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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
 Sunday Mass - Portuguese - 7:00 pm—Main Church

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.

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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

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MASS INTENTIONS

For

Saturday, July 24 4:00 James & Anna Callahan
Sunday, July 25 10:00 M. Michael Botelho and
Ann Garner
Sunday, July 31 4:00 Glendon & Constance
Cunningham
Sunday, Aug 1 10:00 Mary & Karen Barry

We are celebrating Mass on Saturdays at 4 p.m. in the Main Church and Sundays at 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. in the Main Church. 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.

Welcome Back - Welcome Home



Let us gather together again in joy, as one people united around the Eucharist."

Cardinal Sean O'Malley – June 9, 2021

Upcoming Masses and Events at Holy Family Parish to support and encourage our faith community and welcome our parishioners back to church:

- 1. Mass of Remembrance:** Sunday, August 22, 2021 at the 10:00 AM Mass; Coffee Social to follow .
- 2. Mass of Thanksgiving and Parish Picnic:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 at the 10:00 AM Mass; Parish Picnic to follow on the church grounds.
- 3. October Mass and Rosary:** Saturday, October 16 2021 Saturday Mass at 9 AM; Coffee Social to follow.
- 4. November Mass of Remembrance – All Souls:** Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM.
- 5. December – Parish Wide Giving Projects to Support Pine Street Inn / local nursing homes.**

Check the bulletin and website (holyfamilyrockland.org) for more information about each event as they get closer and to sign up to volunteer or call Teresa Doyle-Smith (781-878-0160) or Liz Davis (781-871-1244).

A note from Father Hickey: *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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE RECENTLY DEPARTED



Vincent Falco, Thomas Lounsbury, John Paul McGrath, Jr., Paula Acquaviva, James Berlo and all who have died during the Covid-19 pandemic.

BREADS AND WINE



The Breads and Wine for the month of July are in memory of Michael Botelho lovingly donated by Kathy and Fred Kawa.

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 2 p.m.

Readings for the week of July 25, 2021

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/ Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/ Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-3

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAMILY NOTES, XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 25, 2021

HOW I BECAME A FORMER REFORMER - by Dr. Scott Hahn

The Catechism of Trent declared that, of all the sacred mysteries, salvation by means of the Cross is “beyond all doubt... the most difficult.”

And it's true. Christians have been bitterly divided—for almost five hundred years—about the meaning of our redemption. Theologians argue the matter at the highest levels, and their arguments offer ordinary believers little more than headaches.

I have encountered one book that stands as an exception to that rule, and I'm pleased to announce that it is back in print.

I was Protestant when I first read Philippe de la Trinité's *What Is Redemption?* It had appeared some years before as part of the Twentieth-Century Encyclopedia of Catholicism. I was a Presbyterian pastor. As a Calvinist, I believed that God punished Jesus Christ for our sins—that in the Lord's Passion the Father saw not his divine Son but rather our sins, and so he vented his wrath upon Jesus. Jesus served as our penal substitute, receiving the retributive punishment of countless lifetimes of sin since the creation of Adam and Eve. Upon the Cross, he was desolate, abandoned by the Father, suffering the fullness of the damnation that mankind had earned for itself.

I knew that this reading ran contrary to Catholic claims. But I knew it only because the Reformers had said so. I had not yet read a Catholic account of redemption. And I do not think I could have chosen a better, clearer, more concise exposition than I found in Father Philippe's books. Nor could I have seen more stunningly the difference between classic Protestant and Catholic understandings of redemption. As Father Philippe explains:

Although we can and must believe that divine justice is revealed on the cross in the crucified flesh of Christ... it is also urgent to state clearly that the Word in his sacred flesh could only be the victim of his own merciful love.

For Catholics it was all, and always, about love. God so loved the world that he sent his only Son. His Son so loved the world that he freely gave his life for its salvation.

Reading Father Philippe, I began to raise questions about the doctrine of Luther and Calvin. Would a just God execute an innocent man for another man's crimes? Could an omniscient God will himself to be blind to his own Son's goodness and purity? I found clear answers in *What Is Redemption?*

Father Philippe demonstrates that Christ was not merely our substitute. He was our representative. Thus he did not exempt us from suffering, but rather endowed our suffering with divine power. Thus St. Paul could say: “Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the Church” (Colossians 1:24).

Christ's sufferings are not punishments. They are pure offering of love. Jesus suffered out of obedience to the Father and a love that extended to every human being, including his persecutors!

For Catholics, then, redemption is not just a decree, not a legal fiction, not a layer of snow to prettify a dunghill. It is a work of divine love that makes us a new creation.

