



And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6

**Stewardship Reflections – Following God in Everyday Life:**

"...When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" – Luke 17:10. In love, a Disciple responds to God as his faithful servant. Loving God, teach me how to serve you today.

**Question of the Week**

**Adults:** When have I been faced with a seemingly impossible task to live my faith? How did turning to the Lord in prayer help me?

**Children:** When do I ask Jesus to help me live as his friend and disciple?

**Readings for the Week of October 7, 2007**

Sunday:	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
Monday:	Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday:	2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

**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.

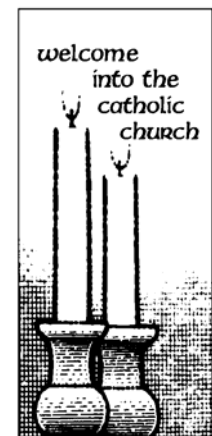
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** for 9<sup>th</sup> graders begin Sunday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11 a.m. to noon.

**NO REL. ED. CLASSES THIS HOLIDAY WEEKEND** – enjoy!

**ALL 4<sup>th</sup> GRADERS** will be gathering for the month of October in St. Joachim Church each Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for their Liturgical lessons. They will resume their regular class time on Sunday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

**GRADE LEVEL MASSES** will be held this year with our Religious Education Families. Students from Grades 2 & 10 will participate in the Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. Mass. Students and their families from Grade 3 will participate in the liturgical responsibilities on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at the 9 a.m. Mass in St. Joachim Church.

**We WELCOME STUDENTS GRADES 2 & 10** who will be participating in the **10 a.m. celebration on Sunday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> in St. Ann Church.** Join us in prayer next week 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. Class will not meet on Monday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> because of Columbus Day. Classes will resume **on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the parish office.**

**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.*

There are extensive references to the word "wisdom" and its many meanings in the Bible. Christ is personified as "true wisdom" and there are issues surrounding this personification. But long before Christ, this meaning was not known.

One of the earliest meanings of wisdom was "a special gift conferred on master craftsmen, and especially on those skilled in using words." This can be thought-provoking. A craftsman is usually thought of as a man or woman who makes, fashions, or creates something. An artist or sculptor for example, by his or her skill, brings into the world something that enriches all those who are exposed to it. We don't usually think of a craftsman as someone who uses words (which are not fashioned of paint or stone). Even if we did, we would usually think in terms of an orator – someone who could hold an audience spellbound for hours at a time.

But you can make a case that the really wise person is the person who knows how to use words (and it has nothing to do with the number of words in one's vocabulary) – the one who knows what to say, and when to say it. We talk often of the power of speech to hurt, slander, gossip, the destruction of a reputation, and the need for avoiding all this. We do not speak as often of the need of helping others by what we say, of enriching them.



It is not something that can be learned, but it takes a wise person to know when to praise, when to correct, when to be straightforward, when to hold back. We live in a world which often abuses speech; words are made to assume other meanings, ten words are used to cover over what one word could say. Consider the school board example from out west where a bully "exhibits the qualities of leadership but needs guidance in learning to exercise them democratically" or a liar "has difficulty distinguishing between fact and fantasy." Is this kinder? Is this helpful?

As long as we have the gift of speech we are called upon to be craftsmen – to enrich others by what we say – to use words as precious materials. Is it difficult? Of course. But it is wisdom and we are called upon to grow in its practice.



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the following donations in memory of:

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## Rosary & Benediction

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

## 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.

## 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](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).**

## Host & Wine

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

*Dominic & Catherine Ciolino*

*From Anthony & Josephine Ciolino*



## Cemetery Transfer

The Catholic Cemetery Association has assumed responsibility of Calvary and Oak Hill Cemeteries. **Please direct all questions to Carol Gordon (888)-919-7926 ext. 225.**

## Attention Elders & Caregivers!

**PACE SITE OPEN** – The Elder Service Plan of the North Shore's PACE Program continues to receive referrals to serve eligible residents of Cape Ann. The PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) Adult Day Health Center is located at 29A Emerson Avenue, Gloucester. PACE coordinates and provides all needed preventive primary, acute and long-term care services so individuals ages 55 and older can stay safely and live independently in their homes with support services.

Marketing & Enrollment Coordinator Teresa Gove Arnold is available to meet with interested individuals, families, and caregivers, as well as professionals in the medical and social work disciplines. **To schedule an appointment, call (978) 283-7375.**

## Parish Women's Guild Update

**GUILD COOKBOOKS** are available after Masses, at Guild meetings and events as well as in the Parish office.. 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.

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

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER:** Saturday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 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 are on sale now – purchase them early so you don't miss out on this fun-filled night!

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR:** Saturday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. 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**

## Walk for Hospice

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

## In Loving Memory

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

*John Atkinson*

## 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.

## Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick **scheduled for Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at the 10 a.m. Mass in St. Ann Church HAS BEEN CANCELLED.** The next Anointing of the Sick will be **Sunday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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!**

## Office Closing

Please note that the parish office will be **closed in celebration of Columbus Day on Monday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>** and reopen at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Happy Columbus Day!

## 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](http://www.holyfamilycapeann.org).



