



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

Simeón los bendijo, y a María, la madre de Jesús, le anunció: "Este niño ha sido puesto para ruina y resurgimiento de muchos en Israel". - Lc 2, 34

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February 2, 2020

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 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	Jean Poole
Edward Kerrigan	Aaron Lewis

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.

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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

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.

The Mass Intention book is opened for dates July 1-December 31, 2020. Please note that you can book up to 3 Mass Intentions. Additionally, if there are any week-day Masses remaining from January-June, 2020, you may book more Masses during those months. The donation for a Mass is \$10.

TMIY has begun their 2nd half of the year. Any men ages 18+ are encouraged to join us on Saturday mornings at 6:15am for breakfast, a short video, and discussion.

ADORATION: We have an hour on Tuesdays from 6-7 currently open. If you are interested in that hour, please let Janice or Tracey know. Thank you!

Lighthouse Media CD's-We have a new stock of wonderful Catholic CD's available at the back of the church and at the Parish Center for a small donation (\$3 per CD). They have many great talks on different aspects of living one's faith. Please feel free to try one or more out! They're great to listen to on your way to and from work, or while at home.

LAST CHANCE: The Annual Holy Family Elegant Dinner for Adults will be held **NEXT** Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Parish Center. Tickets are \$23 each and the proceeds will help benefit the Confirmation retreat as well as the youth ministry program. Tickets will be sold after Masses and will be available in the Parish Center office during regular business hours. There will be free babysitting available. This is always a fantastic night with a delicious meal that our Confirmation candidates help prepare and serve. The 3-course meal will consist of Assorted Bruschetta accompanying a White Bean Rustic Tuscan Soup, followed by Pork Milanese with an Arugula salad and Rosemary Roasted Potatoes, and finally, a delicious dessert and coffee. There are gluten-free options available as long as notice is given ahead of time. We hope you can make it!

Have you ever considered helping out at Mass by being a Bell Ringer? We are in need of more parishioners to take part in this important aspect of the Mass. If you are interested, please contact Tracey in the office to add you to the schedule. You can choose the Mass time that works best for you. It's great for families to do together as well!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 1

8:00 Cecelia Majkut
4:00 George & Julie Phillips

Sunday, February 2

7:30 For the People of the Parish
9:00 Idalina Rodrigues
10:30 John W. Downey

Monday, February 3

8:00 John Goodwin
5:00 Special Intention

Tuesday, February 4

8:00 James Michael Cohn

Wednesday, February 5

8:00 Jayma McCarthy-12th Anniversary

Thursday, February 6

8:00 Mary & Frederick Silvia

Friday, February 7

8:00 Rosemarie Olivadesa

Saturday, February 8

8:00 Natalie Rodrigues
Antonio & Maria Rodrigues
4:00 Special Intention (Respect for Life)

Sunday, February 9

7:30 For the People of the Parish
9:00 Jose & Isaura Ferreira
10:30 Antonio Freitas-6th Anniversary

Asked to be a Godparent or Sponsor? Because a godparent or sponsor for Confirmation is representing the Church, the Church does require certain qualifications: one has been baptized, received the Eucharist, and been confirmed, as well as if married, one is married in the Catholic Church, and one is living one's faith. So a church can know a person qualifies, those who are asked need to have a signed sponsor form by a priest or deacon. At Holy Family, one should contact Deacon Kevin about meeting to discuss being a godparent or sponsor and getting the form filled out if one qualifies.

Altar Server Training-Any youth (who have already received their First Communion through high school) are encouraged to consider being trained as an altar server in our Parish. We will be holding a training on Tuesday, February 11th at 5pm for anyone interested in becoming a server. Many of our older altar servers have gone to college in the past few years, so we are in need of more young people to take on this important role. If you will be attending, please let Deacon Kevin or Tracey know. Thank you!

If you're looking for that perfect New Year's gift for someone special, please consider a gift subscription to The Anchor, the official Catholic newspaper of the Fall River Diocese. For just \$25 a year (or \$45 for two years), The Anchor is something they'll cherish and appreciate year-round. To subscribe, please send a check payable to "The Anchor" to 887 Highland Avenue, Fall River, Mass. 02720. Or you can subscribe online using any major credit or debit card at <http://www.anchornews.org/contact/subscribe.html>.

Do you have a truck with a snow plow? Would you be interested in helping us by plowing occasionally to help defray the cost of snow removal this winter? If so, please contact Tracey or Dave in the office or Fr. Rich. Thanks so much!

VOCATION PRAYER CROSS: It's a new year! We have a new sign up sheet for the Vocation Prayer Cross located on the table at the back of the church for the first 6 months of 2020. Let's fill it up! You can take a week, 2 weeks, 3 weeks... whatever you'd like! What better resolution than to help pray for vocations! If you've never done it before, there's a book of prayers that come with the cross. You simply take the cross and booklet home when you come to Mass on the weekend, pray during the week using the book, and then return the cross and booklet the following week.

