



Holy Name Parish

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Riley J. Williams
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Laurent Valliere
School Principal: Mr. David J. Flanagan
Director of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry:
Ms. Dorothy Mahoney-Pacheco
Director of Music: Mr. Erik Thompson

SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Mass - 4:00 pm Saturday;
Sundays: 8:30, 10:30, and 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 AM (Monday - Friday)
8:00 AM (Saturday and Holidays)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. and 3:15-3:45 p.m.
Anytime by appointment - please contact Fr. Williams.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ROSARY

Twenty-five Minutes before Daily Mass
Monday - Saturday

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment. Parents must contact
the Pastor for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact the Pastor AT LEAST EIGHT MONTHS
before the date of the wedding. No arrangements should be
made for a reception until you have made arrangements
with the Church.

VISITATION AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We are pleased to anoint and/or bring Holy Communion to
any parishioner who cannot participate at Mass
for any legitimate reason. Please contact us.

Holy Name Parish Mission Statement

Holy Name Parish is a Eucharistic Family of Faith, united with
Catholic people throughout the world. Nourished by Word and
Sacrament, we strive to help each member grow in their Faith.
We seek to imitate Christ by assisting others in their spiritual and
material needs, as we journey toward achieving our ultimate goal
of eternal life.

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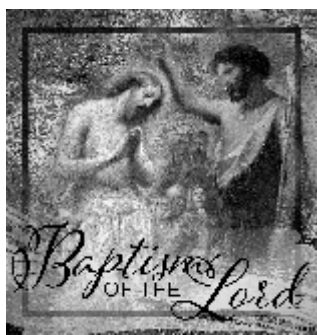
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Welcome to New Parishioners

If you are new to our Parish, we offer you a warm welcome.
We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence,
and your stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure. We would
be happy to have you be a registered member(s) of our parish.
It's easy to do. Call Fr. Williams at 508-679-6732 to set up
a time to meet with him and be registered.



**JANUARY 8 & 9, 2022
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**



Saturday	01/08	4:00 p.m.	William Mello
Sunday	01/09	8:30 a.m.	William H. Kilroy
		10:30 a.m.	Katherine Danehy
		5:00 p.m.	Charles Joseph Hodkinson, Jr.
Monday	01/10	7:00 a.m.	Julia Simbro, 1st Anniversary
Tuesday	01/11	7:00 a.m.	William Mello, 5th Anniversary
Wednesday	01/12	7:00 a.m.	John L. Rego, 5th Anniversary
Thursday	01/13	7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Friday	01/14	7:00 a.m.	Rita Sbrega
Saturday	01/15	8:00 a.m.	Drew Almeida & Family
		4:00 p.m.	Sr. M. Wilfred Plichta
Sunday	01/16	8:30 a.m.	Robert & Dorothy Matthews
		10:30 a.m.	Walter & Melinda Frey
		5:00 p.m.	Maria & Jose Bernardo

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING
January 1 & 2, 2021**

Note: The Sacrificial Giving Amounts for January 1 & 2 will be in next weekend's Bulletin.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

In Baptism we have become children of God. We are called to live a life of holiness. Am I being called to the consecrated Religious Life (as a Sister or Brother), to the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, to the Dedicated Single Life or to the Sacrament of Holy Orders (as a Priest or Deacon).

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2022: If you would like to schedule Mass Intentions for 2022, please call the rectory (508-679-6732) Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH? WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A REGISTERED MEMBER? It's very easy. Call Fr. Williams at the Parish Office (508-679-6732). If he is not available when you call, leave a message with your phone number and he will get back to you. Welcome to all our new parishioners!

From the Pastor's Desk

Can Catholics believe in Aliens?

A strange question it may seem, I'm sure. Yet it was reported in late December of last year that, back in 2016, NASA had gathered a group of theologians of different faiths to reflect on how the discovery of extraterrestrial life – i.e., alien life – would impact different faith systems. The general consensus was that, different as the various faiths are, discovery of life on other planets wouldn't prove to be that much of a challenge to what is already believed.

The website Futurist.com further reports:

"The headline findings are that adherents of a range of religious traditions report that they can take the idea in their stride," Rev. Dr. Andrew Davison, an Anglican priest and theologian at University of Cambridge who took part in the program, said in a new book about the initiative titled "Astrobiology and Christian Doctrine."

