

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday 4:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 and 11:45 a.m.**  
**Daily Mass Monday– Saturday 8:00 a.m.**

**Saturday, Feb. 18**

Jas 3:1-10 /Mk 9:2-13

8:00 Carol George  
 4:00 Ron Gordon

**Sunday, Feb. 19**

Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/ Mk 2:1-12

7:30 Frederick & Mary Casey  
 9:00 Marie Dooley - 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 10:30 Jose Inacio & Family  
 11:45 Antonio & Maria Pavao

**Monday, Feb. 20**

Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29

8:00 Connie Pacheco - 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**Tuesday, Feb. 21**

Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37

8:00 For the People of the Parish

**Wednesday, Feb. 22**

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

8:00 Jay Bolger - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
 12:00 **Service–Ashes Distributed-No Mass**  
 6:30 Maria Ruggiero - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Thursday, Feb. 23**

Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

8:00 Robert Corey - 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**Friday, Feb. 24**

Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

8:00 Manuel Alves

**Saturday, Feb. 25**

Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27- 32

8:00 Fr. Raul Lagoa  
 4:00 Mary Murphy - 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, Feb. 26**

Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

7:30 Jose & Maria Maranhas  
 9:00 Jose Brasil & Robert Swiers  
 10:30 Filomena & Jamie Gomes  
       Francesca & Jose daRocha  
 11:45 Theresa Correia

**PARISH INFORMATION**

THE PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT THE PARISH CENTER, 438 MIDDLEBORO AVENUE, EAST TAUNTON. The Office Hours are as follows:  
 Mon - Thurs., 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Parish Center: 508-824-5707   Rectory: 508-824-5665****FAX NUMBER -508-822-2915****WEB SITE- <http://hfparish.net>****PASTOR**—Rev. Kevin A, Cook

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secretary@holyfamilytaunton.org.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturday's - 3:00-3:50 p.m.; Tuesday 5:45-6:45 p.m. or by appointment.

**THE ROSARY** is prayed in the Church Mon.-Sat.

7:35 a.m.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is held every Mon.-Fri. from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 pm in Parish Center.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** is by appointment . Parents must contact the Priest or Deacon for an appointment.

**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.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY.** Those parishioners wishing to marry at Holy Family must contact the Priest or Deacon AT LEAST EIGHT MONTHS before the date of the wedding.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES:****Women's Guild**— 4th Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**St. Vincent De Paul Society**— 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**Knight's of Columbus**— 1st Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.**Blood Pressure Screenings**— 2nd full weekend of each month except July and August.**Respect Life Committee Meetings**— To be announced**Prayer Shawl Ministry**— 1st Sunday of each month at 11:45 in the parish center**Men of Holy Family** -meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month 8:00-9:00 pm.**Widow's Support Group Meeting**-meets the last Friday of the month at 10 am.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** for all items must be emailed to [holyfamilybulletin@comcast.net](mailto:holyfamilybulletin@comcast.net) by Sunday at 6:00 p.m..



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of the Parish Center is available 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Monday– Friday.**

**CONFESSIONS REMINDER** – Just a reminder confessions are being offered every Tuesday evening from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.; Saturdays 3:00 – 3:50 p.m.; and before every Mass when possible (as well as upon request).

As we continue to follow closely the mandate of the president in the area of health care and his support of services which are an attack on the dignity of life and love, as well seeking to deepen our own understanding of these moral issues (of which I hope to help bring more teachings in the area of contraception, sterilization, and abortion in the near future... as well as more teaching on the terminally ill and physician assisted suicide since a bill is being put forward in our state to try to legalize it), we also need to be aware of our responsibility as citizens to make sure our country is going in the direction for the common good. Furthermore, in facing these moral issues, we need to look at how can we respond as a loving neighbor to those who are struggling with daily life and are tempted to carry out acts against the dignity of life. We not only help people by teaching them about the reality of the issues at hand, but we also have a responsibility to offer the practical needs to those who are struggling.

