



"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" **Lk 16:25**

Stewardship Reflections – Following God in Everyday Life:

"...between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us." – Luke 16:26. The seriousness of a Disciple's response is such that it can create unity or a great chasm. Loving God, how can I lovingly respond to the Lazarus of my life so that all may live in unity with you.

Question of the Week

Adults: How has the Gospel challenged my own thinking about those who are poor or suffering?

Children: Which of the two men in today's parable would I most like to be? Why?

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.

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.

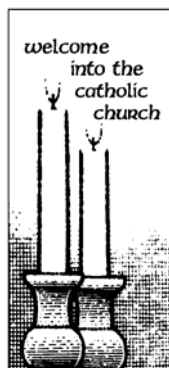
FOR THOSE NOT REGISTERED, parents can download a form and calendar from our website or stop by the office to register. Students will be placed in a class following the weekend of registration.

NO CLASSES COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND– enjoy the weekend!

WELCOME STUDENTS GRADES 2 & 10 who are participating in the 10 a.m. celebration on Sunday, Oct. 14th in St. Ann Church. Join us in prayer as they continue their understanding in preparation for the sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation, and Eucharist.

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 Monday, Oct. 1st 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.**



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.

HOLINESS IS A GOAL OF OUR CHRISTIAN LIVES. WE PAUSE TO REFLECT UPON OUR SINS AND OUR EFFORTS AT AVOIDING SIN, OUR SUCCESSES AND FAILURES. WE ASK FORGIVENESS, ACCLAIM JESUS FOR HIS MERCY, AND SEEK THE HELP OF THE SAINTS.

Consider the statement at the end of a reading in Revelation, "These are the ones who have survived the great period of trial; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb." This is not a reference merely to martyrs – but to each and every one of us. We have gone through a great trial – by our baptism we participated in the saving death and resurrection of Christ. Because of this our destiny has been changed and we have been called to sainthood.

The priest in Graham Greene's Power and the Glory also makes a similar statement. "He felt only an immense disappointment because he had to go to God empty-handed, with nothing done at all. It seemed to him at that moment that it would have been quite easy to have been a saint. It would only have needed a little self-restraint and a little courage. He felt like someone who has missed happiness by seconds at an appointed place. He knew now that at the end there was only one thing that counted – to be a saint."



We honor the great canonized saints whose feasts dot the liturgical calendar; we honor the uncanonized saints among us. But we remind ourselves that we too, as Greene's priest says, we have only one calling – one goal – to be a saint – to be it within a framework peculiar to us, but to be it nonetheless. We pray to the saints, known and unknown to guide and sustain us in our journey to that one success.

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.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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the following donations in memory of:*

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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.

Special Evening Mass

On the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower, **Monday, Oct. 1st, there will be an evening Mass at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns** (15 Mount Carmel Rd., Danvers). The Celebrant and Homilist on this special evening will be Most Reverend Francis X. Irwin, Regional Bishop of the North Region of the Archdiocese. Following the Mass there will be distribution of Blessed Roses and Veneration of the Relic of St. Therese. All are warmly invited.

Rosary & Benediction

In honor of the 90th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, Holy Family Parish will hold a celebration of the Rosary & Benediction at **2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7th in St. Ann Church.** Refreshments will follow in the parish hall.

Respect Life Sunday

Oct. 7th is RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY. The Archdiocese of Boston marks Respect Life Sunday with Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Mass will be at 11:30 a.m. with Cardinal O'Malley presiding.

Oct. 7th the Respect Life Walk to Aid Mothers & Children will take place in Boston. The starting location has been moved to Boston Common – Parkman Bandstand by Tremont and Boylston Streets. Starting time is 1 p.m.

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.

Parish Women's Guild Update

THANK YOU: The Women's Guild would like to thank all those who donated, worked, and supported the Penny Sale. You really helped to make the event a success – thanks again!

GUILD COOKBOOKS will be available after Masses and at Guild meetings and events beginning next weekend. The cost is \$10 and all recipes are from Holy Family Guild Members. Need a Christmas or birthday gift for someone hard to buy for? Give them a gift that has the flavor of Gloucester and Rockport.

GUILD MEETING: Tuesday, Oct. 2nd at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. A short business meeting will be held to discuss upcoming events. All members are asked to bring a friend. A social will follow featuring Liz Ciolino and Marlee Nelson from Complete Care. Liz, a licensed massage therapist will do chair massages and Marlee will do an Ion-Cleansing. So ladies, come and relax, have a mini-vacation from the pressures of life – all are welcome!

