

Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.

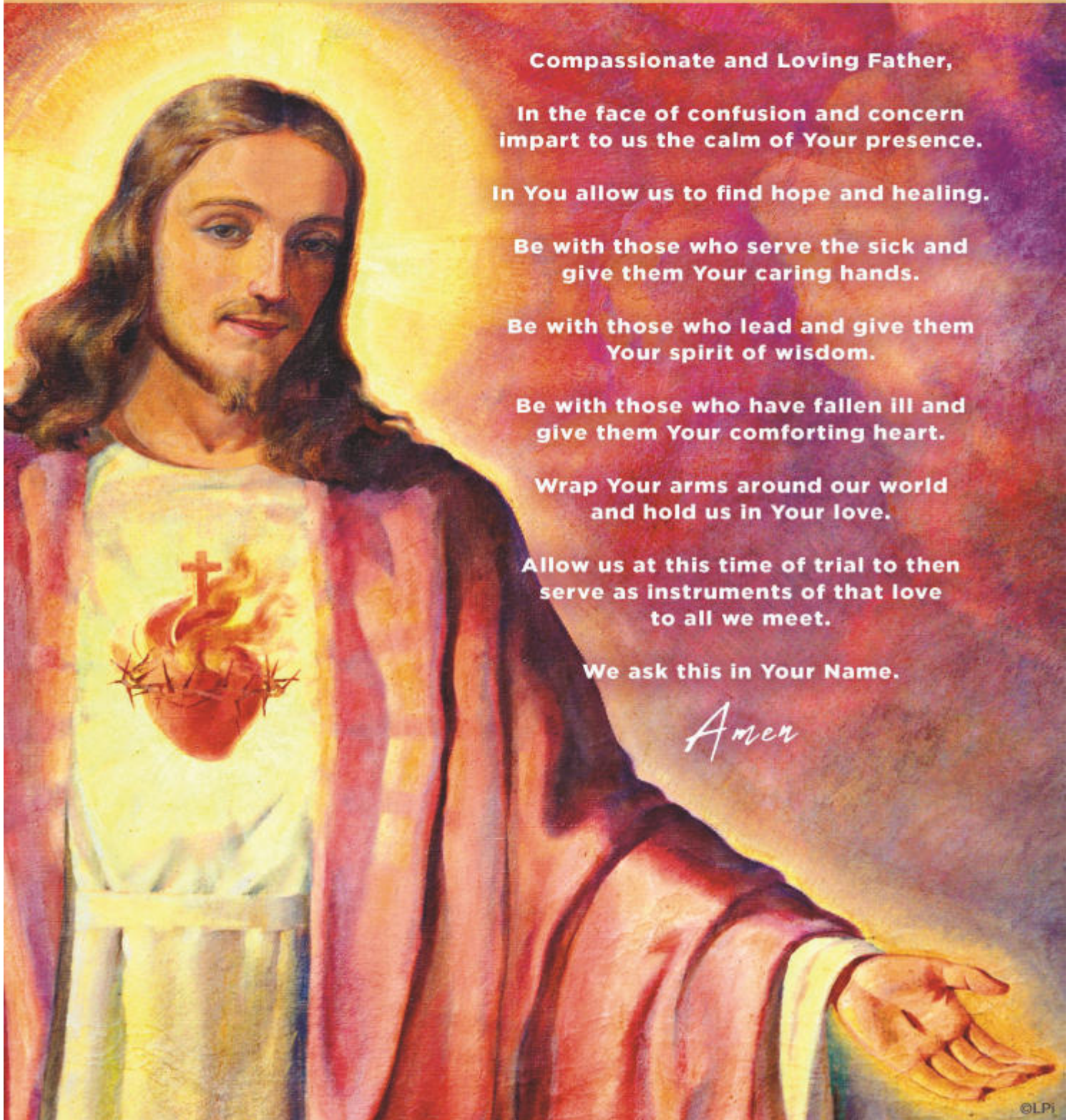
Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

Amen



March 22, 2020

Holy Family Parish Center—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
Dan Dolan	Luke Sigler

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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Sarah Parker, Sacristan
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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

Lenten Discipline: The Code of Canon Law very aptly summarizes the ecclesiastical discipline in Canon 1249. "All members of the Christian faithful in their own way are bound to do penance in virtue of divine law: in order that all may be joined in a common observance of penance, penitential days are prescribed in which the Christian faithful in a special pray, exercise works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their responsibilities more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence..."

