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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 Church10:00 am - Main Church7:00 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.
<b>Baptismal Arrangements:</b>	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

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH, ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS



Saturday, May 21 4:00 PM

Nancy Price and Dorothy Davis

Saturday, May 28 4:00 PM

John Gordon

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

Mary Talkowski, Patricia Lochiatto

#### **Banns of Marriage**

2. Sean F. Payne and Mari A. Nasser



## 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.



## **GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION**

#### Dear Friends,

At this point our Grand Annual Collection, with its goal of \$160,000, has received \$103,240 or 64.5% of that goal. At this point last year we had received \$114,160, or 71.3% 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

## **SEEKING HEALING AFTER ABORTION?**

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

SPRING 2022 RETREATS Saturday, June 4



Sponsored by the Project Rachel Ministry -Archdiocese of Boston Location is confidential. Pre-registration required. Limited to 10 participants.

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

#### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - THURSDAY, MAY 26

Vigil Mass: Wednesday, May 25 Feast Day Masses: Thursday, May 26 4:00 PM 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

#### GROWTH THROUGH GRIEF RETREAT FOR FATHERS AND FATHER FIGURES

A day of retreat for men affected by a loss from addiction and substance use disorder.

Date:	June 11	
Location:	Boston College High School,	
	150 Morrissey Blvd, Boston	
Time:	10am-4pm Light breakfast & lunch included	
Cost:	\$25 (cash or check on June 11)	

To register: Contact Karen Farrell at kfarrell@rcab.org or call 617-746-5843

#### Readings for the week of May 22, 2022

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5 -11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/

Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ /Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28 Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or

Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/

Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

## FAMILY NOTES, VI Sunday of Easter, May 22, 2022

## "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid"

Too many anxious Christians today think that their efforts to preach and teach and enter into outward activities can do more to save the world than the surrender of their souls to God, to become Christ-bearers. They believe that they can do more than our Lady did, and they have no time to stop to consider the absurdity of this. They fear that if the world goes on hurling itself into disaster, as it seems to be doing now, Christ's kingdom may be defeated. This is not so; Christ has given his word that he will be with and in his little flock until the end of the world. However dark our days seem to be for Christianity, they are not so dark as the night following the crucifixion must have seemed to the apostles. For that night Christ had already prepared them. He told them to wait: to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. He told them that he was going away, that they would no longer see him and know the consolation of his presence with them, but that it was better for them that he should go, and that the condition for the coming of the Holy Spirit, through whom he would live on in them, was his going (Jn 16:7-8).

Christ himself prepared for his Resurrection by resting in the tomb, just as he had prepared for his birth by resting in his Mother's womb. He did not call the legions of angels he could have called to fight back the forces of evil that had crucified him; he simply lay in the tomb at rest and, at the appointed moment in time, rose from death to renew the life of the whole world.

The apostles, like the modern apostles, were afraid, and with good cause.... They, with the Mother of Christ, alone stood for Christ's kingdom, and the murderous hatred of Christ's enemies pointed straight at them. But Christ told them simply to wait in the city until the Holy Spirit came to them; not to run away, not to make plans of their own, not to be troubled, with either their own recent failure and sin or concerning the danger that fenced them all around, but only to wait, with his Mother among them, for the coming of the Comforter who would make them strong, heal their wounds wash the stains from their souls, and be their joy.

Christ does not change, the preparation for the coming of the Spirit is the same today as two thousand years ago, whether it be for the rebirth of Christ in one soul that is in the hard winter, or for the return of Christ from the grave, whose bleed is shed again by the martyrs. The preparation is the same: the still, quiet mind, acceptance, and remaining close to the Mother of God, resting in her rest while the life of the world grew within her towards the flowering of everlasting joy.

Caryll Houselander

Caryll Houselander (*†* 1954) was a British artist, poet, and spiritual author. <u>Magnificat</u>, May 2022, Vol. 24, No. 3; pp 333-335

## MAY 22, 2022



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# **Ascension Thursday**

A Holy Day of Obligation - May 26, 2022

### What is the Ascension?

- The Feast of the Ascension is celebrated forty days after Easter Sunday.
- It is always on a Thursday.
- It marks the day that Jesus was taken gloriously up into heaven.

• After Jesus' Crucifixion (dying on the Cross) and Resurrection (rising from the dead), Scripture tells us, Jesus was seen for forty days before He ascended into heaven to be "seated at the right hand of God the Father." (Remember we have been hearing these past weeks in our readings about the different times Jesus has

appeared to his disciples - in the Upper Room, making them breakfast after a night of fishing, etc.)

• The Ascension is the third event in the cycle of Crucifixion-Resurrection-Ascension in which our Lord's life on earth ends with His being raised to live and reign gloriously with God forever.

The idea of Jesus saying goodbye to the disciples and ascending to God in heaven is an opportunity for all of us to hear His instructions and to live our lives accordingly.

### "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Just as Jesus sent his disciples out to make disciples of all nations, we have to remember that **we to are being called.** We are not that different from those who heard the teachings of the first disciples.

