



When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. - Mt 2:19-21

Readings for the Week of December 30, 2007

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12- 17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Stewardship Reflections

"Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." - Matthew 2:13
Mary's joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fueled by her faith, hope and trust in God and his promises. Lord, you gave your life for my sake, to redeem me from slavery to sin and death. Help me to do your will and not shrink back out of fear or cowardice when trouble besets me.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: How can I let the love and peace of Christ rule my heart?
Children: What can I do today to honor my father and mother?



Religious Education News

Epiphany Procession: Students involved in the Epiphany Procession are asked to attend practice in St. Ann Church from 4-5:30pm on Thurs., Dec. 27th and Thurs., Jan. 3rd.

Classroom Gatherings: In January we will meet only once - Sunday, January 13th.

Please be sure to join us for our Whole Parish Catechesis on Sat., Jan., 5th, beginning with Mass at 4pm followed by a shared meal and conversation regarding the Sacraments of Marriage and Ordination.

All 7th and 8th graders are asked to celebrate the Grade level Mass at St. Joachim's 9am Mass. Arrive early to greet our parish families!

All 6th grade students will begin their Liturgy Class after school on Thursday afternoons during the month of January from 3:30-4:30 in the church of St. Ann. This will replace their Jan. 13th class.

RCIA

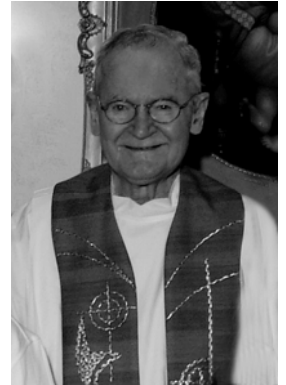
RCIA will not meet on December 31st or January 7th.

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.

The Government estimates that middle-income families will spend nearly \$250,000 raising a child from birth through age 17. That does not include the cost of college. It's not so bad when you break it down - that's \$1,154 per month, \$266 per week, \$38 per day \$1.50 per hour. Now children are wonderful, but what do parents get for their quarter million dollars?

First, you get naming rights. There is always a ready hand to hold - even though it may be covered with mud, Playdoh or jelly. You'll always have a willing playmate. There will always be someone to laugh yourself silly with no matter how badly your day is going. Every day is a new experience as you ponder the wonders of rocks, ants, clouds and warm cookies.



For your quarter million you can be a kid, too. You have a ready excuse to keep reading "The Adventures of Piglet and Pooh," watching the Cartoon Channel, and wishing on stars. You get to finger-paint, fly kites, build sand castles and never stop believing in Santa. You also get to be a hero simply for retrieving a Frisbee from the roof, removing a splinter, or coaching a baseball team. For your thousand dollars each month you become immortal, ranking right up there with God, with the power to heal a boo-boo, patch a broken heart, police a slumber party, ground them forever, and love them without limits.

For \$266 per week you get a front row seat to history, witnessing the first step, the first word, the first day of school, the first date, the first time behind the wheel, and who knows how many other "firsts." For your \$1.50 an hour you get an education in psychology, nursing, criminal justice, communications and human sexuality that no college can match.

And you are loved the same way in return, totally and unconditionally. All in all, a pretty good return for your child-raising dollars.

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



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

### **Capt. Thomas Favazza**

Sarina Favazza  
Frank Frontiero  
Sarah Frontiero  
Carmella Frontiero

### **Eunice Karem**

Adele Kelly  
John Salah

### **Marjorie Mondello**

Carmella Frontiero

### **Gebe Salah**

Adele Kelly  
John Salah

### **Theresa Salah**

Adele Kelly  
John Salah

## 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.

### *Host & Wine*

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

*Emery & Jeanette SantaPaul  
Dorothy SantaPaul Halfman*

*From Family*



## Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 9, at 7pm in the Parish Office.

### *In Loving Memory*

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

*Eugene F. Wolff*

## New Year's Schedule

**New Year's Eve - Mon. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 4pm St. Joachim**  
**New Year's Day - Tues. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am St. Ann**

## Cell Phone Courtesy

**A gentle reminder;** Please silence all cell phones and PDA's before the start of Mass as a simple matter of courtesy to one another. Thank you, we appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

## Whole Parish Catechesis

Please join us for our next Whole Parish Catechesis on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> for the Feast of the Epiphany. We will begin the celebration with an Epiphany Procession followed by the celebration of Mass at 4pm. This celebration will lead us into a shared covered dinner in our lower Parish Hall and then a conversation regarding the "Light of Christ shared through the sacraments of Ordination and Marriage." Bring along a meal (labeling ingredients for those with food allergies) and a photo of a wedding or ordination which you were either a part of or invited to celebrate. All are welcome!!

## Holy Family Raffle

It's not too late to participate in the second annual Holy Family Parish Sweepstakes. Only about 100 of the 300 tickets printed remain! Prizes will be drawn on **Sunday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008** at the Gloucester House Restaurant. The festivities will include hors d'oeuvres, great door prizes and the chance to be one of eight winners who will share \$15,000 in prizes, (a \$10,000 first prize, three \$1,000 second prizes, and four \$500 third prizes). Proceeds will benefit church programs and services on Cape Ann. Although you do not need to be present to win, the party itself will be one of the social highlights of the year and will be part of the third anniversary celebration of the formation of Holy Family Parish. Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office, Building Center, Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce and from members of the Parish Women's Guild.

