

*First Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



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**December 1, 2019**

**Holy Family Parish—370 Middleboro Avenue—P.O. Box 619 East Taunton, MA 02718**

## Encounter Christ in the Sacraments

### **Holy Mass Schedule**

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.  
Daily Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
(The rosary is prayed prior to daily Mass at 7:35 a.m.)

### **Sacrament of Confession:**

**Saturdays from 3-3:50 PM at Holy Family.**

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

(in the Parish Center Chapel)  
Mondays-Fridays 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

**The Rosary** is prayed every Monday in the chapel from 6-7 pm for Vocations. All are welcome to come and pray.

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

By appointment. Parents must contact the Priest or Deacon for an appointment.

### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

Those parishioners wishing to be married at our parish must contact the Priest or Deacon **at least 8 months** before the date of the wedding.

### **Visitation and Anointing of the Sick**

We are pleased to anoint and/or bring Communion to any parishioner who cannot participate at Mass for reasons of illness or age. Please contact us.

### **Bulletin Submissions —**

Please email [bulletinholyfamily@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinholyfamily@gmail.com) with any announcements at least one week in advance of the publication date.

### **Please Pray for the Following:**

Gail Nigloschy & Family	Jacqueline Van Dyke
Evelyn Driscoll	Kevin Gallagher & Family
Deborah Lewis	Marc DeSousa
Jim & Adeline Marques	Lindsey and Theo
Mary daSilvia	Tara Ramos
Steve Kennealy	Janice Fitzpatrick
Carmen Sousa	Liam Quinn
Meg Goslin	Patrick Lynch
Sr. Anita Marie	Lorraine Moisan
Annie Rose	Sylvia Medeiros
Adam Gannon	Kate Powlowsky
Steven Bois	Lorraine Rapoza
Susan Feinberg	Julia Lopes
Heather Gacheco	Marianne Powers
Luzia & Adelino Grazito	Denis Candlen
Dennis Medeiros	

## Welcome

To any new parishioners or those who might be visiting our parish family this week! Please introduce yourself to the Fr. Wilson or Deacon Kevin. We are so happy you have joined us!

### About Us

#### **Parish Center**

438 Middleboro Ave., E. Taunton, MA 02718

#### **Office Hours**

Monday–Friday from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

#### **Phone Numbers**

Rectory: 508-824-5665  
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#### **Parish Staff**

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Mary C. Anderson, *Organist*  
Steve Woolson and Dave LeClair, *Maintenance*

Sarah Parker, *Sacristan*

Dave Jolivet, *Rectory Assistant*

### Recurring Events

#### **St. Vincent DePaul Society**

2nd Wednesday at 7:00pm

#### **Knights of Columbus**

1st Wednesday at 7:00pm

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

2nd Wednesday at 1:00pm

**This weekend we begin our tradition of the Giving Trees** to assist those in need in our local community. Please take a tag (or two) and return the gifts by Sunday, December 15th. When returning an item, please gift-wrap the item (unless the tag indicates otherwise), with the tag on top, and place it under the tree at Church, or you can drop it off at the Parish Center during regular hours. Thank you everyone for your generous support and thanks to the work of all those in the St. Vincent de Paul Society for leading the way in this help!

**For all of our Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, and altar servers-**if you could kindly check your schedule and send Tracey an email this week ([secretary@holyfamilytaunton.org](mailto:secretary@holyfamilytaunton.org)) about what Masses your family typically attends for Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary holy day (December 31/November 1<sup>st</sup>), as well as any weekends you're not available through the end of March, it will greatly help with getting the next schedule ready. Thank you in advance for your help!

**Lectors are asked to pick up their work-books** for the new Liturgical year if you haven't already done so. They are in the sacristy and will begin with next weekend's Masses. Thank you for continuing to be an integral part of our Mass!

**This weekend is the first Sunday of Advent!**

Take this opportunity to make your Advent a penitential one as we prepare for Jesus' birth. Some ways you can make it a holy time would be to spend more time in prayer, and perhaps spend some time with our Lord in Adoration in our Parish Center chapel, especially if you have never had the opportunity to go. Perhaps you can set out an Advent wreath and reflect on the experiences of those involved in the birth of Jesus and what they went through to get ready for his coming. Take the opportunity to receive the sacrament of confession, even if it's been years since you last went. Take some time to browse through FORMED. You can access the site through our website (where you can also obtain the code to register for free). There are many wonderful videos and books available to you on the site that may strengthen your Faith. May God bless you all during this time of reflection and may your Advent be a faith-filled one!

