



"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones."

Lk 16:10

Stewardship Reflections – Following God in Everyday Life:

"He who is faithful in very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in very little is dishonest also in much." – Luke 16:30. As in this world, so also in the Kingdom of God: be trustworthy in small things as well as large. Loving God, lead me on the path of faithfulness in all things, whether they are large or small.

Question of the Week

Adults: When I look at poverty in my city, what decisive action can I take to share the gifts I have?

Children: What do I have that can be shared with those who are less fortunate?

Readings for the Week of September 23, 2007

Sunday:	Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
Next Sunday:	Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for 9th graders begin Sunday, Dec. 2nd from 11 a.m. to noon.

Classes begin this weekend for Gr 1-8 on Sunday morning. Gr 1-5 will gather in our Parish School Gym to meet their catechists at 8:50; classes end at 9:50 to allow for Mass attendance.

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.

For those not registered, parents can download a form and calendar from our website or stop by the office to register. Students will be placed in a class following the weekend of registration.

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.

A fleet of battleships was doing night maneuvers. The weather was terrible, pea soup fog, high winds and seas. The second night was even worse. The captain of one of the ships stood on the bridge all night, wary of just secondhand reports. He didn't want to chance colliding with another battleship in the open seas. All night he surveyed the night sky and the dark sea.

Toward dawn, the executive office shouted, "Light on the starboard side, sir!"

The Captain yelled back, "Is she steady or moving?"

A pause and the reply, "She's steady, sir!"

"Send a message ASAP," the captain roared. "Change course 20 degrees immediately."

The message was relayed and sent. Then back came a reply on the radio that was passed on to the captain, "Sir, they suggest you change course."

The captain was furious. "You tell them that I am a captain and I'm ordering them to change course, 20 degrees hard NOW. Don't those fools know that we're on a collision course?"

The message was sent. Then the reply came back. "I am an ensign second class, and I suggest you change course now."

The captain was enraged. The light was fast approaching. "Damn it, you tell them I'm the captain of a battleship and they'd better obey my orders immediately!"

The message was sent – and back came the reply. "I'm a lighthouse."

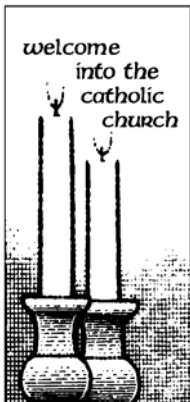
The pomposity of the captain who couldn't conceive of something important enough to make him change his course! The lighthouse of our lives – the one constant that we must be guided by is Christ. As Christians we look to Christ to chart the course we must follow; the vocation consequent upon our baptism.

We have different careers, different professions, various occupations according to which we make our way in the world; earn a living for self and family; satisfy our talents and interests.

But common to all the above is the necessity of determining how we live the vocation given us through our baptismal commitment to following Christ. We celebrate the fact of our baptism and we also are reminded of the need of beginning to live that fact.

The common question; in the obvious call to be good at whatever is our calling – of growing into it, deepening it, how do we live our Christian calling in the process of being a good teacher; a good technician, a good construction worker?

In our lives it should never be a matter of either/or – but both/and! And the only way to make that happen is to attempt, to the best of our ability, to make the divine lighthouse, Christ, the Light of the World, the light according to which we consistently strive to set our course.



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.**



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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.



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

Esther Pascucci

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.

Food Pantry Needs

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



- mac & cheese
- canned vegetables
- pancake mix & syrup
- peanutbutter & jelly
- beef stew
- pasta & sauce
- cereal
- crackers

Donations may be placed in the box 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.

Teens InC!

Holy Family Youth Group is sponsoring a trip to the Topsfield Fair Friday evening, Sept. 29, for all students in Gr 6-12. Cost for bus and admission to the Fair is \$13 if you sign up by 9/25/07 (add \$2 for sign-up after that). We'll leave our St. Ann site at 5 pm and return at 11 pm. The Fair is offering all-you-can-ride bracelets for \$20, bought at the Fairgrounds. Contact Dawn Alves 978-281-4780 or dalves@holymfamilycapeann.org or Mary at Philomena978@aol.com.

Walk for Hospice

The 20th annual Walk for Hospice of the North Shore will be held Sunday, Oct. 14. This three-mile walk begins at St. John's Prep. For more info, call (978) 223-9787 or visit www.hns.org.

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.



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 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.

Project Rachel

Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church offering hope and healing to those hurting from the pain of abortion. Project Rachel will offer a weekend healing retreat October 19-21 and a one-day retreat on Saturday, November 10. **For location and registration information, contact Project Rachel at (508) 651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.**

Thank You!! Thank You!!

Thank you to Cathy Frontiero, her sister Jennie Psalidas and their families, the Knights of Columbus who supplied and prepared all the food, the parish musicians, Tony Corrao who supervised the games, and all who made the **Parish Picnic** such a huge success. Events such as this bring us all closer through fellowship and prayer.

The Mother of Grace Club would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's **Mother of Grace Feast** a success. Your continued support makes it all possible. Thank you to all who attended and all who made donations.