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). 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.

Don't forget that Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the laws of abstinence in which one should abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent

The next Parish Council meeting was to be on March 24th. At this time, we are cancelling the meeting and will let you know when we reschedule.

Thanks to all from the Holy Family Knights of Columbus for the great support of our 25th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner held on Sunday, March 1st. A total of 313 corned beef and cabbage dinners were served to those hearty attendees throughout the day in the midst of Irish music, raffles, and good old Irish fun! Thanks to all who provided items and gift cards for the raffle program helping to make it successful. Our Knights will be able to continue the many different works of charity within our parish as well as our continued financial support of our parish's Capital Campaign. Also, many thanks to members of our parish who helped on the day of the event, including Troop 22 scouts, parents, and leaders.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 21

8:00 Manuel Hathaway
4:00 Michael Slavin

Sunday, March 22

7:30 For the People of the Parish
9:00 Idalina Rodrigues
10:30 Henry Rounds-1st Anniversary

Monday, March 23

8:00 Steven Cimorelli

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 Special Intention

Wednesday, March 25

8:00 James Feeney

Thursday, March 26

8:00 Deceased Members of the Spearin Family

Friday, March 27

8:00 Ernest & Phyllis DeMoura, and their son, Michael

Saturday, March 28

8 :00 Philip & Audrey Silva
4 :00 Julie Phillips

Sunday, March 29

7 :30 For the People of the Parish
9:00 Maria Morgado
10:30 Linda Marques-1 st Anniversary



Holy Family St Vincent DePaul Food Pantry: Call for help stocking our shelves, as we prepare for our monthly food pantry distribution (3rd Saturday of each month). Appreciate the

following items: **Spaghetti Sauce, Tuna Fish, Canned Veggies, Fruit cups, Juice & Hot Cocoa.** Donations may be left in the bins at church & the parish center. Thank you for your generosity!

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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!

Don't forget about FORMED during Lent.

It's an excellent resource for those interested in learning more about our Faith. We have a subscription that was graciously paid for by donations from our Parishioners so that all may enjoy it at no cost. The password is [GDC829](#).

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.

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: 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 Spring Bible Study is postponed until further notice. Those who took the fall session have the study guides with all the lessons. You can go on FORMED through the Parish Website and view all the lessons under Lectio Bible Study on the Eucharist. You can then go to the exercises in your study guide. We already did lessons 1-5. The spring session was to cover lessons 6-10. Contact Merle Coughlin at 508-880-2571 or merlecoughlin@comcast.net for questions.

The Homebound Ministry Program is suspended until further notice. Eucharistic ministers to the homebound will keep up contact with the homebound by phone to pray with them.

Our parishioner, Mary Joyce Phillips, is in need of a PCA (Personal Care Attendant). She is on the Independent Living Program (MA Health Program) that allows disabled people to live independently. She is in need of help Saturday mornings from 8am-Noon and Sunday evenings from 5-7pm and the rate is \$15.40/hr. She does use a Hoyer Life.

She is also looking for back-up help throughout the week when her other PCA's are unavailable. The agencies do not provide sufficient hours to meet the needs of many disabled people. Those on the Independent Living Program cannot apply to the agencies for help.

If you are interested in the position, please call Mary Joyce at 508-824-0072

CELEBRATE the REOPENING! - The **Museum of Family Prayer** in North Easton is restored and reopened following damage as a result of a fire in the chapel on December 16. Staff are ready to greet families and have special activities and fun food planned to celebrate the museum's restoration. Come on in and share the power of family prayer through state of the art interactive, educational, reflective and immersive opportunities, museum exhibits, graphics and media content creating a lively, interactive ... and unique ... experience! Daily Rosary and Mass is held at the Museum chapel from 11:30a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. **The museum is open Wednesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., and admission is free. For more information:** www.MuseumOfFamilyPrayer.org.

