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Sept. 5, 29, 2021

Holy Family Parish Center—370 Middleboro Avenue—P.O. Box 619 East Taunton, MA 02718

Encounter Christ in the Sacraments

Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.
Daily Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.
(The rosary is prayed prior to daily Mass at 7:35 a.m.)

Sacrament of Confession:

Saturdays from 3-3:50 PM at Holy Family.

Eucharistic Adoration

(in the Parish Center temporary Chapel)
Mondays-Fridays 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment. Parents must contact the Priest or Deacon for an appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Those parishioners wishing to be married at our parish must contact the Priest or Deacon *at least 8 months* before the date of the wedding.

Visitation and Anointing of the Sick

We are pleased to anoint and/or bring Communion to any parishioner who cannot participate at Mass for reasons of illness or age. Please contact us.

Bulletin Submissions —

Please email bulletinholyfamily@gmail.com with any announcements at least one week in advance of the publication date.

Please Pray for the Following:

Gail Nigloschy & Family	Jim Aho
Evelyn Driscoll	Liam Quinn
Deborah Lewis	Lorraine Moisan
Mary daSilvia	Sylvia Medeiros
Steve Kennealy	Lorraine Rapoza
Carmen Sousa	Julia Lopes
Sr. Anita Marie	Marianne Powers
Steven Bois	Denis Candlen
Heather Gacheco	Jean Poole
Luzia & Adelino Grazito	Luke Sigler
Dennis Medeiros	Robin Benoit
Edward Kerrigan	Isabel Simao
Dan Dolan	Tony & Sharon Demerol
Donna Guay	Claire Fowler
Kevin Gallagher & Family	Kathryn Bond
"Special Intention"	Bridget Majkut
Marc DeSousa	AnnMarie McCann
Lindsey and Theo	Charles Dobrowolski
Janice Fitzpatrick	Joan Kelly
Paul Q	Dave Scully

Welcome

To any new parishioners or those who might be visiting our parish family this week! Please introduce yourself to the Fr. Gill or Deacon Kevin. We are so happy you have joined us!

About Us

Parish Center

438 Middleboro Ave., E. Taunton, MA 02718

Office Hours

Monday–Friday from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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Recurring Events

St. Vincent DePaul Society

2nd Wednesday at 7:00pm

Knights of Columbus

1st Wednesday at 7:00pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry

2nd Wednesday at 1:00pm

Confessions will be offered this week at the following dates/times in the church parking lot (or on the rectory front porch, in case of bad weather):
*Saturday, September 5th from 3-3:45pm (Fr. Matt Gill)

Congratulations to Shawn Bannister and Lauren Wiencek who were wed here last Saturday after having to postpone their wedding from 2020. Please congratulate them when you see them, and pray they have a long and beautiful life together, bound by their love for each other and our Lord.

On Sunday, September 19, 2021, at 12:10 p.m., the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Attleboro will be the location for the Mass celebrating the closure of the La Salette Triduum and the 175th Anniversary of the Apparition. The main celebrant will be Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States. Following the Mass, the permanent installation in the Shrine Church of newly restored stained-glass windows taken from the Mary Keane Chapel in Enfield, New Hampshire will be unveiled. All are welcome.

The Mens' prayer group has resumed meeting at 6:00 AM on Saturday mornings. All men are welcome to come to the parish center for prayer and fellowship.

FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION:

A reminder that registration for classes is now underway! We are currently in the early registration period. Anyone registering after September 10th will incur a \$10 late fee.

Our apologies as we stated in the family letter that classes begin on September 24th. Classes begin Saturday, September 25th. Again, we apologize for the error.

We are still looking for a few great teachers! If you are interested, please contact Kelli-Jo or Shannon at dre@holyfamilytaunton.org.

CORI training:

We need your help! Anyone who volunteers in any capacity here at Holy Family Parish (parish organizations, liturgical ministers, St. Vincent de Paul, Knights of Columbus, Faith Formation teachers/volunteers, etc.) must be CORI'd and take the Diocesan Safe Environment Training. If you need to renew your CORI, or take the Safe Environment training for the first time, please contact Shannon at dre@holyfamilytaunton.org.



