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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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

For

Sunday, Aug 28	4:00	125th Anniversary of K of C
Sunday, Aug 29	10:00	Wendy Sinclair and Edward & Stephanie Gritz
Saturday, Sept 4	4:00	Alan Small
Sunday, Sept 5	10:00	Genevieve, Stephen and William Parsons

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.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Dominic Bonfiglio, Marilyn Celestino and all who have died during the Covid-19 pandemic.



Banns of Marriage

- 3 – Paul Barbosa and Emily A. Veiga
- 2 - Timothy D. Cordeiro & Kristina M. Pienkos
- 2 - Patrick Mileski & Erin Murphy
- 1 - Joan S. Modesto & Nicole E. Wentworth

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 29, 2021

- 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, 21-23
- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 3b]/Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-33



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.

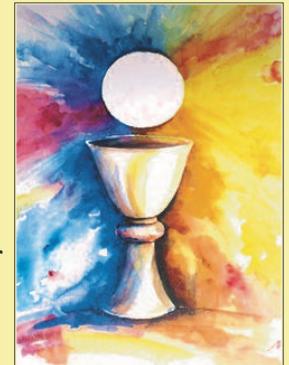
The Welcome Back Packet for each family contains all the information (including information for our Parish Wide Project and RSVP information for various events) that you will need for the next few months of planning for special Masses and Events here at Holy Family! Make sure to pick yours up after all 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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAMILY NOTES, XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 29, 2021

Dear friends, peace in Christ Jesus!

ASSUMED

We recently celebrated the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Pius XII defined this doctrine in 1950 writing that “...Mary, having completed her earthly life was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” It’s fun to look at a scriptural basis for this truth as it appears in the first reading for the Holy Day, August 15th. In Revelation 12:1 & 5 it says, “A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.” The text goes on to say that “she gave birth to a male child, destined to rule all nations with an iron rod.” The woman? Mary. And perhaps the basic point of this text is so obvious that we could miss it. She is in heaven! And that is not all.

QUEEN MOTHER

We call Our Lady, Queen of Heaven and Earth. This title is also based in Scripture. Our understanding of a queen and a king, interestingly, is not that of the Hebrews. We understand them as reigning together in power. Not so for Israel. Yes the king was first. But the queen, his wife, was not the next most important person in the realm. No. The Queen Mother was. She had the most influence and her son listened to her advice. For example, in I Kings 2:19-20 Bathsheba, the mother of King Solomon, approached her son. Now we would expect that she would bow down to the king, her son. The opposite was the case. He rises as she enters the throne room, he bows to her and orders a “throne” to be placed at his right hand for his mother. After this sign of importance is arranged he asks for her thoughts and she makes her request for a favor. It is important for this topic to note that Solomon is the son of King David.

MOTHER OF GOD

In Luke’s Gospel when the angel Gabriel comes to Mary asking her to be the mother of Our Lord he calls Jesus “Son of the Most High” and explains, “the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, ...and of his kingdom there will be no end” (1:32 & 33). So in effect Mary is the Queen Mother, to whom the King will pay close attention. That special role of hers comes out in the same chapter when Mary visits her cousin and Elizabeth cries out, “How does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (43) Mary, in Elizabeth’s mind is the Queen Mother, “the mother of my Lord.” Not only that, this royal title, in the Greek text, actually means, “mother of my Lord-God.” “Kýriou” the word for lord, here means God! In effect the Scripture says that Mary is “the Mother of God!” Sound familiar? So let no one disturb you with the idea that this title of Mary, Mother of God, is not supported by the Bible. This concept does not mean, as you and I know from our earliest days as Catholics, that Mary caused God. Not at all. Rather, God who created Mary, became her child. It is thus completely correct to address her as Mother of God as we should both from Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. Praise God!

TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

All of this being true, our Catholic piety has found it perfectly reasonable to go to Jesus through Mary. Our people took as a common sense conclusion that He would always listen to his Mother; as any devoted son would. Thus in times of crisis we have always run to Mary as have our fellow Christians in the Eastern Churches. So: Mary is the Queen Mother. Mary is our mother (See John 19:26-27). Thus we can to go “to Jesus through Mary.” Let us pray.

Hail, Holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you do we cry, poor, banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

(These insights have been sharpened by my reading Brant Pitre’s book, “Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary”, Image, New York, 2018. I recommend it.)

