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Holy Name Parish is a family of believers aware of the saving power of the Holy Name of Jesus and the protection of the Mother of God. We are guided in our life's journey by the wisdom of the Scriptures, the leadership of the Holy Father, the teachings of the Church, and nourished by the strength of the sacraments. Our concern about the needs of all our family members is deep and sincere, especially about the formation of youth. All this requires the effective cooperation of all members with the blessings of God.

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Holy Name Mondays 4:00-5:00pm
Use the ramp entrance

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Use chapel main door, via parking lot

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Christ Is Anything but Ordinary We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more...ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah—the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Father George Evans

We all have known people in our lives, past and present, who have shown us the face of Jesus. They have spoken words to us and done deeds that have helped us. Perhaps they have offered compassion to us when we were badly in need of it. Maybe they have charged us to do better, when their challenge has pointed to the right next steps. Those people have made an impact on our lives. They acted, we Catholics would say, under the inspiration of God's grace at work in them. They acted decisively when they could have not done so. When they could have turned toward their own needs mainly, they moved beyond those for our good.

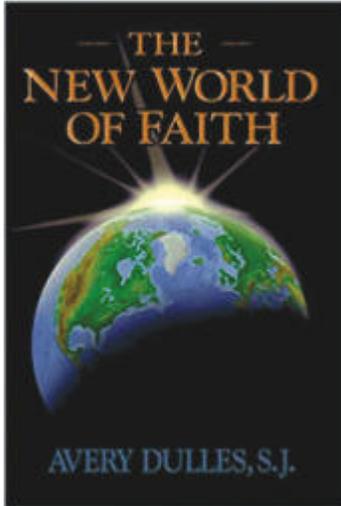
In this New Year, let us impact the world with good, recognizing the needs of others and doing our part to be people of prayer, faith, compassion and service. May the hope that we find in the baby Jesus, who grew to be baptized by John the Baptist and then to undertake his powerful ministry, guide us. May our hearts be filled with joy and peace. May we pass on the good that others have done for us.

Looking back at Christmas at Holy Name, you may be interested in knowing how the Mass attendance ended up. I had been unsure as to whether or not we picked the right Mass times, and enough of them. In the end, we could have done with a few less Masses. It turns out that the two "2020 only" (early afternoon Christmas Eve) Mass times proved to be easily the most popular. We went almost to our Covid limits at the 1:00pm and 2:30pm Masses, with approximately 180 at each in our huge upper church. The usually over-crowded 4:00pm Mass (from which I had tried hard to deter people!) had just 90, and the 10:00pm (an unusual time for us) welcomed 60. The biggest over-providing of Masses was on Christmas Day, when we probably could have done fine with one Mass. As it was, we celebrated Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm; the three together saw about the same number as the 4:00pm the day before. You may recall that Christmas morning was predicted to be a stormy period, as it turned out to be. That may have shifted people to the day before. In any event, in all we celebrated for 626 people. Many others joined us through the online Mass.

Some have asked if we have celebrated many funerals or burials for Covid victims at Holy Name. We have. In the spring, the Covid funerals were almost all for the extremely elderly. In recent weeks, we have had just a few more, for people of different ages. We have had a lot of funerals in the last few months, but most of them have not been for people with Covid.

As we look back at Christmas and at an unusual 2020, I want to express appreciation to those who led us in music though voice and instruments, and who aid our church events by reading, performing sacristy duties, distributing the Eucharist, cleaning the church after Mass, and decorating. Thanks to even more of you for your participation, year-round, in prayer and sacramental worship, and in catechesis and Christian service. In a parish, so much happens within meetings, appointments, sacramental preparation, teaching and learning in classrooms of different levels and kinds, conversations, emails and texts and phone calls, quiet decision-making, reflecting on Christi's message, pastoral planning and dreaming, and all kinds of praying. Our staff members have done a lot of adapting, without a lot of fanfare. So have many of you, as you have seen locations, Masses, decorations, enrichment offerings or meetings changed or reduced. Especially to those of you who have been generous to Holy Name with your time, insights, hard work, prayers and treasure, I say Thank You in the name of all of us in the entire parish community.

