
HOLY HAPPENINGS

August 2023

From the Desk of Rev. Diana

Many of you know I was on a fabulous retreat on Iona Island in Scotland with John Philip Newell right before I started at Holy Nativity. John Philip often refers to God's beautiful creation as the Cathedral of Earth, Sky and Sea. There is something deep within us that stirs when are out in nature, something that recognizes the Holy, the Sacred. Where have you encountered the sacred in nature? A sunset, a Fall tree, a walk along the beach, climbing a mountain? Often people will say that they find God in nature. This makes perfect sense, God created all of the universe and It is Good!

There is somehow we just know in the depths of our being that the earth is sacred, and that this sacredness is at the heart of every human being and life-form. John Philip writes "The problem is that we live in ways that neglect this deep knowing. Thus, the crises that we are in the midst of today, whether ecological, political or societal, stem from the fact that we treat the earth and each other as less than sacred. All these critical issues are interrelated. The way we have wronged the earth and one another is the way we have dishonored the feminine or belittled the "other," whether that is the "other" nation, religion, race, or sexual orientation. We have fallen out of alignment with the deepest truths within us. How are we to awaken again to the sacredness at the heart of all life, the sacredness that is also at the heart of our own being?" How do we begin to change the way we see each other and our world so that we can see the precious sacredness and holiness of everyone we meet. We cannot reverse the injustice, pain, and suffering to people and the earth that has resulted from



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greed and arrogance We can wake up and begin to look for the sacred within each other and in the earth. We can throw off our arrogance and stop believing that we can use and abuse the earth. We can find ways to serve this sacredness in nature and each other with humble hearts and attitudes. When we are awakened to the sacred around us our lives will be profoundly changed. And there is a realization that we must nurture a new reverence for the earth if the world as we know it is to survive. Take time this summer to enjoy and appreciate the beauty of the Cathedral of Earth, Sky and Sea that God has built for us.

The Episcopal Church is committed to honoring the sacred in all of creation. As a whole church, we have promised to place the care of God's Creation at the heart of our common life. Together, we have taken up church-wide action in order to safeguard the integrity of Creation and to sustain and renew the life of the Earth. Do you feel called to care for creation Check out the national church's website <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/> or join your fellow Episcopalians in the Diocese of Massachusetts in the creation Care justice Network. [Creation Care Justice Network | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts \(diomass.org\)](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/)

The Creation Care Justice Network group working on "An Episcopal Path to Creation Justice" will meet throughout the summer, on June 28, July 19 and Aug. 9 and 30, at 7 p.m. Interested people can e-mail for the Zoom

link: CreationJusticeEpisMA@gmail.com

Warden's Report

In one of my earlier Warden's reports, I reflected on the changes at the meadow at Legion Field from season to season. Walking there recently I noticed after all the rain we've received lately the wildflowers are now close to five feet tall and growing. I counted several varieties of flowers which are truly a gift from God. I was thinking again of my father who was a horticulturist and how much he would have enjoyed them. I mentioned him because I shared some insights into his life during my message on Father's Day, June 18th. I was blessed to be able to lead Morning Prayer that day. I am blessed also at the rejuvenation at Holy Nativity, in no small part due to the arrival of Rev. Diana.

The first Saturday suppers have continued to draw in new visitors to the parish and attendance at the Tuesday Eucharist and lunch has been well attended and growing in number. The Tuesday Eucharist is continuing through the summer as is our Adult Christian Education program.

Looking forward to Rev. Diana's celebration of a new ministry with Bishop Gates in September which should be an exciting time. I want to thank my co-warden, Ron Russo, for all the time he has put in assessing the needs of our physical plant and scheduling contractor visits etc.

Many of you know my love of music and as I was listening to some 60's rock and roll songs that by now I have heard countless times, I begin to think about the first time I heard a particular song and how it and thousands of others have been etched in my memory. I realized it's by hearing them repeatedly until they almost become part of me. This got me thinking about a New Year's resolution I made the beginning of 2023 which was to read the entire bible in a year. I began on January 1st. One of the resources I use for daily devotions lists the books and chapters for a given day and I am now into the Book of Isaiah. So far, especially in Psalms, I have come across chapters and verses which are more familiar than others. So, my epiphany is, just as the love music has been a large part of who I am by repeated listening I need to do the same with the Word of God. Reading the Bible from Genesis to Revelations in a year is a good start and by reading Morning Prayer and Compline daily I hope to be able to really hear and inwardly digest all that God has to say. Again, I am blessed to serve as your warden here at Holy Nativity.

