



## THE NATIVITY *of the Lord*

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you  
who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:11

December 25 & 26, 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:

**Mondays from 4-5 PM at Holy Family.**

**Saturdays from 3-3:45 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](mailto:bulletinholyfamily@gmail.com) with any announcements at least one week in advance of the publication date.

## Please Pray for the Following:

Charles Kasparian  
Dina Marie Lapointe  
Ed and Fran Goslin  
Beryl Thrasher  
Gail Nigloschy & Family  
Evelyn Driscoll  
Deborah Lewis  
Mary daSilvia  
Steve Kennealy  
Carmen Sousa  
Sr. Anita Marie  
Steven Bois  
Heather Gacheo  
Luzia & Adelino Grazito  
Dennis Medeiros  
Edward Kerrigan  
Dan Dolan  
Donna Guay  
Kevin Gallagher & Family  
"Special Intention"

Lindsey and Theo  
Janice Fitzpatrick  
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Jim Aho  
Lorraine Moisan  
Sylvia Medeiros  
Lorraine Rapoza  
Marianne Powers  
Denis Candlen  
Luke Sigler  
Robin Benoit  
Isabel Simao  
Tony & Sharon Demerol  
Claire Fowler  
Kathryn Bond  
Bridget Majkut  
AnnMarie McCann  
Joan Kelly  
Dave Scully

## A Warm 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.

### Phone Numbers

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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

**We have 4 regular Adorers** that are either going away for the winter months, or are unable to do their weekly hour for a month or two beginning in December. We have a list in the chapel for anyone willing to sign up to take an hour, or two... or three... If you've been on the fence about taking a permanent hour, why not try this temporary Adoration to grow in your prayer life? Currently we have December and January posted, but as we begin the new year, we'll also post the temporary vacant hours for February and March. Thank you for considering this wonderful spiritual opportunity!



**MASS TIMES**

**Friday, December 24, 2021 (Christmas Eve)**

4:00 (Church) Brett Ploude-6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 4:00 (PC) Carl & Dora Dutra, Charles & Wilhelmina Dutra, Joyce H. Gaddy, Janice Frates, Beatrice Lagace

**Saturday, December 25, 2021 (Christmas)**

Midnight The Plentus Family  
 10:00 AM For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, December 26, 2021**

7:30 AM Theodore (Jeff) Aleixo, Sr.  
 9:00 AM Jacinto & Maria Paiva  
 10:30 AM Stephen Thrasher

**Monday, December 27, 2021**

8:00 AM Rev. Donal O'Neill  
 Cornelius O'Neill

**Tuesday, December 28, 2021**

8:00 AM Carlos Melo

**Wednesday, December 29, 2021**

8:00 AM Jean Poole

**Thursday, December 30, 2021**

8:00 AM Special Intention

**Friday, December 31, 2021**

8:00 AM Michael & Maureen Carney  
 5:00 PM Angel Tree/For the People of the Parish

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

8:00 AM Maria Medeiros  
 4:00 PM For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

7:30 AM Jeanette DeAndrade-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
 9:00 AM Betty Murray-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
 10:30 AM John M. Borges-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**URGENTLY NEEDED!!**  
**SUBSTITUTE ADORERS**  
**THANK YOU to the regular weekly adorers for the sacrifices and love in being faithful to your holy hour. You are one of more than a million adorers who have made this commitment in chapels of adoration throughout the world, especially our very own Holy Family Adoration Chapel. Every hour is a vital link in an unbroken chain of love offered to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and in order for that chain not to be broken we need the support of back-up adorers to cover our chapel's empty hours. In order to assist our regular adorers, it's vital that we have a pool of substitute adorers who would be able to fill in occasionally in the event of illness, vacation, appointments, etc., that our regular adorers may need coverage for. Have you considered taking part in Adoration, but can't make a weekly commitment? This is the perfect opportunity for you to take part in Adoration once in a while. If you are interested in helping, please contact Merle Coughlin at 508-813-3634. Thank you so much!**

**There will not** be Faith Formation classes Christmas weekend or New Year's Day weekend. Classes will resume the weekend of January 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. We hope you have an enjoyable Christmas and school vacation!

**The parish office** will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**CORI training:**

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 Carol LaCourse at [cori@holyfamilytaunton.org](mailto:cori@holyfamilytaunton.org). Carol will be taking care of all CORIs going forward so that Shannon and Kellie-Jo can focus solely on Faith Formation.

**The Men's' 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.

**Just a reminder** for those unable to attend Mass in person yet, we do livestream the 4pm and 10:30 AM Masses each week on our Facebook page. You can also access it if you are not on FB by going to our website ([hfparrish.net](http://hfparrish.net)) and then click the little blue box with the white "f" in it in the upper right corner of the website main page. Just scroll down to the "live" Mass and take part from the comfort of your home.

**Adoration has moved** back into the chapel as of November 1<sup>st</sup>. While we have not roped off any pews, we do ask that out of courtesy for those praying in the chapel that you allow yourself an empty pew between yourself and other Adorers as the chapel is a smaller space. We have also purchased an air purifier with exceptional ratings to filter the air in the chapel. Additionally, we continue to strongly recommend masks for all those in the chapel regardless of vaccination status. Thank you for your understanding!

**Thank you all** for all the donations to St. Vincent de Paul for Thanksgiving and Christmas! Our parishioners are always so incredibly generous and we are truly grateful and humbled by your kindness. We were able to supply each family with a food basket for Christmas dinner, additional groceries, and gift cards to purchase gifts for their children. Again, thank you for your help in making this Christmas a special one for all the families we were able to assist this year! We couldn't do it without all of you!

**If you would like** to check out FORMED, you can access it through our website, and then use the password: GDC829. Give it a try, especially this Advent and Christmas season!

