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**Weekday Mass**  
(Monday thru Saturday) 9:00 am Mary's Chapel  
Weekday Mass in Portuguese: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.  
Pelo tel: 781-871-5754

**Lord's Day Masses**  
Saturday Vigil Mass - English - 4:00 pm  
Saturday Mass - Portuguese - 7:00 pm  
Sunday Mass - English - 7:30 am - Main Church  
10:00 am - Main Church  
10:00 am - Mary's Chapel.  
Sunday Mass - Portuguese - 7:00 pm

Mary's Chapel will be opened during the week, Monday – Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. for personal prayer and adoration.

**Confessions/Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. in the St. Joseph's Center or by appointment.

**Baptismal Arrangements:** Parents register for baptism by contacting Mrs. Elizabeth Davis at 781-871-1244.

**Marriage Arrangements:** Couples should arrange an interview with one of the priests of the parish at least six months prior to the planned wedding date.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick:** Especially prior to entering hospital, call the rectory.

**Last Rites of the Church for the Dying:** Call the Rectory.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Call 781-792-0168 and follow taped directions

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. Holy Family Parish Center

**Narcotics Anonymous:** Mondays 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Center

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH, ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

# MASS INTENTIONS



For

Saturday, June 12 4:00 William & Maureen Reardon  
Sunday, June 13 10:00 Mary & Philip Coyne,  
Janet Hickey,  
John Baum  
James McLaughlin  
Saturday, June 19 4:00 Steven Gobbis  
Sunday, June 20 7:30 Gerald Frazier & Michael  
Williams  
10:00 Dorothy Woodward  
Ann Fairweather  
John Larkin

We are celebrating Mass on Saturdays at 4 p.m. in the Main Church and Sundays at 7:30a.m. and 10 a.m. in the Main Church and Mary's Chapel. Mass will continue to be taped for public showing on Rockland Cable TV Channel 32 on Verizon and Channel 15 on Comcast on Sundays at 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and can be viewed on our website: [www.holyfamilyrockland.org](http://www.holyfamilyrockland.org).

### June 13~ Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

This parable about the mustard seed is a reminder to us about our role in the work of evangelization. "It is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." Many of us shy away from sharing our faith with others. However, if each one of us is courageous enough to share our faith with one person, who then shares with one person, who shares... That is what evangelization is all about. It is telling the stories of God working in our lives, of prayers asked for and answered, of feeling the presence of Jesus with us. Share the "mustard seed" of your faith and watch to see how it will grow!

### Classes with Fr James O'Driscoll on Facebook (James O'Driscoll) and parish YouTube channel (Holy Family Church, Rockland, MA)

**Monday** - Spiritual Book Club with Fr. Philippe's Eight Doors on the Beatitudes at 2 p.m.

**Tuesday** - We will continue our Bible Study on the Book of Romans at 1 p.m.

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Marilyn Cervigni and all who have died during the Covid-19 pandemic.



### SATURDAY CONFESSIONS

Confession is available inside **St. Joseph's Center on Saturday afternoons from 3:00 - 3:45 PM**; face to face, masks optional or anonymously (priest behind door standing).

Or

You may call the rectory (781-878-0160) and make an appointment with priest.

### Readings for the week of June 13, 2021

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34  
Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42  
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48  
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15  
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23  
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34  
Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-4

### HOLY FAMILY ROSARY PHONE PRAYER GROUP

Holy Family has formed a Rosary Phone Prayer Group. This is a conference call and meets Monday - Saturday at 10:30 a.m. to pray the rosary, Chaplet of Mercy and short Stations of the Cross. Interested participants can sign-up by calling 781-384-6909 and follow the instructions.

### GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Our Grand Annual Collection has about 3 weeks to go until it finishes up in June. Just now we have received \$131,001. That's 81.8% toward our goal of \$160,000.

So we need to receive in the next 3 weeks \$29,000. That's \$9,600 each week until the end of June. That's a tall order. So, if you haven't given, please do so. I you could give a second time, much thanks. You and I are in the Lord's Hands. Praise Him.

God bless. JFH

### COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Once again Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may bring Holy Communion to our elderly, ill and infirmed parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. **If you or a loved one would like to receive Holy Communion please call Teresa Doyle Smith at the rectory at 781-878-0160 or email [teresadoylesmithholyfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:teresadoylesmithholyfamily@yahoo.com) and arrangements will be made. Please note** that the Eucharistic Minister who brings communion will be fully vaccinated.