I leave you with this from Paul's letter to the Colossians:
Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3:23-24 NIV

Peace & Blessings to all, Ed Muller

A Letter from our Bishops

This week in 2015, in its landmark *Obergefell* ruling, the Supreme Court established fundamental marriage equality for LGBTQ persons throughout the nation. We greeted that decision with joy, recognizing as it did that equal treatment under the law is not only a democratic principle, but also one that recognizes the inherent, God-given goodness of every human being, and supports societal structures which enshrine our communal recognition of that goodness.

Eight years later the current Supreme Court has issued a ruling which could legitimize the false notion that First Amendment rights allow religious conviction to be cited as an excuse for unequal treatment under the law and the failure to protect those who may be vulnerable to bigotry or hatred. Any ostensible religious conviction used to enshrine inequality or injustice is antithetical to the Christian Gospel, and to our baptismal covenant to respect the dignity of every human being.

This ruling comes at a time when a tidal wave of anti-LGBTQ legislative efforts have been introduced across the country, threatening protections for LGBTQ persons and causing fear among many, including our own church members, family members and siblings of every sort. Meanwhile, schools and libraries confront nationwide efforts to ban books and restrict the honest facing of our nation's history in matters of race and justice. Here we are reminded of the prophet Jeremiah, who proclaimed, "They have treated the wound of my people carelessly, saying 'Peace, Peace,' when there is no peace." [6:14]

We wish, in this moment, to declare ourselves and our diocese fully committed to the fullest inclusion, protection and celebration of all children of God, and to advocate tirelessly for the same not only in our houses of worship, but in our communities and our nation.

We join with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, who [affirmed this week](#): "This may feel like a moment of difficulty and darkness, and it is. And yet the work goes on. ... I believe deep in my soul that God is always seeking to create a world and a society where all are loved, where justice is done, and where the God-given equality of us all is honored in our relationships, in our social arrangements, and in law."

The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates, Bishop Diocesan
The Rt. Rev. Carol J.W.T. Gallagher, Assistant Bishop

July 01, 2023

The Common Cup

Recently, both the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the World Health Organization declared an end to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. COVID-19 is now classified as an established and ongoing public health concern. Vaccines and booster shots are widely available, our medical care system can respond to local surges and hospitalizations and deaths have declined significantly. In March of 2022 the Diocese of Massachusetts gave us permission to resume the use of the common cup. The consensus of the CDC is that a theoretic risk of transmitting infectious diseases by using a common communion cup exists, but that the risk is so small that it is undetectable—you are far more likely to catch something by shaking someone's hand than by drinking from the common cup.

As we continue to reemerge from our Pandemic practices there have been a number of requests to return to the common cup. I realize that many are still nervous about this practice. Starting in August wine will be distributed by both individual cups and the common cup. You may take a small cup from the tray, or you may wait for the common cup. Intinction or dipping of the bread is not permitted in the common cup. If you wish to intinct, please take a small cup to intinct and place the cup and any unused wine in the bowl provided by the staircase. Please reach out to Rev. Diana with any questions or concerns.

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless;
and we, though many, throughout the Earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Billy's Caring Hands needs your help!

We have seen more people on the street in the past two weeks. Your donations are needed. Please place them in or near the aqua basket in the parish hall.

Box of mixed chip bags

Lorna Doones

Breakfast bars

Socks

Peanut butter

Jelly

Marshmallow fluff

Thank you for caring for God's children who live on the streets.

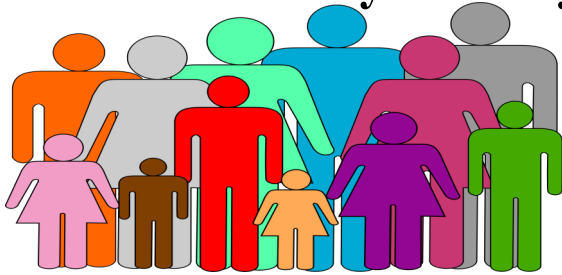
Billy's Giving Hands group was created on January 22, 2021.

A little bit about the group.....

