

elcome! We are glad you are here to join us in worship in the celebration of the Eucharist (Mass). At the Eucharist, the Church comes together to hear the Word of the Lord, to pray for the world's needs, to offer the sacrifice of the Cross in praise and thanks to God, to receive Christ Jesus in communion, and then to be sent forth in the Spirit as disciples of the Gospel. If you are not familiar with the Mass, the Order of the Mass can be found on pages 3-29 of the Breaking Bread hymnal. We call particular attention to the text of the Gloria on page 6 and the Nicene Creed on page 9. The scripture (Bible) readings for today's Mass can be found on <u>page 155.</u>

#### LIVING WATER CATHOLIC NEWS



# Celebrating Children At Our Parishes

To the parents of our young children, may we suggest...

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- Sit toward the front where it is easier to see and hear.
- Quietly explain the parts of the Mass.
- Sing the hymns; pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you and other adults.
- If you need to leave Mass with your child, please feel free to do so but please come back!
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to church, to God, and to Jesus. Let them know that they are at home in this liturgical gathering.
- To the members of the parish...A smile and word of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children.

## **Father Scott's April Prayer Intentions**

Father Scott invites you to join in his prayer intentions for April 2015.

That those who will worship with us during Easter will experience a warm welcome and the Risen Christ in word and sacrament.

That our young people who will be confirmed by the gift of the Spirit on April 25 will give witness to Christ by lives built on faith and love.

That God may give young men and women the gift of understanding to discern their service in the Church, the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life; And for the gift of courage to follow His call.

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we pray for the safety and protection of children and young people.

For our Pastoral Plan Writing Team as they begin their training and work on April 14.

# Question of the Week:

Whom do you see witnessing to Christ?

#### Easter Gratitude

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the beauty of our liturgical celebrations during Holy Week. We are grateful for all of our liturgical ministries. A special note of thanks to our music ministries and to those who cleaned and polished, and those who decorated our churches for Holy Week. We also appreciate all who contributed to the Easter flower collection.

#### Archbishop Oscar Romero to be Beatified on May 23: Come Watch "Romero" on May 18

Archbishop Oscar Romero will be beatified on May 23. To mark his beatification, we invite you to join us for a viewing of the movie "Romero", the 1989 movie about his life and work. We will show the movie in the lower church at Holy Family Parish on Monday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. This is open to anyone high-school aged or older. Middle schoolers may participate if accompanied by a parent or guardian. The movie is rated PG-13. Plan to join us in anticipation of Archbishop Romero's beatification.

#### "Like" Living Water Catholic on Facebook

Holy Family Parish and Star of the Sea Parish now have a page on Facebook. Search for and "Like "Living Water Catholic on Facebook for information on our parishes, the Archdiocese and Catholic life and spirituality. You can also use your smart phone to scan the QR code below to bring you to the page.



The offices for our parishes will be closed on Monday, April 20, in observance of Patriots Day. They will reopen on Tuesday, April 21,



#### LIVING WATER CATHOLIC NEWS

#### <u>Novena to the Holy Spirit</u> for Our Confirmation Candidates

#### Each Day

O Holy Spirit, Divine Consoler! I adore you as my True God. I give you praise with the angels and saints. I offer you my whole heart, and give you thanks for all you have given me. You shower your gifts on all the faithful. I ask you to visit our Confirmation candidates with your grace and love as they prepare to be sealed with your power at Confirmation.

Come, O Holy Spirit, Fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

## Day 3 (April 18)

You have called our Confirmation candidates to be members of the church, the body of Christ, and to be temples of the Holy Spirit. I ask you to give them these gifts: wisdom to seek you, understanding and knowledge of you, counsel to recognize you, the strength and the faith to hold fast to you, and awe that they might honor you. Make them true disciples of Christ, who was anointed by the Spirit to bring us Good News. May they act with justice, see Christ in the face of the poor and pray for those who mourn.

Come, O Holy Spirit, Fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

## Day 4 (April 19)

Loving God, by the light of the Holy Spirit you instructed the hearts of the faithful. Give our Confirmation candidates, by the light of the same Holy Spirit, a love for what is right and just. May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts with love for you and respect all your creation. Give them the gift of reverence for you and all that you have made.

Come, O Holy Spirit, Fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

## **Raffle Night**

Holy Redeemer Parish is having a RAFFLE NIGHT on **Saturday, May 2**, 4 Green St. Merrimac. The fundraiser is to raise money to repair and paint the inside of the Merrimac church. Doors open after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Supper may be purchased for \$5.00. Raffle Tickets are \$1.00 ea. and the raffle starts at 6:00 p.m. There are 100 items to be won and one ticket could win many items. Complimentary desserts will be served at intermission. FUN for all ages!



#### <u>Pastoral Parish Council Meeting</u> for the Collaborative

The one Pastoral Council for the two parishes in our collaborative will meet on **Sunday, April 26**, 5:45-7:30 p.m. in Father

Morgan Hall at Star of the Sea Parish Town Church, 18 Beach Rd., Salisbury. Pastoral Council meetings are open to all members of either parish.



