

April 19, 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](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         | 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.

#### **Phone Numbers**

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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

**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.

**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 judgement about what you can do.

**Currently the office is closed for regular business**, though Tracey is still working. We have installed a mailbox outside the parish office that you may leave correspondence or budget envelopes. The mailbox is checked 2-3 times per day.

**ADORATION:** For the time being, for the safety of all, Adoration will be suspended temporarily. This is for the safety of our parishioners. We tried to do the "drive-up" Adoration for a little over a week, but after the Governor advised people to stay home except for going to the grocery store, pharmacy, and any medical appointments, we wanted to abide by the directive and encourage people to stay home.

**For anyone who has a Mass Intention scheduled during this time**, please know that Fr. Rich is still saying daily private Mass in which he is remembering the person for whom the Mass was intended for, so your loved one is still being prayed for. If there are multiple Masses on the same day, we can reschedule the additional intentions at a later date. Fr. Rich knows he will be doing lots of "pop-up" Masses & he truly is looking forward to that! Thank you so much for your understanding!

**Candles in the church**-Sarah can light candles for your prayer intentions if you would like to have one lit. The offering is \$3 per candle to cover the cost of the candle. If you would like one lit, please contact Tracey in the office at [secretary@holyfamilytaunton.org](mailto:secretary@holyfamilytaunton.org), or 508-824-5707.



### Mass Intentions

#### **Saturday, April 18**

8:00 Natalie Rodrigues, Antonia & Maria Rodrigues  
4:00 Arthur & Alice Neto

#### **Sunday, April 19**

7:30 For the People of the Parish  
9:00 Alexander Prescuitte  
10:30 Delores Vincent

#### **Monday, April 20**

8:00 Joyce Woolson

#### **Tuesday, April 21**

8:00 Joao Fernandes

#### **Wednesday, April 22**

8:00 Ernest V. Botelho, Sr.  
Maria Silvana Botelho, Antonie V. Botelho

#### **Thursday, April 23**

8:00 John Goodwin

#### **Friday, April 24**

8:00 Mary Raposo Silvia  
Patricia Lima

#### **Saturday, April 25**

8:00 Francisco Medeiros  
4:00 Beatrice (Cardin) Lagace-2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**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.

**We are blessed to have Matt Laird**, our seminarian from last year, back at the rectory during the time that the seminary is closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He is doing live stream Masses with Fr. Rich daily on our Facebook page. If you go to our website ([www.hfparish.net](http://www.hfparish.net)), you can click on the link to see the FB Masses as well as the recorded Masses with Fr. Rich as the celebrant.

## **Holy Communion**

No distribution of Holy Communion is to take place either inside or outside the church to minimize the risk of infection and spread. Exceptions are permitted for cases of *Viaticum*.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Parishes are to cancel all Lenten Penance services and suspend all regularly scheduled Confession times. Priests may offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation only in danger of death, or by appointment in extraordinary situations. In these cases, social distancing practices must be observed, while at the same time ensuring privacy for the penitent. There are to be no Confessions by telephone, other electronic means, or by “drive by.”

As Pope Francis reminded us in his homily of March 20, 2020, priests are encouraged to remind the faithful who are physically unable to attend individual Confession of the Church’s teaching on perfect contrition. Such contrition arises when the penitent expresses a love of God above all else, the sincere desire for forgiveness, and firm resolution to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as soon as possible when available. Perfect contrition obtains the forgiveness of sins both venial and mortal (cfr. *Catechism of the Catholic Church 1452*).

## **Baptisms & Weddings**

Families should be strongly encouraged to postpone these celebrations, understanding how difficult this will be for them as they seek these Sacramental gifts. If they are to be celebrated because of extraordinary concerns, the following should be noted: only the immediate family should attend, not to exceed a total of 10 persons in the church at any time; and weddings are to take place without the celebration of Mass.

## **Funerals**

Funeral Masses are not permitted in keeping with our priority to minimize the risk of transmission of the virus. Funerals may take place only in the form of “The Rite of Committal with Final Commendation” (also known as the “graveside service”) at the cemetery, to be celebrated outdoors, and only the immediate family should attend. Memorial Mass should be scheduled at a later date when the restrictions for public gathering have been lifted.