**The Office of Vocations is hosting a Discernment Day for Men** age 18+ at St. John Neumann Parish in East Freetown on Sunday, January 2, 2022, from 1:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. During the afternoon we will have lunch together, Eucharist Exposition, a reflection on discernment, and time with the seminarians. If you know of someone interested, please have them contact Father Jack Schrader, the Assistant Vocations Director at [frschrader@fallrivervocations.org](mailto:frschrader@fallrivervocations.org).

**Please be sure** to help yourself to a 2022 Catholic wall calendar for home. They can be found at the entrances to the church, as well as at the parish center.

**We have prayer shawls** available if you know someone who may be ill or frail who would like one. Even though our prayer shawl ministry has yet to resume monthly meetings due to Covid, the members have still been making beautiful prayer shawls for those who would benefit from one. If you'd like one, simply stop by the office during regular hours, and we can give you one.

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter / Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial**

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>. "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Take time for your marriage by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

**The Mass book opens** for July 1-December 31, 2022 on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. You may book up to 3 Mass intentions for that time period to allow an opportunity for others to also reserve Masses. Anyone who celebrated a funeral here at Holy Family this year will automatically have a first anniversary Mass reserved on a weekend close to their anniversary. In addition to the 3 Masses during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2022, if there are any weekday Masses still available for the first 6 months of 2022, you may book more Masses during that time frame. All the weekend Masses from January-June are already reserved. To reserve a Mass, please email Tracey at [secretary@holyfamilytaunton.org](mailto:secretary@holyfamilytaunton.org), call the office (you may leave a message as well), or stop by during regular office hours. The offering is \$10 per Mass.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** will be celebrated with a special Mass of Thanksgiving for couples observing significant wedding anniversaries (including first year) during 2022. This celebration will take place on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Fall River. If you would like an invitation, please let your Pastor know as soon as possible.

**If you are in need...** don't be afraid to reach out! We have our St. Vincent de Paul society at Holy Family that assists those in the East Taunton community struggling to make ends meet. They can be reached at the main parish number, but then choose extension 3 to leave a voicemail and one of our Vincentians will return your call.



**Merry Christmas!** Advent has ended, and we are now in the Christmas season! The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Mass on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 9th. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him, including the fact that he was born to die for us.

**As you make plans** for Christmas, please note the Mass times here at Holy Family Church. We would love for you to invite your family and friends to join us for Mass if they're visiting you.

**(Christmas Eve) Friday, December 24** DUAL Masses at 4:00 PM at the Parish Center and the Church.

**(Christmas Day) Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>** Midnight Mass in the Church  
10:00 AM Mass in the Church

**Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>:** Regular Mass times (7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 10:30 AM)

**Friday, December 31, 2021** Daily 8:00 AM Mass and then 5:00 PM vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary

**Saturday, January 1, 2022** Daily Mass at 8:00 AM and the Sunday vigil Mass at 4:00 PM

**Sunday, January 2, 2022** Regular Mass times (7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM)

Please note that Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation, so attending Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day fulfills your obligation for Christmas. There is *no 4:00 PM vigil Mass on Saturday, December 25th*, so we encourage you to also attend a Mass on Sunday, December 26th, to fulfill your Sunday Mass obligation.



Because the Solemnity of Mary falls on a Saturday this year (January 1<sup>st</sup>), the obligation is lifted, though we certainly encourage you to come to Mass if you are able to. We are offering the 5:00 PM Vigil on 12/31, in which we will pray for the intentions on the Angel Trees, as well as offering the daily 8:00 AM Mass on Saturday, 1/1/22, for the Solemnity of Mary Holy Day.

**Adoration will end early** at 3:00 PM on both Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Additionally, January 1<sup>st</sup> falls on First Saturday this year, so there will not be First Saturday Adoration for the month of January. There will be First Friday Adoration on Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**ON THE SECOND DAY OF CHRISTMAS...** Please join us on Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, as we make a trip to LaSalette in Attleboro to see their beautiful Christmas lights display. We will meet at the parish center parking lot at 4:00 PM and plan on arriving at LaSalette by 5:00. After viewing the displays and lights, we will be heading out to a local restaurant for dinner around 7:00 (this is optional as each person is responsible for the cost of his/her food).

We are unable to provide transportation, so please plan accordingly with your family and friends to join us in the Holy Family caravan of cars heading to LaSalette!

Please email Shannon and Kellie-Jo at [dre@holyfamilytaunton.org](mailto:dre@holyfamilytaunton.org) to let us know if you will be joining us or if you have any questions. We're looking forward to this night and hope many of you can come along as we continue the celebration of the Christmas season!

**The final drawing** for our raffle calendar will be this Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM on Facebook live (as long as the wifi connection cooperates!). We want to thank everyone for your support with this incredibly successful fundraiser! We sold just over 670 calendars at \$10 each, so we made just over \$6,700! It was a huge team effort beginning with the amazing prizes that were donated and then the folks that purchased raffle chances and sold them to family and friends. Thank you all so very much for your help! With not having a Penny Sale this year, the 2 calendar raffles we had in 2021 greatly assisted us with our parish expenses.

**At the side doors** of the church, please take home the "True Meaning of Christmas" book that we've purchased for our parishioners. It's a wonderful read to help prepare ourselves for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Please feel free to take an extra copy for someone you know who may want one as well!

**Registrations are still ongoing** for the 2021-2022 Century Club. It's open to all ages and is a great support for our parish! As a paid member, you'll be entered into 10 monthly drawings of \$25 each, enjoy a wonderful dinner at the end of the term, and be entered into the large raffle that we draw the night of the dinner. If you pay in full, the cost is \$100. You may also pay \$10 monthly for 10 months and can join anytime! Registration forms are available by the entrances of the church and at the parish center.



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