

HOLY FAMILY PARISH



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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 - 4:00 p.m. in Saint Mary's Chapel.
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



Sunday, Dec 26 7:30 *Edward & Helen Teehan*
10:00 *Deceased members of the Hickey and Soul Families*

Saturday, Jan 1 10:00 *Patrick J. Sullivan*

***Saturday, Jan 1** 4:00 *Beverly Mahoney*

Sunday, Jan 2 7:30 *Edward and Margaret Teehan*
10:00 *Walter Woodford*

***Vigil Mass for Sunday, January 2nd**

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 5p.m. and can be viewed on our website: www.holyfamilyrockland.org.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

All who have died during the Covid-19 pandemic.



NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 31:

4:00 PM - English - Main Church
7:00 PM - Portuguese - Main Church

Saturday, January 1:

10:00 AM - English - Main Church
The 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, January 1st, is the Vigil Mass for Sunday, January 2nd.

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!!!!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to the parishioners of Holy Family for your generous outpouring and support to our neighbors in need during the Christmas Season.

Over 100 young children were delighted by your gifts. Also the folks at our two Rockland Nursing Homes and the guests at Pine Street Inn in Boston had a gift from you for Christmas.

Thank you and blessings to you in the New Year.



THANKSGIVING COLLECTION FOR PRISON MINISTRY



Sr. Maureen Clark, CSJ, sends her thanks for our kind and generous contribution to the Sisters of St.

Joseph Prison Ministry Program. The funds are used to purchase small personal items for the women at Christmas at the Mass. Correctional Institute for Women in Framingham.

PRAY TO THE HOLY FAMILY

O Jesus, look graciously upon our family here before you. Once more we consecrate ourselves before you—our trials and joys—that our home may ever be the shrine of peace, purity, love and faith. Protect and bless all of us, both absent and present, and be merciful to those departed.

O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations.

O Joseph, holy Guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life. Be present at the pillow of the sick and dying so that we may all be united to Jesus and Mary and you for all eternity. Amen.



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



FAMILY NOTES, Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Family, December 25/26, 2021

Dear friends, peace at Christmas!

This year Christmas Day and the Feast of the Holy Family arrive back to back. This year I have been blessed by a little and strikingly unusual poem about Saint Joseph. The author, Mary-Patrice Woehling, portrays a Joseph who is practical, protective and wise.

The Morning After Angel

The morning after angels
St. Joseph sanded wood,
Nailed smooth boards at right angles
And though the crib was rude,

It was a vast improvement
On donkey's feeding trough;
The craftsmanship was excellent
Though the design was rough.

St. Joseph made a promise
To keep God safe from harm;
At the coming of the Wise
They found Him sleeping, warm.

-Mary-Patrice Woehling.

What a wonderful, common sense man was Saint Joseph! He got the Child out of that donkey's trough pronto! His carpenter's skill for Christ was just the start. Matthew's Gospel hints that the Holy Family didn't stay long in that drafty stable. The Scripture says of the Magi "on entering the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother." (Matthew 2:11). So, Joseph got his family settled in a house. And they were there for a while because when Herod calculated from the Magi the age of the Baby he decreed the massacre of "all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under." (Matthew 2:16). Joseph's skill making the crib for Jesus and a house for Him and Mary was only the beginning. To save them he fled with Mary and Jesus "by night and departed for Egypt." (Matthew 2:14); and then brought them back not to Judea, he was cautious, see Matthew 2:14, but to Nazareth. So thanks to Saint Joseph Our Lord is forever known as "a Nazorean." Jesus of Nazareth.

I like Saint Joseph. I'd bet you do too. So let's adopt as our own a bit of old time Catholic wisdom: "Go to Joseph!" Let's; especially when we pass his statue in front of Church. Its plinth tells us what to say: "Saint Joseph, pray for us!!"

