

SERVICE AND COMMUNITY

Love for Jesus Creates Love for Neighbor

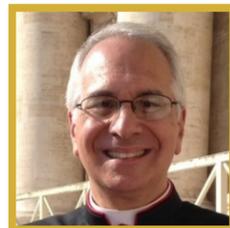


We enjoy being together! Our parish's worship, prayer, and formation center our lives as a community on Jesus Christ who calls us to live with Him as a family. We are a community building up the body of Christ, celebrating our joys together, comforting each other in our sorrows, in touch with our history, and open to the future God has in store for us! From our St. Vincent de Paul Society to our Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group, our Couples Club and Men's Club, our Lenten Chowder and Chat, That Man is You Program, to our Brazilian Community, we hope our parish will be a place where you can engage with others on your faith journey!

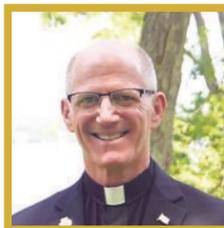
Here to Serve and Celebrate With You!

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Stephen J. Avila

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Peter J. Scheffer



All of our staff: our priests, deacons, religious, music ministry, faith formation, pastoral ministry, parish secretaries, business operations and maintenance, are passionate about our faith in Jesus Christ and strive to be instruments of the Holy Spirit to bring people closer to God and each other. You can learn more about us and all we do at our website or by calling or visiting us:



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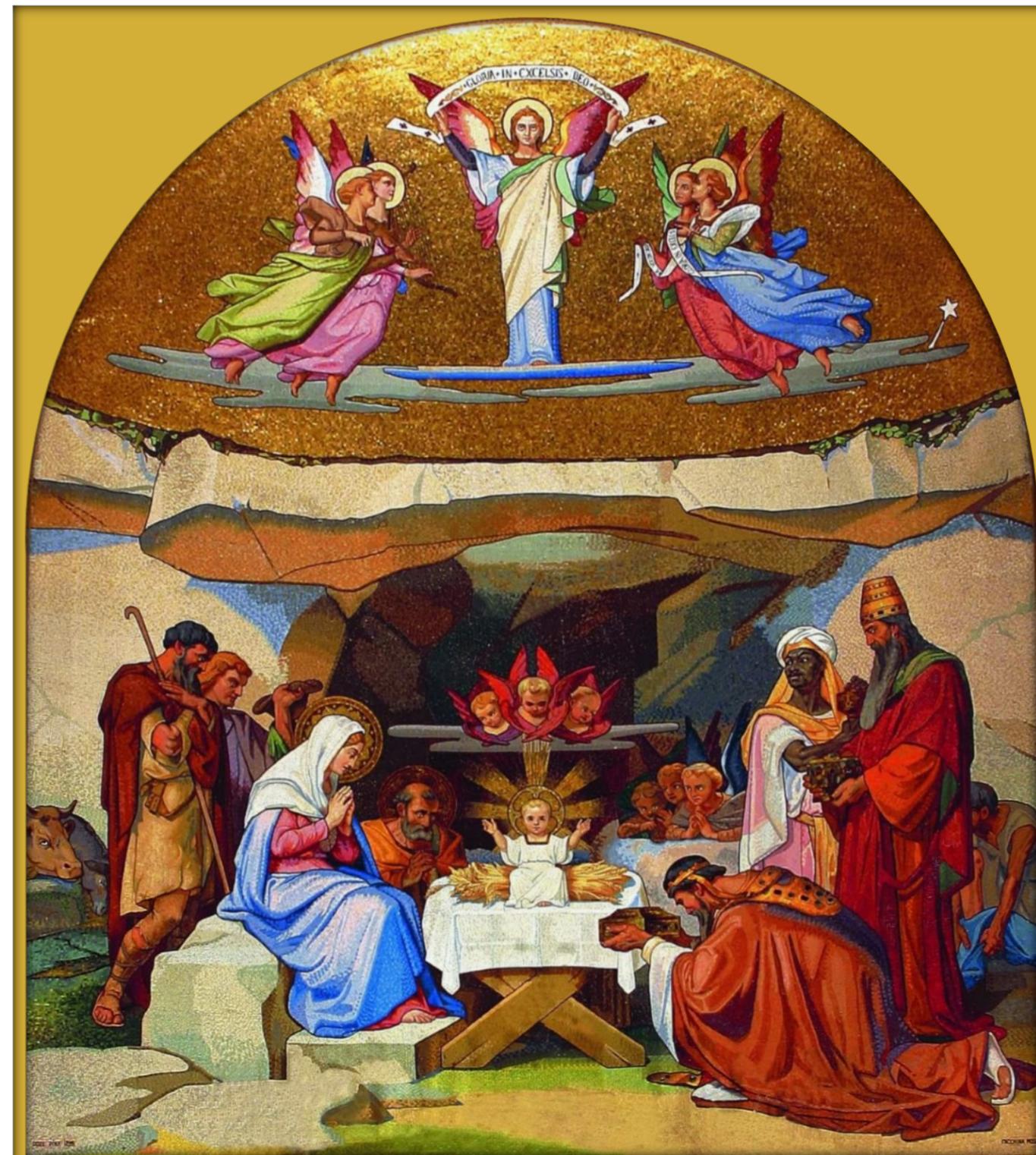
How was Your Experience Today?



Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code to the left to take a brief survey letting us know how you enjoyed our Christmas Mass and how we can best serve you!

Mass Schedule

St. Anthony: Mon.-Fri. 8AM
Sat. Vigil 4PM; Sun. 7:30, 8:45, 11 AM
St. Elizabeth Seton: Tue.-Thu. 9AM
Sat. Vigil 4 PM; Sun. 8:30, 10AM
St. Patrick: Sat. 8AM
Sat. Vigil 6PM Brazilian; Sun. 9AM, 5 PM



CHRISTMAS 2021

ST. JOSEPH, GUARDIAN OF THE HOLY FAMILY PARISH, FALMOUTH, MA

NATIVITY MOSAIC FROM THE BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, LOURDES, FRANCE

Welcome and Merry Christmas!

Rev. Msgr. Stephen Avila, Pastor



Welcome to our Parish Family! This has been an exciting year for the Catholic community of Falmouth. In July, we established a new parish with St. Joseph, Guardian of the Holy Family, as our patron. Devotion to St. Joseph has a long history in Falmouth; the first Catholic Church in Falmouth was St. Joseph in Woods Hole. It seemed fitting, then, especially during the year of St. Joseph, to reach back to our roots as we began our new parish.

As a single parish, the Catholic community of Falmouth not only benefits from worshipping at all five of our beautiful churches and chapels, but we are also enriched by the unique gifts and talents of all our parishioners. Together, we are better able to proclaim the Good News of the Saving Love of Jesus Christ in our little part of the world!

We are already seeing the fruit of this unity. Our faith formation programs for both our youth and adults are flourishing. Our parish organizations and activities, once limited to one church, are now able to reach and include our whole Catholic community. Our liturgies have also benefited; our Parish Family Thanksgiving Mass was attended by over 200 people! Parishioners from all over Falmouth donated non-perishable items for our food pantry and enjoyed one another's company following the Mass at an ice cream social. This encourages us to continue nurturing old and developing new ways of becoming better disciples of Jesus, worshipping God and serving our neighbors in love.

Our Patron, St. Joseph, Guardian of the Holy Family, is an example of openness to God's will – even when God's will is surprising and unexpected! We can take his example to heart as we begin our new life as a parish family. In what unexpected ways is God calling us to do His will and are we open to this call? Let us ask for the intercession of St. Joseph and the Holy Family to help make each of us open and trusting in God's will.

If you are visitors to one of our churches this Christmas, welcome to our Family! If you would like more information or have any questions about the Catholic faith in general or our parish in particular, please be in touch. There is always plenty of room at our Family Table! A Blessed Christmas! - Fr. Steve

PRAYER TO BE OFFERED BEFORE YOUR NATIVITY SCENE AT HOME

**God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the
Virgin Mary. To our lives
He brings joy and peace, justice,
mercy, and love.**



**Lord, bless all who look upon this
nativity scene; may it remind us of
the humble birth of Jesus, and raise
our thoughts to Him, who is God-
with-us and Savior of all, and who
lives and reigns forever and ever.**

-Amen

SACRAMENTS & WORSHIP

The Church makes Jesus Present in Our Lives



At the heart of the Catholic Faith is the belief that Jesus Christ is still present and active in our world today. Jesus built a close relationship with His disciples and showed them that He was their loving friend and saving God. He gave them the Holy Spirit so that they would be forever united to Him and showed them how to hand on the Holy Spirit to others so that the whole world could enjoy the same relationship of love with Jesus.

The Church continues to hand on the Holy Spirit in the sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, Holy Orders, and above all, in the Eucharist

celebrated at Mass where Jesus' very Body and Blood become present for us. St. Joseph's Parish offers the sacraments to our community in a faithful, reverent and vibrant way. All we do is for the honor and glory of God, so we try the best we can! We invite you to explore and attend our Masses to experience for yourself how we can help to form and strengthen your relationship with Jesus and one another.



PRAYER AND FORMATION

Growing as Disciples of Jesus Together

In the Sacraments and worship of the Church, we give thanks to the Father for the gift of the Holy Spirit that unites us to Jesus. This gift of God's love flows from our worship into all parts of our lives. St. Joseph's Parish offers both regularly held as well as special opportunities to help enrich our parishioners' prayer life and formation as disciples of Jesus. Besides daily Mass, weekly Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation offer people the chance to be in the presence of Jesus and experience His mercy. Our prayer groups cover a variety of devotions and are always eager for new members.



Our youth faith formation won a national award last year for its focus on the weekend Mass and now has an apprentice from the University of Notre Dame ECHO program on staff. We have an active RCIA program which prepares adults to become members of the Catholic Church. This past Spring, we welcomed four adults into the faith and are now preparing four more to become Catholics at the Easter Vigil. Contact us in person, by phone, or by email or come and see how we can help you bring Jesus into your life and the life of your family.



**BECOMING LIKE JESUS CHRIST BY
LIVING LIVES OF WORSHIP AND SERVICE**



**THE CHURCHES AND CHAPELS OF FALMOUTH
St. Anthony + St. Elizabeth Seton + St. Patrick + St. Thomas + St. Joseph**