Davison added that the non-religious community at large tends to "overestimate the challenges that religious people" would encounter if we ever discovered evidence of alien life.

If you went to Fr. Robert Spitzer's talk a couple of months ago, you would have heard him give a similar reply. In an article on the subject he said,

First, it is possible that non-intelligent alien life exists in the universe... given the fact that there are a billion trillion stars with almost as many exoplanets within the habitable zone of those stars.

This does not imply anything about God's creation, the human soul, or God's salvific intention. It merely shows the heights and breadth of His imagination and creative power.

So what does the Church say about life on other planets? It may exist – we have to leave that discovery up to scientists. If and when extraterrestrial life is found, it makes no difference to our faith. Fr. Spitzer can finish this column better than I can:

I would assume that if aliens really existed, and they were like us -- having self-reflectivity, freedom of choice, moral reasoning, a capacity for empathy and love, and an awareness of the transcendent and spiritual, then they probably have souls (just like our souls). If they do have souls, and have the capacity for freedom, moral reasoning, love and empathy, and a transcendent and spiritual life, then we must assume that they can choose either good or evil, and even a life that is oriented toward good (God) or evil (just like we can). If this is the case, then we should not be shunning them, but instead trying to evangelize them.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



WELCOME to a new member of God's Family of Faith, the Church. *Isaiah Michael Cesar* received the Sacrament of Baptism here at Holy Name. Congratulations to his Parents, Godparents and Family.

IN SUPPORT OF LIFE

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect His glory in the world." From the U.S. Bishops Pro-Life Activities, *"The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary."*



RESPECT FOR LIFE COMMITTEE

Please join us in collaboration with the Diocese of Fall River in 9 months of prayer and fasting to overturn **Roe v. Wade** on the 22nd of each month starting November through July 2022. The court will hear oral arguments on December 1, 2021 and the decision is expected to take place in June 2022. Ways to pray include a Divine Mercy Chaplet, a Rosary or Eucharistic Adoration. Ways to fast include fasting from a vice or one or more meals.

The next **Respect for Life** committee meeting will take place on **January 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Holy Name School community room. Please email Michelle Sylvaria if you have any questions at msylvaria@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #86

The Holy Name Parish Knights of Columbus Council #86 will have their monthly meeting **next Sunday, January 16 at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Name School.** Men interested in becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus (a Charitable and Fraternal Council) may contact Knight David Pacheco at 774-888-7293 or Grand Knight Everett Miranda, at emir1270@comcast.net. Their mission is to be a benefit society to Holy Name Parish and the wider community. The **FOUNDER OF THE KNIGHTS**, Fr. Michael McGivney, was just **declared BLESSED by the Church, the final step before being declared a Saint.** Please pray that, if it be God's will, he will be declared a Saint.

HOLY NAME MEMORIAL PLAQUE

OUR NEW MEMORIAL PLAQUE HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE BACK WALL OF OUR CHURCH ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE. These Plaques serve as memorials for deceased parishioners, family members or friends. Each name plate may serve as a Memorial for a donation of \$100.00. If you wish to have such a memorial for a loved one, please call the Parish Office (508-679-6732).



OUR LADY OF GRACE ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Chapel, located to the right of the Sanctuary (as you look from the pews), is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The entrance is at the top of the ramp on the right side of the Church. Come and spend some time in prayer and peace with our Lord.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

THE HOLY NAME VOCATION PRAYER CROSS is being taken home this week by Jacqueline Duhancik and next week by Debbie Mello. The Cross and Prayer Book should be picked up in the Sacristy and **returned there the following week.**

PARISH PRAYER LINE

If you have any prayer petitions please call Debbie @ 508-678-8006, Nancy @ 508-567-6556, or Pat at 508-678-1766.

