channel 12

(Cape Ann TV) **Monday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:20 p.m. or Wednesday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m.** for the premier of a brief video to acquaint greater Cape Ann faith communities, civic organizations, and businesses with the threefold mission of Cape Ann Interfaith Commission (CAIC): *Homes, Harvest, and Harmony.* CAIC will host a springtime 2008 celebration to commemorate its 50 years of service. If you'd like to help with this event, contact (978) 283-8150 or [maudw1@yahoo.com](mailto:maudw1@yahoo.com).

## Parish Picnic

**NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>**

10 a.m. Mass at the Stage Fort Park Gazebo

**Cookout and family activities to follow. Bring your own chairs and share the day with faith, family, friends, food, and fun!**

**Please note that there will be no 10 a.m. Mass at St. Ann Church and no 11 a.m. Mass at St. Joachim Church the day of the picnic.**

**Food generously provided by the Knights of Columbus.**



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