



A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:42-43

Readings for the Week of November 12, 2006

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/ Heb 9:24-28/ Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Monday: Ti 1:1-9/ Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/ Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/ Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/ Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/ Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/ Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/ Heb 10:11-14, 18/ Mk 13:24-32

Religious Education News

Question of the Week

Adults: What lies at the core of my own generosity to others?

Children: How might I respond to the poor and homeless of the world?

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS: Please mark your calendar for the upcoming meeting regarding your child's First Reconciliation scheduled for **EITHER Monday, Nov. 13th from 7 to 8 p.m. in St. Mary Chapel OR Tuesday, Nov. 14th at St. Joachim Church from 6 to 7 p.m.**

YOUTH GROUP

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: You are called to act!! Let your voice be heard, become part of the Youth Ministry program! Join us this Monday, Nov. 13th from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Relig. Ed./Youth Room for effective planning and good company! Air Hockey Champs are ready for competition.

FASTING FOR FUEL: Could you consume only juice and water for 24 hours to help the poor? Come and sign up for a great fundraiser benefiting the St. Vincent de Paul Society where we will fast and have fun at the same time. Jr. High and High School students are invited to join in this 24 hour event which starts at **5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24th in our Parish School Gym.**

Stay overnight, play games, go to the movies, and prepare holiday cards for the local senior citizens. Liquid refreshments and fruit will be available over the 24 hour period. Call Dawn Alves (978) 281-4820, x0119 to sign up. Permission slips and sponsor forms are available in the parish office.

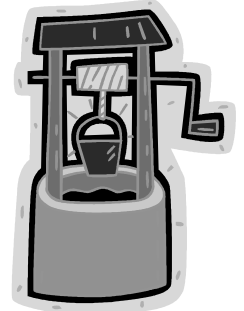
THANKSGIVING PIES: The youth group will be funding their February Cevicos trip by selling pies (apple, chocolate, and pumpkin). We'll be taking orders at all Masses this weekend. If you do not connect with the students after Mass this weekend or next, call Dawn Alves (978) 281-4820, x0119 or e-mail: dalves@hollyfamilycapeann.org

Reflections by Father Bullock

There is a great deal of symbolism in the fourth chapter of John: the Samaritan woman and the well. But there is a foundational reality as well; the obvious dependence on the well for water, and the physical difficulty of drawing water. Two years ago we were in drought awareness in New England as well as in other parts of the country and world, with all of Afghanistan being in extreme drought condition. Here there was a great deal of talk of conservation but people could still turn the tap and water would flow. For a well-dependent people however, the situation was far different.

Lyndon Johnson grew up in one of the remotest parts of Johnson County, Texas: 24,000 acres of barren loneliness, made all the more so due to the lack of electricity. Wells were the only source of water. Johnson ran for Congress on the platform of bringing water power and electricity. No one believed he could do it, but elected him anyway. And get it done, he did: a dam built and electric lines run to every part of that barren county. Regardless of anything else, they never forgot him for that!

Years later, a biographer spoke to an older woman regarding Johnson. She asked him if he noticed how bent her shoulders were. He had indeed, not just in her but in all women her age. She explained that wells were 75 to 100 feet down. Water had to be hauled up by a pulley and rope, harnessed to the shoulder, and pulled like cattle. It was mostly done by the women and sooner or later shoulders were bent. Every girl growing up said it would not happen to her – then she became a wife and mother, and it did until Lyndon Johnson took the burden away, and shoulders need no longer be bent.



Among much else, this is one of the things that Christ is for the woman at the well and those like her. Some of the extremists among the Pharisees had been laying heavy burdens on the shoulders of people, making salvation a difficult and iffy matter. Christ is offering the running, living, abundant water of His grace, His love to those willing to accept Him. He is lifting the burden and sharing the carrying of it with them, if they will accept Him and walk with Him.

It is the same promise being made today if we, also, choose to walk with Him.

Liturgy Committee

There will be a Liturgy Committee meeting Nov. 21st at 7 p.m. in the parish office.

