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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  | 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**

Rectory: 508-824-5665  
Parish Center: 508-824-5707  
Faith Formation: 508-824-3578  
Fax -508-822-2915

**Website:** <http://www.hfparish.net>

#### **Parish Staff**

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Dave LeClair, Maintenance

Sarah Parker, Sacristan & Rectory Assistant  
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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 HUGE THANK YOU** to all who helped during the Advent/Christmas season. Our SVDP did an amazing job with social distancing and were able to help many people that would have gone without. That wouldn't have been possible without the assistance of our amazing parish family who supplied money and gift cards for our SVDP group. Thank you also to Nancy Ashworth for keeping up with the angel tree, and the decorating committee for doing a beautiful job with decorating our church and parish center. Thank you again to our parish community for your flower donations so that we could add an array of flowers to our altar. Thank you to our volunteers who assist us with cleaning the church after each Mass. We are truly blessed here at Holy Family to have such a committed group of faithful people.

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

**The Mass book opened on January 4<sup>th</sup>.** The dates that became available are July 1-December 31, 2021. We will continue to put 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary Masses for anyone who celebrated a funeral at Holy Family in the book prior to it opening to everyone else. One can reserve up to 3 Masses during that time frame. You may also request more Masses, based on availability, from January-June 2021, since that portion of the book opened in July. The donation for a Mass is \$10.

**TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL MASS:** Due to the way in which several of the Masses fill up quickly online, we have temporarily added another weekend Mass so as to better accommodate those wishing to attend Mass. It is at 3 pm Sunday in the church. We will continue with the other additional Mass (Saturday 7 pm at the parish center) and the other "regular" Masses (Saturday 4 pm, Sunday 7:30am, 10:30 at the church; Sunday 9 am at the parish center).

**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 Hoyer lift is helpful, but not required. The pay is \$15.75/hour through MA health. Please call 508-824-0072 for more information.



**MASS TIMES**

**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-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
3:00 PM (C) Linda Sirois

**Monday, January 4, 2021**

8:00 AM (C) Marc C. Nogueira  
3:30 PM (P) Anthony Veasna So

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

8:00 AM (C) Jean Spangler-3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
8:00 PM (P) Karl & Lillian von Hartenstein

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

8:00 AM (C) The Bulcao Family  
DJ McDonald  
Richard LaBelle  
8:00 PM (P) Jack Crowley

**Thursday, January 7, 2021**

8:00 AM (C) Holy Spirit for a Favor Received  
8:00 PM (P) Mary Kennedy

**Friday, January 8, 2021**

8:00 AM (C) Fr. Henry Dahl  
7:30 PM (P) Mr. & Mrs. Louis Pistocco

**Saturday, January 9, 2021**

8:00 AM (C) Fernanda Tigano  
4:00 PM (C) Kevin Rajaniemi  
7:00 PM (P) Carl Dutra

**Sunday, January 10, 2021**

7:30 AM (C) For the People of the Parish  
9:00 AM (P) Jose & Isaura Ferreira  
10:30 AM (C) Bob Raymond-4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
3:00 PM (C) Henry & Terralynn Sullivan

**HELP NEEDED AT BIRTH RIGHT.** BirthRight 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. So far, we've received \$256 in donations toward FORMED. If you've never used this wonderful platform before, please give it a try!

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

- Monday, January 4 after the 3:30 pm Mass inside the great hall at the parish center.
- Friday, January 8 after the 8 pm Reposition in the temporary adoration chapel.
- Saturday, January 9 from 2:45 to 3:30 in the temporary adoration chapel.

In all of these times, you can either confess **anonymously (behind a screen) or face to face.** For the time in the great hall, please wait in the main hallway. For the times in the temporary chapel, you can enter from the door across the hall from the bathrooms. If you would prefer that Father Rich come **outside, just knock on the window** and he will.

**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. For the time being, Merle Coughlin has offered to help Tracey with Adoration coverage. Thank you so much for your continued support and helping us keep our parish family healthy!

**Sanitizing wipes... THANK YOU** so much for your VERY GENEROUS contribution of wipes to our parish! We look like we're going to be set for quite some time! We have received many containers after our plea! THANK YOU to our parish family for stepping up and helping! We are set for quite some time now!

