



Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they

had seen. - Lk 9:35-36

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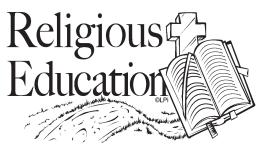
Readings for the Week of February 28, 2010

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 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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Stewardship: "I am the Lord who brought you from UR of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - Genesis 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we show our gratitude to God for the home He has given us? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our finances to God, investing equally in our eternal home just as we invest in our current abode?



Welcome Back! Hope everyone had a nice winter break. Classes resume in our Parish School. Milton, our school custodian, painted/waxed the floors over the break and they look great! Please try

to stay on the rugs!

Fifth Graders Present their Lessons from Unit III at our 10am Mass. Students and their parents should head over to our parish school gym for a review and the reception of Unit IV.

All other home schooled students in Grades 1, 2, 3, & 4 should call the office (978-281-4820 x 119) to confirm your time commitment for your child's monthly assessment gathering:

Grade 2, Wednesday, March 3rd, 3:30-4:30 or 6:30-7:30.

Grade 1, 3, & 4, Thursday, March 4th, 3:30-4:30 or 6:30-7:30.

Confirmation Students are reminded that both their Saints Essay and Sponsor Forms are due. Just a reminder, and looking ahead, their evening retreat is coming up on Wednesday, March 10th from 5-9pm in our School gym.

March 6th is our next gathering for Kindergarten students at 9am in St. Ann Church.

March 13th is our next gathering for children with learning challenges in preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist; 9am in St. Ann Church.

Guidance, Sharing, and Self Control

By Deacon Dan Dunn

Enough time has passed since Ash Wednesday to observe whether Jesus' call to add prayer, almsgiving and fasting to our Lenten life has had an effect or not. In today's world terms like prayer, almsgiving and fasting are often misunderstood and thus do not appear to support our modern lifestyle. If the terms used for these activities were guidance, sharing and self-control they may appear more appropriate to the goals that many people set for themselves. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus used the term "when", not "if", you pray, give alms and fast. For many people the first choice is whether to include prayer, almsgiving and fasting in their daily life practices. Lent is a time to rethink this choice. When viewing prayer as seeking guidance, almsgiving as sharing and fasting as a form of self-control, these traits become more understandable and desirable for our daily life.

Years ago Lenten practices included fasting everyday except Sunday. Yet some people actually gained weight during lent because each Catholic knew how to circumvent the fasting rules by eating a gargantuan main meal, twice the size of the two smaller meals making for roughly four meals every day. Fasting on only Ash Wednesday and Good Friday has reduced the term to apply mainly to anything a person chooses to abstain from or "give up" during lent.

Last weekend I was visiting two of my grandchildren on their winter break. They were sharing that it was harder for them to give up cookies than it was for candy; both of which they were denying themselves. Eventually the inevitable question arose: "What did you give up for lent, Grandad?" My eyes fell to the floor. They exclaimed, "Grandad, I can't believe that you didn't give up anything for Lent!" When my eyes rose from the floor, I asked, "Can I still do it?" "Sure, Grandad, you can still do it."

Arise Corner

This week the focus of ARISE groups will be on the "Church" as the "Body of Christ", and the effect that the Church closings and sex abuse scandal have had on us ~ as members of the "Body of Christ".

As we will read in John 2:13-25, Jesus, after cleansing the temple of the sellers of oxen, doves, and the money changers, proclaims "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up!" Meaning His resurrection from the dead.

Can the Church, as the "Body of Christ" really be destroyed if it is a community of those Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection? Or as the home for God's family?

These are questions that we all have to answer for ourselves in order for all of us to be the cornerstone in rebuilding our "Church". Only through "Hope", "Prayer", "Forgiveness" and "Reconciliation" will we, as God's family, succeed!

Remember ~ the way to reconciliation is through **The Sacrament of Penance ~ each Wednesday at both worship sites from 6:30pm-8pm.**



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



**February 27th—
March 7th, 2010**

Saturday, February 27
4pm (St. Ann).....**Guisseppi, Margaret & John Giacalone**
From Family

Sunday, February 28
8am (St. Ann).....**Annarita & Calogero Sanfilippo**
From Family

9am (St. Joachim).....**Pro Populo**

10am (St. Ann).....**Amy Slocum**
From Family

11am (St. Joachim).....**Herbert & Mary Attaya**
From Daughters

Monday, March 1
9am (St. Joachim).....**Frank & Jenny Sabato and Josie Sallah**
From Family

7:30pm(St. Ann) (Mass in Portuguese)

Tuesday, March 2
9am (St. Joachim)

Wednesday, March 3
9am (St. Joachim).....**Martin Dillon**
From Pat Jenkins

Thursday, March 4
9am (St. Joachim)

Friday, March 5
9am (St. Joachim).....**Alice Stewart**
From Family

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 Wife & Sisters

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

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

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.

