HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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.

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, Aug 21	4:00	Deceased members of the Sullivan Family
Sunday, Aug 22	7:30	Bernard and Dorothy Smith
	10:00	Sandra Tracy
		Mass of Remembrance
Sunday, Aug 28	4:00	125th Anniversary of K of C
Sunday, Aug 29	10:00	Wendy Sinclair and Edward & Stephanie Gritz

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 continued 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.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Dennis Keefe, George Brown, Dominic Bonfiglio and all who have died during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Banns of Marriage

2– Paul Barbosa and Emily A. Veiga
1 - Timothy D. Cordeiro & Kristina M. Pienkos
1 - Patrick Mileski & Erin Murphy

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 - Bible Study on the Book of Romans at 2 p.m.

Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/ Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/ Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/ Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-2

Welcome Back Packet* Pick-Up for All Parishioners

Pick up your family Welcome Back Packet after Church today or stop by the Rectory this week between 10 AM – 3 PM.

The Welcome Back Packet for each family contains all the information (including information for our Parish Wide Project and RSVP information for various events) that you will need for the next few months of planning for special Masses and Events here at Holy Family! Make sure to pick yours up after all Masses the weekends of 8/22 or 8/29.
Packet pick-up is also available at the Rectory from 10AM-3PM, Monday – Friday, for the next two weeks.

Some items included in the packet are:

- **Welcome Back Invitation from Father Jim Hickey!**
- **Mass of Thanksgiving and Parish Picnic RSVP:** 10:00 AM, Sunday, September 26, 2021
- **Gratitude Project –** Fun, simple activity for all parishioners to complete and bring to Mass on 9/26
- **Information on our October Mass and Rosary:** Saturday, October 16, 2021, Saturday Mass at 9 AM; Coffee Social to follow
- **Remembrance Name Cards for November Mass of All Souls:** Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 7:00 PM

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

Let us gather together again in joy, as one people united around the Eucharist."
Cardinal Sean O'Malley

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAMILY NOTES, XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 22, 2021

FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD

In the Holy Eucharist, our Lord is not the master who commands; he is not the king who gives orders and whom we cannot resist without incurring penalty. He is a friend, a friend who loves us madly from all eternity; a friend who since our birth has never ceased pursuing us with his love, crying out: "My child, my brother, give me your heart." He is a devoted friend who has extended his arms for long years without becoming discouraged by our indifference and our refusal; for all that, a friend who can expect nothing from us, from whom we hold everything, who still prepares us for gifts without number, so that finally he will introduce us into his Kingdom, give us a share in his glory and his eternity, allow us to sit by his side, open his heart to us, and unite us to himself so closely that, according to his own words, we become one with him, just as he and the heavenly Father are one.

Well, represent to yourself, or rather imagine that's what it is, because it is the reality; imagine that you are going to receive a friend with no equal in the world, from whom you have been separated for some forty years, by your own fault; imagine that you have had some wrongs against him which he has completely forgotten, that he is eager to receive you into his arms, to press you to his heart, to give himself to you, to unite you to himself in the closest way possible in this world, to renew with you the relationship of a hearty, eternal friendship.

Blessed Jean-Joseph Lataste

Blessed Jean-Joseph Lataste († 1869) was a French Dominican priest who, after preaching a retreat to women in prison, founded the Dominican Sisters of Bethany.

O Bread of heaven, beneath this veil
Thou dost my very God conceal;
My Jesus, dearest treasure, hail;
I love thee and, adoring, kneel;
Each loving soul by thee is fed
With thine own self in form of bread.

O food of life, thou who dost give
The pledge of immortality;
I live; no, 'tis not that I live;
God gives me life, God lives in me:
He feeds my soul, he guides my ways,
And every grief with joy repays.

O bond of love, that dost unite
The servant to his living Lord;
Could I dare live, and not requite
Such love, then death were meet reward:
I cannot live unless to prove
Some love for such unmeasured love.

From Magnificat, August 2021, Sunday 8th, Meditation pp. 114 & 115.

Fr. O'Driscoll

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

Religious Education classes start the week of September 26, 2021. Are you registered?