MASS TIMES

Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021

8:00 AM John & Cecelia Majkut

4:00 PM John Zeiba

Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021

7:30 AM Collette LeClair

9:00 AM For the People

10:30 AM Louise Homen-1st Anniversary

Monday, September 6, 2021

8:00 AM Cecilia Darling-2nd anniversary

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

8:00 AM Mary Beth Jacinto

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

8:00 AM Evelyn Saba

Thursday, September 9, 2021

8:00 AM Ricarda Repoza

Friday, September 10, 2021

8:00 AM Louis & Mary Mello

Saturday, September 11, 2021

8:00 AM James Michael Cohn

4:00 PM Dora Dutra-5th Anniversary

Sunday, September 12, 2021

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish

9:00 AM Jose & Isaura Ferreira

10:30 AM Maria C. DeSousa

Monday, September 6th is Labor Day. The office will be closed in recognition of the holiday and there will **not** be Adoration on that day.

We were scheduled to hold our annual Century Club dinner on Saturday, October 23rd, however, we were notified by the Venus de Milo that they had a flood in the building that forced them to cancel all events in September and October. They will be calling us in early October to help us find a new date once they know when the new carpets and flooring will be completed. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding! As soon as we have a new date, we will let you know.

Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., has authorized a special collection in the Fall River Diocese to support the people of Haiti and recovery efforts in the Caribbean country following the massive earthquake and the tropical storm that battered the island only a few days later. The Fall River Diocese will forward the proceeds of this special collection to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Emergency Disaster Fund. **The second collection on Labor Day weekend will be for this cause.** This fund will support pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church in Haiti as well as the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and/or Catholic Charities USA, the relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs and aid in long-term rebuilding efforts there. Parishioners who choose to support the collection should make their check payable to their parish and note "Haiti Relief" in the memo section (but make the check out to "Holy Family"). In a letter to priests on the collection, Bishop da Cunha referenced the grim news being reported on Haiti since the earthquake: the substantial loss of life, the destruction of homes and buildings, and the scarcity of food and adequate shelter in many areas. The recent calamities in Haiti "only compound the challenges already facing our Haitian brothers and sisters who have long endured economic and political instability," the bishop noted. "It is clear that they need our help." He also asked that parishes remember the Haitian people in the intentions offered in the Prayers of the Faithful at Masses. "Along with financial assistance, we must also focus our prayers for their healing and for lasting recovery in the weeks and months ahead," he said. **Donations to the Haiti Relief collection may also be sent directly to the Fall River Diocese at 450 Highland Ave., Fall River, MA 02720. Please mark "Haiti Relief" on the check memo line as well as on the envelope.**

The Diocesan 40 hours of Adoration takes place on the 2nd Thursday of each month through the next year. Here at Holy Family, our 3 hours of participation are 3-6 PM, which falls during our regular Adoration time. The next one will be this coming Thursday, September 9th. We noticed in August that we had a number of additional Adorers come during that time, which is wonderful! The downside is, we didn't have enough room in the temporary chapel (which is even bigger than our regular chapel). In order to have enough room for everyone who would like to participate, we will be having Adoration on the 2nd Thursday of the month AT THE CHURCH unless otherwise noted. This will allow ample seating for all who would like to come and pray. Thank you all for making this a success, and please know that Adoration is available to you Monday-Friday from 11 AM-8 PM in the parish center, as well as First Saturday from 10 AM-3 PM. You are always most welcome to come and visit with our Lord.

We will be having our Fall Festival on Saturday, November 13th from 10 AM-4 PM at the Parish Center. There will be crafts, vendors, food, children's activities, and raffles. Vendor space is limited and is on a first come, first served basis. For more information, or if you'd like to reserve a vendor space, please refer to the applications available by the door, or email Vivian at vcourcy@gmail.com.

Would you like to donate flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one? We currently have several weekends available for flowers. The only times we can't have flowers on the altar would be during Lent and Advent, and we usually wait a bit after Easter and Christmas as the lilies and poinsettias last a couple of weeks after the Holy Days. If you would like to reserve a weekend with flowers, simply contact Tracey in the office. The donation for flowers is approximately \$70 (the cost of flowers has gone up, so the \$60 donation we kept for many, many years wasn't covering the cost). Thank you for helping to beautify the altar while remembering your loved one.