- We are members of the Church through our Baptism.
- The saints and other holy people are witnesses to Christian discipleship but so too are members of our family and our Holy Family Church.
- Everyone who helps us to understand what it means to be a Christian is doing what Jesus told his first disciples to do: Go forth and make disciples.

As Catholics we are obligated to participate in Mass on Ascension Thursday. For students and families there will be a vigil Mass on Wednesday, May 25 at 4:00 PM and an evening Mass on Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 PM. There is also a Mass on Thursday morning, May 26 at 9:00 AM.

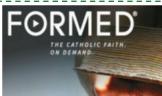
We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism our April babies: Charles Quincy, Violet Mae, and Reagan Rey







# SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER



# This week on FORMED® - May 22

To celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord on Thursday FORMED recommends the following shows.

#### 1. Episode 5 of Messiah - Ascension: At the Right Hand of God (28m)

God's plan is revealed, and the King mounts his throne. Hosted by acclaimed actor Leonardo Defilippis and filmed at nearly 30 locations in the US, Holy Land, and Rome. Click Here: <u>https://</u>

watch.formed.org/messiah-discover-the-one-the-prophets-foretold/videos/episode-5-ascension-at-the-right-hand-of-god

2. FOR KIDS: He Is Risen! The Power of the Resurrection (29m) Join Brother Francis as he celebrates the power and splendor of the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ in this moving and instructive animated presentation! Click Here: <u>https://watch.formed.org/</u><u>videos/he-is-risen-the-power-of-the-resurrection</u>

#### Signing up for FORMED®

- 1. Scan the QR Code to the right (which will give you the pop-up for the FORMED website link) OR
- 2. Go to signup.formed.org. on your phone, computer, tablet, or Smart TV.
- 3. Once there Enter our zip code (02370)
- 4. Choose Holy Family Parish from the drop-down menu
- 5. Click next and enter your name and email address
- 6. Click Sign Up and you are all set to start browsing! Need help getting registered call 781-871-1244.

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JESUS IS HERE

> JUNE 18, 2022 JesusIsHereBoston.org

#### TSONGAS CENTER AT UMASS LOWELL

Registration is 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!

The next <u>Ultreya</u> at Holy Family will be on Friday, June 17th 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.

#### 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:

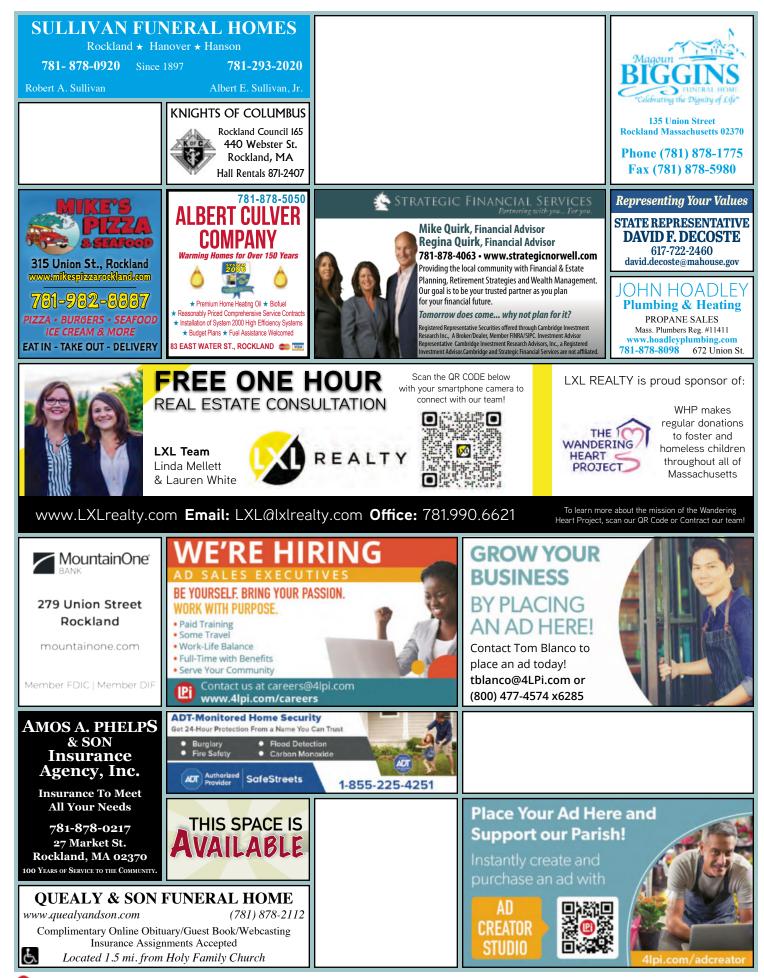
**Monday** Spiritual Book Club with Fr. Philippe's *Nine Days to Welcome Peace.* 

Tuesday - Bible Study on the Book of Hebrews.

# SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER LINE Call and ask for prayers for someone you know.

1-617-746-2054 Monday- Friday 9 AM- 4 PM

On weekends & after 4:00 PM, you may leave a prayer request message or visit <u>www.csjboston.org</u>



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