



*The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."*  
Lk 10:41-42

**Readings for the Week of July 22, 2007**

**Sunday:** Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42  
**Monday:** Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42  
**Tuesday:** Ex 14:21-15:1/Mt 12:46-50  
**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28  
**Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17  
**Friday:** Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23  
**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30  
**Next Sunday:** Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

## Religious Education News

### Question of the Week

**Adults:** How can I welcome the stranger and feed the hungry in order to encounter the Lord Jesus in my brothers and sisters?

**Children:** What can I do this week to show someone a special welcome and friendship?

**FIRST COMMUNION PICTURES ARE IN!!!** Please come by the office during business hours to pick them up. Happy summer!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS):** A great way to evangelize with the Gospel and to connect our elementary students to parish life is by getting them involved in Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held during the week of **July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to noon.** Forms are in the vestibule of each worship site.

**SONG & PRAISE FOR YOUTH:** Holy Family Parish is offering a Song & Praise for Youth camp during the week of **August 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> for Grades 2 - 12 from 9:30 a.m. to noon in St. Anthony Chapel.** We will end the week singing at our 11 a.m. Liturgy at St. Anthony Chapel on Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup>. Applications for this week can be downloaded from our website [www.holyfamilycapeann.org](http://www.holyfamilycapeann.org) or found in the entry way of St. Ann, St. Joachim, and St. Anthony worship sites. They are also available at our parish office.

## Pardon Our Appearance

Reconfiguration funds at work - We have begun two projects inside St. Ann Church. A number of pews have been redone to allow for better accessibility for those using wheel chairs. At the same time, there is now more space to better accommodate caskets, pall bearers, and family members as they enter the church for a Funeral Mass. The second project under way is the installation of new carpeting throughout the church. While the old carpeting has served us well, it definitely needs to be replaced. As mentioned in previous bulletins, estimates are being pursued for a number of possible projects throughout the parish. We will keep you informed.

Each of these projects will be paid through the reconfiguration funds provided to Holy Family by the Archdiocese.



### *In Loving Memory*

*We commend into God's care those who were buried from our Parish recently:*  
**Mary Downey    Mary Christine Martin**  
**J. J. Nicastro**

### 🕒 Bulletin Deadline 🕒

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

## 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.*

### **GOD JUDGES WITH KINDNESS AND LENIENCY. WE PRESENT OUR SINS BEFORE OUR GOOD AND FORGIVING LORD.**

The two short parables of the mustard seed and the leaven are basically parables of encouragement and it is a sign of the agelessness of the parables that, in their own way, they can encourage both the listeners of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. The first thing to note about the parables as spoken by Christ is their almost outrageous exaggeration. One could almost picture the people of Palestine nudging each other and perhaps hiding a smile as they listened. The mustard shrub did grow to about 8 to 10 inches but it was not the biggest by any means. And as for the 3 meals of flour – that was enough for 160 people, and unless you were the chef for the Palestine Hilton of the times, it was an impossible figure. But it did get them listening – and after they finished nudging each other, and began to think about it, they could get the point! It was the comparison that counted – between the smallness of the seed and the end result; between the small amount of leaven and the end product. And the kingdom would be like that – starting from a small group, but the end result would be so great; so don't be discouraged!

And how about us? That kingdom took root in our souls at our baptism. But the older we get (and this can be a very relative getting older), the more we can be tempted to discouragement. Has the kingdom really grown? Are we any different? There is always the temptation to look back: "If I knew then what I know now...how many false steps I could have avoided ...how differently I would have done things. I am supposed to grow in prayer, but have I really? I should be a better person, but I still have a big mouth; I am still the fastest lip in the east...so what has the kingdom been or done for me? Haven't I simply been wasting it?"

Isn't there some product that makes its sales pitch around the slogan, "You've come a long way, baby." Without being irreverent, maybe that is what the parables are saying to us: "Man or woman, boy or girl, you've come a long way." Sure, we have taken some false steps, but at least we have been walking! I could be a lot better in prayer, but I am praying! I have a big mouth/a fast lip, but how much bigger and faster they would have been had it not been for the kingdom placed inside me. I have a long way to go – but I have gone some way. I have no right to rest on my oars, but it is good to remember that I have oars and do know how to use them. It is not, in the long run, the absolute size of the shrub or the meal in our lives, but how well we have used the seed and the leaven. Encouragement is not an excuse, but an incentive!

***Lord, You are a good and forgiving Father, abounding in kindness to all who call upon You. Listen to our prayers and attend to our pleading. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.***



## *Host & Wine*

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

**Sam "Tuni" Loiacano  
 & Helen Loiacano**

*From the Loiacano Family*

## Mother of Grace Club

A novena is also being held at the Mother of Grace Club (48 Washington St.) on **Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> through Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.** Please join us – all are welcome!

**Holy Family Parish has requested the transfer of ownership of Oak Hill and Calvary Cemeteries to the Catholic Cemetery Association.**

During the Reconfiguration process, operations and ownership of Oak Hill and Calvary Cemeteries was discussed with the Archdiocese. We were given a two year time period to determine whether or not Holy Family Parish would be able to keep the cemeteries. The reality is that once all lots are sold, it is only a matter of time before the only source of revenue becomes the cemeteries' Perpetual Care Fund. We knew from the beginning that unless we received significant help in funding our Perpetual Care Fund, Holy Family could not maintain the cemeteries. Both cemeteries will still need to be maintained (grass cut, lawns mowed) and supervised into perpetuity. Since we do not have adequate funds in our Perpetual Care account, the costs of cemetery operations would have to be absorbed by the parish. As you know, this is not possible.

