

HOLY FAMILY DUXBURY

EASTER 2024



A Note from Fr. Bob

Happy Easter!

On this day, we celebrate the amazing truth that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and is alive! What kind of response should we offer to Him for such a gift that He has given to us? Here's a suggestion:

"At the sight of the Lord, the disciples rejoiced. Peace be with you, he said again." Jn.20:20. Lord, Jesus, help us never to forget that this is our feast, too. The new life you experienced upon your resurrection is your promise of new life for us as well. Your victory is our victory. Often, we can drift away from you, from your Church and from each other. But your mercy reconciles us and lifts us up. Today we rejoice in the peace you share! Help us to remain close to you, to experience the joy, the peace and the fellowship of this faith community, and to celebrate your love in the family of your Church. We offer this prayer in Your Holy Name, Jesus. Amen.

Wherever you are on the road, Holy Family parish community stands ready to welcome you and guide you along the next steps on your faith journey. This bulletin offers some helpful reflections, information and resources for you to take home and use as a reference.

Easter blessings!
Fr. Bob

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

*Holy Family
strives to be a
joyful,
welcoming
community of
faith that
encounters Jesus
and thinks with
His mind and
loves with His
heart*

Join us again at Holy Family Duxbury!



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 1

8:15 am Mary Sullivan – Memorial

Tuesday, April 2

8:15 am Helena Holmberg – Living Healing

Wednesday, April 3

8:15 am Casey Millis – Living Healing

Thursday, April 4

8:15 am Lt. Brian McPhillips - Anniversary

Friday, April 5

8:15 am Donald MacVarish - Memorial

Saturday, April 6

8:15 am Peter Grealy – Anniversary

5:00 pm Robert Williamson – Memorial

Sunday, April 7

7:30 am Bob Fitzgerald – Memorial

9:00 am William R. Fountain – Memorial

10:30 am Marilyn Lanza – Anniversary

Sanctuary Light given this weekend in loving Memory of P.K. McNiff from his family

Among the intentions each of us brings to Mass, it has been tradition in our Church that one specific intention can be reserved at a Mass. People often request specific *Mass intentions* for deceased loved ones or those who are in need of healing. A specific Mass intention can be private or announced at a scheduled Mass. The list on the left indicates the scheduled intentions for this coming week. For more information on Mass intentions, please contact Kristen in our parish office.



TRY OUR LIVELY 5 PM SUNDAY MASS!

This weekly 5 PM Mass

has “praise & worship” style music with guitars, keyboard and drums, and a homily focus with families in mind. Many people of all ages enjoy the uplifting, spirited nature this Mass offers. Give it a try and spread the word.



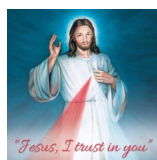
We are delighted you are here with us for Easter Mass to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection

Why not let Easter be for you the beginning of a renewed relationship with Jesus? Why not join us next weekend and try one of the many opportunities we have to grow in faith this spring! Find more information in this bulletin.

NEXT WEEKEND–



COFFEE AND DONUT SUNDAY
April 7th Join us after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday to meet fellow parishioners and have a coffee.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 7th 3:00-4:00pm

Join us to celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction. Together, we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and have beautiful music and a time for silent prayer.

*We invite you to
join us each weekend!*

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am (choir)
and 5:00 pm (praise & worship music)

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Saturday at 8:15 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00-4:45 pm

First Fridays 6:30-7:30 pm

CHAPEL OPEN WEEKDAYS FOR PRAYER

– In addition to offering Eucharistic Adoration in our chapel on Fridays (9 am – 5 pm), our chapel is open for “visits” daily from 9 am – 4 pm.

Recognize God in the Ordinary?

A Reflection from LPI by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

WHAT WOULD MARY DO?

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene. I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair? What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body? I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers — she didn't dare hope for that. But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest. If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb. When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you. "She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, 'They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him.' " — John 20:2

JESUS FINDS MARY WHEN SHE CAN'T FIND HIM



We know very little about Mary's life?

Why is she important ? What do we know?

She wasn't perfect Jesus cast 7 demons out of her and after that she became a follower.

She was the first to witness the Resurrection and even announces it to the apostles! For a moment in time she was the sole carrier and proclaimer of the word. The first preacher of the Good News.

Her words in John 20: are simple, "I have seen the Lord."

Jesus tasked her (as He does us today) to spread the good news ?

Today we reflect on the empty tomb. What difference does the empty tomb make in your life? Do you share Mary's joy pictured above ?

Today is a day to decide moving forward what difference does the Resurrection make in my life. Is your next step to spend more time growing in faith? Maybe it is sharing that faith with others. Either way St. Mary Magdalene is a beautiful model for all Christians!

Four different ways for your family members to connect to Holy Family and our Catholic Faith this season! Which one will you choose? Scan the QR code and register today!


Holy Family VBS June 24-28 9 am - 12 pm
Ages 4 - 4th Grade

Group

SUB

diving into friendship with God

Scan the QR Code to Register!



Easter Small Groups



Join us for a 4-5 week session of encountering the scriptures in a new personal way! Each group meets for one hour and is a safe space where all can grow in faith- no prior knowledge needed



Begins week of April 22nd

Visit holyfamillyduxbury.org for more info

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: PANORAMA OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

This five week Bible Study is great for beginner and seasoned studiers of the Bible! It's a wonderful bible study to begin with and yet there is wonderful depth in the themes explored for those who want to dive deeper in their study-
APRIL 22ND THROUGH MAY 22ND

Choose your time:
Mondays 7:00pm—8:30pm
Or
Tuesday 9:30am—11:00am

To Register:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/6aecde4e-b52a-4ab0-af32-bc37d6fe3ccd>



Want to give your prayer life a jolt ?

Try our 14 day Prayer Challenge!

You will receive an email every day starting **April 8th** for 14 days.

Join to mix up your regular prayer routine!
Join to start a new habit of prayer!





Vacation Bible School 2023



Corpus Christi Procession



TRUNK OR TREAT

The rain forced us inside but still lots of fun!

HOLY FAMILY DUXBURY by the numbers

2023



Masses Celebrated: **682**
Average weekend attendance: **788**
Addition of permanent 5:00pm
Sunday evening Mass which
enhances a weekend schedule
conducive to all circumstances.



57 New families were welcomed as
new members of our parish.
Our new Hospitality Ministry was
launched and **25** parishioners
trained to be a welcoming presence
each weekend.



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION
BAPTISMS: **87**
FIRST COMMUNION: **83**
CONFIRMATION: **89**



52 Individuals were laid to rest and
their families supported through our
funeral outreach ministry.
8 Couples celebrated the
Sacrament of Marriage.



456 Dedicated hours of Eucharistic
Adoration
175 prayer requests on our prayer
line and **22** prayer warriors
responding to those requests.



49740 individual meals packaged or
cooked for End Hunger New
England and Fr. Bill's Place.



2430 people subscribed to our
email and texts and receive parish
news, activities and our biweekly
video messages.



SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS:
Facebook **1200**
YouTube: **659**
Instagram: **777**
X (twitter) **138**

***We want you to be a part of our
community of faith ! How will you
connect this Easter Season? Visit
holyfamilyduxbury.org to learn more.***



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