God bless. JFH

OUR SCHOOL

“The Commissioners of Abington Rockland Joint Water Works unanimously approved Schoolhouse Apartments Rockland for the water allotment required to serve project needs. This a major milestone as there is a hydro-freeze on new development.” Why? My guess is that the water/sewer use for a school of 300 children would be far more than 27 one bedroom apartments. So the commission may have seen our development as actually using less not more of water/sewer.

JFH



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

A Spiritual Backpack for a Successful School Year

The beginning of the school year this week is an exciting time for most of our children. It brings new friends, new things to learn and some structure after summer break. But starting school again can also bring stress. It is important to let your children know that they are not alone. Tell them they can always come to you for support when needed, and they can also take their needs to God. Now is the time to recommit to regular, daily prayer with your children. Bless them before they head out the door each morning to school. Say prayers with them when it is time for bed.

And when you are helping them pack their physical backpack each day to head out to school remember to fill their Spiritual Backpack as well, reminding them that Scripture says, "**I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me**" (Phil 4:13). Check out these four tools that will come in handy as they navigate the school days ahead...



Compass: Children may still be learning east from west, but with this stylish compass, they will always know right from wrong! Love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength and Love your neighbor as yourself. Teach them the gifts of the Holy Spirit that were given to them at their Baptism: *Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgment, Knowledge, Courage, Reverence, Wonder and Awe!*

PARENTS: Pray the following together before heading out the door: "**Holy Spirit, help me make choices today that honor you, others and myself.**"

Eraser: We all make mistakes. Whether giving or receiving, the sharp, pink Eraser of Forgiveness can turn the darkest of marks into shavings blown away with a single puff. It is important to remind our young

scholars to be careful with their words (not all of them are so easily erased). But it's just as critical that they have a tool at the ready to fix the mistakes they make whenever they can.



Glue: School can be bumpy. A dab of Friendship (glue) can be just what the doctor ordered when cracks or chips appear in your student's confidence. The bonds of Friendship will teach your kids that relationships can be "sticky": sticking together; sticking up for someone being teased; sticking around when relationships with classmates get hard.

PARENTS: Model strong friendships for your child (especially your friendship with GOD) by being a good friend to the people in your life. Talk about the things you do for friends without any expectation of something in return.

Day Planner: Life happens one day at a time. This Planner will help your child see what's ahead of them and what's behind them while keeping a foot planted firmly in the gift of the present. With plenty of space for their memories and an almost infinite number of pages for new experiences, the Planner can hold it all.

PARENTS: To find Joy in this day, you must live within its boundaries. God knew what He was doing when He divided time into twenty-four-hour segments. He understands our human frailty, and He knows that we can bear the weight of only one day at a time. Teach your children to not worry about the future or get stuck in the past. As God teaches us, "There is abundant Life in My Presence today."

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

CHURCH UPDATE

COVID-19

COVID Update August 29, 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 holystfamilyrockland.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

August 29 ~ Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our second reading today, Saint James reminds us, "Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." The message is clear – take the word to heart. . . act on it in your life this week! Take to heart the words of the familiar hymn that proclaims, "Take the word of God with you as you go as you go." You have heard God's word and been nourished by the Eucharist, now go and share it!



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 among 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.

COME TO THE WATERS OF HEALING

A Post-Abortion Healing Retreat
Saturday, September 25, 2021

9:00 AM—5:00 PM

Sponsored by the
Project Rachel Ministry -
Archdiocese of Boston



Location is confidential. Pre-registration is required.
Limited to 10 participants.

For more information call Project Rachel at
508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com

THIS WEEKEND 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 be this weekend, August 28-29th. Please address your check to "Holy Family Parish" with "Haiti Earthquake Relief" in the memo.



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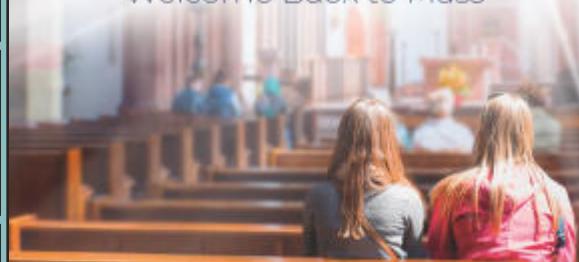
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