



Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

Jn 8:10-11

Readings for the Week of March 25, 2007

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Religious Education News

Question of the Week

Adults: How often do I look at myself and ask, "What good am I capable of doing?"

Children: What will I do today to be kind to someone?

LAST DAY OF CLASSES for Grades 1-8 are as follows:
Palm Sunday, April 1st and Wednesday, April 4th.

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

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT: Saturday, March 31st from 10 a.m. to 12 noon beginning in the body of St. Ann Church (up front at the sanctuary). Parents must accompany children to this event.

YOUTH GROUP

SNOW TUBING: Unfortunately Amesbury Snow Tubing Park has been closed due to the lack of snow. The next High School Youth Ministry meeting is **Monday, April 2nd 6:30-8 p.m.**

Bishop Fenwick High School

Bishop Fenwick's St. Benedict Guild will be hosting their 7th annual Fabulous Food Fest on **Wednesday, April 4th at Jimmy's Allenhurst Restaurant in Danvers, MA.** Doors open at 7 p.m. Come experience a fabulous night sampling some of the area restaurant's most delicious offerings. Also, enjoy a wine tasting sponsored by local winery, Red Oak Winery LLC in Middleton, MA. As always, the St. Benedict Guild will be raffling off a great selection of wonderful gift baskets to add to the enjoyment of the evening, plus a few surprises are in store! Tickets are now on sale for \$25 per person. **Contact Laura Wall, President, BF-SBG (978) 535-2967 or e-mail stbenedictguild@hotmail.com.**

RCIA

RCIA will meet **Monday, March 26th at 7 p.m. in the parish office.**

St. Ann School Auction

Friday, April 27th is the 3rd annual St. Ann School Auction. This year's theme is "It Takes a Village." We are initiating a new "free tuition" raffle. Stay tuned for details. **Tickets for the auction are on sale in the school office. Call (978) 283-3455 for more information.**

Reflections by Father Bullock

There is a scene in Acts 4, beginning with verse 32, "The community of believers were of one heart and mind," and continues "Everything was held in common...to be distributed to everyone according to need." It was called by many the only instance of communism in its true state, absolute sharing and complete equality. Speak of communism now and 20th Century Russia comes to mind – but never pure communism. As George Orwell pointed out in "Animal Farm," his great satirical work on communism, the great mantra was always, "All pigs are equal, but some pigs are more equal than others." And so it was with the Russian people under communism.

In a sense, the ideal could only be realized in small groups. Growth always brings complications. Perhaps the nearest example came with St. Francis and his immediate followers. But with the growth of the order that particular dream of Francis died before he did and he was only spared seeing the Portincola enclosed by a basilica. The order has done truly great things, but the original dream could not hold. Trust and sharing is the ideal, but can be so hard, and there can be so many obstacles. Perhaps the most important thing is to remember there was such a time and it is important to keep that fact before us.

Many years ago Learner and Lowe produced the great musical, "Camelot," based of course on King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. And as the musical ends, with the Knights scattered and the Table in disarray, the Kings sings the melancholy reprise which contains these words,

**"Each evening from December to December,
before you drift to sleep upon you cot,
Think back on all the tales that you
Remember of Camelot.
Ask every person if they have heard
the story.
And tell it strong and clear if they
have not,
That once there was a fleeting
glimpse of glory called Camelot...Camelot.
Don't let it be forgotten that once there was a spot,
for one brief moment that was known as
Camelot."**

In a sense, perhaps, that early church period was the Christian Camelot – a fleeting glimpse of glory, a brief shining moment that leaves us with two points: the need to try to imitate it as much as possible in our own situations; and to look forward to, not the glimpse, but the reality that will be eternity!

Staff Update – Fr. Bullock

As Holy Family Parish and family, we wish to keep you informed of Fr. Bullock's ongoing health issues.

As many of you may be aware, Fr. Bullock's health has been in decline for several years now, and at this point, he is nearing the end of a long struggle with several terminal conditions.

Be assured that his wishes are being followed regarding comfort and end-of-life care. He is being attended with dignity, respect, compassion, and love. Fr. Bullock is aware and very accepting of his current situation. He is peaceful and a constant reminder to all of us of his total surrender to the will of the Father.

Fr. Bullock's years of service in ministry as well as his recent fragile years have, and continue to be, an inspiration to all of us. His life has been one of giving, patience, and prayer.

May he feel our gratitude, support, and love for the person he is and may each of us hold him in our prayers as he continues his life journey.

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 13th at the 11 a.m. Mass in St. Joachim Church.**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Memorials & Donations

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

Nancy Ercolani MARY ANN PARISI

Marie Landry BEA & JIM CIARAMITARO

Julia Pallazola MARY ANN FITTRO

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Please join us on Tuesday, March 27th at 7 p.m. in St. Ann Church for the Holy Family Lenten Reconciliation Service. This is an opportunity to prepare for Easter in a special way through the sacrament of penance. After a communal time of prayer, individual confession will be offered. Please join us for this wonderful celebration of God's forgiving grace during this Lenten season.

Living Stations

Rehearsals are ongoing 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 at 7 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 1st in St. Ann Church. Rehearsals are also in St. Ann Church every Thursday 6 to 7:30 p.m. This is a 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

- By Joseph & Grace Brancaleone & Family
Giuseppe & Audrey Brancaleone
Salvatore & Brenda Brancaleone
Lucia & Mike Taormina
Thomas & Carmela Brancaleone
Anthony & Christina Brancaleone
Mario & Joanna Brancaleone

Divine Mercy Service

All our welcome to attend Divine Mercy Sunday on April 15th beginning at 2 p.m. in St. Ann Church:

- 2 to 2:30 p.m. - Rosary
2:30 to 3:30 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration
3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and more)
3:30 p.m. - Refreshments served in the parish hall.

