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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

MASS SCHEDULE FOR

Saturday, May 7 4:00 PM Carol & William O'Brien
Sunday, May 8 10:00 AM Christine Wight and
Carrie Adelman

Sunday, May 15 10:00 AM Rosemary Dennehy

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.

Livestreaming of Mass is now available on the website at hollyfamilyrockland.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.

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!

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Project Rachel Retreats offer hope, healing and reconciliation in a confidential setting.



SPRING 2022 RETREATS
Saturday, May 14, Saturday, June 4

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For more information:
Project Rachel at (508) 651-3100
help@projectrachelboston.com

The next Ultreya at Holy Family will be on Friday, May 13th at 7:00 PM in the Main church. All are welcome. Please join us for an evening of Holy Mass, music, and a short witness talk from a member of our community.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

John R. Holmes, Gregory Burgess

BREADS AND WINE

The Breads and Wine for the month of May are in memory of Beatrice Botelho and Eleanor Kawa lovingly donated by Kathy and Fred Kawa.



Readings for the week of May 08, 2022

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/
Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Jn 15:9-17
Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/
Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Dear Friends,

At this point our Grand Annual Collection, with its goal of \$160,000, has received \$90,046 or 56.2% of that goal. At this point last year we had received \$98,859, or 61.7% of our goal.

I need to express my appreciation for your loyal support of Holy Family all through the pandemic and your generosity to our (perhaps too many) second collections. Further, I am aware of increasing inflation (the worst in 40 years!). So I'm finding it harder than usual to push for your generosity to the Grand Annual Collection. So, if you've given: thanks very much. If you haven't, as you can see we need your gift. And if \$200 is too much to ask for, just do the best you can. But simply put, we are behind and I have the job of asking for your help. Sorry.

Thanks and God bless. JFH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FAMILY NOTES, IV Sunday of Easter, May 8, 2022

Dear friends, Easter Peace!

THIS IS A TEACHING CONCERNING LEGALIZING PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE.

CHURCH'S TEACHING

A major issue for all of us is death and the often significant suffering that can approach with death. The Catholic Church teaches very significantly the theological principle of "double effect." Here's a brief summary: When administering a painkiller to the dying one must ask the question, "What is the goal?" A legitimate goal is the reduction or elimination of pain for the dying person. So morphine, for example, may be administered to a dying person to deal with pain or other effects of dying. But what if one of the side effects of the drug is the lessening of the dying person's length of life? Very wisely the Church allows that effect to be tolerated provided that taking of the person's life is not intended.

Here 's the teaching from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2276-79. "...the use of painkillers to alleviate the suffering of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either the end or a means but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable." So, two effects: one intended to help, the other tolerated but not intended.

The issue? God's 5th Commandment: "Thou shalt not kill." Direct euthanasia the "killing (of) the handicapped, sick, or dying persons is morally unacceptable." It "constitutes a murder gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God his/her Creator." Personally, as a priest, I have witnessed the extreme suffering that can afflict the dying and also happily noted that the administering of morphine, for example, induced a state of comfort and peace for both the patient and his/her loved ones.

THE PROPOSAL

The legislature of Massachusetts is considering to bills to legalize Physician Assisted Suicide. Here are some troubling facts:

1. The bill would allow a physician to provide a deadly drug mixture to an individual diagnosed with less than 6-months to live that, when consumed, would cause death. NOTE: The diagnosis could be wrong. Countless individuals have outlived that 6-month diagnosis and enjoyed many more precious months and years with family and friends. I offer myself as one who with the return of cancer was told that it would take his life. It did not! My medical team has called my survival a "miracle!" They were happy to be wrong. So was I!!!!
2. No Real Safeguards. A vulnerable individual who is physically disabled, depressed, or fears being a "burden" may be subject to undue influence by others to take the drug mixture, especially if there is a financial benefit as an incentive.
3. The primary focus of elected officials should be dedicated to legislation providing quality health care - particularly in the underserved, poor and minority communities that suffer the most at the time of need.

The Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts are strongly opposed to Physician Assisted Suicide as an affront to life and a dangerous precedent for determining end of life issues. Physicians are trained to care for the ill, not hasten their death!

How can your voice be heard?

Call or email your legislators, let them know you are a Massachusetts voter, and say NO Physician Assisted Suicide! Log on to www.macatholic.org and follow the links to find contact information for:

- Members of the legislative Joint Committee on Health Care Finance who will be considering these bills.
- Your individual State Senator and Representative via address and zip code link.

For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at 617-746-5630 for legislative contact information.

God bless! JFH

MAY 8, 2022



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 holyfamilyreligiousused@yahoo.com



“Do this in memory of me...”

Jesus touches our lives through the sacraments. Living a sacramental life is the great gift and calling of every Catholic, and we sometimes forget just how powerful and healing that is.

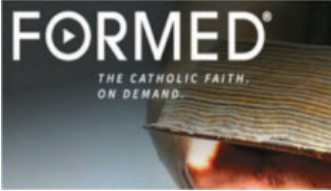


It is particularly important for us to teach children that sacraments are so much more than a ceremony to prepare for; they are signs of Jesus' presence in our lives and God's way of reaching down to us and offering us a lifelong gift—a gift of His grace. Please pray for our young people as they receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist.



*“The Body of Christ”
AMEN...*

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER



This week on FORMED® - May 8

1. Musical Selection: The Chaplet of Divine Mercy (19 Minutes) Many parishioners here at Holy Family have a deep devotion with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. In this video, this beautiful meditative prayer has been set to music and given a beautiful and sacred setting in this new rendition by composers, Gretchen and Bill

Wolaver. Comprising the entire length of the Chaplet, the musical setting is fully orchestrated with strings, winds, piano, organ and voices and provides a gorgeous prayerful experience. LINK: <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-chaplet-of-divine-mercy>

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The second season of our two-season program, Talking of Palliative Care, is now being broadcast on Catholic TV. Each season consists of thirteen half-hour episodes, each dedicated to a specific topic in Palliative Care. The first season is available at the Catholic TV website for streaming at your convenience. After the second season has fully aired, it too will be available on the Catholic TV website for viewing at your convenience. Please see www.CatholicTV.org for further information.

MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY

Marian Devotions are held during the month of May to honor the Virgin Mary as The Queen of May. Booklets and pamphlets for Marian devotions are available in the Church foyer and the information center by Mary's Chapel.



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 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.

May 8 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Again this week we hear that Paul and his companion Barnabas are speaking boldly about the word of God. When they met opposition among their fellow Israelites, they took their message to the Gentile communities. The key to evangelization is in the last line of the passage: "The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit". Perhaps an odd reaction to being "expelled from the territory" but not an odd reaction if sharing the story of God's love for us and Jesus' gift of salvation is what matters most. Try sharing the good news with another and notice the joy it gives you.



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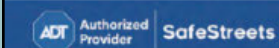
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