**The next second collection will be next weekend to help support our retired religious. Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

**\*\*\*\* Vocation Prayer Cross: The sign-up sheet for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of this year is located on the bulletin board next to the sacristy. It's an opportunity for you or your family to take the prayer cross home for a week (or more!) to pray for vocations. If you have never done it before, a booklet is available with the cross to take home so you can follow along with the prayers for vocations.**



**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, November 30

8:00 Alan Grant

4:00 Maria C. deSousa

Sunday, December 1

7:30 Francis Casey

9:00 For the People of the Parish

10:30 Francisco Medeiros

Monday, December 2

8:00 Antonio Nunes Pereira

Tuesday, December 3

8:00 Mark Kelliher

8:30pm Gloria Sandoval Gonzalez

Wednesday, December 4

8:00 Fr. Henry Nadeau, S.S.E.

Thursday, December 5

8:00 The Roper Family

Friday, December 6

8:00 Isaura Ferreira

Manuel Alberto Moniz

Saturday, December 7

8:00 Suzanne (Powers) Soppet

4:00 Dennis J. Scully

Sunday, December 8

7:30 Patricia Slavin

9:00 For the People of the Parish

10:30 Delores Vincent

**Masses around Taunton-** With the collaboratives of the parishes in the central part of Taunton, some new Masses times have become available. **Monday** nights there is Mass in English at Annunciation of the Lord at 6:30 pm (there is also a Portuguese Mass Mondays at St. Anthony's at 6 pm). **Fridays** there is a noon Mass at St. Mary's (in the side chapel), as well as a Spanish Mass at 6 pm.

## SAVE THE DATE:

The Fall River Diocese 2020 Women and Men's Conference will take place on Saturday, March 7, at Stonehill College in Easton. Response over the past 3 years has been very positive to this one-day Lenten program that features noted speakers, music, Mass, fellowship and more. So, please mark your 2020 calendar now and watch for details on the Women & Men's Conference in the coming months.

## The Placement Test for Coyle and Cassidy High School

will be administered to interested 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. at Coyle and Cassidy, located at 2 Hamilton St., Taunton, MA. No fee or pre-registration required! If you have any questions, please call the Admissions Office at (508) 823-6164 x 618

## Bulletin Announcement – Bishop da Cunha's new blog

Did you know our Bishop now has a blog? Be sure to take a look when you have a chance! The website is [www.fallriverdiocese.org/bishops-blog/](http://www.fallriverdiocese.org/bishops-blog/)

## FORMED-

**GREAT NEWS!** In just a short amount of time, we have achieved our goal of pledges/donations to cover another year of our subscription to FORMED! Any donations that exceeded the \$1,999 fee will be put aside to go towards next year. Thank you for mobilizing so quickly to help support this wonderful program! For those of you who have never had the opportunity to check it out, you can access it through our website for FREE with the code provided. There are a tremendous selection of videos and writings for you to enjoy to help you grow in our faith!

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF

**GAUDALUPE:** The Hispanic Community at St. Mary's Church in downtown Taunton invites you to join with them in celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of America, with a Midnight Mass (at 12) the night of Dec. 11 entering into Dec. 12. Before Mass we can pray the Rosary and sing hymns to the Blessed Mother and confessions will be available. After Mass we will have a light reception. All are welcome to attend. If you'd prefer to go to Mass during "normal" hours, we will have Mass at Holy Family on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 8 am and 6:30 pm. **The 6:30pm Mass at Holy Family is a required Mass for our Faith Formation students to make up for the loss of a month of classes at the start of the school year.**

## THAT MAN IS YOU

Our Fall session has begun and is being held on Saturday mornings at 6:15 am in the Parish Center. If you missed the first few weekends, you can still join us at any time! Make this your year to become the man that God has created you to be! For more information, contact Brian Reed 508-837-7357. Registration is available at any TMIY Saturday morning session.

## ATTENTION ALL ADORERS-

Going forward, Janice Connors will be taking over as head of emergency Adoration coverage. There will be updated substitute sheets available by the end of the month in the chapel with her contact information on it. Once you've been unsuccessful finding coverage for your hour as one of our Adorers on your own, or if you have an emergency, you'll contact Janice (or one of her team members) for assistance instead of the office. Thank you!

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Rejoice in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Dec 13-15, 2019 in Duxbury, MA and Mar 13-15, 2020 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmemma.org/>.

## The Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program is seeking team couples-

— both newly-married and veterans (age is not a consideration) who would like to enrich their Marriage while helping engaged couples prepare for their lifetime together. The Diocesan Marriage Preparation program meets in three locations: Mansfield, Dartmouth and Harwich on Cape Cod. In each location there is a team of volunteers that facilitate three to five sessions per year. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Claire McManus at [cmcmanus@dfrcs.org](mailto:cmcmanus@dfrcs.org) or call her at 508-678-2828, extension 19.

