



While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

Lk 9:34-35

**Readings for the Week of March 4, 2007**

Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

## Religious Education News

### Question of the Week

**Adults:** How does my faith in the Lord strengthen when I am faced with difficult choices to live my baptism?

**Children:** What difficult things do I do that show my love for God and for my family?

**CLASSES RESUME** for Grades 1-9 this weekend, Mar. 3/4 and Wednesday, Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION PICTURES** for 2004, 2005, & 2006 are in and can be picked up in the parish office during business hours.

**9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT:** Coming up Tuesday, Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 9 p.m. in St. Ann School Gym. Students mark your calendars!

**FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT:** Also coming up Saturday, Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the parish hall. Parents must accompany children to this event.

**TEEN BIBLE STUDY:** We are looking to begin a Teen Bible Study program. In order to do this we need an adult team to gather and begin praying about having one. Then we will look for group leaders and begin putting it in place. If you would be interested in doing this with Mrs. Martha Geraghty, please call or e-mail Dawn Alves at the parish office (978) 281-4820, x0119. [dalves@holycapann.org](mailto:dalves@holycapann.org).



We are happy to announce recent Baptisms at Holy Family Parish:

Giacomo Martell Faith Ashley Brooke Rivera Austin James Story

## Communal Anointing

REMINDER: There will be no Communal Anointing during Lent, nor on Easter Sunday. The next Mass to offer **Communal Anointing** will be Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at the 11 a.m. Mass in St. Joachim Church.

## Reflections by Father Bullock

The dominant figure used in the Old Testament to express the love of God for his people is that of a loving and forgiving husband; especially evident in Hosea and Ezekiel. But Isaiah wants to express this love in even more vivid terms – hence the use of the mother's love for her child – but with the warning that even this love is a pale imitation of what the love of God really is.

It is in the light of this that the commands of the gospel can be seen. The greater the appreciation of God's continuing love – **and providence** – the greater our ability to put all things in His hands – to live in complete trust and without concern for daily needs.

Once in a while a figure breaks into history who carries such confidence and trust to almost superhuman limits. This, I think, is the appeal of Francis of Assisi, an appeal that goes beyond Catholics alone. This wandering preacher, completely possessionless, absolutely depending on others, not making any provision apart from confidence that God will provide, is a Christ figure whose appeal is universal.

There are very few Francises. We sincerely attempt to grow in love of God and confidence in His providence. But we are caught up in the world and in providing, and must so be. That is why Lent gives us a chance to express in a small way, our love of God. First of all, by an increase in prayer, in whatever form we can – ideally an added Mass attendance. Secondly, by whatever sacrifices we undertake. The limitations of fasting and abstinence are not important because of a statement by the Church. Their real value comes from voluntarily taking them up. Whatever we choose to do without must be a statement on our part, not that these things are wrong but precisely that they are good. It is because they are good gifts from a loving God that we lay them aside temporarily; an attempt in a small way to say our own personal thank you to a loving and providing God!

The Father knows all of our needs. With confidence we pour out our hearts before him:

1. That all those in positions of leadership may be trustworthy, and see their offices in terms of serving people.
2. For those who are weak in faith, those who worry, and for all those who are troubled and feel forgotten.
3. For all who are abandoned, exiled, and persecuted, that they may be treated with recognition and kindness.
4. For a Lent of spiritual growth, which strengthens faith and is a path of holiness.

Father, we look to you for aid and strength. Help us to learn and live the lessons your Son taught us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

## Volunteering is Good for You!

Have some time to give to your community hospital? The Addison Gilbert Hospital is seeking adult volunteers for openings in a variety of departments. Of particular need are volunteers in our Gift Shop, the Information Desk, Surgical Day Care, and the Senior Adult Unit. All locations are ideal for anyone interested in working with staff, patients and their families.



