



THE HOLY FAMILY



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and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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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 with any announcements at least one week in advance of the publication date.

Please Pray for the Following:

Gail Nigloschy & Family	Marc DeSousa
Evelyn Driscoll	Lindsey and Theo
Deborah Lewis	Janice Fitzpatrick
Adeline Marques	Liam Quinn
Mary daSilvia	Lorraine Moisan
Steve Kennealy	Sylvia Medeiros
Carmen Sousa	Lorraine Rapoza
Meg Goslin	Julia Lopes
Sr. Anita Marie	Marianne Powers
Steven Bois	Denis Candlen
Heather Gacheco	Jean Poole
Luzia & Adelino Grazito	Aaron Lewis
Dennis Medeiros	Luke Sigler
Edward Kerrigan	Agostinho Rodrigues
Dan Dolan	Robin Benoit
Donna Guay	Isabel Simao
Kevin Gallagher & Family	Tony & Sharon Demerol

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



**From Father Rich:
Happy Feast of the Holy
Family!** The Church celebrates
our patrons, Jesus, Mary and Jo-
seph, on the Sunday in between
Christmas and New Year's. Their
feast gives us an opportunity to

see how we can imitate the great love that the members of the Holy Family have for each other and for us, both as individuals and as families. On December 8th, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis announced that the Church will be having a Year of Saint Joseph beginning this month. Saint Joseph was named Patron of the Universal Church 150 years ago and this year in his honor is meant to be an occasion for us to meditate upon his example and to ask for his help, for ourselves and our Church. You can look up online the apostolic letter (entitled *Patris Corde* {"with the heart of a father"}) from the pope, in which he inaugurated this special year. Towards the end of it he wrote, "The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal. Indeed, the proper mission of the saints is not only to obtain miracles and graces, but to intercede for us before God, like Abraham and Moses, and like Jesus, the 'one mediator' (*1 Tim 2:5*), who is our 'advocate' with the Father (*1 Jn 2:1*) and who 'always lives to make intercession for [us]' (*Heb 7:25*; cf. *Rom 8:34*). The saints help all the faithful 'to strive for the holiness and the perfection of their particular state of life.' Their lives are concrete proof that it is possible to put the Gospel into practice. Jesus told us: 'Learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart' (*Mt 11:29*). The lives of the saints too are examples to be imitated. Saint Paul explicitly says this: 'Be imitators of me!' (*1 Cor 4:16*). By his eloquent silence, Saint Joseph says the same. Before the example of so many holy men and women, Saint Augustine asked himself: 'What they could do, can you not also do?' ... We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace of graces: our conversion." What better New Year's resolution could there be than that?

HELP NEEDED! One of the members of our parish community who is disabled is seeking a female helper on Sunday evenings from 3:30-5:30 to assist her with supper. Familiarity with a hooyer lift is helpful, but not required. The pay is \$15.75/hour through MA health. Please call 508-824-0072 for more information.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 26, 2020

Noon (C) Stephen Thrasher
4:00 PM (C) Margaret Carvalho-22nd Anniversary
Antone Silvia, Jr.-3rd Anniversary
7:00 PM (P) Ercilia DeJesus

Sunday, December 27, 2020

7:30 AM (C) For the People of the Parish
9:00 AM (P) Joyce Rosemary Woolson-1st Anniversary
10:30 AM (C) Jacinto & Maria Paiva
3:00 PM (C) John Smith

Monday, December 28, 2020

8:00 AM (C) Christopher R. Benoit
8:00 PM (P) Christmas Flowers Memorials

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

8:00 AM (C) Dorothy Fortier
3:00 PM (P) All Families

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

8:00 AM (C) Thanks to the Holy Spirit for a favor
received (aka special intention)
6:00 PM (P) Renee & David True

Thursday, December 31, 2020

8:00 AM (C) Jose & Isaura Ferreira
4:00 PM (P) For the People of the Parish
Midnight (P) Maria Medeiros

Friday, January 1, 2021

8:00 AM (C) Natalie Rodrigues
Antonio & Maria Rodrigues
10:00 AM (C) Angel Tree Intentions
7:30 PM (P) Jimmy Marques-1st Anniversary

Saturday, January 2, 2021

8:00 AM (C) Edwin Davis
4:00 PM (C) Patrick Lynch
7:00 PM (P) Philip & Audrey Silva

Sunday, January 3, 2021

7:30 AM (C) For the People of the Parish
9:00 AM (P) Rosemarie Olivadesa
10:30 AM (C) Barbara Sevigny-1st Anniversary
3:00 PM (C) Linda Sirois