**Raffle Co-Chairs Michael Costello and Martha Crowley are looking for help with the sale of tickets. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office 978-281 - 4820.**

## Food Pantry Needs

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

**canned soups, vegetables & tuna  
cereal, pasta, juice, peanut butter & jelly**

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

## Choir Concert

The Holy Family Parish Adult Choir concert has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 5, at 2pm in St. Ann Church.

## Shaw's Receipt Update

St. Ann School would like to thank all of our Holy Family parishioners, family and friends for participating in the Shaw's receipt program. So far the school has raised over \$2,000, and we hope that through your kind efforts we will continue to benefit from this program. The receipt bins will remain in the back of each church for anyone who would like to turn in their receipts. God bless you for your continued support!



## Baptism

*We rejoice in the celebration of new life and are happy to announce the following baptisms which recently took place in our parish:*

Nicolas Thomas Burby  
Julia Grace Carrancho  
Alessia Grace Cracchiolo  
Franco Matteo Favazza  
Joshua John Figueira  
Layce Dorothy Frost  
Samuel Joseph Kesterson  
Tyler Joshua LeClaire  
Jordan Mary Anne Macchi  
Jaden John Quiroz  
Katherine Ann Rafferty  
Samuel Francis Stanton



December 29, 2007 – January 6, 2008

**Saturday, December 29, 2007**

4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Rose Testaverde**  
From Family

**Sunday, December 30, 2007**

8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Joseph Barbagallo**  
From Wife & Children

9 a.m. (St. Joachim)..... **Chet Collier**  
Ann Collier

10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Joseph P. Nicastro**  
From Family

11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)..... **Pro Populo**

**Monday, December 31, 2007**

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Joseph Rosati**  
Larry & Patricia Marinozzi & Family

**Tuesday, January 1, 2008**

10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Mother of God**

**Wednesday, January 2, 2008**

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)

**Thursday, January 3, 2008**

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)

**Friday, January 4, 2008**

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)

**Saturday, January 5, 2008**

4 p.m. (St. Ann Church) .....**Anniversary of Parish**

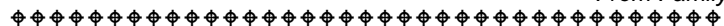
**Sunday, January 6, 2008**

8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Pro Populo**

9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Mary Casey Seed**  
From Family

10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Capt. Salvatore & Mary Nicastro**  
From Family

11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Paul Ciaramitaro, Sr.**  
From Family



**Bulletin Deadline**

Do to the holiday printing schedule, the next bulletin deadline is Tues., Jan. 8th. Please have all items for submission in our office by noon on **TUESDAY, 1/8**. Items submitted after that time will be considered for the following week.

**Holy Spirit Prayer Group**

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group meets **Thursdays at 7pm in St. Joachim Church, Rockport**. Questions? Call Louise 978-281-3645.



**Rosary**

The Rosary is being said Wednesday nights at 5pm in the Mother of Grace Club (48 Washington St., Glou.). Please join us!

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Mondays – 7 to 9pm (St. Joachim Church)**  
**7:30 pm – Chaplet of Divine Mercy**  
**8 pm – Rosary**  
**Thursdays – 7 to 9pm (St. Joachim Church)**  
**9:30am – 1:30pm.**

To sign up or for more info, call Angela 978-283-5701.

**Last Weekend's Collection**

Mass	Attendance	Collection
4 pm	293	2,218.00
8 am	155	1,671.00
9 am	145	1,426.00
10 am	250	2,063.27
11 am	183	1,672.41
	1,026	

<b>Weekly Offertory:</b>	<b>9,050.68</b>
<b>Office Offertory:</b>	<b>286.40</b>
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>\$9,337.08</b>
<b>Fire Fund</b>	<b>1,237.85</b>
<b>December 2006 average collection:</b>	<b>\$7,510.00</b>

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 December 2006 average collection total by over \$1,800! **Thank you for your support.**

**Grand Annual News**

As of Monday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> our total raised was \$65,375. With only 10% of our parishioners responding we have achieved 87.17% of our \$75,000 goal.

**Cevicos Mission Trip**

Missionaries from our parish will travel to Cevicos in the Dominican Republic in January to hold a medical clinic. We hope you can be part of this mission by donating supplies. Here's a list of suggestions for over-the-counter items we need the most:

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| Tylenol for adults               | Adult vitamins                               |
| Tylenol for arthritis            | Cough syrup, cough drops                     |
| Tylenol for heart (81 mg)        | Pepcid                                       |
| Tylenol for children             | Claritin                                     |
| (chewable or liquid)             | Antifungal medicine                          |
| Ibuprofen for adults             | (small tubes of Chlortrim, or Tinactin)      |
| Ibuprofen for children           | Antibiotic cream (small tubes of Bacitracin) |
| Pediatric vitamins               | Selsun Blue shampoo                          |
| (not gummy bears)                | (used for skin rashes)                       |
| Pre-Natal vitamins               | Toothbrushes                                 |
| (adult vitamins with folic acid) | Toothpaste (small tubes)                     |
| Dental floss                     |  |



**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!*

**Please check all lists of names to insure that each name is on one line (ESPECIALLY MEMORIAL DONATIONS). Also, please be sure section breaks are correct and not cutting off any text and that pictures do not interfere with text/layout. Thank You!END OF BULLETIN  
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