## **Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion**

Are being postponed for the time being. Once we are in the clear, we’ll be able to reschedule these wonderful sacraments.

**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.

## **April’s Century Club winners of \$25**

**each are:** Merle Coughlin, Rodrigo Perreira, Donna Faulkner, Lee Whalen, Lucy Rebello, Beth MacLellan, & Dan McAloon. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for your support!

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**From Deacon Kevin:** Thank you for all your prayers for my technology issues with virtual adoration. With your prayers, and the help of St. Isidore of Seville we have had some success on Tuesday nights!

Remember what I mentioned in my "homily" a few of weeks ago:

*As the practice of "Social Distancing" should be growing let us pray that our practice of "Spiritual Distancing" is shrinking.*

I decided to search what scripture says about growing closer to God and as always God's sense of humor shows through as this was the first passage I found: *Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. **Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you of two minds.** James 4:8*

I live with a well-known germaphobe so my hands have NEVER been so clean as they are now! Oh yeah, I also need to purify my heart too!

We are still an Easter people and I cannot wait to rejoice with all of you again in the NEAR future!

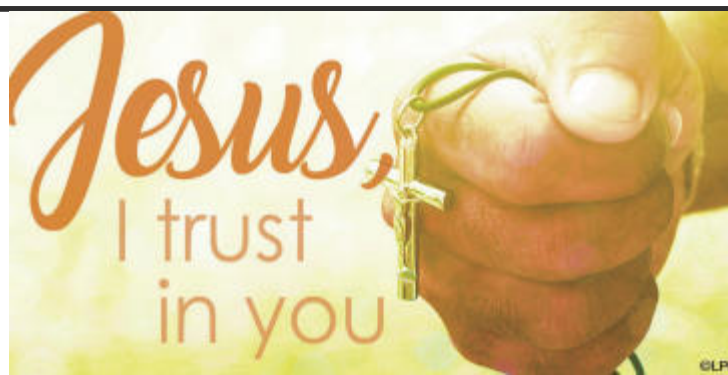
Please know you are all in my prayers and feel free to reach out to me via Facebook, my email [kpgingras@gmail.com](mailto:kpgingras@gmail.com) or my phone number 781-603-2121.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**April 19, 2020**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

A person was going through a very dark time, questioning the meaning of life, not feeling very purposeful or worthwhile, and feeling disconnected and unappreciated. Suddenly, they gazed up at the night sky, found themselves in awe of all the stars and constellations, and exclaimed, "I am here on purpose and I am loved!" Having been brought by God to this moment of intense connection and awareness, his life changed from that moment on.



If we are always preoccupied with the challenges, obligations, and stuff of daily life, we can easily miss the wonderful opportunities when the resurrected Christ is knocking at our door. If we open ourselves to the fullness of experience, we will find ourselves listening and embracing all that is around us, being caught up in the magnificence of creation's grandeur and knowing in our heart and soul that God is and I am.

While that sounds like a simple, tell-me-something-I don't-know kind of revelation, it is life changing when it takes root in the depth of a person's soul. Stumbling upon this awesome truth and internalizing it doesn't require an assent of the mind. It beckons for a claim on our soul. We find ourselves knowing something profound that cannot be explained or reasoned, but purely is. When we are caught up in an experience and encounter the truth, it doesn't matter how all of the pieces got put together. Truth is simply truth. The "my Lord and my God" responses we utter are not evoked because all of the pieces of faith and life make reasonable sense. The "my Lord and my God" affirmations come when we are lifted up out of our preoccupations and silliness and are in the presence of mystery and mercy.

God is mystery, one who is beyond our grasp but at the same time within our reach, knowable yet unknowable. And when in the presence of mystery, there comes an intense experience of mercy. We know deep within the essence of ourselves — and in the very life of creation — this beating, unconditionally accepting, life-sustaining, profound, mysterious yet familiar presence of love. We have found our peace. "Peace be with you." Breathe in and breathe out. Peace.





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