#### **<u>Parish Finance Council Meeting</u>** for the Collaborative

The next PFC meeting for the Collaborative will be held on **Monday**, April 27 at Holy

Family Parish Center in the first floor Conference Room. The meeting times are as follows;

- •7:00 p.m. Holy Family Finance Council will meet.
- •7:30 p.m. Joint meeting Holy Family &Star of the Sea Finance Councils.
- •8:00 p.m. Star of the Sea Finance Council will meet.

## St. Andrew Dinner

The Archdiocese of Boston Vocation Office invites all high school young men to attend St. Andrew Dinner with Cardinal Seán on **Tuesday, April 28** at St. Margaret Parish, Burlington from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

At a St. Andrew Dinner, young men and their priest, youth minister, or parent join Cardinal Seán for dinner and a short presentation by seminarians and the Vocation Office. The event is casual and provides a time for prayer, conversation and discussion. Each student also has the opportunity to meet Cardinal Seán. If you are interested in attending, please call either Fr. Scott or Fr. Ixon at the Parish office.

## LIFT Worship Night

Join LIFT Ministries on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. for an inspiring night of worship at St. Anthony's Church in Lowell with guest speaker Colby Flis. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES. A downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website at

<u>www.liftedhigher.com</u>. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

# Holy Family Parish ~ 9 Sparhawk Street, Amesbury, MA 01913

## Religious Education

## Confirmation, Saturday, April 25 - 11:00 a.m.

Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors report to Lower Church by 10:15 a.m.

**First Communion Retreat:** Lower Church Sunday, May 3 at 8:30 a.m.

**First Communion Rehearsal for 10:30 a.m. Mass:** Monday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. begins in Lower Church

## First Communion Rehearsal for 1:00 p.m. Mass:

Thursday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m. begins in Lower Church

First Communion Masses - Saturday, May 9 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

## Mother's Day - Sunday, May 10, 10:30 a.m. Mass:

First Communicants are invited to return in their First Communion Attire for the May procession and the Crowing of the Blessed Mother.

Please report to Kathy in the lower church by 10:00 a.m.

# Thank You to Our Catechists!

Another year of Religious Education has come and gone and I wish to thank the dedicated men and women of our parish who heard God's call and stepped forward to share their faith with the children of Holy Family. We are blessed to have such wonderful catechists who work hard all year to bring a deeper understanding of the Church's teachings and the Lord's Blessings. As Pope Francis said in September of 2013 "*Catechesis is a pillar of faith education, and we need good catechists! Thank you for your service to the Church and in the Church.*"

You are truly appreciated and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Thank you and God Bless, Kathy Larsen

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:Ahron C. Marcy SchuyIsabel WohlScott GleedMargaret P.Pat PonticelliAdelia Verakis Raymond & Jeanne PoulinEric B.Loretta MacDonaldAddison ColbyDavid MorrowDavid MorrowLaura BrinkMary Carter

#### Offertory, April 12, 2015

Offertory - \$11,878.00 Envelopes - 260 Loan Repayment - \$2,754.30

## Upcoming 2nd Collections

April 19 - Maintenance April 26 - Military/Home Mission/Black & Native American

#### This Week At Holy Family Parish

Sunday, April 19 4:30 p.m. - Wings - Parish Center Tuesday, April 21

7:00 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul - Parish Center

# Wednesday, April 22

7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal - Upper Church 7:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Meeting - Parish Center

#### Thursday, April 23

7:00 p.m. - Charismatic Prayer Grp. - Lower Ch.

# WINGS (Women In God's Spirit)

**Sunday, April 19:** Annual visit to the Little Sisters of St. Francis retreat house in Danville, NH. Time TBA

## Holy Family Parish 2015 Catholic Appeal - Update

So far, 206 parishioners have participated, and together we have raised \$37,025, 66% toward our parish goal of \$55,812. Thank you to all who already participated. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of Boston, and at Holy Family Parish. With \$18,787 left to raise, we need the participation of every parishioner. If you have yet to participate in the 2015 Catholic Appeal, please pledge online at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org or complete a pledge form available in the back of the church.



Please remember **Ralph Foss & Thomas Foss** whose funeral mass was celebrated on

April 18. Holy Family Parish Community extends our sympathy to their family and friends. Please keep them and all our deceased parishioners in your prayers.

# Star of the Sea Parish ~ 18 Beach Road, Salisbury, MA 01952

**Religious Education** 

Sunday, April 19 - No Class - School Vacation

## Confirmation, Saturday, April 25 - 11:00 a.m.

Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors report to Lower Church by 10:15 a.m.

## Next Class:

Sunday, April 26 - Fr. Morgan Hall Grade 2 only - 9:45 a.m.