It was important to us and the Archdiocese that the cemeteries continue to be treated as sacred. It was also important that the cemeteries be professionally administered, maintained, and operated. Having considered a number of options, it was determined in conjunction with the Archdiocese that the best choice was to transfer ownership to the Catholic Cemetery Association.

The Catholic Cemetery Association (CCA) has been in operation for over 150 years and currently manages 24 cemeteries in Massachusetts. The CCA takes great pride in the aesthetics of their cemeteries and strives to make all of their locations a place of peace and tranquility for those who visit their grounds. In addition to the operational expertise, they provide a wide array of services to families including pre-need purchases, at need family service counselors, low interest financing, genealogy, and an array of resources to help families relieve, in some part, their burden of grief.

The administrative and operational procedures will be processed through the association seamlessly, and there will be no changes for the parishioners aside from the addition services mentioned and the phone number to call for information. All parish burial records will be archived at the association electronically and physically.

Please know that this transfer is something we requested. Also know that this was the only way that the future of the cemeteries could be guaranteed. This change is anticipated for the early fall of this year, with a target date of October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will update you as this process moves forward. Should you have any questions or seek additional information, please contact the parish office (978) 281-4820.



**Saturday, July 21, 2007**  
 4 p.m. (St. Ann Church)..... **Helen & Sam Loiacano**  
 From Children  
 5:30 pm. (St. Anthony Chapel)..... **Alvin "Bumpy" & Dot Williams**  
 From Family

**Sunday, July 22, 2007**  
 7:30 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)..... **Bronislaw Skowera**  
 From Family  
 8 a.m. (St. Ann Church)..... **Pro Populo**  
 9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)..... **Col. Peter Foss**  
 From the Locke Family  
 10 a.m. (St. Ann Church)..... **Louis Linquata**  
 From Wife & Children  
 11 a.m. (St. Anthony Chapel)..... **Francesco Paolo Brancaleone**  
 From Wife & Children

**Monday, July 23, 2007**  
 9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)..... **Michael Presbruhi**  
 Mr. & Mrs. Sebastian Lovasco

**Tuesday, July 24, 2007**  
 9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)

**Wednesday, July 25, 2007**  
 9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)..... **Edward McMahon**

**Thursday, July 26, 2007**  
 9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)..... **Victor J. Visganis**  
 Pasquale & Giovanna Vitale

**Friday, July 27, 2007**  
 9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)... **LIVING INTENTION – Dominic Tocco**

**Saturday, July 28, 2007**  
 4 p.m. (St. Ann Church)..... **Anthony "Duke" Pallazola**  
 From Family  
 5:30 pm. (St. Anthony Chapel)..... **Grace Genovese Quigley**  
 Ro & Lou Aiello

**Sunday, July 29, 2007**  
 7:30 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)..... **Patricia Torrisi**  
 From Family  
 8 a.m. (St. Ann Church)..... **Pro Populo**  
 9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)..... **Marjorie May**  
 From Family  
 10 a.m. (St. Ann Church)..... **Capt. Joseph & Angela Curcuru**  
 From Family  
 11 a.m. (St. Anthony Chapel)..... **Thomas J. Curcuru**  
 From Family



## Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Golden Living Center: 3 p.m. Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> (Anointing)

## Rosary

Please continue to watch the bulletin for more information regarding future Rosary gatherings.

## Eucharistic Adoration

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

There is no longer Eucharistic Adoration in Gloucester. Eucharistic Adoration has resumed on **Thursdays at St. Joachim Church in Rockport, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** To sign up or for more info, call Angela (978) 283-5701.

## Holy Spirit Prayer Group

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will temporarily meet at the **Mother of Grace Club (48 Washington St.) at 7 p.m., now through the month of August.** The Thursday after Labor Day (Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>), we will thereafter meet at St. Joachim Church, Rockport. Any questions, call Louise Fatta (978) 281-3645.

## Last Weekend's Collection

Mass	Attendance	Collection
4 p.m.	185	\$1,306.86
5:30 p.m.	183	890.25
7:30 a.m.	121	932.25
8 a.m.	190	2,219.66
9 a.m.	186	1,640.43
10 a.m.	204	1,635.25
11 a.m.	269	1,564.46
	1,338	\$10,189.16
<b>Office Offertory:</b>		<b>298.00</b>
<b>Total Weekly Offertory:</b>		<b>\$10,487.16</b>

**July 2006 Average Collection: \$9,297.00**

Thank you to all who responded to our "Three More per Week" Campaign. By contributing the value of an "extra loaf of bread" you helped us surpass our July 2006 average offertory collection by **nearly \$1,200!** – **Thank you for your continuing support!**



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

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 Campaign Today!

Help Holy Family Parish continue the vital outreach to our community that is necessary for our growth and future by adding an extra \$3.00 per week to your Offertory gift. Your contribution of the value of an "extra loaf of bread" per week will make a difference!



Thank you for the generous support of your parish!

## 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!**

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