



"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather (his) elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky." - Mk 13:26-27

Readings for the Week of November 19, 2006

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/ Heb 10:11-14, 18/ Mk 13:24-32
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/ Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/ Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/ Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/ Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/ Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/ Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/ Rv 1:5-8/ Jn 18:33b-37

Religious Education News

Question of the Week

Adults: How am I better today than I was ten years ago in my ability to serve God and others?

Children: How do people who are older than me help me to live my life in a better way?

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS: Please mark your calendars! Celebration of First Reconciliation is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11th in St. Ann Church.

YOUTH & GROUP

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 Cevecos 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

JR. HIGH GATHERINGS: Saturday, Dec. 2nd 10 a.m.-12 Noon, no matter what the weather, hike at Ravenswood. Meet in the Ravenswood parking lot by 10 a.m. Be sure to dress appropriately and bring a beverage and snack for yourself. As always, parents are welcome to join us for any meetings/outings!

Anyone in grades 6, 7 or 8 is welcome to attend Youth Group events. You don't have to be a member of Holy Family Parish or any other church. Feel free to bring a friend (who must also be a 6th, 7th, or 8th grader). Parental questions can be addressed to Dawn Alves (978) 281-4820 x0119, Mark/Carol Bedrosian (978) 282-7421, or Andy/Jodi Bertolino (978) 281-1828 or email HolyFamilyMSYG@yahoo.com.

Reflections by Father Bullock

A mother camel and her baby camel were talking one day, "Mom, why have I got these huge three-toed feet?"

"Well son, when we trek across the desert your toes will help you stay on top of the soft sand."

"Mom, why have I got these long eyelashes?"

"They're long to keep the sand out of your eyes on the trips through the desert."

"Mom, why do I have these great big humps on my back?"

"They're there to help us store water for our long treks across the desert so we can go without drinking for long periods of time."

Then the little camel said, "So Mom, we have huge feet to keep us from sinking, long eyelashes to keep sand out of our eyes, and these big humps to store water."

"That's right honey," the mother camel said.

"So Mom, why are we in the San Diego Zoo?"

That baby camel was a wise little camel. He wasn't sure of what but he knew he was equipped for far more than being stared at and confined. All the more important we take to heart what the baby camel would teach us. We have been made for a journey and we have been especially equipped for the sacraments to give impetus to the journey and if used correctly, to keep us from the pitfalls, snares, and chasms which the world sets in our path; the inspired word of God and the wisdom of His servants down the ages to keep our vision clear, focused, and not dazzled by the mirages that mask the journey. And above all, that tremendous store of God's love that we call grace that strengthens us for the journey.

A book reviewer pointed out that as wonderful as every convert to the church is, the main goal should not be "bringing converts in" but "bringing Christians out of us" in other words, into the worlds we inhabit (families, friends, work areas, recreation, etc.), using our special spiritually huge feet, long eyelashes, and humps that assist us on the only real journey that counts.

Someday, headlines will change, talk shows will sink lower, spotlights move on. We cannot wait for that. Like the little camel, we know why we have been so equipped and we know we must be on that journey to the best of our ability, here and now!



Fireside Youth Bibles

For our Jr. High & High School Catechetical program this year we purchased the new Fireside Catholic Youth Bibles. Although priceless in its value, this purchase was over and above our Religious Ed book budget and yet we have them almost paid in full with only \$1,500.00 left to go. At this time of Thanksgiving we are grateful for those donors who have helped support our students and their families through this continued effort to form the faith of our younger members with the scriptures and text curriculums. Blessings from the Faith Formation Office!



### Memorials & Donations

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

**Maria Cracchiolo**  
SALVATORE & MARY COSTANZO  
MR. & MRS. SALVATORE FERRARA

**Mary Marcantonio**  
MR. & MRS. JAMES BURNHAM  
PAUL & PAT PARISI

### RCIA

RCIA will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> in the parish office.

### Liturgy Committee

There will be a Liturgy Committee meeting Tuesday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. in the parish office.

### Ministers to the Home-bound

Eucharistic Ministers who visit the home-bound will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> in the parish office conference room.

### Christmas Brunch Meeting

The Madonna del Rosario Society will celebrate Christmas with a brunch meeting at the Gloucester House Restaurant on Saturday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting will begin at noon followed by brunch at 12:30 p.m. **Tickets must be purchased by Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>.** 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.**

### Christmas Giving Trees

Christmas Giving Trees, sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, have been set up in the vestibules of St. Joachim and St. Ann Churches. Each tree is decorated with colored stars describing a gift, which may be donated for the people of Cape Ann. Each gift should be new and unused and returned unwrapped with the original star attached. **The trees will be up until Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. All gifts should be returned to the parish office no later than 12 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.**



### Host & Wine

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

**Michael Mortillaro**  
From Wife & Children



### 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, Jan. 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.**



### Rest in Peace

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

*Caroline Brennan*

*Maria Cracchiolo*

*Robert Doyle, Jr.*



### Thanksgiving for Seniors

Parishioners of Holy Family Parish will host a Thanksgiving dinner for the seniors of Cape Ann on **Wednesday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 **today, Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> (978) 281-4820, from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon.**

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!