"We are a family that gathers weekly to do our best to help support the homeless located in the city of Boston. Boston's South End currently houses the largest homeless population in the state of Massachusetts. The men and women who live in these shelters and/or streets are brothers, sisters, children, and parents. They deserve to be treated with respect and decency. Our family strives to stand to help make a difference in our community by spreading love in our dedication for change. Our support consists of making hot meals, handing out beverages, as well as personal hygiene products not limited to hats, and gloves"
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Activities at Holy Nativity



Please join Rev. Diana
on
Saturday July 29th 9-11 AM
for fun in the kitchen making jam for the
Holly Fair.
Many hands make light work.

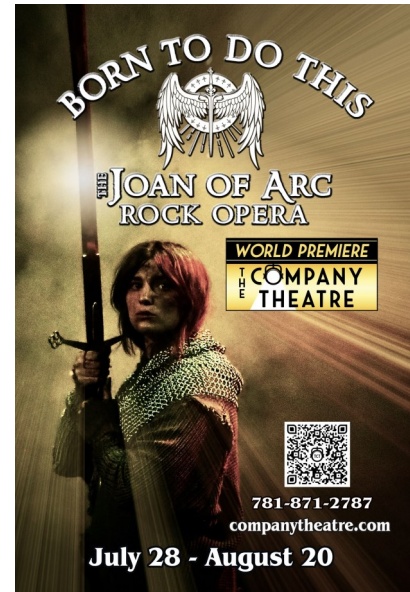


Saturday, August 5th at 4:30

The First Saturday dinner in
Stoddard Hall

All are welcome
Free will donation

This is a great opportunity to bring a friend
to introduce to our Church family!



A night out at the theatre!

Rev. Diana invites anyone who might enjoy attending the world premiere of *Born To Do This: The Joan of Arc Rock Opera* at The Company Theater, Norwell, MA

Please contact Rev. Diana at 781-870-7874 if you are interested and would like to accompany her to this production on Friday, August 18th!

Born To Do This chronicles the remarkable journey of Joan of Arc, a figure renowned for her unwavering faith and her pivotal role in French history. Joan's profound story of divine calling, courage, unwavering conviction and spirituality is told through powerful music, dynamic performances, and engaging storytelling. Congregants from junior high to adult will find our exploration of Joan of Arc's faith-journey relevant, captivating, and inspirational.



Do you have a favorite hymn?

The choir would love to know what YOU like to sing. There is a basket at the back of the church with some paper for you to jot down your favorite hymns. We hope to sing some of them over the summer. Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Calling all cooks and bakers

Remember the good old days by that I mean preCovid days when the Holy Nativity coffee hour was quite the spread. You are invited to break out your favorite recipes and bring some goodies to share on Sunday mornings.

Garden Angels WANTED

A special Thank you to All who donated and helped plant all the beautiful red geraniums. They add such color and life to our lovely church on the corner!

Now we are asking for volunteers "*Gardening Angels*" to help keep the flowers alive throughout the summer. There is a sign-up sheet in Stoddard Hall.

If you could volunteer for one week of watering, dates through September. A few volunteers have signed up! Thank you!!



Holy Nativity Outdoor Movie Night

**Please Join Us
Thursday, August 10th at 8pm**

**Holy Nativity
8 Nevin Rd. Weymouth**

**A Family friendly movie will be
shown on the big screen.
Bring a chair or a blanket.
Snacks available for a minimal
donation**

**The movie will be shown in the
parish hall in case of bad
weather.**

**Come join us for a fun
Holy Nativity Family evening.
And bring a friend!**



Newsletter Deadline

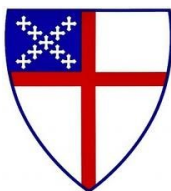
The deadline for the **September** Holy Happenings will be **Thursday, August 24th**. Articles may be submitted via snail mail, dropped off in the bin on the office door or sent by email to the church office: office@holynativityweymouth.org

Save the Date

**Wednesday, September 6th
at 6:00PM**

**Join us for a celebration of new ministry for
The Rev. Diana Scheide**

A reception will follow



Pastoral Care Team

Do you have a call to care for those in our church family who cannot come to church?

Please join the Pastoral Care Team.

Covid changed the way we have had to cope with many of our regular practices.

Unfortunately, the Pastoral Care Team had to make many adjustments too. This is a very important part of parish life. I know that some of you have been carrying on.

Since I am part time this ministry will need to be a team effort. If you are very experienced or have no experience at all and feel God calling you to this ministry, you are welcome to join and **you are needed**.