## We now have applications available for anyone who would like to take part in the next Century Club.

The membership is \$100 for the year and includes an opportunity to win one of the 10 monthly drawings of \$25, a ticket to the dinner held at the end of the year, as well as the opportunity to win the bigger prizes ranging from \$50-\$1,000! You can either pay all at once, or on a monthly basis. Anyone paid in full by December 1<sup>st</sup> will be entered into a 1-time drawing of \$100. Funds from the Century Club have helped us with "extras" over the years that our regular collection can't cover. It's an excellent way to help the Parish

**ADVENT REFLECTION** -Please join us on Sunday, December 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the church for our annual Advent Reflection. The children of our parish, along with our beautiful choir, will be helping us prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus through music, scripture, and a mini reenactment of the days leading up to Jesus's birth. We look forward to seeing you there!

**This coming Friday is First Friday**, so Adoration will be taking place in the Church following the 8am Mass and conclude with Benediction at 7:45pm. We will also have Adoration in the chapel for First Saturday next week from 10am-3pm. Please take this opportunity to spend some time with our Lord.

**This Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**, Holy Family's Respect for Life committee will be hosting a pancake breakfast after all the Masses at the Parish Center. Proceeds will help to offset the cost of the annual pilgrimage to Washington D.C. for the March for Life and the Life is Very Good rally. Tickets are \$8 for adults/\$5 children under 12, with a \$20 cap. Please come out support our pilgrims!



**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** This year the feast is bumped by the 2nd Sunday of Advent onto Monday, Dec. 9. The feast loses its obligatory nature, but it is still good to come to Mass if you can to thank God for His triumph over original sin in the conception of the Blessed Mother (when Saints Anne and Joachim conceived her). **We will have Mass at 8 am, 12 Noon and 7:30 pm.** Confessions will be available after the 7:30 pm Mass.

**NOVENA OF OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-** will be taking place Sunday, December 1-Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 984 Taunton Ave, Seekonk. This novena is 9 days of preparation for the solemnity and holy day of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. Each evening there will be preached meditations on things we face in daily life, especially in the light of the Eucharist and Our Lady. Schedule: 12/1-Fr. Ryan Healy (The Eucharist and Silence), 12/2-Fr. Jay Mello (The Eucharist as the Center of Our Lives), 12/3-Fr. Matt Gill (The Eucharist and Purity), 12/4-Fr. Chris Peschel (The Eucharist and Vocations), 12/5-Fr. George Harrison (The Eucharist and the True Worship of God), 12/6-Deacon Steve Booth (The Eucharist and Our Lady), 12/7-Fr. Tom Kocik (The Eucharist and Marriage), 12/8-Fr. Kevin Cook (The Eucharist and Adoration of the Lord), 12/9-Mass of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

**The Angel Trees**-on the weekends of December 7/8<sup>th</sup> and 14/15<sup>th</sup>, we will be offering our Angels once again to be purchased and placed on the 2 trees that we have set up in the church through the Christmas season. All the people listed on the angels will be prayed for at a special Mass on January 1<sup>st</sup> at noon. The Angels have the names of those we want to be honored or memorialized. The donation for an angel is \$3 and may be purchased at the back of the church on those 2 weekends.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE:** We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in honor of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the USA, on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 9 pm to 12 midnight at Holy Family church. Please feel free to spend as much time as you can, praying for our country. If you would like to sign up for an hour, please speak to Father Rich, Janice Connors or Tracey.

**Congratulations** to the newest member of our Church! Natalie Molina received the Sacrament of Baptism here last week. Please keep Natalie, her parents, and godparents in your prayers so that they may help her grow in our Faith and her love for our Lord.

**Congratulations to Dave LeClair** on being chosen as Holy Family's recipient of the Marian Medal this year! Dave has been an active Parishioner for many years at our church, serving as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, treasurer for the Knights of Columbus, cooking breakfast most Saturday mornings at 5:30 am for TMIY, and helping out anyway he can. The Marian Medal award ceremony will be held on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm at the Cathedral in Fall River. All are welcome to attend!

### **13 Day Rome and Holy Land Pilgrimage** **September 6-18, 2020**

Join Father Jason Brillhante and fellow pilgrims on a life-time experience to Rome, Assisi, and the Holy Land where Jesus himself was born, lived, and began his public ministry. Some of the highlights of the pilgrimage include attending a Papal Audience where pilgrims are present for the Holy Father's weekly catechesis, a visit to Assisi where the much beloved Saint Francis is entombed, and then on to the Holy Land. There, pilgrims will visit Cana where Jesus turned water in to wine, the Church of the Nativity where Jesus was born, and many more holy sites. The pilgrimage includes roundtrip airfare from Boston, two meals a day, and first class hotels for accommodations. For more information about the pilgrimage, please visit [www.inspirationaltoursinc.com](http://www.inspirationaltoursinc.com), or email Father Jason Brillhante at [fr.jason.brilhante@gmail.com](mailto:fr.jason.brilhante@gmail.com).



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