

# *Holy Family Parish*



## EASTER SUNDAY



The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. - Lk 24:1b-3

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**April 20, 2025**

**Holy Family Parish—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 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

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**

Monday – Friday 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.

## Please Pray for the Following:

Alberto DeNobrega	Kevin Gallagher & Family
AnnMarie McCann	Kimberly Rishi
Angela Fowler Ford	Leah Keonecke
Andrew Lippold	Linda Michaud
Beryl Thrasher	Luz Davis
Bridget Majkut	Luzia Gravito
Carol Ann Nogueira	Lynda Henderson
Carol Young	Manuel DaSilva
Charles Kasparian	Maria DaSilva
Colleen, Carolyn & Cristin Andrews	Marianne Powers
Denis Candlen	Marylou Grady
Dennis Medeiros	Maureen Rose
Dina Marie Lapointe	Michael Burns
Doug Bingham	Nena & Dick Hozshuher
Edward Kerrigan	Patricia Mulcahy
Heather Pacheco	Paula Cookingham
Helen Legere	Robin Benoit
George Donovan	Ruth Beauchamp
George Corliss	Scott Souza
Ian Grady	Shirley Goodwin
Isabel Simao	Steve Kennealy
Jeff Keonecke	Steven Bois
Jill Balassa -Ryan	Teresa Rogers
Joan Kelly	Tim, Emily & Caleb Andrews
Joyce Frechette	Tom O'Sullivan
Judy Aguiar	Tony & Sharon Demerol
Judy Bullock	Tony Rodrigues
Judy Morin	Will Courcy
Kathryn Bond	" A Special Intention"
Ken Ashworth	



To any new parishioners or those who might be visiting our parish family this week! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and 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**

Rectory: 508-824-5665

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### **Parish Staff**

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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 of the month, from 1-2:30pm

Holy Family Men's Group

Every Thursday 6:30-8:00pm

## Bulletin Submissions

Please email [bulletin@holyfamilytaunton.org](mailto:bulletin@holyfamilytaunton.org) with any announcements at least one week in advance of the publication date.

**Divine Mercy Novena** - Please join us in praying the **Divine Mercy Novena**. The Novena will begin on Good Friday and run for nine consecutive days as we prepare for the Feast of the Divine Mercy, Sunday April 27, 2025. The Prayers will be available at the doors of the church to assist you with this beautiful Novena. Our Lord told St Faustina, "*I desire that during these nine days*

*you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw...strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in hardship of life, and especially at the hour of death"* (Diary, 1209)

Prayers will be said in the Adoration Chapel Mon 4/21 -Fri 4/25 at 3pm and then Sat 4/26 at 3pm in the Church and Sun 4/27 at 3pm at a Holy Hour for Divine Mercy Sunday.

**Attention All Parents and Grandparents of Teens!**



**Win a Full Drivers Ed Scholarship to Lomba's Driving School.**

The school was very generous and offered a full Drivers Ed Program, a \$1,000 value, to be raffled off to help defray

the cost of our Roman Pilgrimage Trip. Tickets are \$20 each and will be available starting this weekend after all masses and at the parish office during office hours. The drawing will be on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Pasta Dinner Fundraiser.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Holy Saturday April 19, 2025**

8:00 AM Office of Reading & Morning Prayers  
8:00 PM Easter Vigil - For the People (Bilingual)

**Easter Sunday April 20, 2025**

7:30 AM Maria Medeiros, Claire Fowler, Anne Marie Bossé  
9:00 AM Antonio Correia  
10:30 AM Idelta Inacio & José G. Inacio

**Monday April 21, 2025**

8:00 AM Henrique Sousa

**Tuesday April 22, 2025**

8:00 AM Mary Lee Parker

**Wednesday April 23, 2025**

8:00 AM John F Goodwin

**Thursday April 24, 2025**

8:00 AM John M Borges, Patricia Lima  
Katherine & Marybeth Lima

**Friday April 25, 2025**

8:00 AM Silvia Rico

**Saturday April 26, 2025**

8:00 AM Linda McAloon  
4:00 PM Beatrice Cardin-Lagrace

**Sunday April 27, 2025**

7:30 Jose & Maria Maranhas  
9:00 Lucille Emond 1st year Anniversary  
10:30 AM The People of the Parish

***Stand out for Life!***



**1:00-3:00 PM, Sunday April 27th  
4 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA**

Join us in Bridgewater to proudly stand up for babies in the womb! We'll pray the Rosary in the town center, hold pro-life signs, and hear a guest speech from Robert Joyce, Esq., a Catholic pro-life lawyer! Pizza will be provided. For more info and to sign up, scan the QR code or email [dionisi@aol.com](mailto:dionisi@aol.com)



***The Parish office will be CLOSED on Monday April 21<sup>st</sup> in honor of Patriots Day. There will be Adoration as usual.***



### **An Invitation to Our Parish Family**

You are warmly invited to join us on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 11:00 AM for a Baccalaureate Mass celebrating Madison Cable. Following the Mass, there will be a reception at the Parish Center. Please kindly RSVP by signing up on the sheets located at the church entrances over the next couple of weeks. This will help us plan accordingly for the meal. Many of you have seen Madison grow up in our parish, and you all play an important role in her life. We hope you can join us on this special day!

