

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



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 and Linda Vitt

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

Saturday, Jan 8 4:00 Fr. Thomas DiLorenzo (L)

Sunday, Jan 9 7:30 Parker Ford
10:00 Ted Pearson, Sr. and Stephen Pearson

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.



CLERGY HEALTH AND RETIREMENT TRUST CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

On behalf of our priests in good standing, thank you for your support of the Clergy Trust Christmas collection.

If you missed the collection, you can still make your donation by contacting the Clergy Trust Office at 617-746-5725 or go to www.clergytrust.org.

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-2

January 2 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

The readings today stress the importance of light – *Christ's light*. Isaiah states, “. . . upon you the Lord shines.” The Magi followed the light of a star that led them to Christ, the Lord, an encounter that changed their lives. Do you believe that the Lord looks upon you and shines forth from you? Has each encounter you have had with Christ brought about a change in you, in your way of living? When you humbly and honestly follow Christ and live in his light, “nations shall walk by your light.” People will notice something different about you. So on this Epiphany - let your Christ Light shrine!



FROM THE EASTERN MOUNTAINS

From the eastern mountains
Pressing on they come,
Wise men in their wisdom,
To his humble home;
Stirred by deep devotion,
Hasting from afar,
Ever journeying onward,
Guided by a star.

There their Lord and Saviour
As an infant lay,
Wondrous light that led them
Onward on their way,
Ever now to lighten
Nations from afar,
As they journey homeward
By that guiding star.

Godfrey Thring 1823-1903

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FAMILY NOTES, Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, January 2, 2022

Dear brothers and sisters, peace!

Before anything else this letter is about gratitude; mine. I thank you for your consistent, loyal support of Holy Family Parish. Throughout the pandemic, even when the Church was closed, remarkably, your Offertory giving remained stable. Thank you! And as I write you about our Grand Annual Collection, you need to be applauded for the fact that though our goal last year was \$160,000, you gave \$185,000!! Thank you very much!

You may have seen this little poem below but even so, let me share it as a practical yet spiritual insight applied to our Grand Annual Collection.

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

Saint Joseph along with Our Lord and the Blessed Mother is one of our parish patrons. The poet, in a surprising way, points out his practical side: a crib for Jesus. And Matthew in his Gospel, the same: he found a "house" for them in place of the stable. See Matthew 2:11. You and I are Joseph, if you will. We provide our Holy Family Parish with the practical necessities, just like Saint Joseph.

Our Grand Annual Collection will begin on January 9th and continue until the end of June. The goal is \$160,000. I am asking that you give \$200 over that six-month period. More if you can. Less, according to your means; many of us are on fixed incomes. One might also give by installments. Everybody, just do the best you can, as you have always. Our Lord has certainly looked out for us, indeed at the promptings of His Holy Spirit you have certainly modeled the realistic attitude of Saint Joseph. So, thank you before hand. You are daily in my prayers; may I ask you to keep me and all our staff in yours. God's blessing on you through the prayers of Our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph.

In Jesus' Name,

Fr. Jim

JANUARY 2, 2022



Religious Education News and Calendar

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

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The Epiphany of the Lord

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” (Matt. 2:2)

The 12 days of Christmas end with the Epiphany of the Lord, which is traditionally celebrated on January 6. In the United States, the Epiphany is celebrated on the closest Sunday to the sixth, so this year that is today, Sunday, January 2.

- The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth.”
- An Epiphany is an event or action that makes something clear or evident.
- Today we celebrate The Three Kings (Wise man or Magi) following the Star to Bethlehem, to the stable where Jesus was born.
- The names of the three kings are: Balthasar, Melchior, and Caspar.
- They brought gifts to Baby Jesus of Gold because Jesus is king; Frankincense because Jesus is God; and Myrrh because Jesus would one day die upon the cross to save us from our sins.



The Epiphany should remind us of how special Jesus is and that we should spend our lives seeking Him. Jesus is the light for everyone and if we follow Him, we will never go astray.



Holy Family

Children’s Christmas Pageant

And this will be a sign for you:

“You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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.

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

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

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

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