



"I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."
Lk 15:7

Readings for the Week of September 16, 2007

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10
 Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
 Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Stewardship Reflections – Following God in Everyday Life:
"Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents." – Luke 15:10. The joy in heaven is over the change of heart, too great for one person to house. Loving God, how can I share with others the reflection of your love in my heart?

Question of the Week

Adults: What can I do to reach out to people I may have formerly judged?
Children: How can I show God's forgiveness in my actions with others?

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.

TEACHERS Gr. 3 to 6: There will be a meeting in the school religious education office at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES begin next Sunday, Sept. 23rd in Gloucester: Grades 1 through 5 – 8:45 to 9:50 a.m.
 Grades 6 through 8 – 11 a.m. to noon

9th GRADERS begin Sunday, Dec. 2nd from 11 a.m. to noon.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES are taking place in Rockport for Grades 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, & 9 at various times. Please call Dawn Alves (978) 281-4820 ext. 0119 for details.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER for the leadership given to our Catechists who support the initial and majority faith development from home. Our children are blessed by their shared ministry of our new parish. Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to our returning and new catechists as well as all our Hall monitors and office support.

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 Monday, September 24th at 7 p.m. in the parish office.** 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.**

Parish Bible Study

The Holy Family Weekly Bible Study will meet once again this year beginning **Monday, Oct. 1st at 7 p.m. in the parish office conference room.** We will be studying the Gospel of John as proposed by the Little Rock Study Program with individual textbooks and a weekly viewing of a video on specific verses. Come and join us for this most beneficial study. All are welcome – for more info contact Connie Arcari (978) 525-2334 or 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 COME TOGETHER NOW SEEKING WHOLENESS OF SPIRIT THAT WE MIGHT BE FREE TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST COMMANDED US.

In general, the biblical references to leprosy covered more than the extreme form, now known as Hansen's disease, which includes all kinds of skin ailments, most of which were curable and required temporary separation until cleanness was verified by law. There were also many full scale lepers who experienced double horrible suffering; the physical corruption that was so obvious; the intentional less obvious, but perhaps equal, suffering that came from enforced separation from all that was dear: family, home, familiar surroundings. That separation was very much in evidence down through the centuries. The leper must carry a bell, keep a certain distance away depending upon the wind, and call out "unclean, unclean." This was still very true in the 19th Century when Blessed Damien, in many ways the Mother Teresa of his age, first set foot on Molokai, the island of the lepers, cast there because there was no escape, no contact. The twofold suffering was still very much a fact!

In our age, with the discovery of the leprosy bacillus, the disease is treatable and under control. There is only one leper hospital in the country in Louisiana. But the case could be made that there are other forms of leprosy that have not been cured: social leprosy, racial leprosy, economic leprosy, cultural leprosy. These lepers do not have to carry a bell; they just have to look different, talk differently, and have different interests. They do not have to shout out "unclean" – it is done for them by others, though the words are different: "you are not like us; you do not belong with us." Their Molokai can be a schoolroom or playground; an office or a boardroom; a neighborhood or an organization. This bacillus is not going to be conquered in a laboratory test tube, but in human test tubes in all areas of contamination. We need a multiplicity of present-day Damiens, skilled and dedicated to the task of changing "I" to "You" into "We" as did the first Damien when on that Sunday in 1884 he began his homily "We lepers!"





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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. 13th 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

Holy Family Guild News

GIGANTIC PENNY SALE: The Holy Family Women's Guild will be having a Penny Sale **Saturday, Sept. 22nd 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 **Saturday Dec. 1st,** Holy Family Parish will be having the annual Christmas Fair. Our Parish should be very proud of this most successful fund-raising event. Contact Bea Ciaramitaro (978) 283-2691 with any questions.



In Loving Memory

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

William Frost Mary Anne Macchi
Jay Witham

Reconfiguration Funds at Work

There continue to be a number of projects underway 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.



Baptism

We rejoice in celebration of new life and are happy to announce the following baptisms which took place in July and August:

Andrew Lloyd Archibald
Dominic Xavier Brazzo
Christopher James Brousseau
Vincenzo Peter Ciaramitaro
Adam James Conigliari
Ivana Ninfa Ferrara
Megan Audrey Frates
Matthew John McCarthy

Kellen Churchill Moran
Ava Paone
Maggie Beth Abigail Reynolds
Lyla Drew Spear
Jaden William Testaverde-Palmer
Grace Marie Tierney
Thomas Williams

Food Pantry Needs

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

- canned fruit
- canned vegetables
- clam chowder
- juice
- pancake syrup
- spaghetti sauce
- soup
- tuna fish



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.