**Please call the Volunteers Services Department at our Beverly campus (978) 922-3000, ext. 2307 for an application and further information.**

## Ⓛ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. *Thank You!*



**Memorials & Donations**

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

*William R. Coyle*  
ARLENE & SCOTT LESCH & FAMILY

*Sophie A. Crateau*  
ERIN FRATES  
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*Marcia Margiotta*  
DAVID & MARTHA CROWLEY

**Art & Environment**

There will be an Art & Environment Committee meeting **Thursday, Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the parish office.**

**RCIA**

RCIA will meet on **Monday, Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the parish office.**

**Living Stations**

Rehearsals have begun for the Living Stations of the Cross. We are in need of students from grades 3-12 for various parts. This live presentation is presented to the parish community on Palm Sunday evening, April 1<sup>st</sup> (time to be announced later). Rehearsals are every Thursday 6 to 7:30 p.m. in St. Ann Church. This is very touching and spiritual event for those presenting it and the parish community. **For more information, please call Sue Demetri or Dawn Alves in the parish office (978) 281-4820, x0119.**



**Host & Wine**

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

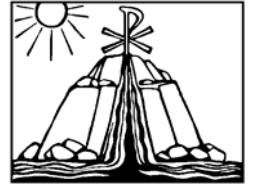
*Giuseppe Cusumano*

*From*  
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*Lucia & Mike Taormina*  
*Thomas & Carmela Brancaleone*  
*Anthony & Christina Brancaleone*  
*Mario & Joanna Brancaleone*

**Lent: Living the Paschal Mystery**

At the beginning of Lent, the goal is laid out for us. Jesus went up the mountain to pray and was transformed. Lent is not only a desert (as in last Sunday's article) but is also our "mountain" that we go up to pray in order to be transformed. Jesus talks about his exodus, his passing through suffering and death to the glory of resurrected life. Our salvation is to follow Jesus into his passion and death so that we, too, might attain the glory of new life.

Our following Jesus is spelled out in the ordinary "dyings" of our everyday living: reaching out to visit a lonely elderly person, listening to a troubled adolescent, biting our tongue instead of saying sharp words, still having patience when we've been pushed too far. The utterly amazing thing about our embracing these little, everyday "dyings" is that we ourselves experience a kind of our own identity as the chosen ones of God. We become more perfectly members of Christ's Body when we act like Jesus did—when we reach out to others who are in need, when we bring a comforting touch, when we forgive. God's command to "listen to" Jesus isn't a passive hearing words; we listen by *doing* as Jesus did. Our whole life, then, is a transfiguration, a passing over from our old sinful ways to the ways of light and grace offered by God.



*Living Liturgy, Spirituality, Celebration, Catechesis for Sunday and Solemnities 2007 @ 2006 Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN*

**Parish Guild Meeting**

The Holy Family Parish Guild will meet **Tuesday, Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the parish hall.** A group from Miss Tina's School of Dance will provide entertainment. New members are welcome!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Irish Dinner**

The Guild is also hosting this popular parish fundraiser on **Saturday, Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.** The G.H.S. Docksidors will provide musical entertainment. Tickets are \$12/adults and \$5/children and should be purchased in advance after all Masses, or at the parish office. You may also call Bea Ciaramitaro (978) 283-2691 or Grace Hagstrom (978) 546-1619 for tickets and/or more information.

*In Loving Memory*  
*We commend into God's care those who were buried from our Parish recently:*  
*Florence Ciarametaro Francis Melle*  
*Janet Silva*

**Married Couples**

It's spring training time! Play ball with your spouse and sign up to hit a home run at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. Upcoming dates are Mar. 2-4, Apr. 13-15, 20-22, 27-29, and June 22-24. **For more information call Ray & Beth Ginepro (800) 710-WWME or visit [www.wwmeMA.org](http://www.wwmeMA.org).**

**Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus are holding a membership drive for local Catholic Men 18 and older interested in joining the organization. The initiation ceremony will be held on Monday, Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Knights will be around this weekend after some Masses to answer questions and receive applications. Come join our group of Catholic men doing God's work through the Church. Applications can also be picked up and dropped off at the Building Center contractor desk.