One way we practically can help people locally to experience the joy and gift of life, even while they are faced with struggles, is by our support and involvement with Birthright. Birthright is located here in Taunton and has, over the last 37 years, offered great services to women who are expecting a baby or have a child or children under 24 months old and need a place that gives them help and hope (instead of the false hope that those in the abortion industry bring). Birthright is located at 78 Broadway St. in Taunton (the old convent of St. Mary's Church which is located to the right of St. Mary's School) and is staffed by some very loving and dedicated women in the area (some of them are our parishioners) who want these women in need to know they are loved and supported

Millions of abortions have occurred in our country because so many men and women fear they will not get their needs met and are afraid to give birth to a child whom they think they cannot support. Birthright is a way we can respond to the need. The volunteers there try to guide those coming to them to where they can find the many resources and services available to them. They seek to respond with understanding, compassion, and truthfulness to those who feel so overwhelmed. They also seek to help by immediate material needs for the child or children (cloths, diapers, baby food, formula, baby monitors, baby bath tubs, crib sheets, blankets, baby toys, baby toiletries, and shoes). Over the last 37 years they have helped tens of thousands of women, and many times they may see over a hundred women a week in their office.

Currently they are in desperate need for clothes for babies between 12 and 24 months in both boys and girls clothing (the clothes can be gently worn or new). If you wish to make any donations in any of these areas please drop them off during their office hours (Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.) If one wants to make a monetary donation please make a check to "Birthright" and you can mail it to them or drop it off during their hours. If you have items to donate but cannot drop off a donation during the office hours, you can call them at (508) 822-2921 and arrange a time for the drop-off. Lastly, if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kay Poirier at Birthright.



*Let us fast the fasting which is acceptable and agreeable to God. True fasting is alienation from all evil, control of tongue, avoidance of wrath, and the estrangement from sinful desires, slander, lie and perjury. ~ St. Basil the Great*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY** – This Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> is Ash Wednesday and we will have Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., as well as a Prayer Service with the distribution of ashes at 12:00 p.m.

This is the beginning of the penitential season of Lent. Hopefully all of us will ask the Holy Spirit to help us see how we may best celebrate this sacred season (with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving). During Lent we will have Confessions available every Friday at 6:00 p.m. and Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Bible Study will take place on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (beginning in March), as well as the usual confession schedule and adoration schedule. The deanery mission will be preached by Fr. Steve Wilbricht (of the Congregation of the Holy Cross) Sunday, March 4 – Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew’s Church. More information will be posted regarding other Penance Services for this season. There will also be a Portuguese Lenten Mission at St. Anthony’s Church, Taunton on Monday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and it will be preached by Fr. Goncalo of the Vincentian Fathers of the Portuguese Province.

**MEN’S EVENING OF RECOLLECTION** – This Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 pm there will be the monthly Men’s Evening of Recollection in the church. It will begin with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; have time for silent adoration, confessions, a preached meditation and Benediction. Afterwards there will be a light reception in the basement of the church.

**TRAVELLING AND NEED TO LOCATE A CATHOLIC CHURCH** – If you are traveling and need to find a Catholic church worldwide, simply go to [www.TheCatholicDirectory.com](http://www.TheCatholicDirectory.com) or go to [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE GOVERNMENT AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY** – To find more information regarding very serious concerns of the government’s assaults on religious liberty and right of consciences, please go to the web site: [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience)

**HURTING FROM AN ABORTION EXPERIENCE?** If you or someone you love has been touched by an abortion loss, and the reality of that loss of life is affecting you, **there is hope and help!** Please call Project Rachel at 508-997-330. They will help you begin the grieving process, receive forgiveness, find peace, and feel God’s love.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