## ***THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

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### **FAMILY NOTES, XI Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 13, 2021**

Dear friends, peace in Christ Jesus!!

#### **SUNDAY MASS:**

For the past year we Catholics have been dispensed from the obligation of Sunday Mass. As of next weekend, June 19/20, Cardinal Sean would have us all return to our 2,000 year old practice of Mass on Sunday. This call from the mouth of Cardinal Sean is really the loving invitation of our Lord Jesus Himself. Through Sean Jesus invites. What a lovely thought!! I know that some of us are not ready. You have told me of your still fearing infection. Please come back as your comfort returns. Perhaps for many of us reforming our lives into the "habit of Sunday Mass" is something to work on. Catholic teaching says that 'habit' is the mother virtue. Mass on Sunday is a beautiful habit. Also, some of you are disillusioned with Catholicism. My advice is simple. Focus on Jesus. It is He who says, "Do this in memory of me."

#### **ENCOURAGEMENT:**

St. Thomas Aquinas offers some excellent and encouraging thoughts about Eucharist. "O precious and wonderful banquet that brings salvation and contains all sweetness! Could anything be of more intrinsic value?...Here Christ himself, the true God, is set before us as our food. What could be more wonderful than this? No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues increased, and the soul enriched with abundance of every spiritual gift...In the end, no one can fully express the sweetness of this sacrament, in which spiritual delight is tasted at its very source, and in which we renew the memory of that surpassing love for us which Christ revealed in his passion. (It is) the greatest of all his miracles; it was destined to be (our) unique and abiding consolation" (Office of Readings for Corpus Christi). (Emphasis added).

#### **SOURCE AND SUMMIT:**

The Eucharist is "the source and summit" of Catholic life. Christ's Real Presence in His greatest sacrament unites us here and now with the eternal Sacrifice He offered on the Cross. By His grace we, His ancient Church, have kept the faith all these years. Consider that in the early Church the Abitinian Martyrs were arrested for celebrating Sunday Mass. Promised their lives if they would abandon Sunday Eucharist they refused saying, "Sine dominico non possumus!" In modern English they were saying, "Without Sunday Mass we cannot live!" And so they died rather than give it up. They are our fathers and mothers in the faith. Their reasoning challenges me and you to examine our faith and therefore our loyalty to the Mass, doesn't it?

Saint Tarsisius, a young boy in ancient Rome, was chosen to carry the Eucharist to those in prison for Christ. Attacked by a gang in the street who demanded that they see what he was protecting, he refused. He died guarding the Blessed Sacrament with his life. Doesn't his faith and courage encourage people like you and me?

#### **HEAVEN:**

Now let us at last consider the greatest and ultimate reason for Eucharistic worship. Jesus ties together the Eucharist and Heaven. His solemn words deserve our serious consideration. He is our unique hope, our solid hope for salvation.

He said, "Amen, Amen I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life....(T)he one who feeds on me will have life because of me....(W)hoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6: 53-54,56,57).

I go to Mass for many reasons and so do you. But my ultimate reason is Heaven. I know that 'no one comes to the Father except through Him' (John 14:6). Heaven is the goal. We return to this Catholic thing of Mass on every Sunday to receive His guarantee of a future life beyond pandemics and suffering and fear. So, let me encourage you with the simple advice heard from the mouth of Saint John Paul II on Boston Common, 42 years ago, "Come to Christ."

And: Welcome! God bless. JFH

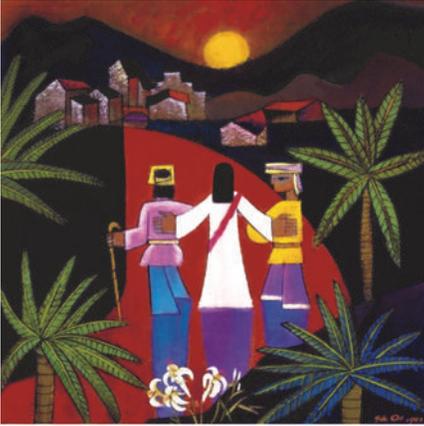
*JUNE 13, 2021*



**Religious Education News and Calendar**

**Director of Religious Education: Mrs. Elizabeth Davis; Assistant: Mr. Bob Fullam**

**Contact Information: Phone (781)-871-1244 or Email to [holyfamilyreligioused@yahoo.com](mailto:holyfamilyreligioused@yahoo.com)**



**Dear Families:**

Every year we look at the great Emmaus story (Luke 24: 13-35), of the disciples meeting Jesus on the road, and their inability to recognize him. And, as we know, it was through **His recounting of the Scriptures and His breaking of the bread with them that their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus.**

Like those disciples, we need to continue on our own faith journey and keep our eyes open to the wonders of God. We need to continue our study of the scriptures each week in our religious education classes and at home. We need to continue our preparations to receive the sacraments and attend church each Sunday to share in the Eucharist.