HELP NEEDED AT BIRTH RIGHT. Birth-Right of Greater Taunton is in need of volunteers for our office on Tuesday and/or Thursday from 10 am-2 pm. You will be asked to help with greeting clients and determining their needs. Please call Mary Jane at 508-822-2911 for more information and interview. BirthRight is now located at 468 Bay St, Taunton, MA 02780

CLOTHING NEEDED AT BIRTH RIGHT. BirthRight of Greater Taunton is in need of new or gently used children's clothing from size newborn to 4T for both boys and girls. They can be brought to the office on Tuesday or Thursday between 10 am and 2 pm. Monetary donations in memory of a deceased loved one may also be made. Birth Right will send a card to the family to notify them of your donation and to give thanks. Any questions, please call 508-822-2911.

FORMED... It's that time of year again when we get a bill from FORMED to renew our annual subscription. We offer it free to all of our parishioners, accessible through our website. It has so many wonderful resources to learn and strengthen your faith. We are appealing again to anyone who may want to make a donation to help offset the \$1,999 renewal. In most of the years we've had it, we've been fortunate to have the majority of it paid for with donations. If you'd like to help, just write "FORMED" on a blank envelope and place it in one of the collection bins at the church or parish center, or mail it into the church. If you've never used FORMED, right now, during Advent, would be the perfect time to go into the site and explore all the material to help make this Advent a holy one! Thank you in advance for your help!

The parish office will be closed on December 31st and January 1st for the holidays.

There will be a finance council meeting on Wednesday, January 13th at 6:30pm in the parish hall. (Socially distanced).

SCAM EMAILS: Please be aware of fraudulent emails from Fr. Rich (or another priest) asking for gift cards or money. Priests and other members of the clergy will never solicit by email or text asking that you respond with the code numbers of gift cards. Established websites, such as Bishop DaCunha's FACE (Foundation to Advance Catholic Education), Catholic Charities Appeal, and our own Holy Family online giving platform are examples of safe websites to donate to. If you google email/text scams for gift cards in churches, you'll see it's a nationwide, if not worldwide, problem. One of the first things to do if you get such an email is to look closely at the sender's email address. It may say "Fr. Richard Wilson" as the name, but if you don't recognize the actual email address, it most likely is a scam. Please forward the email to us so we can alert the Diocese when it occurs.

Confessions are available! Fr. Rich is offering confessions at the following times/places this week:

- Sunday, Dec. 27 from 9:45 to 10:15 at the temporary adoration chapel.
- Tuesday, Dec. 29 after the 3 pm Mass at the parish center.
- Wednesday, Dec. 30 after the 6 pm Mass at the parish center.
- Saturday, Jan. 2 from 3 to 3:30 at the temporary adoration chapel.

Adoration will be closing at 3:30pm on Thursday, December 31st. Ordinarily, it would be closed on January 1st, but this year, January 1st is First Friday. Fr. Rich would like to have a few hours of Adoration for First Friday from 11 am to 2 pm. Please let Tracey or Merle know if you are available to help out with any of those hours.

Just a reminder that in order to keep Adoration going through the winter, we need your help. We ask that you wear a mask in the building at all times and when you're leaving the chapel, please be sure to wipe down your seat/kneeler with the antibacterial wipes provided. Also, we are always looking for substitutes to help out with back-up coverage, so feel free to let us know if you'd like to be added to the substitute list. Thank you so much for your continued support and helping us keep our parish family healthy!

We have an hour available on Tuesdays from 2-3pm permanently (or temporarily) for Adoration as well as from 5-6 pm on Thursdays for a brief time (1-2 months). If you are interested in either hour, please let us know. Thank you!
Adoration for Christmas Eve/Christmas Day: Adoration will end early at 2:30 PM on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas Day.

Just a reminder that next Saturday, January 2nd, is First Saturday. We will have Adoration that day from 10am-3pm in the chapel.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." (Gn 15:5)

PSALM:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

SECOND READING:

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. (Heb 11:8)

GOSPEL:

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

- Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Monday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Tuesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Thursday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Friday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace
- Saturday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The story of Abram and Sarah and their struggle to have a family centers on Abram's faith in the Lord. When have you needed to rely on faith when it comes to your family?

SECOND READING

The author of Hebrews holds up Abraham as a model for the faith. When have you had to unconditionally trust in the Lord?

GOSPEL READING

Only Luke records the presentation in the Temple of the baby Jesus. Simeon reveals to Mary and Joseph insights into Jesus and his destiny. How do you imagine Mary and Joseph understood Simeon's words?



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