PRAYERS

We remember the sick and recuperating of our parish: Lenora Baker, Frankie Pimental, Maureen Ahern, Sheila Oliveira, Carol Power, Paula Costa, Helen Mello, Jo-Ann Carr, Claire Flores, Rosemary Reagan, Nicholas Suneson, Maria Victoria Montaya, Frances Bernard, Robert Lariviere, Sarah Hague, Margaret Ryan, Evelyn Lavoie, Alfred Audet, Normand Lariviere, Tina Rachel, Rachel Thibault, Louise Brouillard, Denise Castro, Philip & Mary Streeter, John Cormier, Marge Lavoie, Austin, Seferino Lecchi, Agnes P. Raposa, Kathy Fleming, Ed Arruda, Roger Hebert, Jim Richner, Dennis King, Lorraine Silveira, Mary Arruda, Laurence Lopes, the Perez Garcia Family, Cecilia Wrobel, Christine Napier, Georgette Levesque, Diana Dolan, Paul Boucher, Marjorie McHenry, Ed Johnson, Mark Lawton, Marnee Lancashire, Peter Pacheco, Jacob Charette, Lisa Andromalos, Taylor Beaulieu, Robert Carr, Chris Lyons, Charles O'Hearn, George M. Abdow, Karen Benevides, Alex Silvia Rogers, Tim Travis, Paul Chretien, Steve Lopes, Michael Santos, Raechel Maddock, Jack McElhinney, Jean Coursen, Margaret Lynch, Constance Daley, Robert & Denise Rebello, and Ron Benevides.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Diocese continues to offer online support groups and hopes to offer live sessions in the Spring. These online virtual programs are being offered through Catholic Social Services on Tuesdays. The links to register for either of the one-hour sessions are as follow: 4:30 PM - <https://bit.ly/SupportGroup4> or 7 PM - <https://bit.ly/SupportGroup7>. In addition to the online sessions, one-on-one sessions are also offered via phone. For more information, contact Rose Mary Saraiva at 508-674-4681 Ext. 1111 or 774-253-4097, or by email at rsaraiva@cssdioc.org.

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HOLY NAME SCHOOL

HOLY NAME SCHOOL is accepting applications for most grades for the current School Year. If you are interested in learning more about the wonderful programs at our school, making arrangements for an “in person” visit and/or enrolling your child or children, please call Holy Name School at 508-674-9131 or Fr. Williams at 508-679-6732. **Please ask about FINANCIAL AID that is available.**

ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL

A Financial Report for the Past Fiscal Year for our Parish and an invitation to participate in this year’s ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL has been mailed to all registered parishioners. In the past your generosity has helped us to undertake extraordinary repairs of our buildings and property. We have tried, with the help of our Parish Finance Council, to be good stewards of the generosity of our parishioners and benefactors. During these difficult times we simply ask you to do your best to contribute to the ongoing success of our Annual Appeal. Returns can be made through the collection basket at Mass, by mail, or by dropping it off at the Parish Office (located in the Rectory). **If you did not receive the Annual Parish Appeal mailing please call the rectory at 508-679-6732.** If each family does its fair share, we will have another Successful Appeal. As of **January 4**, we have received **\$40,298.50** from **202 Families**. **THANK YOU!**

SACRED HEART/HOLY NAME FOOD PANTRY

WE ARE GRATEFUL to the men and women of our parish who assist at the **Sacred Heart/Holy Name Food Pantry** each Monday at the former St. Bernadette’s Parish. **Food Donations** may be dropped off at the former St. Bernadette’s on **Mondays, from 1 - 3 p.m.** The **PANTRY COULD USE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:** Macaroni and Cheese, Peanut Butter, Canned Spaghetti & Meatballs & Ravioli, Hearty Soups and Stews, Canned Clam Chowder, Canned Fruits and Jelly/Jams. **Financial Donations** may be mailed to 709 Hanover Street, Fall River, MA, or dropped off at the Parish Office (same address). Please make checks payable to **“Sacred Heart/Holy Name Food Pantry.”** **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** may now be brought to Church at the Weekend Masses and placed in the Bins at the Front Entrance of Church. **THANK YOU.**

WORKS OF CHARITY, WORKS OF MERCY

In these strange times we are encouraged to look for any opportunity to give charity and/or mercy to our brothers and sisters. **REMEMBER THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY:** Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, cloth the naked, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead. **REMEMBER THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY:** Admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive all injuries, and pray for the living and the dead. We would all be wise to increase our participation in these works of mercy.

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