Thrift Shop News

In anticipation of their move out of St. Mary Chapel, the St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a clothing bin in the parking lot of St. Ann Church. Please note that **this bin is only for clothes.** Toys, furniture, and the like **cannot** be dropped off in or near the bin. It is critical for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Holy Family Parish that everyone follows this new policy. We appreciate your cooperation.

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. 18th, 7 to 9 p.m. in the Faculty Room of St. Ann School.** Please be on time. If unable to attend, call Anna Matturo (978) 281-4820 ext. 0103.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
September 15 – 23, 2007

Saturday, September 15, 2007
4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Capt. Antonino Romeo**
From Wife & Children

Sunday, September 16, 2007
8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**PARISH PICNIC**
Matthew Jenkins
From Family

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Pro Populo**
10 a.m. (Stage Fort Park).....**Rev. Samuel Joseph Fayad**
Mary Gibran

Monday, September 17, 2007
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Maria & Salvatore Parco**
From Family

Tuesday, September 18, 2007
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Marvin Wilson, Jr.**
From Family

Wednesday, September 19, 2007
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Nelson & Mary Boudreau and Family**

Thursday, September 20, 2007
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Bridget Kate Publicover**
From Grandmother

Friday, September 21, 2007
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Vito & Philomena Misuraca**
From Daughter & Family

Saturday, September 22, 2007
4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Arthur Colby**
From Family

Sunday, September 23, 2007
8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Salvatore Frontiero**
From Children

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Pro Populo**
10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Nicolo & Angela (Catalfo) Vitale**
From Son, Leo & Family

11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Marjorie Taylor**
From Jane & Doug

Good News for Coffee Lovers

Coffee and donuts will be served in the Rockport Community House, next door to St. Joachim Church immediately **after the 9 a.m. Mass next Sunday, Sept. 23rd**. If you would like to volunteer to serve coffee in the weeks to come, please call Jean Dugan (978) 283-9256.

Just a reminder that fresh coffee and donuts are now being served in the parish hall **after Mass on Sundays at St. Ann Church**.

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

DenMar – 3:30 p.m. **TUESDAY, Sept. 18th *****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE**
Golden Living Center – 3 p.m. **Monday, Sept. 24th**

Holy Spirit Prayer Group

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group now meets **at 7 p.m. in St. Joachim Church, Rockport**. Questions? Call Louise (978) 281-3645.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Eucharistic Adoration has resumed on **Thursdays at St. Joachim Church, Rockport 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** To sign up or for more info, call Angela (978) 283-5701.

Rosary

The Rosary is being said **Wednesday nights at 5 p.m. in the Mother of Grace Club** (48 Washington St. – Glo.). Please join us!

Last Weekend's Collection

Mass	Attendance	Collection
4 p.m.	285	\$2,085.70
8 a.m.	205	1,721.00
9 a.m.	174	1,573.00
10 a.m.	281	1,993.13
11 a.m.	134	1,327.00
	1,079	\$8,699.83
Office Offertory:		14.00
Total Weekly Offertory:		\$8,713.83

September 2006 Average Collection: \$7,975.00
2nd Collection (Catholic University): \$1,902.84

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: St. Ann School

Thank you to all who have responded to our "Three More per Week" Campaign. By contributing the value of an "extra carton of milk" you helped us surpass our September 2006 average offertory collection by **\$738.83! Thank you for your continuing support!**

Grand Annual News

As of Tuesday afternoon, **Sept. 11th**, our total raised was **\$42,980**. This is **57.31%** of our **\$75,000** goal.

We have now surpassed 50 percent of our goal. Once again, we want to thank those 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!**

New Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Friday – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday closed ☒☒☒ **Sunday – 8 a.m. to noon**

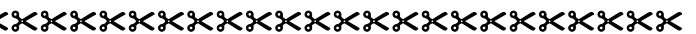
Parish Website

Looking for additional information? Have you missed a bulletin or just want to learn more about Holy Family Parish programs and related missions? Have you seen our recent financial reports? To find out more about what's going on at Holy Family Parish, please visit our new and improved parish website: www.holyfamilycapeann.org.



Bulletin Deadline

Please have all items for submission to next week's bulletin in our office by **NOON ON TUESDAY**. 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!