



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all

perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

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Readings for the Week of March 7, 2010

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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Stewardship: "He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" Luke 13:7

Are we like the barren fig tree? What does God find when He searches for the fruits which we have given back?

Religious Education

First Communion Parent Meeting:

Today, while your son/daughter is in class, parents will meet in our school gym from 9-9:50, and from 11:00-11:50.

Confirmation Retreat:

This coming Wednesday, March 10th for all 9th Graders in our school gym. Please arrive on time, **4:45pm**, so that we can begin on time, 5PM and **end on time at 9pm**. Students should bring along a brown bag meal for the 6pm dinner break.

Middle School students who gather first for Mass at 4pm and then for class will meet next week, Saturday, March 13th. March 28th will be their last gathering.

Looking Ahead:

First Communion Retreat is on Saturday, March 27th. Parents should be looking for sacramental pictures that include their child for their banner. (Baptism, weddings, or special birthday pictures). The retreat will be held in the school gym from 1-3pm.

Palm Sunday weekend is the last class for Grades 1-4, 6,7 & 8. Registrations for the Fall will come home with the children and will need to be returned by July 1st.

Good Friday Walk: Confirmation Students looking for a great community service opportunity can participate in the North Shore's 31st Annual Good Friday Walk to be held on April 2nd, 2010. Proceeds go to assist North Shore families in need of emergency funds to pay for housing, utilities and other necessities of life. for more information and sponsor sheets visit www.goodfridaywalk.org or call Alan Battistelli at 978.927.5847.

A Touch of a Hand

My friend is a resident at one of our nursing homes...mostly, confined to a wheelchair. Her hands are gnarled but she manages quite well. She has a tendency to get depressed.

Recently, she shared that a fellow resident near his end of life was situated in the hallway alone. As she passed by, he reached out to her. All she could do was reach back and take hold of his hand. She never asked what she could do - just reached out and was there for him. She felt broken hearted and sad for him. He was afraid to close his eyes but was reassured she would stay with him. At one point when he awoke and saw her still there, he managed to whisper "you are my angel."



A real fear for many people is having to die alone. That didn't happen to him even in the nursing home. That simple gesture of touch was one of connectedness, calmness, compassion, acceptance and love. He knew someone was with him. We really never know how God will use us at any given moment. I wonder whether her hand was not only for comfort but possibly forgiveness. Maybe it represented something else.

I trust, as she does, it was what was needed. What a wonderful final gift these two suffering people gave one another. Yes, God can and does use us, anywhere, anytime. Will she 'someday' hear, "come, you were the lady who held my hand".....I believe so.

Anna Maturro
Health Care Minister

Arise Corner



For each of us our spiritual journey starts with our baptism, a treasure which calls us to be Children of Light. That lifetime mission, to live as children of light, calls us always to seek forgiveness, offer forgiveness and work toward reconciliation. Even more, God's grace lifts our vision to encompass sins of our society and world, where great injustices exist, where many are hungry, homeless and maltreated. To "see" those instances of social injustice is a grace that then enables us to respond as a child of the light, doing whatever might be within our grasp to bring light into that darkness.

This week we read **Ephesians 5:7-14**, where St. Paul urges us to turn from any darkness and live only in the light. May we support one another and pray for one another that we will indeed live fully our baptismal call to be Children of Light.

This Lent take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation offered at both worship sites every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



March 6th
March 14th, 2010

Saturday, March 6
4pm (St. Ann).....**Anna & Vito Ferrante**
From Sons

Sunday, March 7
8am (St. Ann).....**Pro Populo**

9am (St. Joachim).....**Arthur J. Munroe, Jr.**
From Mother & Sisters

10am (St. Ann).....**Rosaria & Giuseppe Cambria**
From Daughter & Family

11am (St. Joachim).....**Mario Peritore**
From Wife & Children

7:00pm(St. Ann) (Mass in Portuguese)

Monday, March 8
9am (St. Joachim)

Tuesday, March 9
9am (St. Joachim).....**Deacon Richard W. Gindel**
From Family

Wednesday, March 10
9am (St. Joachim)

Thursday, March 11
9am (St. Joachim)

Friday, March 12
9am (St. Joachim).....**Paul LeBlanc**
From Family

Saturday, March 13
4pm (St. Ann).....**Laura Capone**
From Family

Sunday, March 14
8am (St. Ann).....**Pro Populo**

9am (St. Joachim).....**Maureen Powers**
From Mother

10am (St. Ann).....**Bill & Eunice Smith**
From The Smith Family

11am (St. Joachim).....**Charles & John Morrison**
From Edwina MacDearmid

Nursing Home Masses

Sea Coast ~ Monday, March 8th at 3pm
Den Mar ~ Monday, March 15th at 3:30pm

*Golden Living Center ~ Monday, March 29th at 3pm

*Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Eucharist

Legion of Mary

Stations of the Cross

The Legion of Mary will be leading Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 3pm in St. Ann Church.

St. Joseph Altar Blessings

The custom remains strong in many families to have an altar or table blessed in honor of St. Joseph on his feast day. Anyone wishing to arrange for this blessing in their home is asked to contact the parish office during regular business hours to schedule a time. There will be a limited number of appointments for a priest or deacon to come and offer this blessing in the home – these will be filled on a first come, first served basis.