An Online 6-week Lenten Book Discussion



The New World of Faith, a book by the late Cardinal Avery Dulles, will be the focus of a series of 6 weekly 1-hour Zoom sessions led by Father George Evans (frevans@holynameparish.com). Cardinal Dulles, a convert to Catholicism, was a prolific Jesuit author, and a longtime professor of theology. Fr. Evans was his student at The Catholic University of America.

In 156 pages, Cardinal Dulles lucidly presents an overview of the essential teachings of Catholicism. He wrote the book for thinking readers who are not necessarily expert in theology, including any seeking greater depth of Catholic faith. Dulles helps readers savor the wonderful achievement of the Second Vatican Council. He also defends disputed Church teachings, but his tone is hopeful, respectful. His language is precise and engaging.

The Presbyterian-born Dulles, after entering an agnostic phase as he began at Harvard, experienced a profound conversion. In his own words: "I was desperate for enlightenment about whether there was anything worth living or dying for.... The more I examined, the more I was impressed with the consistency and sublimity of Catholic doctrine." By way of invitation to prospective readers, Dulles observed: "Everything in my life has confirmed the rightness of that decision."

At each Zoom session, Father Evans will first offer a short summary of the 25-28 pages that all will have read. Then participants can share thoughts and raise pertinent questions concerning the allotted reading's content. Together the group can connect the book's insights to Catholic life and worship. Toward each session's end there will be a brief preview of the next meeting's chapters as well as tips for approaching them.

The sessions will be for the 6 Sundays of Lent (February 21 and 28//March 7, 14, 21 and 28) at 7:45-8:45pm. The format for each will be presentation/discussion of 2 chapters. Reading the designated pages in advance of each session is essential.

The New World of Faith is available, used or new, through online bookstores.

Free registration for the Zoom series needs to be arranged by February 15, email: frevans@holynameparish.com.

Prayer for the Respect of All Human Life

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the Social Justice Projects

Families are welcome.

Wednesday, January 27, 7:00-7:30pm on Zoom

We will be praying for all human life—from the minute of conception to the natural end of eternal life.

If you have one, bring a rosary.

Email jim_flanagan@holynameparish.com
to participate and for Zoom link

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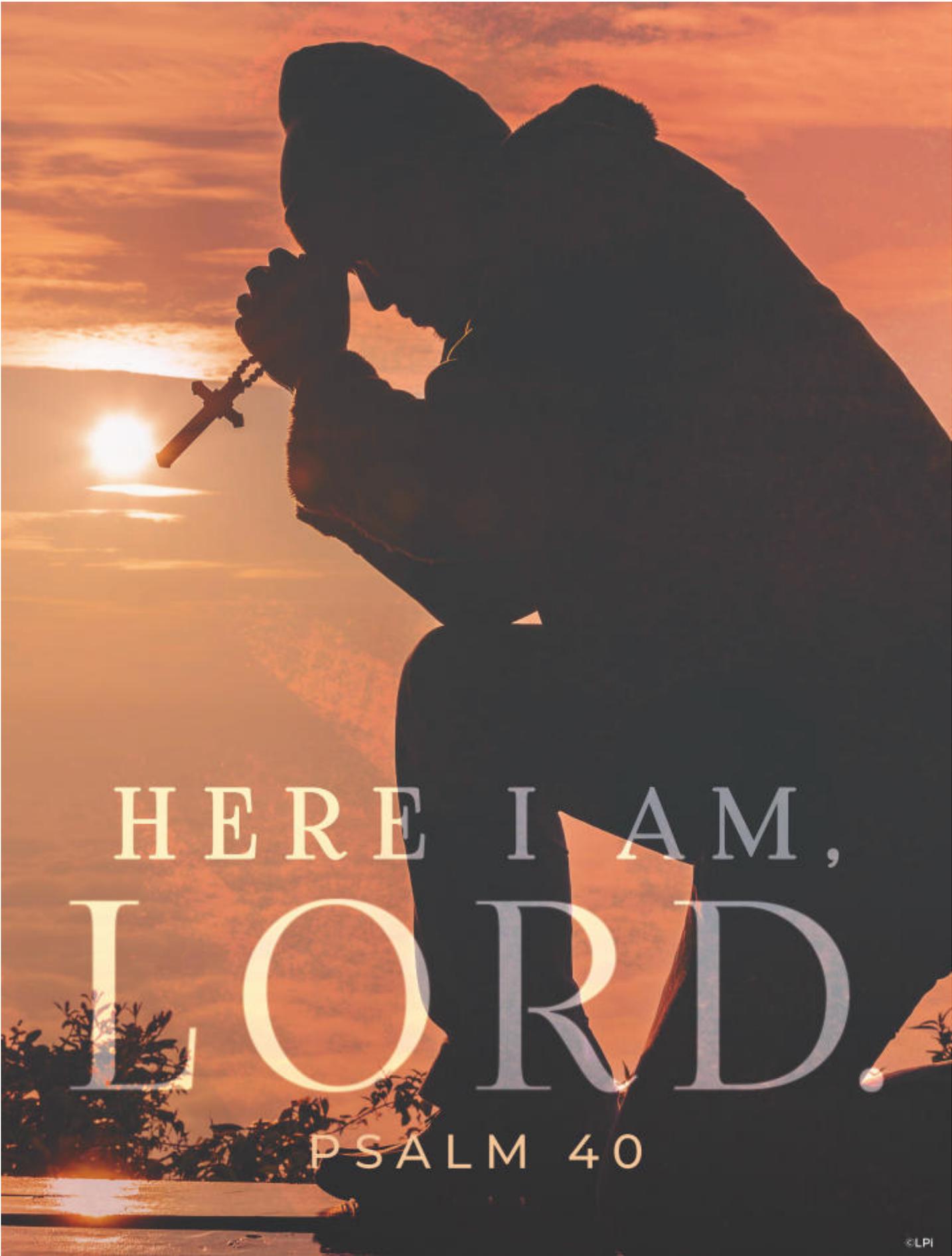
We will assist in assembling food bags for clients or
doing whatever the need of the day is.