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord** - Do you know that God is part of your marriage? The Sacrament of marriage is holy. In the Acts of the Apostles 10:37-38, 43, it says, "Peter proceeded to speak and said: You know what has happened all over Judea, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed, for God was with him. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." God anoints your marriage. He heals your relationship. He will show you how to forgive one another. Marriage encounter couples present talks about God's desire, about healing and forgiveness, and other tools to help enrich your relationship. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME.org). Some of the dates to sign up are:



**April 25-27, 2025, in East Sandwich, MA**



**June 27-29, 2025, in Huntington, NY**

**August 15-17, 2025, at Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Matt & Julie King at 978-870-5646 or <https://wwwmema.org/>.

**FORMED...** Please be sure to browse through the many offerings on our FORMED subscription. Simply register with your email at [formed.org](http://formed.org) and then use our PW: GDC829 to gain access. This is an excellent way to dedicate some screen time to Jesus for Lent. You will grow closer to Jesus and learn about your faith and to share the faith as a family. There's great Catholic offerings for kids, cartoons and engaging and interactive fun for all ages. We also have a banner in the Parish Center, you can just scan the QR code.



**Lectio Divina Bible Study**  
**Tuesdays @ 7:00 PM**  
**Holy Family Parish Center**  
**Email: HFLectio@gmail.com**

**Did you know....** Surrendering the Secret is a life changing post-abortive healing group for women who may be experiencing the emotional difficulty of a past abortion. This 8-week scripture based program has helped people of all ages who want to ease their suffering. For more information, please contact Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center at 508-455-0425. **Serving the community since 2011 - from pregnancy testing to potty training!**



### ***Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving***

Good and gracious heavenly Father, we come before you on this Easter Sunday with full and grateful hearts for the gift of the Paschal Mystery that you showed us in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.

Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love. Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you. You are God for all. We ask all this in Christ's name. Amen.

### **Adoration at the Parish Center**

**Monday - Friday 11am-8pm**





*Diocese of Fall River*  
*Office of the Bishop*  
*Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.*

Easter 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen. He is truly Risen! Let me begin by extending heartfelt Easter greetings and blessings to everyone in our Diocese of Fall River.

In our parish Masses and in gatherings with families and friends that will follow, we celebrate the great feast of Easter. It is a celebration of joyful hope, as it should be, for Easter is the ultimate message of hope.

In the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection, we witness eternal life spring forth from death, suffering turned into joy, and despair replaced with hope. Jesus is risen and is with us, helping us face the challenges of this world and carrying us to new life. His grace renews all things.

The Easter gift of joyful hope is not simply fleeting happiness that rises and falls with our emotions; rather, it is rooted in deep, abiding joy that comes from knowing and walking with God.

Life is full of struggles and uncertainties. Peace remains elusive in our world and sometimes in our families, division and turmoil challenge our country, and illness, despair, and economic woes impact so many. Christian joy does not deny suffering but can transform it. We need to turn to the hope of Easter to sustain us in our darkest moments and to give us strength to move forward even when the path ahead is uncertain. Easter reminds us that our struggles are not the end of the story. The Risen Lord is with us; may His presence be a source of strength and peace for all.


*Spes non confundit* or "Hope does not disappoint," from St. Paul's letter to the Romans (Rom 5:5), is the title of Pope Francis' document proclaiming our Jubilee Year 2025 of which hope is the central message. It is to be a year, Pope Francis writes, of opportunity for renewal "marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God."

During the Holy Year, Pope Francis has called the faithful "to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind." To become bearers of joyful hope, we ourselves must maintain a rich life of prayer and a strong connection with Jesus. As bearers of hope, let us reach out with faith and love in ways big and small to those in need around us. Our hope, rooted in Christ, will become a light for others to see.

During spring, budding trees and early flowers surround us with beauty of renewal and new beginnings. May our Easter celebration reflect a similar transformation within us and be a source of lasting joyful hope.

Please be assured of my blessings for you and your family. My prayers and best wishes for a Happy Easter to all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.  
Bishop of Fall River

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