FALL CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

Due to continuing concerns about the pandemic, we have decided not to have the annual penny sale. As you know the penny sale was our most significant fundraiser. Last spring, thanks to your generosity, we held a very successful calendar fundraiser. From the feedback that we received many parishioners enjoyed and participated in it. We have decided to do a fall calendar with the drawing during December. We would greatly appreciate donations of cash, gift cards and lottery tickets. Thank you.

From Father Matt

It's a great joy to be back at Holy Family! As I mentioned on my first weekend, I was here East Taunton in the summer of 2013 as a seminarian. Coming back 8 years later I've been greeted by many familiar faces and have been reminded of many names. Thank you for your warm welcome and your patience.

For those of you whom I may not have met before, I am originally from Attleboro, where my parents still live. I went to Bishop Feehan and then on to college in Maryland (McDaniel College) to study Music and Environmental Science (admittedly, an odd combination but I enjoyed them both). Upon finishing college, I began formation for the priesthood at St. John's Seminary in Boston and was ordained in 2018. I had my first assignment on Nantucket (St. Mary, Our Lady of the Isle) for the first few months as a temporary assignment before going to Our Lady of Victory and Our Lady of the Assumption on the Cape. I was also blessed to work with the Hispanic Community of St. Francis in Hyannis for several years and will continue Hispanic Ministry here at St. Mary's in Taunton.

Coming back to Holy Family after 3 years of priesthood brings back many fond memories. I remember several kayaking trips with parishioners, bring Holy Communion to the homebound and a wonderful Marian Consecration group!

My hope and goal here at Holy Family is to set Christ as the cornerstone of our families. When we build our lives around Christ everything else falls into place. We keep Him at the center by devoutly and reverently celebrating Mass, receiving His mercy in Confession, being filled with His Divine life in Baptism as well as the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. We keep lay Christ as the cornerstone in our families by praying together and fostering vocations to Marriage, the Priesthood and Religious Life. And we care for our elderly and infirm with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. My hope and my goal is to keep Jesus at the center of our lives through these Sacraments. And as we strive to keep Him front and center we turn to Our Blessed Mother and to St. Joseph, that they may intercede for us and help us to be faithful to their Son.

Please pray for me, that I might have the wisdom and fortitude necessary to serve this wonderful parish and please know that all of you are in my prayers every day.

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Fr. Matt

The parish center office will be closed from September 9-September 14th, re-opening on September 15th. If you need immediate assistance during that time, please call the rectory at 508-824-5665. If it's not urgent, please leave a voicemail for Tracey at the office (508-824-5707) or send an email and she will respond once she is back in the office. Thank you so much for your understanding!

Bishop da Cunha will celebrate adult Confirmation on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at St. Mary's Cathedral for any adult who is at least 18 years of age and has been instructed for Confirmation. Online sessions (via Zoom) will begin on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. In-person sessions will begin on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Julie Billiart Church Hall in North Dartmouth. The registration fee of \$45 is payable, in advance, to the Diocese of Fall River. If you are over 18, have received baptism and first communion, but not confirmation, please contact Shannon or Kellie-Jo in our Faith Formation office to register for the classes for adult confirmation.

Maysoon Khair will be at our church in September 11 & 12, 2021 representing school of Joy for slow learner children and over a hundred Christian families who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles. Due to the bad situation in the Holy Land and the interruption of the tourist trade that is happening with our Christian families in Bethlehem, they must seek alternative ways to earn a living. After all masses there will be a display of these beautiful hand carved items; such as nativity scenes, crucifix, rosaries, last supper and many other beautiful religious statues. Please stop by and look over the carvings that are available and help support this self-help project to keep the Children and the Christians living in the Holy Land. Thank you and God Bless you

On Wednesday, September 8th at 6 PM, please join others on the Berkley Common (1 North Main Street, Berkley) to pray for our great country. A few local religious leaders will guide attendees with some short prayers. All are welcome. This is a non-denominational and non-political event. Rain date is Thursday, September 9th, 2021 at 6 PM.



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