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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

MASS SCHEDULE FOR

Saturday, April 23	4:00 PM	Joseph Reade
Sunday, April 24	10:00 AM	Charles Levchak

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

www.holyfamilyrockland.org.

Livestreaming of Mass is now available on the website at holyfamilyrockland.org. If you scroll almost to the bottom of the homepage, you will see a box that reads: Holy Family Rockland Live Stream - Click to Watch. Click on that link and you will be taken to the live Mass.

Also we will be livestreaming the Saturday 4p.m. Vigil Mass each week.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Garry Woodward, Michael Brady and all who have died during the Covid-19 pandemic.

BREADS AND WINE

The Breads and Wine for the month of April are in memory of the deceased members of the Botelho and Kawa Family lovingly donated by Kathy and Fred Kawa.



CLERGY TRUST: EASTER COLLECTION 2022

On behalf of our priests in good standing, thank you for your support of last weekend's Easter collection that benefitted Clergy Trust. If you missed the collection, you can still make a gift at www.clegytrust.org.

Readings for the week of April 24, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/
Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-1

Jesus is Here: Archdiocese of Boston Eucharistic Congress

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022
8:30 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

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Registration is now open for the 2022 Eucharistic Congress, Jesus is Here - a day-long event featuring Mass with the Cardinal, dynamic speakers including Bishop Robert Barron, Bishop Daniel Flores, Bobby and Jackie Angel, and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Adoration, and a Eucharistic procession.

Visit jesusishereboston.org for more information and to register!

PLEASE RETURN YOUR RICE BOWLS

THANK YOU

Our community changed lives this Lent through Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl, and we want to say THANK YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in baskets in Church foyer or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give.



FIAT

Fiat, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on **Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. (ET) on Zoom**. The topic is: "What Do Sisters Do?"

If you are interested in attending, please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ, at marian.batho@csjboston.org or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.



GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

My thanks to all who have contributed so far to our Grand Annual Collection. As of April 4, we have received \$81,136 which is 50.7% of our goal of \$160,000. However at this point last year we had received \$87,033 or 54.4% of our total. So you can see we are just a little behind in comparison. So allow me to encourage everyone who has not yet given to give that suggested gift of \$200. More if possible. And of course less if your situation means your gift has to be smaller. Inflation is affecting everyone. Just let's all do the best we can. As in everything "welcome be the will of God!"

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

FAMILY NOTES, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24, 2022

Dear friends, Easter peace!

The news of the war in Ukraine grows worse with each day. I offer you all our Holy Father, Pope Francis' prayer of Consecration of Ukraine and Russia to Our Blessed Mother Mary's Immaculate Heart with the suggestion that they may be part of our daily prayers especially for the people of Ukraine.

God bless. JFH

ACT OF CONSECRATION

Mother Mary, we desire to welcome you into our lives and our history. At this hour, a weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you, to consecrate itself to Christ. The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice and poverty.

Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end, and peace spread throughout the world. The "Fiat" that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hope of the world.

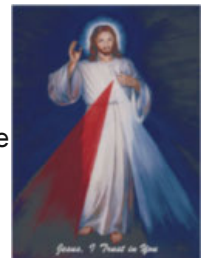
Through your intercession, may God's mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, prayer for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

THE SUNDAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is intended to proclaim and celebrate God's tender mercy, which is available to all who turn to Him with trust.

All are welcome to join us at Holy Family Parish on the Feast of Divine Mercy, **this Sunday, April 24th, from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.** The Holy Hour will include: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy, Singing the Chaplet of Mercy and Benediction. Pamphlets are available in the Main Church foyer and the Parish Information Center.



DIVINE MERCY PRAYER by Pope Saint John Paul II

GOD, merciful Father, in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have revealed your love and poured it out upon us in the Holy Spirit the Comforter.

We entrust to you today the destiny of the world and of every man and woman.

Bend down to us sinners, heal our weakness,
conquer all evil, and grant that all the peoples of the earth
may experience your mercy.

In You, the Triune God, may they ever find the source of hope.
Eternal Father, by the Passion and Resurrection of your Son,
have mercy on us and upon the whole world!

APRIL 24, 2022



Religious Education News and Calendar

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

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The Second Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel (John 20:19-31):

- ◆ Jesus greets His disciples with the gift of peace.
- ◆ Jesus then commissions His disciples to continue the work that He has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends His disciples out to spread the Good News.
- ◆ He gives His disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to do the work He is sending them out to do.

“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

The story of Thomas illustrates our faith experience today: **We are called to believe without seeing.** In fact, all Christians, after the first witnesses, have been called to believe in Jesus without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Because Thomas was human, he wanted real evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. (Imagine how hard it would be to know that you saw someone die and yet now, he or she is standing, alive, with you.)

Thomas could easily represent you or me. As humans, we often need proof that something is real or true. We want evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence... *“Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”*

CONFIRMATION: Please plan to join us tomorrow evening at 7 PM as our young candidates receive the Sacrament of Confirmation with the Very Rev. Father Bob Connors. All are welcome. Pray for us!

***Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed,
for we have not seen and yet believe!***

Divine Mercy Sunday – April 24

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God.

Pope John Paul II said, “... It is a message that is clear and understandable for everyone. Anyone can come here (to St. Faustina's tomb in Lagiewniki, Poland), look at this image of the merciful Jesus, His Heart radiating grace, and hear in the depths of his own soul what Blessed Faustina heard: **“Fear nothing. I am with you always.”** “And if this person responds with a sincere heart: **“Jesus, I trust in You,”** they will find comfort in all anxieties and fears....”



Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

BIBLE STUDY **with** **FR. JIM O'DRISCOLL**



Join Fr. O'Driscoll on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the St. Joseph Center for **in-person** study on the Book of Psalms.

OR

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

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Tuesday - Bible Study on the Book of Hebrews.

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April 24 ~ Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Listen again to the words Jesus speaks to us in our gospel: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He was speaking not only to the apostles, frightened and afraid as they gathered behind locked doors, but his message extends to each of us. Thomas let go of his fear and disbelief and expressed his faith with the words, "My Lord and my God." How will you express your faith in Jesus? Let that expression of your faith be part of your prayer this week. Hear Jesus hold you up as his disciples in these words: "Blessed are those who have not seen but believe."

Wellness Day for Grieving Mothers

For mothers who have lost children to substance use disorder.

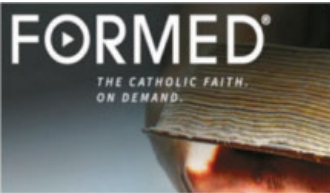
Saturday, April 30, 2022 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Our Lady of the Lake Church (Holy Apostles Parish)
575 Monponsett St., Halifax, MA 02338

Cost Per Person:

\$25.00 (Includes morning refreshments and lunch)
Space is limited, please register early by calling
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1. Divine Mercy 101 with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, "Divine Mercy is the urgent message of hope for our world." Learn the powerful devotion and graces associated with it in this dynamic presentation with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, filmed live at the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

Divine Mercy 101 provides a clear and concise overview of Divine Mercy and the role and mission of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), the apostle of Divine Mercy whom St. John Paul II called "a gift of God to our time." Jesus told St. Faustina, "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy."

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