RCIA

RCIA will not meet this Monday, Nov. 6th. The next class will be held **Monday, Nov. 13th at 7 p.m.**

Pro-Life

There will be a Pro-Life Committee meeting **today (Sunday, Nov. 12th) at 2 p.m. in the parish office.**

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar in St. Ann Church were donated in memory of Edward Donnelly, Robert Sonia, Barry Adels, and the Lupo Family.



Memorials & Donations

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

Caroline Brennen
JACK & JOAN FUGALI

Mary Marcantonio Cont'd.
ALLYN & JEANNE SMITH

Carolyn Brigham
COUSIN JOHN & PHYLLIS CURCURU

Ambrose Orlando
MARY CIARAMITARO

Ada George
COUSIN JOHN & PHYLLIS CURCURU

Dominic Orlando
IDA CIARAMITARO
MARY CIARAMITARO
SOPHIE & NINA FRONTIERO
WILLIAM FRONTIERO
JACK & JOAN FUGALI
FRANK PIRAINO, SR.
CATHERINE RANDAZZA

Mary Marcantonio
VITO & ROSEMARIE ASARO
FLORENCE CURCURU
MARY D'AMICO
PAULINE DANISH
MARY DUKES

JOHN & ANNE MARIE FITZGERALD
SOPHIE & NINA FRONTIERO
JOANNE & SAM INTERRANTE
MARY & JIMMY INTERRRANTE
MARY LOMBARD
JOE & PAULA MISURACA
GAYE VIOLA
CATHERINE RANDAZZA

Robert C. O'Reilly
ARLENE LESCH & FAMILY

Beatrice Willette
ANN MARGARET, FRANCES,
& JOE FERRANTE
KATHLEEN GIACALONE

Christmas Fair

Saturday Nov. 18th is the date to keep open to attend the Christmas Fair this year. Come to the parish hall to work, help out, or just to support Holy Family Parish in this fun endeavor. Everyone is welcome!

It's not too early to be thinking of what talent you can offer for a parish craft table or Chinese raffle table. Prize baskets are needed for the Basket Wheel as well. Choose a theme, fill and decorate a basket - and be creative. Donations of crafts, ethnic foods, baked goods, baskets, books, and white elephant items are greatly appreciated. Our theme this year is "Season of Wonders." **For more information, contact Bea Ciaramitaro (978) 283-2691.**

Holy Family Raffle

Holy Family Parish is sponsoring a cash raffle to benefit church programs and services on Cape Ann. A total of 300 tickets will be sold at the price of \$100 each, and \$15,000 in prizes will be drawn at a gala cocktail party at the new Gloucester House restaurant on **Sunday, January 7, 2007 from 5 to 7 p.m.**

The first prize is \$10,000. There will be three second prizes of \$1,000 each, and four third prizes of \$500 each. Purchase of a ticket will admit two people to the drawing.

The party will be held as part of ceremonies marking the second anniversary of the formation of Holy Family Parish. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased at the Parish Office, Building Center, Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce, and from members of the Parish Women's Guild

Raffle Chairman Michael Costello is seeking additional members of this special fundraising committee and welcomes calls at work (978) 283-1601 or home (978) 546-7140.

Thanksgiving for Seniors

Parishioners of Holy Family Parish will host a Thanksgiving dinner for the seniors of Cape Ann on **Wednesday, Nov. 22nd at 12 Noon in the Gloucester Elks Lodge on Atlantic Road.**

Volunteer Sign-up sheets are at the back of either church. Those who would like to volunteer for food preparation or other services **please leave your name and phone**

number on the sheets or call Mary Jane Olson at home (978) 546-9492.

For reservations, transportation, or meal delivery please stop by or contact the parish office **by Sunday, Nov. 19th (978) 281-4820.**

Thank you for your overwhelming support for this senior dinner. We are amazed at what a cooperative group of volunteers we have every year.

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 and neighbors!