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| Mary Lapre             | Taylor Nigloschy       |
| Sister Anita Marie     | Eddie Matanes          |
| Nikki Strachoff        | John Andrade           |
| The Souls in Purgatory | Rachel Nigloschy       |
| For Vocations          | Givinal “chip” Gouveia |
| James Ennis            | Dawn Francoeur         |
| Jean Nigloschy         | Deborah Carney         |
| Donna Martin           | Stephanie DeMello      |
| Lucille Sousa          |                        |
| Frank Rogers           |                        |

**HOLY FAMILY VOCATION PRAYER CROSS**  
Is being taken home this week by Maurice Le Vasseur and next week by Mary Casey . Please join them in praying for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS IN THE PARISH CENTER –**  
Viviane Burke, our parish secretary, is changing her office hours in the Parish Center to Monday – Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Her hours were Monday – Thursday 8:30 – 2:30). Outside office hours, messages are still checked daily and Fr. Cook will reply the next time he is in the office.

**PANEL DISCUSSION IS TO BE HELD ON UPCOMING MA. PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL** – On Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. there will be a panel discussion on the Physician Assisted Suicide Bill at Corpus Christi Church (324 Quaker Meeting House Rd., East Sandwich). They will be discussing the grave concerns at hand from an ethical, spiritual, legal, and medical understanding and how we can best respond to them. There are fliers at the door for those who are inter-

**PRO-LIFE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN-** Don’t forget to collect your change in the AWC Baby Bottles from now until the end of the month. Please return your bottle by next Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Interested in assisting with making Brown Scapulars and Rosaries?** - If you are interested, please call Deborah at 508-822-6336.

**St. John Neumann Women’s Guild sponsoring their “Attic Treasures Sale”** to be held at St. John Neumann Parish Hall located next to Cathedral Camp on Rt. 18 – Middleboro Road in East Free-town, Mass on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Take Exit 8 (Chace Road Exit) off Route 140 follow signs to Church. Free Admission and a light lunch will be served

## DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT

**On Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** there will be a dinner and entertainment night at the Parish Center beginning at 5:00 p.m... The group "Three for All" will come and perform some of oldies but goodies from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. Tickets will go on sale this weekend and they are \$10 a person. One can also reserve a table for 8 if one wants. All profits will go towards our Capital Campaign for the Parish Center.

## All cooped up and nowhere to go! Come join us at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner

to be held at the Holy Ghost Hall on **Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**. Our parish's Knights of Columbus are busy with all the preparations to host two seatings: 1:00 to 4:00 pm and 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Each seating will feature Irish Step Dancers and The Black Velvet Band will be there performing all those great Irish songs and ballads. The dinner will include traditional corned beef and cabbage with all the fixings, pasta and hot dogs, and an Irish dessert. There will be door prizes, raffles, and lots of Irish fun. Due to success of past years, many families can reserve a table of 8 or more; just inquire how to reserve that table when you purchase your tickets. Tickets are \$12 per adult and kids under twelve are \$5 each. Tickets are available at the parish center or by calling John Grenier (508-823-0451), Steve Crovello (508-824-5231), or Ed Fowler, Jr. (508-822-1111 ext. 101). Anyone willing to donate a **new** gift for either raffle is asked to leave it at the parish center's administrative office.



## SPRING BIBLE STUDY

A new Bible Study Course will begin on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and end on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The classes will be held in the Holy Family Parish Center at 438 Middleboro Ave., E. Taunton, MA

The title of this course is: Mary: Jesus' Mother and Ours. The study guide was developed by Kevin Perrotta and draws from the gospels of St. Luke and St. John plus some elements of the Church's tradition about Mary. It will focus on the kind of person Mary was, her relationship with her son, Jesus, and on her role in our lives.

You must register for this course by March 5<sup>th</sup> in order for us to have the study guides in time for class. Registration forms are at the doors of the church. Fill out the forms and drop them off at the Parish Center or in the mailbox at the rectory. The \$10.00 charge for materials can be paid on the first night of class.

All are welcome to join us to increase our knowledge and love for Mary through a study of the Sacred Scriptures.