HARVEST FESTIVAL: Saturday, Oct. 13th in the parish hall. This year's theme is Grandma's Attic.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER: Saturday, Oct. 20th at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Enjoy Spaghetti and Meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage while listening to Italian music (tickets \$8/adults, \$4/children). Tickets go on sale Oct. 3rd – purchase them early so you don't miss out on this fun-filled night!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR: Saturday, Dec. 1st. Our parish should be very proud of this most successful fund-raising event – we hope you'll join us again this year in support of our parish!

For information, contact Bea Ciaramitaro (978) 283-2691.



Host & Wine

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

Charles & Helen Eaton

From William Eaton



Walk for Hospice

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

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.

Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick **scheduled for Sunday, October 14th at the 10 a.m. Mass in St. Ann Church HAS BEEN CANCELLED.** The next Anointing of the Sick will be **Sunday, Nov. 11th at the 11 a.m. Mass in St. Joachim Church.** If you need the Sacrament of the Sick before this time, please call the parish office (978) 281-4820.



In Loving Memory

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

Stefano Adelfio, Margaret Curcuro, & Bianca Stewart

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!

Mass Intentions

September 28 – October 7, 2007

Friday, September 28, 2007
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....*Mary & Anthony Ciaramitaro*
From Children

Saturday, September 29, 2007
4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....*Arthur L. Marshall*
From Family

Sunday, September 30, 2007
8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....*Pro Populo*
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....*Col. Peter Foss*
Mary Ann Landry
10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....*Joseph Parisi, Jr.*
From Family
11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)...*Frank Sullivan & Maureen Powers*
From Family

Monday, October 1, 2007
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....*Cecilia Twalipo*
From Simon

Tuesday, October 2, 2007
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....*Harold J. "Bucky" Rogers*
From Family

Wednesday, October 3, 2007
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)...*James & Catherine Burke and Family*

Thursday, October 4, 2007
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....*Bertha Maksimowicz*
From Daughter

Friday, October 5, 2007
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....*Charles & Anthony Ellis*
The Ellis Family

Saturday, October 6, 2007
4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....*S.F.C. Vito J. Aiello*
From Mother & Sisters

Sunday, October 7, 2007
8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....*Giuseppe & Rosaria Cambria*
From Daughter & Family
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....*Anthony Militello*
From Parents
10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....*Frank Alois*
From Wife
11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....*Pro Populo*

Good News for Coffee Lovers

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

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

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Seacoast – 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8th
DenMar – 3:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15th
Golden Living Center – 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22nd
Day-by-Day Adult Care: 1 p.m. (Wednesday, Oct. 24th (Anointing Mass))

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.	291	\$1,777.11
8 a.m.	200	1,920.25
9 a.m.	224	1,512.60
10 a.m.	316	1,694.25
11 a.m.	193	1,412.52
	1,224	\$8,316.73

Office Offertory: 528.00
Total Weekly Offertory: \$8,844.73

September 2006 Average Collection: \$7,975.00

St. Ann School Collection: \$3,331.72

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 picnic weekend total by almost \$870. **Thank you for your continuing support!**

Grand Annual News

As of Tuesday afternoon, **Sept. 25th**, our total raised was **\$54,150 (72.20%** of our **\$75,000** goal). We are almost 75% of the way there with approximately 10% of our parishioners responding! 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!**

Cemetery Transfer

Effective Oct. 1st, the Catholic Cemetery Association will assume responsibility of Calvary and Oak Hill Cemeteries. **Please direct all questions to Carol Gordon (888)-919-7926 ext. 225.**

Cell Phone Courtesy

It is a genuine wonder of our times that modern technology like cell phones and PDA's have become common-place in our lives and true conveniences of daily living. Sometimes, they are so common, that we forget that we even have them with us or that they are turned on... ready to ring / beep / chime away at a moment's notice. This is all well and fine at most moments in our lives, but can be a real distraction during church services. Therefore we would like to make a gentle request: **when in church, please silence the ringer on your cell phone, pager, or PDA.** Most devices these days offer a "silent" feature or vibration setting that will not disturb others who are seated around you. If, in a genuine emergency, you must take a call, please show consideration for your fellow parishioners by completely leaving the building before answering the phone. Making ourselves "less available" to the outside world for an hour or so will help enable everyone to be more available to God. Thank you for your attention to this simple matter of courtesy to one another.

Bulletin Deadline

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