Thursday, January 28, 3:00-5:30pm

We will meet at Catholic Charities
185 Columbia Rd, Dorchester, MA 02121

All parishioners are welcome!

Email jim_flanagan@holynameparish.com
for more information.





Are We Listening? This Sunday for the homily I selected the first reading from the First Book of Samuel. This is an old story; Samuel lived about three thousand years ago. Samuel became one of the first of the prophets after Moses.

I chose this reading because Samuel was a young man at the time of this story. His mother, Hannah, had promised the Lord that if she had a child she would dedicate him to the Lord. She brought Samuel, at a young age, to the priest, Eli, so he would be raised and trained to be a priest.

Deacon Tim Donohue

The second reason I chose this reading is because today we are at the beginning of the year; this is the Year B Second Week of Ordinary Time. The lesson today reminds us that the Lord talks to us, in many ways. We can hear the Lord and choose not to listen; or, we can look for the Lord in our lives and listen to His messages.

Samuel wakes up several times during the night because he hears a call. He thinks that his teacher, Eli, was calling him but Eli was trying to sleep and tells Samuel to go back to bed. By the time Samuel wakes Eli for the third time, Eli realizes that something is going on and tells Samuel to tell the Lord, “Your servant is listening,” if he hears the call again.

When the Lord calls the fourth time, Samuel is listening and responds. Samuel listened to the Lord throughout his life, and he became a great prophet, so great that we are reading and talking about him 3,000 years later.

My guess is that the Lord won’t wake many of us up in our sleep four times in a night anytime soon. But the Lord will speak to all of us in one way or another through our lifetimes. Samuel heard the Lord four times but he was only listening the last time. How many times do our parents call us for dinner or ask us to do something? How many times do we hear before we finally listen and respond?

What does the Lord want to say to us? What does he want to tell us? I don’t know what he has in store for you. I know it took a while for me to realize that He wanted me to become a Deacon. I was hearing but not listening. I also know that the Gospel is a great place to look for a message from God. Listen to the Sunday Gospel stories and you can even read the Gospel with your parents. Listen carefully. Even if the Lord doesn’t send us a text or call us on the phone, we need to be aware of the Lord in our lives. Where do we see his work? Who are people in our lives that live out the work of the Gospel—either in their jobs or how they live their lives.