Christmas Brunch Meeting

The Madonna del Rosario Society will celebrate Christmas with a brunch meeting at the Gloucester House Restaurant on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. The meeting will begin at noon followed by brunch at 12:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased by Nov. 25th. Membership dues may also be paid at this time. **For tickets, call Grace (978) 281-1907 or Rosalie (978) 283-0504. If no answer, please leave a message.**

Host & Wine

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

Michael Mortillaro
from
Wife & Children



Marriage Encounter

"Do not be afraid." (First Reading). Some people are actually afraid of what may happen to their marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. But you have nothing to lose and so much to gain. Upcoming dates are Nov. 17-19, Dec. 1-3, and Feb. 9-11. **For more information, call Dave & Karen Demers (800) 710-WWME or visit www.wwmeMA.org.**



Rest in Peace

We commend into God's care our deceased brothers and sisters who were buried from our Parish recently:

Ada George

Maureen Powers

Mary Marcantonio

Neil Ramsden

Margaret Sudbay



Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006
 4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....*Rosalia & Enzo Giambanco*
From Children & Grandchildren

Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006
 8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....*Pro Populo*
 9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)
 10 a.m. (St. Ann Church)...*Giovanni & Francesca Orso Maggiore*
From Son, Onofrio
 11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)
Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

Monday, Nov. 13, 2006
 9 a.m. (St. Mary Chapel).....*Guiseppa Bommarito*
From Wife

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006
 9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....*Chester Seelley*
Henry & Frances Strzemilowski

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006
 9 a.m. (St. Ann Church)
Peter & Flora Graziani and Daughter, Emily Gianakas
Mannone Family

Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006
 9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)

Friday Nov. 17, 2006
 9 a.m. (St. Mary Chapel).....*Anne MacEachern*
From Friend, George Zager

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006
 4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....*Ralph & Josephine Pratt*
From Family

Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006
 8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....*Savatore & Grace Parisi*
From Family
 9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....*Pro Populo*
 10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....*Nicolo & Angela (Catalfio) Vitale*
From Family
 11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....*Vincenza Cusumano*
From Family

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Thursdays – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (St. Mary Chapel)

Nursing Home Masses

Seacoast: 3 p.m., Monday, Nov. 13th
DenMar: Tuesday, Nov. 21st/Anointing Mass
Greycliff: 3 p.m., Monday, Nov. 27th
Families, friends, and parishioners are welcome!

Catholic Charities Christmas Gala

A Christmas fundraiser is a long-standing tradition for Catholic Charities. This year's gala will be more elegant than ever; guests will enjoy a new venue, new menu, and more live music and dancing. Billy Costa, host of 'TV Diner' on NECN will lead a live auction that features several unique experiences and valuable items. Call to reserve your tickets today. All proceeds from this event help Catholic Charities make wishes come true for needy families across the North Shore this Christmas.

7 p.m. Dec. 1st, Colonial Center - Sheraton Colonial, Wakefield
Black tie optional, \$100 per person, RSVP by Nov. 15th
Call Sarah (781) 593-2312.

Last Weekend's Collection

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Collection</u>
St. Ann (4 p.m.)	224	\$1,871.51
St. Ann (8 a.m.)	197	1,671.85
St. Joachim (9 a.m.)	173	1,090.00
St. Ann (10 a.m.)	1,200	2,962.06
St. Joachim (11 a.m.)	127	693.50
Office		1,760.70
Total	1,921	\$10,049.62

October 2005 weekly average collection: **\$7,040.00**
 October 2006 weekly average collection: **\$7,265.00**

Average amount needed per week to sustain the current level of programs and services: **\$11,500.00**

Grand Annual Total (as of Nov. 6th): **\$57,340.87**
 This is **76.46%** of our **\$75,000** goal.

We appreciate your donation!

Food Pantry Needs

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

- canned tuna
- canned vegetables
- crackers
- juice
- macaroni & cheese
- pancake mix & syrup
- pasta & sauce
- peanut butter & jelly



Any donations may be placed in the receptacle in the church foyer. **Thank you for your generous support!**

Bulletin Deadline

Please have all items for submission to next week's bulletin in our office **by 12 Noon on Tuesday**. Items submitted after that time will be considered for the following week.

Thanksgiving Week

Looking ahead, please note that the bulletin deadline for Thanksgiving week will be moved up a day to 12 Noon on Monday, Nov. 20th. *Thank You!*

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!