**As the primary educators of your children, I am grateful to each of you for the commitment you made this past year to your child's religious education.** I know it was not easy juggling online learning for your children's school lessons, along with Religious Ed. lessons amongst everything else you were being called to do.

- Building a relationship with Jesus and understanding our Catholic faith is an ongoing process.
- Spending time together, learning together is a grace-filled journey.
- Preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is ongoing and cumulative.

**And so, I invite each of you to join us again this year as we continue the journey.** It is important that all our students attend Religious Education classes this Fall. As parents of two young men, I can honestly say the greatest gift my husband and I have given our boys is the gift of their faith. It has served them well as they navigate today's world.

Although **in-person religious instruction** will not begin until the week of September 26<sup>th</sup>, it is important that we get all our students registered so that we can order materials and be as prepared as we can be for an outstanding year of growing together in our faith! **Registration Information will be emailed/mailed and available online on June 15. If we do not have your family contact information, please call 781-871-1244 to be included in our registration outreach.**



I am grateful for the opportunity to walk this faith journey together with your family. If you have any questions or need more information on general registration or sacrament instruction for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, please feel free to email ([holyfamilyreligioused@yahoo.com](mailto:holyfamilyreligioused@yahoo.com)) or call the Religious Education Office (781-871-1244). Bob Fullam and I would be happy to chat with you.

**“Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matthew 19:14)**

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Liz Davis

## THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### New Mass Guidelines Starting May 29, 2021

Given the new Commonwealth of Massachusetts protocols that go into place on May 29, and with guidance from the Archdiocese of Boston Pandemic Response Team the following changes are being introduced at Holy Family beginning Saturday, May 29, 2021.

1. Vaccinated people are no longer required to wear masks or socially distance at church.
2. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Archdiocese of Boston advises that non-vaccinated people should continue to wear masks in church.
3. **The dispensation from the obligation for coming to Sunday Mass has now been lifted. If a parishioner is feeling ill, he or she should remain at home.**
4. It is understood that different people will be ready to take off their masks and sit near one another at different times. We know also that some of our parishioners may be comfortable dropping social distancing but may not yet be comfortable taking off their masks. Please feel free to continue to wear masks as long as you like.
5. Sign Ups for Mass will no longer be needed.

#### Mass Options for Regular Mass and Social-Distancing Mass

1. **Saturday, 4:00 PM Mass in the Main Church.** All tape has been removed and all pews are available for seating. You do not need to sign up to attend Mass. Missal/Hymnal will be available in the pew.
2. **Sunday, 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM Mass in the Main Church.** All tape has been removed and all pews are available for seating. You do not need to sign up to attend Mass. Missal/Hymnal will be available in the pew.
3. **Sunday, 10:00 AM Mass in Mary's Chapel.** Will remain taped off for social distancing. Ushers will direct for Communion, maintaining social distance for parishioners in attendance. You do not need to sign up to attend Mass. Missal/Hymnal will be available in the pew.
4. **Mass Online/WRPS Cable:** will continue to be available for all to watch with the new Sunday Mass posted weekly.

***Father Hickey will be sending a letter to all parishioners with these updates and many more that will take effect the weekend of June 14th. These updates will also be posted on the website. Please continue to check it regularly!***

### New Schedules at Holy Family for Masses, Confessions and Funerals

#### WEEKEND MASSES:

Starting this weekend, **June 12/13, 2021**

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4 p.m. Main Church

Sunday Masses: 7:30 a.m. Main Church  
10:00 a.m. Main Church  
\*10:00 a.m. Mary's Chapel

- **The 10 a.m. Mass in Mary's Chapel will be a social distance Mass.**

#### DAILY MASS:

Daily Mass will be held Monday – Saturday at 9 a.m. in Mary's Chapel.

Also, Mary's Chapel will be opened during the week, Monday – Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. for personal prayer and adoration. And on Saturday until 8:30 p.m.

#### CONFESSIONS:

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#### FUNERALS:

- All Funeral Masses are scheduled at 9 a.m. Monday– Friday beginning May 31, 2021.
- No limitations on seating.
- Non-vaccinated people need to wear masks in the Church.

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