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.

Thank you from the

Cape Ann Interfaith Commission

The Cape Ann Interfaith Commission thanks the parishioners of Holy Family Parish for their most generous donation of \$895 to the Harvest Meals Program. God bless all for your help in feeding the hungry right here on Cape Ann.



Host & Wine

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

~**Grazzia & Giuseppe Cilluffo and Vito Cilluffo**~

From **Maria & Richard Therlault**

Memorials & Donations

Holy Family Parish gratefully acknowledges donations received in memory of:

Austin W. Connors, Jr.

Frances & Mike LoGrande
Sefatia & Matthew Theken

Samuel N. Curcuro

Family

Barbara Davenport

Sefatia & Matthew Theken

Rita & Joseph Girard

Regina & David Girard

Frank T. Paradis

Cynthia J. Wood

Antoinette Palazola

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Catherine Randazza

Mary Russo

Marie Silva

Sefatia & Matthew Theken

Paul Salah

Sefatia & Matthew Theken

Elias Sweet

Sefatia & Matthew Theken

Sarah G. Thomas

Frances & Mike LoGrande

Helen Porper



We commend into God's care **Dorothy White and Sarah Thomas** 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.

St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Holy Family Parish is in need of bureaus. If you have one to spare please contact Harry Miller at 978.281.2701 to arrange for pickup. Your donations are needed and appreciated!

Food Pantry Needs

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.

The Light is On For You

On Wednesday March 3rd from 6:30pm-8pm, and on all Wednesdays in Lent, we will be offering confessions at St. Ann Church and St. Joachim Church of Holy Family Parish, together with all the churches of the Archdiocese of Boston. This outreach is called "The Light is On For You," and is an effort on the part of our Archdiocese to highlight the importance of the sacrament of confession in the life of Catholics and to make it as easy as possible for every Catholic to come or to return to this great source of God's mercy and healing love. You are welcome to come here or to go to any other Catholic church. The Archdiocese has set up a website, www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org, with lots of great material and videos to help you prepare. Please make plans to come yourself and please invite others to take advantage of this great opportunity to be reconciled and begin anew your journey in faith this Lent. 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!

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The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be on Tuesday, March 2nd at 7pm in the Parish Hall. A short business meeting will be held which will include finalizing plans for the Irish Stew Supper and Music and Comedy Show. In keeping with the atmosphere of the Lenten season, members will view a short documentary, "Displaced: Miracle at St. Ottilien".

If you have a favorite appetizer and would like to make and share it with others, please bring a sample along and share a taste with your friends. Everyone is welcome to attend and also encouraged to join our "circle of friendship" in Holy Family Parish.

Cursillo Ultreya

The Cape Ann Cursillo Community will be hosting their next Ultreya/Pot Luck Supper on Saturday, March 6th following the 4pm Mass at St. John The Baptist Church Hall, 52 Main St., Essex. The Pot Luck is at 5pm with the Ultreya to follow at 6pm. Please join us. All are welcome and need not have been on a Cursillo Encounter weekend. Please call Al Mitchell at 978.281.0536 for more information.

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Next Sunday, March 7th, the Pastoral Parish Council meets at 1pm in the Parish Hall. The Council will discuss proposed planning priorities for the Archdiocese and their implications for our Parish.

PLEASE MARK YOU CALENDAR AND JOIN US. All are welcome.



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Mass	Attendance	Collection
4pm	180	\$1,279.03
8am	160	1,402.11
9am	166	1,322.94
10am	230	1,141.30
11am	148	1,329.30
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Weekly Offertory:	\$6,474.68
February EFT Contributions (4 Weeks):	1,167.50
Office Offertory:	594.00
Total Offertory:	\$8,236.18
February 2009 average collection:	\$7,862.72
Grand Annual: (107.87% of Goal!)	\$80,904.87
Ash Wed. collections for St. Vincent de Paul:	\$1,080.55

Your support is appreciated!!

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This week's second collection benefits Holy Family Parish Cevicos Missionary Outreach.

Catholic Appeal

Next weekend, March 6-7 will be Catholic Appeal Weekend here at Holy Family Parish. As a Catholic community, we are called during this season of Lent to love and share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We do so by continuing to participate as fully as we are able in the building up of His kingdom. This month, Cardinal Sean is asking every Catholic household to participate in the 2010 Catholic Appeal, which funds the many central ministries and services of the Archdiocese of Boston. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our Parish—so your participation and support are critical. Because of the economic downturn, support of the Catholic Appeal is even more urgent this year. On Appeal Weekend, we will be asking every Catholic household to make a pledge. Please begin to prayerfully consider how you will participate. Every gift matters. For more information, please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org.

€ € Bulletin Deadline € €

Please have all items for submission to the March 7th bulletin in our office by noon on Tuesday, March 2nd. Items submitted after that time will be considered for the following week.



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: _____