The Boston Globe published an article last Wednesday about one of our parishioners, Beth Chambers. Beth works for Catholic Charities and she is an inspiration to me. She has served people who needed help for many years. In this last year, her skills and training and extraordinarily hard work have allowed her to find a way to feed tens of thousands of people who have suffered during this pandemic. These people, maybe even our neighbors, who would have gone hungry without a grocery bag of food from Catholic Charities. Beth was listening when the Lord asked her to help Him. Maybe you can read that article or maybe your mom or dad can read that article. Beth is one of those people living out the Gospel message—people like our parents, teachers, policemen and firemen—men and women in our lives that dedicate their lives to helping others.

What did Samuel think was going on? Are you calling me God? What is that voice? Why would God ever talk to me? Why didn’t Samuel think God was talking to Him? Does Jesus talk to us? Maybe we hear the Lord; but are we listening? The Lord loves each of us and has a plan he wants to share with us. Please Lord, help me to listen.

*AND IT IS IN DYING THAT WE ARE BORN TO
ETERNAL LIFE...*

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Michael Giunta, husband of Katherine Giunta



2021 Parish Christian Service Opportunities

January

Coat and Blanket Drive
 Coats will be delivered to Boston
 by the Youth Service Project

Full list of service opportunities visit:
<https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/15755/documents/2020/11/2020%202021%20Parish%20Christian%20Service%20Opportunities.pdf>

The Saints of the Glass Windows Father Evans, has prepared short video profiles, each of the 35 saints depicted on the beautiful windows. Father Evans locates every saint in time and place, provides some information on the life story, comments on the symbols included in the saint's depiction, suggests what can inspire us, and offers a brief prayer to that holy one. Visit holynameparish.com and click on the banner.

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| Agnes | January 21 |
| Thomas Aquinas | January 28 |
| Gabriel Possenti | February 27 |

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 16 & 17

SAT	4:00pm	Abdelnor & Eva Thomas
SUN	7:00am	Barbara & Edmund Murphy
	9:00am	Carmine Barletta
	11:00am	Daniel McKeeney

JANUARY 19 & 21

TUE	8:00am	Frank Aronno
THU	8:00am	Richard McGuire & Susan Murray

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 23 & 24

SAT	4:00pm	Paul Fahey & Family
SUN	7:00am	Maria Forshaw Fletcher
	9:00am	Maryann Mulligan
	11:00am	Howard Russell



YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

Juniors and Seniors Alpha for Youth

Sundays, 8:15-9:15pm, Zoom

Come and See Session

1/31, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14,
 3/21, 3/28, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25

Alpha is an opportunity to gather, connect, have fun and explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, nonjudgmental environment.

Check it out and see for yourself!

Delivering Coats in Boston

We will be delivering coats, blankets and socks in downtown Boston to those in need.

Saturday, February 6, after the 4:00pm Mass
 Adult Drivers Needed////Dress Warm

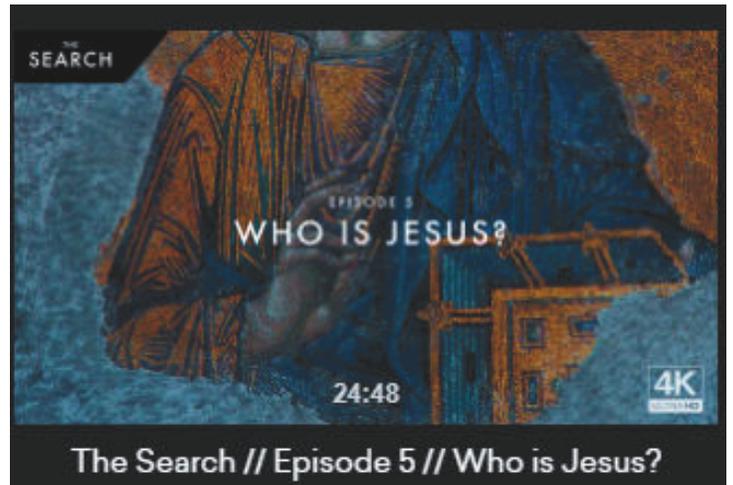
Lenten Friday Morning Prayer

Every Friday Morning during Lent

(2/19, 2/26/ 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26 and 4/3)

7:00-7:30am over Zoom

Great way to start your day!



The most beautiful part of this story is this we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history? Christianity isn't simply a philosophy for life—the center of Christianity is a person. We look at the life of Jesus and what he came to do.



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