Baby Bottle Campaign

Holy Family Parish raised \$1,440.00 through the recent Baby Bottle Campaign - what a wonderful demonstration of love for life! We sincerely thank you for your efforts on behalf of the women and couples looking for help with their unplanned pregnancy.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 1st - regular Mass schedule

Holy Thursday, April 5th - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 p.m. (St. Ann Church)

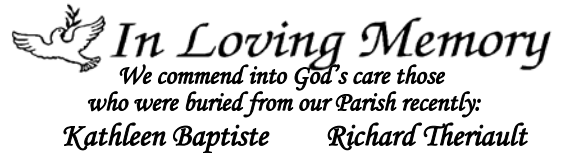
Good Friday, April 6th
1:30 p.m. Ecumenical Service (St. Joachim Church)
3 p.m. Mass (St. Joachim Church)
7 p.m. Mass (St. Ann Church)

Holy Saturday, April 7th - Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m. (St. Ann Church)

Easter Sunday, April 8th - regular Mass schedule

Memorial Donations

We are inviting people to make a donation in memory of loved ones for the new paschal candles that will be blessed and used at the Easter Vigil. We also will be accepting donations for a new Alleluia banner for Easter. If you are interested in making a donation for any of these items, please call or stop by the parish office (978) 281-4820.



Annual Spring Gala

Don't miss Catholic Charities North's 41st Annual Spring Gala, which will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 3rd at the Hawthorne Hotel in Salem. Themed "Color Our World," we invite you to "Discover the Work of Catholic Charities," while enjoying gourmet food in the different colored rooms of this elegant, historic venue. Proceeds from the gala will allow Catholic Charities North to continue responding to the needs of the poor and working poor, strengthen families, provide children with opportunities they deserve, and help immigrants and refugees become active participants in our communities. This makes it possible for the agency to continue its mission of building a just and compassionate society rooted in the dignity of all people. For more information about Catholic Charities North's Spring Gala, contact Sarah Bartley (781) 593-2312 or Sarah.Bartley@ccab.org.

Lent: Living the Paschal Mystery

Deep down inside, too many fear their sin is bigger than God's mercy. Jesus, however, responds to profound sin with even more profound mercy. Once we encounter Jesus, we are moved to repent, to change our behaviors. After the encounter, what previously seemed valuable to us (our own way) is seen in truth to be sinful or "rubbish":

"I consider everything as loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus" (second reading). Consequently, our encounter with Jesus moves us to die to self ("For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things") so that we "gain Christ." Therein lies repentance.

Repentance, then, includes both a dying and a rising. Changing our ways is the dying; a new relationship with Christ is the rising. The deepest truth about ourselves lies not so much in recognizing our sinfulness (as important as that is!) as it lies in deepening our relationship with Christ. Encountering Christ and desiring to be more like him is what calls forth from us a repentant attitude. The closer we become to Christ the more able we are to recognize our own sinfulness (that which weakens our relationship with him) and repent of our ways. Then we hear Christ say to us, "Neither do I condemn you."

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

Mass Intentions

March 24-April 1, 2007

Saturday, March 24, 2007

4 p.m. (St. Ann Church)
Capt. Salvatore, Josephine Santuccio, & Family
Capt. Stephen, Catherine Demetri, & Family
 From Daughter, Kathleen

Sunday, March 25, 2007

8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Pro Populo**
 9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)
 10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Paul V. Scuderi**
 From Family
 11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Giacomo Mangano**
Maria S.S. Annunziata of Trappeto
 From Nephew, Franco Groppo & Family

Monday, March 26, 2007

9 a.m. (St. Mary Chapel).....**Harold J. "Bucky" Rogers**

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Rose A. & Frederick W. Wolff**
 From Son, Gene Wolff

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

9 a.m. (St. Mary Chapel)

Thursday, March 29, 2007.....NO MASS SCHEDULED

Friday March 30, 2007

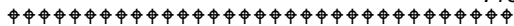
9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Dolores & Frank Rossi**
 From Family

Saturday, March 31, 2007

4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Luana DiMercurio**
 From Family

Palm Sunday, April 1, 2007

8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Rita & Joseph Girard**
 From Son
 9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Pro Populo**
 10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Lillie & John Aiello**
 From Family
 11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Paul Ciaramitaro, Jr.**
 From Mother



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.

Lenten Evening Prayer

Please join us for a brief time of prayer and reflection on the Paschal Mystery **tonight (Sunday, March 18th) at 7 p.m. in St. Joachim Church.**

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)

Rosary

Wednesdays – 5 p.m. (St. Mary Chapel)

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Golden Living Center (formerly Greycliff) – 3 p.m. Monday, March 26th

⌚ 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!*

Last Weekend's Collection

Mass	Attendance	Collection
4 p.m.	210	\$1,467.25
8 a.m.	175	1,286.50
9 a.m.	141	1,667.00
10 a.m.	288	1,187.00
11 a.m.	166	1,016.04
	980	\$6,623.79
Office Offertory		384.00
Total Weekly Offertory:		\$7,007.79

March 2006 Average Collection: \$7,511.00

Catholic Relief Services Collection: \$1,648.68

Grand Annual Total (as of March 20th): \$62,180.20
This is 82.91% of our \$75,000 goal – Thank You!

A Special Thank You!

The Holy Family Guild raised **\$1,791.48** (after expenses) at this year's Irish Dinner!

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:

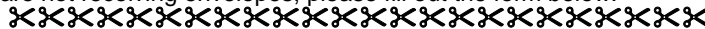
1. Use of parish envelopes provided to you by the parish
2. Written check made payable to the parish
3. Direct deposit
4. Payroll deduction

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: _____

Comments: _____

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