**Questions can be directed to Joe Parisi nights (978) 283-4304, days (978) 283-3060, or email: [jparisi@bcgloucester.com](mailto:jparisi@bcgloucester.com).**

**Food Pantry Needs**

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

- baked beans**    **cereal**
- canned meat**    **soup**



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



# Mass Intentions for the Week

March 3-11, 2007

**Saturday, Mar. 3, 2007**  
4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Rosaria & Giuseppe Cambria**  
From Daughter & Family

**Sunday, Mar. 4, 2007**  
8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Samuel Curcuru**  
From Family

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)  
10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Paul Ciaramitaro, Jr.**  
From Mother  
11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Pro Populo**

**Monday, Mar. 5, 2007**  
9 a.m. (St. Mary Chapel).....**Elizabeth Selig**  
From Aunt Grace

**Tuesday, Mar. 6, 2007**  
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)

**Wednesday, Mar. 7, 2007**  
9 a.m. (St. Mary Chapel).....**Nunziata & Stefano Maloney**  
From Family

**Thursday, Mar. 8, 2007.....NO MASS SCHEDULED**

**Friday Mar. 9, 2007**  
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)

**Saturday, Mar. 10, 2007**  
4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Larry & Jennie Scola**  
From Children

**Sunday, Mar. 11, 2007**  
8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Pro Populo**  
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Charles & John Morrison**  
Edwina MacDearmid  
10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Capt. Joe Saputo**  
From Wife & Children  
11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Deacon Richard Gindel**  
From Family



## Stations of the Cross

During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be held in St. Joachim Church on Friday mornings after the 9 a.m. Mass and on Friday afternoons at 3 p.m. in St. Mary Chapel.

## Divine Mercy Service

A Divine Mercy Service is planned for Sunday, Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. in St. Ann Church. **For more information, contact Angela Favaloro (978) 283-5701.**

## Lenten Evening Prayer

Please join our high school youth as they lead two Sunday Evening Prayer services Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in St. Joachim Church.

## Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Seacoast – 3 p.m. Monday, Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>  
DenMar – 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>  
Golden Living Center (formerly Greycliff) – 3 p.m. Monday, Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>

## 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)

## Last Weekend's Collection

Mass	Attendance	Collection
4 p.m.	270	\$1,731.00
8 a.m.	145	1,117.32
9 a.m.	158	1,121.25
10 a.m.	302	1,446.00
11 a.m.	152	1,221.53
	1,027	\$6,637.10
Office		9.00
<b>Total Weekly Offertory:</b>		<b>\$6,646.10</b>

**Feb. 2006 Average Collection: \$5,639.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Peter's Pence): \$2,172.88**

**Grand Annual Total (as of Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>): \$62,000.20**  
**This is 82.67% of our \$75,000 goal!**  
**Your support means a lot!**

## Easter Flower Envelopes

Easter flower envelopes are in the back of both worship sites. These envelopes are provided for you to make a donation for flowers in memory of a loved one.

## Charitable Contributions

Due to recent changes in federal tax laws for charitable contributions, beginning in 2007, parishioners who itemize deductions on Schedule A of their tax returns will no longer be able to deduct offertory contributions to the parish unless they maintain a bank record or receive a written contribution statement from the parish. Offertory contributions that are not in a parish envelope cannot be tracked by the parish and will not be included in the year end contribution statement. To ensure tax deductibility for 2007 contributions to our parish, the following methods are recommended:

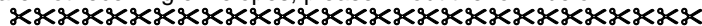
1. Use of parish envelopes provided to you by the parish
2. Written check made payable to the parish
3. Direct deposit
4. Payroll deduction

Our parish will track offertory contributions made using the parish envelope system, and will, upon request, produce a written statement of contributions made during 2007. This information will include the name of the parish, name of parishioner, and total contributions for the year. Our parish cannot track offertory contributions, regardless of the amount, that are not part of our parish envelope system.

Please note that this does not change the requirement that a taxpayer receive an acknowledgement from our parish for each deductible contribution of \$250 or more. If you have any additional questions, please consult with your tax advisor.

## Tracking Contributions

As mentioned above, one of the easiest ways to track your offertory contribution is to participate in the parish envelope system. If you are not receiving envelopes, please fill out the form below.



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*We look forward to hearing from you!*

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