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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

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MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, Feb 12 4:00 Bernard Dunphy
Sunday, Feb 13 7:30 Louise C. Peterson
10:00 Michael, Julia and
St. Mary Janice Bartolo

Saturday, Feb 19 4:00 Dorothy Davis and
Nancy Price

Sunday, Feb 20 10:00 Charles Smith

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

Daniel O'Handley, Robert F. Lowry, Eulalia "Lee" Cook, Jack O'Malley and all who have died during the Covid-19 pandemic.



Join Fr. O'Driscoll on Mondays and Tuesdays at 2 p.m. on Facebook at James O'Driscoll for the following programs:

Monday Spiritual Book Club with Fr. Philippe's *The Way of Trust and Love, A Retreat Guided by St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

Tuesday - Bible Study on the Book of Hebrews

The next Utreya at Holy Family will be on Friday, Feb. 18 at 7:00 in the Main church. All are welcome. Please join us for an evening of Holy Mass, music, and a short witness talk

Readings for the week of February 13, 2022

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/
Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/
Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/
Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday: Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

February 13 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We hear the Beatitudes proclaimed in today's gospel. The text can be so familiar, it is easy for our thoughts to drift off and miss the invitation we are given. These beatitudes are a portrait of how Jesus lived. Now he is speaking directly to his disciples – to us – describing the mindset by which we are to live. They turn the standards of our world upside down and challenge us to gospel living. Choose one beatitude to pray about and ask for the grace to grow in that beatitude attitude!

LOCKS, SOCKS, HATS AND GLOVE DRIVE THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone who donated items to our Locks, Socks, Hats and Gloves Drive for the guests at Pine St. Inn, Boston.



Also, a big thanks to the **9th and 10th grade Confirmation students** who were a tremendous help sorting and organizing the numerous items for delivery to Pine Street Inn. (See pictures in Religious Education News section of bulletin).

Again, thank you for a job well done.

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Dear friends, our Grand Annual Collection is well underway. I am asking everyone who can, over the next 5 months until the end of June, to give \$200; more if possible, or less: each according to his/her means. Giving by installment is fine. Your generosity has been ever amazing. A "Thank You" to you who have already given. And encouragement and blessings on us all as we support our parish. I shall have up to date numbers next week. God bless. JFH

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAMILY NOTES, VI Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 13, 2022

Dear friends, peace!

FIRST IMPORTANCE

It was evening. Dusk was coming on. Alone, in the Main Church, I came to see the carved crucifix by the tabernacle for what it is; more clearly than ever before. I saw it as a striking manifestation of horrible cruelty. I thought, “what an awful thing to do to a human being!” I recalled a story from Japan heard decades ago. It seemed a non-Christian happened to see a crucifix for the first time. “What did this man do that he was punished so terribly?” was his question. St. Paul in last Sunday’s reading from II Corinthians explains, “I handed on to you as of the first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins...” (15:3). And that sacrifice of Jesus was done not just for “our sins,” that is, for all of us in the plural. NO. Paul writes, “I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself up for me” (Galatians 2:20). The point? This thing between each of us and Jesus is a profoundly personal thing. Christ died for you. Yes, for all humankind, certainly. But of radical importance: Jesus Christ would have died for you if you were the only human ever created! All my life I have wanted to understand this fully. I want to know Jesus—personally! St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians has helped. That great apostle wrote, “I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord” (3:8). So the thing of first importance: “Christ died for our sins.” And now, the “supreme good (is) knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.”

SUPREME GOOD

When we are dealing with Jesus we are dealing with God. So first, Isaiah’s awe and fear before the All Holy One makes sense. Peter falling down on his knees in the gunnel of his boat, filled with flopping fish, begs Jesus, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man” (Luke 5:8). That makes sense too. Why? He is afraid. Of God. And well he might be if that’s all there is to it. However, St. John writes that “God is love” (I John 4:7). Here is the full truth which both the prophet and the apostle learned, “Perfect love casts out fear” (I John 4:18). To the honest, frightened Peter Our Lord calmly says, “Do not be afraid” (Luke 5:10). The “amazing grace” is His love: “From now on,” He says, “You will be catching men” (5:10). God commissioned both Isaiah and Peter. To God’s question on who to send as a prophet, the teenage Isaiah impulsively without fear cried, “Here I am. Send me” (6:8). And God did. Peter, commissioned by Christ, left all for Jesus and ultimately even gave up his life for the Lord. And his sacrifice for Jesus was absolutely based on love. See John 21:15-17.