St. Joseph's Table



Host & Wine

The Host & Wine for March were donated In loving memory of

~**Paul Brancaleone and Paul LeBlanc**~

From **Maria & Richard Theriault**

Memorials & Donations

Holy Family Parish gratefully acknowledges donations received in memory of:

Austin W. Connors, Jr.

Josh & Teresa Arnold
Paddy & Lerio Brancaleone
Janice (Melanson)
Broghamer

The Catania Family
Sam & Katy Ciolino
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& Family

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Cynthia & Anthony
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Allyn & Jeanne Smith

Elias Sweet

Paddy & Lerio Brancaleone
Gordon & Nancy Kinghorn
Angie & Onofrio Maggiore

Sarah Thomas

Diane Curtis -Sances
& Family

Dorothy White

Mary Strople



We commend into God's care **Austin Connors, Paul Salah & Mary Vicari** who were buried from our Parish recently. May they rest in peace.

Living Stations of the Cross

This prayer service/live re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross will be presented to the Parish community on Palm Sunday, March 28th, 6:30pm at St. Ann Church. Students in grades 3 and up are needed to participate in this service. Parent helpers are also needed. Rehearsals will take place every Thursday at St. Ann Church from 4:30-6pm. If your son/daughter is interested in participating, please call Sue Demetri at 978-283-6096 or e-mail her at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com for further information.

The Light is On For You

Please Come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent ~ The Church encourages all Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Lent. In addition to our normal Saturday afternoon confession time, St. Ann Church and St. Joachim Church of Holy Family Parish, together with all the churches of the Archdiocese of Boston will be open on **Lenten Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm**. Please take advantage of this opportunity to make a good Lenten confession. Please also reach out to the Catholics you know that have been away from the regular practice of our faith and invite them to seize this chance to begin again. The Archdiocese's website for this initiative, www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org, has great material to help everyone prepare to make a good confession. St. Anthony Chapel in East Gloucester remains closed for the winter months and will not be open for Wednesday night confessions.



Irish Night!

Join us for an entertaining evening of dinner and a show on Saturday, March 13th from 6pm to 10pm in the Parish Hall. Dinner of traditional Irish stew, Irish soda bread, salad, rolls & dessert will be served. There will be a cash bar of beer and wine. Following dinner enjoy a variety show starring The Brave Souls of Holy Family Parish! Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the parish office or from any member of the Women's Guild!



Thank you to the Women's Guild and all who attended the Mardi Gras celebration. The dedication and commitment of our Women's Guild is truly appreciated!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THIS WEEKEND

The Parish Pastoral Council meets THIS SUNDAY, March 7th, at 1pm, in the Parish Hall. The Council will discuss the proposed planning priorities for the Archdiocese and their implications for our parish. **PLEASE JOIN US!!**

Save The Date

On Friday, May 7th St. Ann School will celebrate 125 years of Catholic Education. The Gala event "**125 Years Friends Forever**" will take place at Cruiseport Gloucester from 6:30-11:30pm. Tickets are on sale in the school office. Please call 978.283.3455 to reserve your place at the table.

St. Ann School Raffle

St. Ann School is conducting a cash raffle which will be drawn at the GALA. 400 tickets will be sold for a top prize of \$5,000! Tickets are \$50 each and are available at the school. Please call for details, 978.283.3455.

Divine Mercy Sunday

A meeting for Divine Mercy Sunday will be held Tuesday, March 9th at 7pm in the Parish office. All are welcome. For more information please call Angela Favaloro at 978-283-5701.

Paschal Candles

Anyone wishing to make a memorial donation in memory of a loved one to help purchase the Paschal Candles used at St. Ann and St. Joachim Churches please contact the office.

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Mass	Attendance	Collection
4pm	180	\$1,432.75
8am	140	1,192.50
9am	136	1,180.00
10am	250	1,245.25
11am	137	1,082.50
	843	

Weekly Offertory:	\$6,133.00
February EFT Contributions (4 Weeks):	1,167.50
Office Offertory:	450.00
Total Offertory:	\$7,750.50
February 2009 average collection:	\$7,862.72
Grand Annual: (108.14% of Goal!)	\$81,104.87
Last Week's 2nd Collection ~ Cevicos Mission:	\$4,686.35
Next Weekend's 2nd Collection supports St. Ann School	

Your continued generosity is appreciated!!

Catholic Appeal

This is Catholic Appeal Weekend here at Holy Family Parish. Through the Appeal, we have the opportunity to help our brothers and sisters all throughout our Archdiocese. Giving is a way of answering God's call to love and share. By doing so, we are not only helping to renew the strength and vitality of our Church, but recognizing a need within ourselves to sacrifice for the Lord. A gift is important, not so much for how much it is, but because of what we become through the act of giving. In this spirit, please prayerfully consider a 2010 Catholic Appeal gift. For more information, please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org.



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 loved ones.

Altar Server Training

Training will begin on Saturday, March 14th for students grades 4 and older who are interested in being an Altar Server. Please call the Parish Office to register or for more information.

St. Vincent de Paul

The following items are needed for the SVDP food pantry: Canned soups & vegetables, boxed potatoes, crackers, baked beans, juice, macaroni & cheese, tomato sauce, peanut butter and jelly.



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!!