



Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." - Lk 19:8

Readings for the Week of November 4, 2007

Sunday: Wis 11:22-12:2/2 Thes 1:11-2:2/Lk 19:1-10
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16-3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

Stewardship Reflections

"...for today I must stay at your house." - Luke 18:5
Jesus does not wait to be invited, but instead awakens new possibilities of love and God, awake in me new possibilities of love and service.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: Who do I know that could use my helping hand or listening ear?

Children: How can I be a better friend to others this week?

Religious Education News

Religious Education Classes for grade 9 begin Sunday, Dec. 2nd, from 11am to noon.

First Communion Parents: There is a meeting for all parents who have a child in Gr.2 regarding First Reconciliation on Tuesday, Nov. 6th, 7-8pm in the school gym, for parents, only. First Communion dates will be chosen

Middle School Youth Group Gathering: Saturday November 10th from 6:30-8:30pm. at St. Ann School Gym. Join us for an evening of games, fellowship, and fun. This event is open to all students in grades 6 through 8, participation is free. Please bring a snack to share. (Don't forget to list ingredients for those who have food allergies.) Invite your friends, this event is open to all middle school students.

Confirmation Students and their sponsors are to gather next Sunday, Nov. 11th for the 10:00am Mass at St. Ann. After Mass we will enjoy some refreshments, followed by a practice for the Confirmation Celebration. At 12:30 we will have a Ministry Presentation by our parish ministries and societies for potential future participation.

On Confirmation Day students please arrive on Sat. Nov. 17th at 3pm for a class photo; Sponsors are asked to be present by 3:30.

There will be **No classes next week, Veterans Day Weekend;**

Confirmation

Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, November 17th at the 4pm Vigil Mass. For the regular 4pm attendees please be aware there will be reserved seating for the students and their sponsors. This will be a very crowded Mass please plan accordingly.

RCIA

RCIA will meet Monday, November 5th at 7pm 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.

In a Peanuts episode, Lucy tires of waiting for Linus to walk to school. She goes looking and finally finds him in his room, hiding under his bed. "I'm never going to school again," comes a muffled voice from under the bed. "Teacher asked me if I had learned everything I needed to know. I think she was being sarcastic. Anyway, I said, 'yes'. Now she's mad at me." Lucy asks him, "Do you think you've learned everything you need to know?" Linus answers, "I think I've learned all I need to live under a bed."

In today's world, with its violence, its complexity, the multiple tensions involved in simply living, many would envy Linus and opt for lying under their own bed. For most, it is not a question of whether there are worries and problems, but of how strong they are on any given day.



In a real sense, heroism consists in simply trying to do what must/should be done as best as possible. True courage is not fearlessness; it is living as best as possible in the midst of fears and the possibility of failure. One does not have to be paranoid to admit the fact that trepidation is a factor in so many aspects of our days.

Christ's admonition in the gospels is so important because it isn't naïve enough to say we should not fear; it only points out the one valid fear; of the one who can kill both body and soul. But the only one who can do that to ourselves is ourselves. Only we can turn away from God. Face to face with God, it is never God who blinks; only us.

To paraphrase Shakespeare: "To thine own self be true and it must follow as the night the day, thou canst be false to anyone (and especially to yourself)." There can be no failure in the truest sense of the word to anyone who tries to be true to self, true to the human/Christian commitment

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.



Holy Family Parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations in memory of:

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Remembering Those Who Have Died This Past Year

On Saturday, November 10th at the 4pm Mass we will remember all those who have been buried from Holy Family Parish this past year. Their names will be read during the Mass and we will have a gathering in the Parish Hall after Mass with light refreshments. Please join us for this remembrance. Beginning the first weekend of November there will be a Book of Remembrance at each worship site for parishioners to enter names of deceased loved ones.

Host & Wine

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

Michael Mortillaro

From Wife & Children



Coffee and Donuts

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

Fresh coffee and donuts are also being served **after Mass on Sundays at St. Ann Church** in the parish hall.

Thanksgiving for Seniors

Parishioners of Holy Family will host a Thanksgiving dinner for the seniors of Cape Ann on Wednesday, Nov. 21st from 12 noon at the Gloucester Elks Lodge, Atlantic Rd. Sign up sheets are at the back of either church. Those who would like to volunteer for food or services, please leave your name and phone number on the sheets or call Jack Olson 978-546-7240. For reservations, transportation, or meal deliveries, please call the parish office by Sunday, Nov. 18th at 978-281-4820. For any other information please call Jack Olson at 978-546-7240 Thank you for your continued support of this senior dinner. The seniors have always expressed their gratitude for providing such an enjoyable day. They appreciate the food, the entertainment, and the company of their friends & neighbors.



Fuel Assistance

The Action Fuel Assistance Program will begin Nov. 1st. For information please call 1-800-696-9276

Christmas Fair Workshop

There will be a Christmas fair decorations workshop in the hall on Nov. 8th at 6pm. Please come. For more info call Bea @ 978-283-2691.

Christmas Fair Requests

THEME BASKETS are needed for our Wheel of Fortune game at the Christmas Fair. Again, we appeal to your generosity. With 100+ baskets we can provide a full day of fun at the fair and a substantial donation to our parish. All items must be new and unused. Value of baskets should be approximately \$25. We need baskets for children (crafts, toys, games, winter wear, etc.) as well as adults (bath, kitchen, holiday, etc.) Please bring baskets to the parish hall on Friday, November 30, day or evening. For further info, call Jeanne at 978-281-1915.

CRAFT TABLE – If each parishioner could donate just one item to the craft table, it would be greatly appreciated. With everyone's help, we can make this our best fair ever. Thanks to all!

Parish Women's Guild Update

The Guild meets November 13 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. A short business meeting to discuss the upcoming Christmas Fair on December 1 and other business will be followed by a Social, a night of Trivia with Lenny Linquata of the Gloucester House testing our knowledge of Gloucester. All are welcome at this fun-filled and informative night. Members are asked to bring a friend.

Dues are now being collected for the year (Sept. 2007- Aug. 2008). Cost is \$10.

The Guild will hold a **bake sale** after all Masses the weekend of November 10 & 11 at both St. Ann and St. Joachim. All items are baked by the Ladies of the Guild. Guild members are reminded to bake something for the sale or help sell items following Mass. The Guild's new cookbook will also be available for purchase.

For information, contact **Bea Ciaramitaro 978-283-2691**



Baptism

We rejoice in celebration of new life and are happy to announce the following baptisms which took place in September & October

Matthew James Bagley
Jack David Pierce Caputo
Annabelle Leone Colarusso
Andrew Kevin Crowell
Jasmine Nichole DeCoste
Vincenza Bento Ferrara
Teyah Noelle Fleming
Emily Elizabeth Hale
Talia Mae Harrington
Tatya Sofia Maria Mano
Aili Christina Mattson

Megan Ann Pierce
Nicole Irene Pierce
Tye Cooper Piraino
Serina Rose Russo
Samaira Nevaeh Salah
Adrianna Nevaeh Sclafani
Samanta Spano
Katelyn Marie Taormina
Emily Rose Tuck
Caydence Elizabeth Verga

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