Please let me, Rev. Diana, know if you are interested. Once we have established our Ministry Team, a time and place for planning will be organized. email: rectorholynativity@gmail.com

First Food Sunday, August 6th

. Here's a list of items the Pantry needs most:

Non-Perishables:

- Jam and/or jelly
- Hearty soups (i.e. Progresso, Chunky)
- Ready to Eat (canned pasta, chili, hash)
- Jarred Pasta sauce
- Side dishes (seasoned rice, Knorr's, Zatarans etc.)
- Cereal
- Ground coffee and tea
- Condiments (dressing, bbq sauce, ketchup, mayonnaise etc)
- White tuna
- Sugar

Thank you for making sure our shelves are stocked.
We are here to help, thanks to you.

The Weymouth Food Pantry receives over 1,400 visits per month from economically-distressed families in our community looking for help, and we are funded mostly by Weymouth residents and neighbors (#WeymouthProud). Thank you for your help!

**Please drop off your non-perishable items at church
on Sunday, August 6th.**

Next Vestry Meeting

The next Vestry meeting will be
Wednesday, August 16th



As a Parish, We pray for:

Anne and Ed
Bill Lucier
Billy C.
Brian
Cathy
Chris
Claire Saulnier
Corinne
Debbie Y.
Deborah
Ed Walsh
Freddy
Herb
Jacqueline Murray
Jim Murphy
Joan D.
Joe Kimball
Judith Fenton
Kendall Demore
Kerry
Linda
Linda Cardillo
Mallory J.
Marilyn
Matt
Paige
Pam Walston
Patty Sewell
Peggy Cinotto
Robert Vinton
Robin
Ruby Jean
Sophia
William Terry, Jr.



The Holly Fair 2023
Friday, November 10, from 3-8
and Saturday November 11, from 9-3

As you all know this is our biggest fundraiser every year!

Please consider donating one hour of your time during the Holly Fair!

The signup sheets will be in the parish hall soon! Remember, “many hands make lite work”!

The table chairs once again will be:

- Donna Lucier, Bake Table
- Linda Muller, Fudge Table
- Patty Donovan & Paula Avitabile, Country Table
- Lori Butler & Joyce MacPhee, Jewelry Table
- Laura Kintz, Silent Auction
- Pat. Shelia, & Bob DeMore Snack Bar & Dinner
- Ron Russo, Ticket Sales
- Jim Kimball, Jay Asher, & Joyce MacPhee, Advertising & Marketing

Also, if you know of any crafters that would like to buy a table for the Holly Fair have them contact Jim Kimball!

Thank you!
Jim Kimball & Joyce MacPhee, Co-chairs!
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Roasted Clams with Lemony Panko

- 3/4 c. panko
 - 4 tbsp. olive oil, divided
 - 4 cloves garlic, finely grated & divided
 - Kosher salt
 - 1/2 c. dry white wine
 - 1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes
 - 3 dozen littleneck clams, scrubbed
 - 1/3 c. flat-leaf parsley, chopped
 - 1 tbsp. lemon zest plus 3 Tbsp lemon juice
1. **Step 1**Heat oven to 400°F. On small rimmed baking sheet, massage together panko, 2 tablespoons olive oil, one-fourth of garlic, and a pinch of salt.
 2. **Step 2**In 9- by 13-inch baking dish, mix wine, red pepper flakes, remaining garlic, and 1 tablespoon oil with clams.
 3. **Step 3**Transfer both pans to oven; bake, tossing panko once, until golden brown, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove panko, increase oven temperature to 475°F and roast until clams open, 8 to 10 minutes; discard any unopened clams. Toss panko with parsley and lemon zest. Pour lemon juice over clams, drizzle with remaining tablespoon oil and sprinkle with half of lemony panko. Serve with remaining panko.
- Serves 4

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Important Dates

Every Tuesday: South Shore Deanery:
7:00pm - Prayers and Compline on Zoom

Saturday, August 5th– First Dinner Saturday at 4:30

Sunday, August 6th - Food first Sunday - bring non-perishable items for blessing and distribution

Mission Statement

The family of the Church of the Holy Nativity is called to be a caring community, committed to spiritual development; encouraging growth in each member's personal relationship with God, through Christ; by providing educational opportunities for youth and adults as well as Christian Formation for all, going forth to share God's message of love and forgiveness.

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Looking ahead:

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November 10th and 11th: the 2023 Holly Fair