In summary let’s see Saint John again. He writes: “In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he has loved us, and sent his son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another” (1 John 4:10-11).

First importance: Christ died for us, for each of us.

Supreme Good: Knowing Jesus.

On Good Friday we hear sung a truth and an invitation: “Behold the wood of the Cross on which hung the Savior of the world. Come let us worship.”

God bless. JFH

FEBRUARY 13, 2022



Religious Education News and Calendar

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Following up on last week's gospel on the calling of the disciples to follow Jesus we are looking all month at people who answered that call and lived their lives for Christ despite unbelievable obstacles that they there were forced to endure, primarily because of the color of their skin. This week we will read about **Venerable Augustus Tolton of Chicago**.

Venerable Augustus Tolton

- Tolton was born into slavery in 1854 on a plantation near Brush Creek, Missouri.
- Before the end of the Civil War, his mother, fled slavery with her three children, crossing the Mississippi River and settled in Quincy, Illinois.
- In Quincy, Fr. Peter McGirr, an Irish priest, helped Augustus with his schooling and encouraged him to discern his vocation to the priesthood.
- He was denied access to all seminaries in the United States because of the color of his skin.
- He was able to pursue his education in Rome (beoming fluent in Italian and many other languages) and was ordained a priest in 1886, expecting to become a missionary in Africa.
- Surprisingly, he was sent back to the United States to Quincy, Illinois.
- He is the first black African-American priest in the United States.
- After facing unbearable discrimination and racial tension in Quincy, he accepted Archbishop Patrick Feehan's request to minister to black Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1889.
- Tolton spearheaded the building of St. Monica Church for black Catholics which became the first Catholic Church in America built by and for a black community.
- Father Tolton died on July 9, 1897.



“As I look back on my life, I realize that every time I thought I was being rejected from something good, I was actually being redirected to something better.” Such divinely inspired charity enabled **Father Tolton to “love even when (he was) not loved,”** exemplifying the forgiveness Christ extended even to those who crucified him, he said.



Thank You Holy Family Parishioners!

“Whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for Me...” (Matthew 25:40)

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"Project Nazareth: Faith Begins at Home" is an initiative that will deliver weekly resources to families with children in pre-school through 5th grade. These resources will give parents suggestions for how

to **Pray, Listen, Act** and **Ponder** with a given topic throughout the course of each week. Guided by Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, different series within Project Nazareth will explore the fundamental Gospel message, the Sunday Mass readings and other special topics such as the Year of the Eucharist. This is not just another lesson to be completed by children at home, but a way to weave their faith formation into the fabric of family life.

Save THIS Date!!!

Saturday, March 12, 11am – 12:30pm



WE'RE ALL PART OF
GOD'S PLAN(ET)

Heal our Common Home and Respond to the Cry of the Poor

A *virtual workshop* co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston Social Justice Ministry, the Diocese of Worcester Environmental Stewardship Ministry and the Boston Catholic Climate Movement

Join us to learn more about environmental justice and how we are called by Catholic Social Teaching to care for our brothers and sisters by caring for our Common Home. Hear about actions Catholics are taking to build the Vatican's "Laudato Si' Action Platform" globally and right here in Massachusetts in response to the Pope's encyclical.

Nationally known speakers and examples of ACTIONS underway at parishes will be presented, as well as, resources and opportunities for collaboration.

It's not too early to register now! Go to our website: www.holyfamilyrockland.org/events

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

We have an opening on the Communion Team for a Eucharistic Minister to help serve Communion on the **3rd Monday of the month from 10:30—11:30 a.m.** at the South Shore Rehab and Nursing Center here in Rockland. Training will be provided.

Please contact Teresa Doyle Smith at the rectory (781-878-0160) or email her at www.teresadoylesmithhollyfamily@yahoo.com

Fiat (2/23)

Fiat, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. (ET) on Zoom. Sister Ana Gonzalez, OP will share her vocation story. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sr. Marian Batho, at CSJ marian.batho@csjboston.org or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.

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