That is the doctrine of redemption that first converted the pagan world to Jesus Christ. It's the doctrine that converted me to the Catholic faith, which I had long opposed.

Taken from [Breaking the Bread](#), June 2021, p.1, How I Became A Former Reformer, Dr. Scott Hahn,

Fr. O'Driscoll

JULY 25, 2021



Religious Education News and Calendar

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Sunday, July 25, 2021

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

“I am with you always...” (Mt. 28:20)

Dear Grandfathers and Grandmothers, Dear Elderly Friends,

“I am with you always” (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. **“I am with you always”** are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person



like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!

I am well aware that this Message comes to you at a difficult time: the pandemic swept down on us like an unexpected and furious storm; it has been a time of trial for everyone, but especially for us elderly persons. Many of us fell ill, others died or experienced the death of spouses or loved ones, while others found themselves isolated and alone for long periods... Even at the darkest moments, as in these months of pandemic, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us: **“I am with you always”**. He says this to you, and he says it to me...

The Lord is always – always – close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. You know that the Lord is eternal; he never, ever goes into retirement... Think about it: what is our vocation today, at our age? To preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young and to care for the little ones. Never forget this...

Finally, prayer. As my predecessor, Pope Benedict, himself a saintly elderly person who continues to pray and work for the Church, once said: “the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others.” Your prayer is a very precious resource: a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 262). Especially in these difficult times for our human family, as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea of the pandemic, your intercession for the world and for the Church has great value: it inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore.

... **“I am with you always”!** Keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you his blessing. – FRANCIS (Rome, 31 May 2021)



REGISTRATION MATERIALS: Please return your children’s registration form via email, mail or register online at: <https://www.holyfamilyrockland.org/religious-education-information-and-registration-2021-2022>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: To create a successful religious education program, we need many volunteers willing to share their special gifts. **Are you passionate about your faith? About our children and young adults? Are you looking for a way to serve your community?** We have many volunteer options (big, small, one-time, and on-going) to fit your talents with our needs! I look forward to hearing from you –

Please do not hesitate to call (781-871-1244), email (holyfamilyreligioused@yahoo.com) or make an appointment to stop in the CCD office if you have questions, would like to volunteer, need registration materials mailed to you or would like more information about our outstanding program.

We are grateful for the opportunity to walk this faith journey together with your family.

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COVID Update for Holy Family Parish:

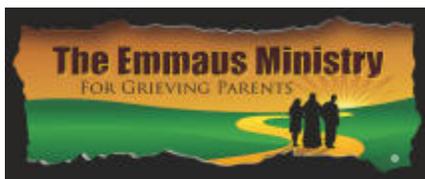
- Non-vaccinated individuals should continue to wear a mask during Mass.
- Distanced seating is provided for parishioners who would like that option in Sections 1 (Right side by windows) and Section 4 (Left side by windows) in the Main Church.
- Please do not attend Mass in person if you are not feeling well. Mass is available online at holyfamilyrockland.org and on our local WRPS Cable.
- Holy Family will publish any updates as necessary regarding COVID on our website and in our announcements at Mass

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AUGUST 2 – AUGUST 7, 2021

For more information or to sign up for the program, please contact Maureen McGlame at 617-272-5039 or mmcglame@rfkchildren.org - ASAP. There is no cost to attend this program.



Via Zoom

One-Hour Midweek Reflection

for any grieving parent whose child of any age has died by any cause, no matter how long ago.

**AUGUST 25, 2021
8:00—9:00 pm**

These Midweek Reflections feature a talk given by an Emmaus Ministry Spiritual Leader and discussions by parents interested in sharing their reactions.

You will not be required to introduce yourself, tell your story, or share anything at all. Many participate by listening. That being said, you will have the opportunity to interact with others if you wish.

Space is limited. To register go to www.emfgp.org or call 800-919-9332.



First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly July 25, 2021

PRAYER

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life.

I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me.

I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day,
even until the end of the age.

Amen.

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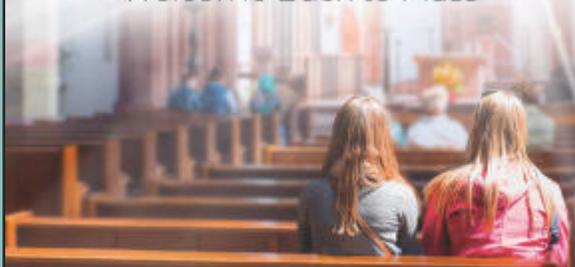
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