Religious Education materials were mailed out to last years students in early July and are available online, at the back of the church or by contacting the Religious Ed. Office. Classes are filling up. Please register online (holyfamilyrockland.org), mail or drop off your children's registration as soon as possible to get the day and time that work best for your family and to allow us time to order the necessary materials before class starts.

Please do not hesitate to call (781-871-1244) or make an appointment to stop in the Religious Education Office to speak with Bob Fullam or me (Liz Davis) if you have questions, need registration materials or would like more information about our outstanding programs.

2021-2022 Class Schedule: *(Also, various grade activities and events will be scheduled throughout the year and may fall on other days of the week. These additions/changes to the calendar will be posted weekly in the bulletin and on our website.)*

SUNDAY
Grades K - 3 9:00 AM – 9:50 AM (To accommodate our families who want to attend 10 AM Mass.)
Grade 4-8 11:10 AM – 12:10 PM

MONDAY
Grades 1-2 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM (Note the new start time to accommodate the new school dismissal.)
Grade 9-10 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Confirmation Preparation

TUESDAY
Grades 3-4 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM (Note the new start time to accommodate the new school dismissal.)
Grades 5-8 6:30 – 7:30 PM

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is ongoing and cumulative. It is important that all our students get registered for Religious Education for the upcoming year. If you have a child or grandchild that has missed a Sacrament, please call the Rel. Ed. Office at 781-871-1244.

First Reconciliation (2nd Grade Students and any older students who need to make their First Penance)
Monday 3:45 PM (Early February 2022 – Specific Date TBD)

First Eucharist (2nd Grade Students and any older students who need to make their First Communion)
Saturday, April 30, 2022 (Tentative) **- First Communion Mass for Group 1 at 11:00 AM**
Saturday, May 7, 2022 (Tentative) **- First Communion Mass for Group 2 at 11:00 AM**

Confirmation:
Monday, April 25, 2022 **- Confirmation Mass with the Very Reverend Robert Connors, Vicar South Region and Father Hickey @ 7:00 p.m.**

Questions, Need Forms, Looking to Volunteer: Please do not hesitate to call (781-871-1244), email (holyfamilyreligioused@yahoo.com) or make an appointment to stop in the Religious Ed. Office if you have questions, would like to volunteer, need registration materials mailed to you or would like more information about our outstanding program.

Together we can create a strong faith foundation for our young people!

CHURCH UPDATE
COVID-19

COVID Update August 22, 2021:

MASKS:

With the support of the Archdiocese I have decided to ask everyone, whether vaccinated against the Coronavirus or not, to wear a mask at Mass. So both on Saturdays/Sundays and throughout the week masks will be available and one must wear one. Thanks for your cooperation.

In Jesus' Name,
JFH

- 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

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.

Mass of Thanksgiving and Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 26, 2021
10:00 AM Mass – Picnic to Follow

We know that during the pandemic all our lives were turned upside down. Families lost loved ones and could not be with them. Children's daily routines were upended. Jobs were lost. Our everyday interactions amongst our friends and neighbors were severely impacted. And yet, in spite of so many obstacles, the people of Holy Family rallied together, supported one another and found God's blessings working in our lives each and every day!

To celebrate our blessings, we will be having a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, September 26 at 10 AM followed by a parish picnic here on the grounds. RSVP cards can be found in your Welcome Back Packet. Packets are available for pick up after Mass the weekends of 8/22 and 8/29 or at the Rectory from 10 AM to 3 PM Monday – Friday this week and next.

Many hands make light work. Please call Teresa Doyle-Smith at 781-878-0160 or Liz Davis at 781-871-1244 to volunteer or get additional information.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HAITI RELIEF EFFORTS

Recognizing the suffering of the Haitian people and growing need for assistance following the August 14th earthquake, Cardinal Seán has asked that a special collection for Catholic Relief Services and the Church in Haiti be taken up in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston.

Holy Family's collection will next weekend, August 28-29th. Please address your check to "Holy Family Parish" with "Haiti Earthquake Relief" in the memo.

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