A blessed Christmas.
In Jesus' Name,
JFH



Religious Education News and Calendar
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The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

On this feast of the Holy Family, we celebrate our Holy Family Parish and all our families. **We are grateful for all the ways we care for and bless each other.** Jesus, coming to us as a truly human baby at Christmas provides our path to the Father. We recall that Jesus is Emmanuel – God with us – in Him we find our Hope and Joy...

And this will be a sign for you: “You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” (Luke 2:12)

Religious Education Class Schedule through January 18, 2022

Sunday, January 2	Grades K-3	9:00 – 9:50 AM	HFPC
	Grades 4-8	11:10 AM – 12:10 PM	HFPC
Monday, January 3	Grade 1 and 2	4:00 – 5:00 PM	HFPC
	Grade 9 and 10	6:30 – 7:30PM	HFPC
Tuesday, January 4	Grades 3 and 4	4:00 – 5:00 PM	HFPC
	Grades 5-8	6:30 – 7:30 PM	HFPC
Sunday, January 9	Grades K-3	9:00 – 9:50 AM	HFPC
	Grades 4-8	11:10 AM – 12:10 PM	HFPC

Sunday, January 9 2nd Grade Teachable Moments Mass #3 10:00 AM Holy Family Church

Monday, January 10	Grade 1 and 2	4:00 – 5:00 PM	HFPC
	Grade 9 and 10	6:30 – 7:30PM	HFPC

Tuesday, January 11	Grades 3 and 4	4:00 – 5:00 PM
	Grades 5-8	6:30 – 7:30 PM

Sunday, January 16 –
Tuesday, January 18 **No Classes – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Weekend**

*HFPC (Holy Family Parish Center is the Holy Family School Building)

***Holy Family of Nazareth make our family one with you.
Help us to be instruments of peace in our homes and in our world family.
May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we
are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.***

St. Nicholas visiting with our students on his feast day, December 6th.



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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November 21, 2021 through January 16, 2022

The cost is \$250 per child but any portion of this would be appreciated.

Please complete the form below and return it by **January 16, 2022**. You may return the form by mailing it to Holy Family Parish, c/o Susan Matthews, 403 Union St., Rockland, MA 02370, drop it off at the rectory or enclose it in an envelope and drop it in the Sunday collection basket at Mass. A confirmation of your donation will be mailed to you.

Please state below in the appropriate space if your donation is being given in HONOR of or In MEMORY of a loved one

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"Do unto others so they can do for themselves."

**Classes with Fr James O'Driscoll on
Facebook/YouTube channel (Holy Family Church,
Rockland, MA)**

Monday - Spiritual Book Club with Fr. Philippe's *Fire and Light*.

Tuesday - Bible Study at 2 pm on Facebook and Youtube at Holy Family Church Rockland MA.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS FOR THE PARISH



The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

This book is a powerful collection of inspiring quotes from Bishop Sheen's life and works that will encourage you to think differently about yourself and what God is calling you to do. Bishop Sheen was considered a great communicator and the face of American Catholicism. He is famous for reminding millions of television viewers each week that **"Life is worth living."**



Do Something Beautiful for God: The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

Do Something Beautiful for God is a collection of 365 daily reflections from Mother Teresa. "Mother Teresa captured the imagination of the whole world... People were intrigued with her life and her work... She is an example of how attractive holiness is."

**Books are available in the church foyer and the
Parish Information Center.**

LIVING FAITH

**Daily Catholic Devotions for
January, February, March 2022**



Parishioners:

Living Faith provides daily reflections based on a Scripture passage from the daily Mass. This booklet is available in the Main Church foyer. Please help yourself to a copy.

Outreach Ministers to the Homebound:

The new issue of *Living Faith* is available for pick-up after Mass this weekend in the Parish Information Center. They have been separated and marked for your convenience.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Dear friends & parishioners, peace at Jesus' Birth!

As always, the Christmas Offertory Collection goes to support and care for retired and ill priests of the Archdiocese. So we are all asked to be as generous as we can this Christmas so that these men who served us well in the past may be adequately taken care of now in their need.

Thank you sincerely.

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