

6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



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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	Kevin Gallagher & Family
Evelyn Driscoll	Marc DeSousa
Deborah Lewis	Lindsey and Theo
Jim & Adeline Marques	Tara Ramos
Mary daSilvia	Janice Fitzpatrick
Steve Kennealy	Liam Quinn
Carmen Sousa	Patrick Lynch
Meg Goslin	Lorraine Moisan
Sr. Anita Marie	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
Jacqueline Van Dyke	Agostinho Rodrigues
	Mary Giovanoni

## 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

**A heartfelt THANK YOU** to all those who have been able to send in donations to keep our parish going during this time. We know not everyone is in a situation where they are able to help financially due to the circumstances and many being out of work, but for those who have been able to give, we truly appreciate every dollar coming in to help us pay our bills. We continue to pray that this pandemic will ease up soon and we can be together once again as a parish family. God bless you all!

**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.



REMEMBER  
*in your prayers*

### Mass Intentions

#### **Saturday, May 16**

8:00 Natalie Rodrigues  
Joe & Gloria Oliveira  
4:00 Joyce H. Gaddy-3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

#### **Sunday, May 17**

7:30 Julia DeFreitas  
Filomena Barbosa  
9:00 For the People of the Parish  
10:30 Delfim & Maria DeSousa

#### **Monday, May 18**

8:00 Claire Costa

#### **Tuesday, May 19**

8:00 Claire Sabourin Scott  
Edward Sabourin

#### **Wednesday, May 20**

8:00 Manuel DaSilva-6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & his parents  
5:30 Julie Phillips

#### **Thursday, May 21**

8:00 Maria Medeiros  
Noon John & Cecelia Majkut  
7:30 For the People of the Parish

#### **Friday, May 22**

8:00 Rosa Santos-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

#### **Saturday, May 23**

8:00 Virginia Babbitt-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
4:00 George Phillips

#### **Sunday, May 24**

7:30 For the People of the Parish  
9:00 Elizabeth Fountain-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
10:30 Louise Punda-1<sup>st</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)),

## **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.

**Don’t forget about FORMED.** It’s an excellent resource for those interested in learning more about our Faith, especially if we are unable to go to Mass. 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.

**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.

- praying the Liturgy of the Hours (each day there is the Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, Daytime Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer). You can find online resources to pray it (for example, ibreviary).

- praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet

-reading the Bible (maybe taking a small portion each day, say 5 or 10 minutes, and then praying about it)

**As you know**, Governor Baker extended the order for small businesses to continue to be closed, public religious services to not take place, and shelter-in-place to continue through at least May 18<sup>th</sup>. Bishop daCunha and his team have been meeting virtually to come up with a gradual plan once phase 1 of opening the state back up takes place. As with anything else, we won't be able to be "back to normal" right away. We'll be following the Governor's guidance and will be implementing a gradual transition back. Once it's safe to start having regular Masses once again, a new date for our students who were to receive First Communion or Confirmation will be chosen so they may receive their sacraments. Until then, please continue to join us at 4:00 pm each Saturday for Mass livestreamed on our Facebook page. We'll also upload the video so you can view it Sunday morning if you choose on our website. Monday-Thursday & Saturday daily Masses are still being livestreamed by Fr. Rich & Matt on Facebook. The time changes daily as he also has conference calls with the Bishop and the Anchor at various times during the week, but he will announce the following day's Mass time at the end of each daily Mass.

**Thank you for all what you continue doing for the promotion of vocations.** Let us remember that along with our prayer, we are also encouraged to befriend and accompany our young people. They might not readily say it, however, they appreciate the faith companionship of a trusted adult in their life. Recent studies show that nearly 40% of young people report that they have no one to talk to (Josh Packard, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Springtide Research Institute: [www.springtideresearch.org](http://www.springtideresearch.org) )

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**May 17th, 2020**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and don't rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfillment of God's promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God's greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don't carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do.



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