The 2020 Fall River Area Support Group: This is a support group to help people cope with the loss of a loved one. Losing someone we love truly hurts, leaving us with so many unanswered questions and a multitude of conflicting emotions. At first, we may turn to family and friends to share our grief; but as time goes on, we may find it difficult to reach out to them. This support group meets on Tuesdays from 7-9pm at the Catholic Education Center, 423 Highland Ave., Fall River, MA from 7-9pm. The sessions are each 6 weeks long. They are: January 21-February 25, March 10-April 14, May 12-June 23, July 21-September 1, & September 29-November 10th. There are no fees and parking is available adjacent to the building. For more information, or to register, please call 508-675-1311, ext. 6701, or email rsaraiva@dfrcs.org

The second collection is this weekend for Black & Indian Missions. The next second collection will be on February 26th for Ash Wednesday/Evangelization. Thank you in advance for your support!

CANDY BAR BINGO: Cabin fever? Come on out to our winter Candy Bar BINGO, which will be held on Friday, February 21st. Doors open at 6:30pm and games begin at 7pm. Admission is \$1 per person and for each full-sized candy bar you bring, you'll get 1 BINGO card to play for each game of the night. The last game is scratch ticket BINGO for adults 18+. For every dollar in scratch tickets you bring, you'll get 1 card to play. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Don't miss this fun night with your friends and family!

The Diocesan Marriage Preparation program needs more team couples-both newly married and veterans (age is not a consideration). We constantly hear from those working in the program, how much they get out of their involvement.

The Diocesan Marriage Preparation program meets in 3 locations: Mansfield, Dartmouth, and Dennisport on Cape Cod. In each location, there is a team of volunteers that facilitate 3-5 sessions per year. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please email or call the Office of Faith Formation at bboneau@dioc-fr.org or call 508-675-1311, Ext. 6702.

As we do every year, A Woman's Concern based in Fall River, has asked us to help them again with their baby bottle campaign. For 27 years A Woman's Concern - Your Options Medical has answered that question by providing **no cost life-affirming pregnancy confirmation services** to women and couples facing an unplanned pregnancy, especially those considering abortion due to a lack of information and support. We strive to provide our clients with truthful information concerning their preborn child and hope by so doing that they will recognize the child in their womb is a beautiful gift from the Lord. With our continuing support through their pregnancy and beyond, we strive to provide the emotional and material support they need. We believe every child has a special purpose in this life. For more information visit us at www.partnersofyom.org. **Please return baby bottles no later than February 16th.** Thank you for your help!

This coming Friday is First Friday. (We actually had First Saturday before First Friday this month!) Just a reminder that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the church that day following the 8am Mass and will conclude with a rosary at 7:15, followed by Benediction at 7:45pm. All are welcome to come by at any point during the day to pray.

If you are still interested in joining the Century Club, it's not too late! Applications are by the doors of the church and at the parish center. There are still 7 more months of \$25 raffles out of the 10 AND the big raffles that occur during the dinner in October. You can pay the \$100 annual dues monthly, or all at once.

Coyle and Cassidy Middle School Open House: Coyle and Cassidy will be holding its Middle School Open House for interested 5th thru 8th graders on Tuesday, February 11th from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be guided tours and demonstrations with faculty members, administrators and students available to answer questions regarding all phases of the Coyle and Cassidy Middle School experience. If you need further information, please call the admissions office at (508) 823-6164 x 618.

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Tax Statements are in! If you use our budget envelopes and would like a tax statement for your donations in 2019, simply contact Tracey in the office to pick yours up, or have it mailed to you.

Are you Catholic and received Baptism and First Communion, but never made your Confirmation? This spring, the Diocese is offering a preparation course for Adult Confirmation at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall in New Bedford Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm from February 25-March 31st. The session will conclude with a retreat day on Saturday, April 4th from 9am-2pm. Registration for classes and the retreat is \$45. The Confirmation will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral on Thursday, April 30th at 7pm. If you are interested, please contact Steve or Shannon in our Faith Formation office to see if you qualify or to register.

YES! Retreat: The Diocesan Office of Faith Formation is hosting the annual YES! Retreat for high school youth in grades 9-12 from Friday, March 6, 2020 -Sunday, March 8, 2020, at Cathedral Camp in East Freetown. It is preferred that participants have already received the sacrament of Confirmation. Early registration for the weekend is \$165/person before February 21st, or \$185 after that date. A non-refundable \$75 deposit is due with registration. If interested, please contact Steve or Shannon in our Faith Formation office for a registration form.

Bible Study-Save the Date--March 31, 2020
The Bible Study on the Eucharist, Part II will begin on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 and will continue until May 5. If you did not attend Part I in the fall, you can still participate in this one. This will be all new material based on the New Testament. More details coming later.

On behalf of Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, the Massachusetts Catholic Conference wishes to thank everyone who participated in the "Let Your Voices Be Heard - Again" campaign. Your voices do matter, and they have been heard. Hundreds of individuals contacted and continue to contact their elected officials expressing opposition to the expanded abortion legislation currently pending at the State House. We are deeply grateful.





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