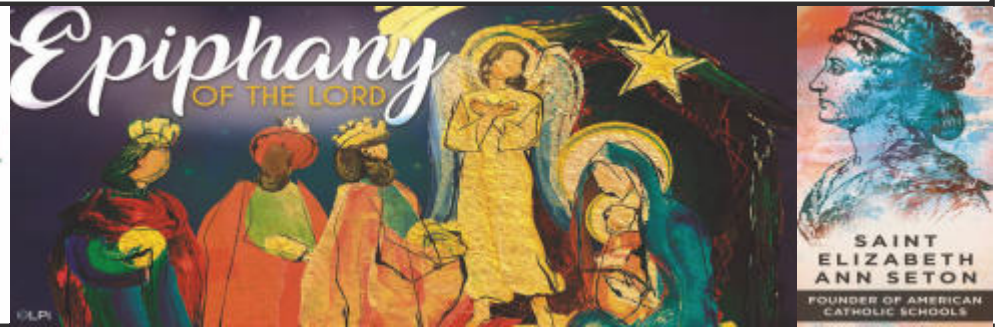
**Adoration has moved INSIDE at the Parish Center.** Due to the limited space in the chapel (only allowing 1-2 people at a time inside under social distancing guidelines), we have Adoration set up in classrooms 1 & 2 (which have been transformed into a chapel) Adorers will enter by the door at the front left of the building & you will be able to access the door for the temporary chapel from there. For now, the times will still be M-F from 11am-8pm and then First Saturday Adoration will be 10am-3pm. Masks are required and there will be limits on the number of Adorers that can be in there at one time. We ask that you help us by sanitizing your chair/kneeler before you leave with the wipes/disinfectant provided. Thank you! If there are more than 4 people (or if you arrive early), you can also see the Blessed Sacrament from the windows outside (where the bench is).

**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.

## **Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts Express Disappointment in Expanded Abortion**

The consistent teaching of the Catholic Church is that life begins at conception and ends with natural death. As the Roman Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts, we at all times hold firm to that teaching so as to promote the preservation of life and to create a culture of respect for life as the foundation of a just and moral society. Today, we are deeply disappointed at the recent legislative action that, if enacted, would expand access to abortion in Massachusetts. The direct, intentional taking of a human life, regardless of the purpose or circumstances, is not morally acceptable and is particularly harmful to the common good. Most troubling is the fact that under these provisions, women will have greater access to late term abortions throughout the term of their pregnancy with no specific statutory requirement that a physician utilize lifesaving medical equipment if a child is born alive. Despite our disappointment we are hopeful that the full legislature accepts the language proposed by the Governor to retain eighteen as the age of consent, as provided by the current Massachusetts law, and not reduce the age to sixteen. Clearly, a young girl of age sixteen needs the guidance and support of a caring adult when considering the possibility of a decision that will affect her for the rest of her life. We remain committed to life and pray for the end to all abortions. Our society is best served by the protection of every person's life, including those waiting to be born and those approaching natural death. We pledge ourselves to work to bring about a more just society that offers humane and effective alternatives for women facing a crisis or difficult pregnancy.

**St. John  
Neumann**  
*Bishop*



### **Employment opportunities at Catholic Social Services:**

Catholic Social Services of the Fall River Diocese is looking for the right candidates to fill open positions in several of its programs:

- Asst. House Manager, St. Joseph's House, Hyannis
- Case Manager, Kilian's Shelter Program, New Bedford
- Food Pantry Coordinator, New Bedford
- Direct Care Staff in its various shelter programs

Detailed job descriptions for each are available within the Employment Opportunities section of the diocesan website at [www.fallriverdiocese.org/employment-opportunities](http://www.fallriverdiocese.org/employment-opportunities). Persons interested in applying for one of the positions should email a cover letter and resume to [resumes@cssdioc.org](mailto:resumes@cssdioc.org).

**The Taunton Area Community Table Meal Center (TacT)**, located at 378 Bay Street, has remained open during the pandemic. The model and hours have changed to follow the regulations imposed by the state to keep everyone safe. TacT is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM for Grab and Go meals. Each guest is given two meals each day, a main meal with salad and dessert and a lighter fare along with snacks, fruit and other items to supplement the meals. Meals are distributed from the side door. We remain no questions asked and all are welcome. With the cooler weather, there will be a food pantry box available on the side steps at the meal center, Friday through Sunday, with non perishable food items for those who may need something extra for the weekend.

On the last Thursday of the month TacT is distributing a box of non-perishable groceries during our regular hours of operation. No one should be hungry. We are all in this together after all. Please stay safe, healthy and calm.





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