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# MEMORIAL DAY

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**May 24, 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	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**

Rectory: 508-824-5665  
Parish Center: 508-824-5707  
Faith Formation: 508-824-3578  
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**Website:** <http://www.hfparish.net>

#### **Parish Staff**

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Sarah Parker, Sacristan  
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That Man Is YOU!  
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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 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

#### **Monday, May 25**

8:00 Delores Vincent-3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

#### **Tuesday, May 26**

8:00 Mary Sylvia

#### **Wednesday, May 27**

8:00 Aubrey N. Curley

#### **Thursday, May 28**

8:00 Antonio & Julia DeFreitas

#### **Friday, May 29**

8:00 Jose & Yvonne Berube

#### **Saturday, May 30**

8:00 James Feeney

4:00 For the People of the Parish

#### **Sunday, May 31**

7:30 Raymond, Louise, & David Cranmer

9:00 Charles & Kathleen Volkmann

10:30 Mary Arsenault-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)), 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.

**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)

**On Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**, the Governor is expected to make an announcement about Phase 1 of the state reopening. We do not expect this phase to include Masses/religious services. We will continue to offer our Masses live streamed on Facebook with the link on our website until we are able to meet together once again.

**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) )

**The Knights of Columbus yard sale** has been postponed due to the pandemic. The Knights are tentatively exploring the possibility of having it later in the season if the restrictions are lifted by then. Right now we are unable to accept donations at this time as we have a lack of storage space. Thank you so much for your understanding!

**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.





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