Do you have a child who loves to sing? The Children's Choir invites those in second grade or older to join with them in praying twice through song. Practices are held on most Sundays from 8:30 a.m. - approximately 8:55 a.m. The choir sings on the second and fourth Sundays of every month. If your child is interested, we invite you to join us at practice and to meet our choir leaders.

Statement of Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., Suspending the Celebration of Masses in the Fall River Diocese March 16, 2020

Out of concern for the health and well-being of all who reside in Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the Islands and in response to the direction of public officials, I am suspending all public Masses and other liturgical services in the Diocese of Fall River effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 and continuing until further notice. This includes Masses of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. At the same time, I am issuing a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass during this time to all Catholics of the Diocese. Exceptions are granted for the celebration of weddings and funerals, but attendance must be limited to immediate family members only, not to exceed 10 persons. Every effort must be made to follow precautions already announced in previous communications from the Diocese along with recommendations of public health officials. I am asking that churches be open for a limited time during the day to the extent possible and at the discretion of the pastor to provide the faithful who still wish with an opportunity to visit for private prayer. Parishes should provide this information on their websites. I strongly encourage our Catholics to pray at home and to seek out opportunities to participate in Masses available on television or online instead. Information is available on our website, www.fallriverdiocese.org. The Mass is our central act of worship, the source and summit of our Catholic faith, and it goes without saying that this difficult decision was not made lightly. It was done after prayerful consideration of the critical health threat that now confronts us. The gravity of it demands that we take whatever action is needed, despite the hardship, for the good of the protection of all especially those who are most vulnerable at this time. Please join me in prayer in these challenging days for all who are impacted by COVID-19 and in a special way for those who are sick and for those who work to combat the disease. I wish to entrust all of our people especially our sick and elderly to the protection of our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of the Assumption the patroness of our Diocese, so that under her motherly care we all may persevere in faith to support one another. Let us all pray that this may come to a quick end and normalcy may be restored.

From Fr. Rich-Steps we are taking to keep everyone safe here at Holy Family:

We are all concerned about the spread of coronavirus around the world. We should be praying for those affected directly by it: -for those who have died, we should be praying for the repose of their souls. -for those who are sick, we should be praying both for healing, and for those who are caring for them.

During this time when we can no longer gather for Mass, you should pray at home. Here is what I suggest: -if a family or more than one person is at home: gather each day to read the daily readings from the USCCB website (<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/>) and take the time to pray over them (you will have plenty of time!), picturing yourself in the scenes. -praying along with televised Masses. -praying the Rosary, especially for other people suffering in this pandemic. -reading the Bible.

Since we are no longer able to have public Mass for the time being, the parish will not be able to take up weekly collections, but we will still have many expenses (salaries, utilities, insurance, supplies, etc.). If you can donate online, that would greatly help the cash-flow of the parish. The link to our online giving is <https://hfparish.weshareonline.org/>. If you can't do that, it would be a tremendous help if you were to put aside what you would normally give each week, to be able to make a donation to the parish when the crisis ends. However, we are aware that this crisis may affect you, our parishioners, financially too through lost wages or increased medical bills. So, please, use your best judgment about what you can do.

ADORATION: For the time being, again, for the safety of all, Adoration will be a little different until further notice. I will be exposing the Blessed Sacrament in the window of the rectory facing the church from 2-8pm Monday through Friday. There are 2 driveways between the church and rectory, allowing space for multiple people to come and pray to our Lord. For those Adorers that normally come before or after those hours, please know that we welcome you to come during the temporary time frame.

We will use our Facebook page as a means to give updates to any changes that may arise, so if you are not already signed up, just look for us on Facebook and request to be added to the site. You can also email or call the office if you have any questions about Masses or events.

Thank you and may God bless you.

“ I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME.

—PHIL 4:13

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