## Star of the Sea Parish 2015 Catholic Appeal - Update

So far, 112 parishioners have participated, and together we have raised \$26,739, 65% toward our parish goal of \$40,966. Thank you to all who already participated. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of Boston, and at Star of the Sea Parish. With \$14,227 left to raise, we need the participation of every parishioner. If you have yet to participate in the 2015 Catholic Appeal, please pledge online at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org or complete a pledge form available in the back of the church.

#### **Beach Chapel to Open on Memorial Day Weekend**



We are pleased to announce that we will open the Beach Chapel on **Memorial Day Weekend**, **May 23 & 24**. Beginning that weekend, the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays and the 9:00 a.m.

Mass on Sundays will be transferred from the Town Church to the Beach Chapel.

To mark this transition, we are planning a pot luck supper on Saturday, May 16, after the 4:00 p.m. Mass - the last 4:00 p.m. Mass at the Town Church until the fall.

Please check future bulletins for additional information about the pot luck supper and the sign up sheet that will be posted at the back of the church next weekend.

#### Newly Baptised



We warmly welcome **Ruby M. Pelkey** who was given new life through Water and the Holy Spirit in our Parish Community this weekend!

To her parents and godparents, we extend our congratulations and prayerful support as they live out the commitment they made to be *"the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith"*.

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

Eileen Callahan Dick DeRoches Edward Thompson Annette Solomon Offertory, April 12, 2015

Offertory - \$3,721.26 Envelopes - 130 Utilities - \$1,644.60

#### Upcoming 2nd Collections

April 19 - Maintenance April 26 - Military/Home Mission/Black & Native American

## Christmas in July Fair 2015 - Update



On April 8, the Christmas in July Craft Fair committee met to discuss ongoing plans for this years fair.

The various sub-committees reported in and we are off to a great start!

This year Santa's Raffle will have **5 Great Prizes**: Bose Wave Music System III, Apple iPad Air 2 with Wi-Fi, Kindle Fire HDX 7"16GB, An Awesome Bruins Ticket Package and a NE Patriot 2015 Super Bowl, Malcolm Butler autograph picture.

The Basket committee members are <u>now accepting</u> Completed Theme Baskets and will continue to do so until July 8.

Donated Theme Baskets may be dropped off at the Town Church after weekday Masses or after the weekend Masses. They can also be dropped off at the Parish Office, 11 Sparhawk St., Amesbury, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

#### This Week's Featured Theme:

*Beach Bash for Children -* Beach toys, sunglasses, sunscreen, goggles, pail and shovel, kids sand chair, lip balm, sand molds, small net.



or

Beach Bash for Adults - Beach towels, sunscreen, beach



chair with umbrella, small cooler, beach caddy, iTunes gift card.

These are just suggested ideas and does not mean you need to include all the items.

Should you have any questions about theme baskets, please call Helen at the parish office, 978-465-3334.

Please consider donating a Theme Basket to this year fair. Christmas in July is a major fund raiser for Star of the Sea Parish. The success of the past fairs have raised enough money to do major needed repairs at both churches. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!

#### **Collaborative Staff**

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#### **Holy Family Parish Mass Intentions**

Saturday, April 18, 2015 4:00 p.m. - Bertolini Family

Sunday, April 19, 2015 7:30 a.m. - Terrence Verakis 10:30 a.m. - Carl J. Nicosia

**Tuesday, April 21, 2015** 9:00 a.m. - Intentions of Pope Francis

> **Thursday, April 23, 2015** 9:00 a.m. - Terrance Verakis

Saturday, April 25, 2015 11:00 a.m. - Confirmandi 4:00 p.m. - Marie Nichols

Sunday, April 26, 2015 7:30 a.m. - Kathleen Wilson 10:30 a.m. - John Crowly



#### Holy Family Parish, April 2015

Host & Wine In Loving Memory of Bertolini Family By Terry Axten & Family

Sanctuary Candle In Loving Memory of Paul V. Moughan, Sr. By Mary Moughan & Family

#### **Contact Us:**

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Holy Family Parish Religious Education Office: Sunday: 8:00 - 10:15 a.m. Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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#### **Star of the Sea Parish Mass Intentions**

Saturday, April 18, 2014 4:00 p.m. - Marion Graham, Alma Thomson & Water M. Kelliher

> Sunday, April 19, 2015 9:00 a.m. - Robert G. Becotte 11:00 a.m. - Billie Ferrick

Monday, April 20, 2015 9:00 a.m. - Billie Ferrick

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 9:00 a.m. - Joyce Wilson

**Friday, April 24, 2014** 9:00 a.m. - Helen Vaughan

Saturday, April 25, 2014 4:00 p.m. - Alyce & Muf Mahoney & Shiela Mahoney Cook

**Sunday, April 26, 2015** 9:00 a.m. - William R. Hoefsmit 11:00 a.m. - Edward W. Shay

#### Star of the Sea Parish, April 2015

Host & Wine In Loving Memory of Betsy Beaulieu By Her Loving Family

**Sanctuary Candle** In Thanksgiving to St. Rita By a Grateful Parishioner



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