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# HOLY HAPPENINGS

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October 2023

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**From the Desk of  
Rev. Diana**

**Happy Fall!**

As I was contemplating what to write to you about this October, I began to look at all the awareness months, holidays and observance days for this month. WOW! There are a lot. LGBTQ+ history month, Breast Cancer awareness month, World Vegetarian Day, St Francis Day, Halloween, World Homeless day, National Coming Out Day, Kindness to animals' day just to name a FEW. My personal favorite is Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> National Boston Cream Pie Day. It made me wonder why do we have so many things that we bring awareness to and celebrate.

These moments of celebration make us pause and be mindful, and that boosts our well-being. According to social psychology researcher Fred Bryant and others, when we stop to savor the good stuff, we buffer ourselves against the bad and build resilience—and even mini-celebrations can plump up the positive emotions which make it easier to manage the daily challenges that cause major stress.

Each week we come together to Celebrate the Holy Eucharist. Did you know that Eucharist means Thanksgiving? Each week we celebrate the Holy Thanksgiving that God is with us and loves us. It is certainly for me, and I hope for you a celebration that gives strength and courage to love our neighbors and love God throughout the week.



## **Church of the Holy Nativity**

### **OFFICE HOURS**

*Mon. thru Fri.*

**9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

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The weekly routine of being mindful with God builds resilience in us to face the difficult and messy times in our life. It also helps us build the relationships and friendships that will support us in our joys and our sorrows.

If celebrating is so good for us we must make time for small celebrations as well as large celebrations. It's easy to celebrate! Notice the moment. What good things happened to you today. Where is your good energy flowing? Now take a moment or two. Pay attention to that accomplishment, that good thing that has happened and memorialize it with a mini celebration. Say a prayer, write it in your diary, make a toast, sing a song, tell a friend about it.

God wants us to flourish in our lives and celebrating helps us pay attention to the things that make our lives meaningful and joyful. So whether you choose to celebrate National Boston Cream Pie Day or Halloween or all the myriad of other opportunities in October to celebrate I encourage all of us to make celebration part of our daily practice.

Happy Celebrations!

## Sunday School News

### **Blessing Bags**

A BIG thank you to the congregation for all your donations of men and women's underwear, socks, clothing, etc. for the Blessing Bags. The Sunday school kids put the 50 Blessing Bags together on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and we brought them into the Cathedral in Boston on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. We attended the 10:00 service, and then at coffee hour we were able to give the bags out to people who needed them.

What a great lesson for the kids to see the love, compassion and support of the congregation and to see the Holy Spirit working through all of us to help others!

### *Please Note*

**There will be No Sunday School on the long weekend of Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Mittens, Hats, Boots**

We are looking for mittens, hats, shoes & boots for the people of **Billy's Caring Hands**.

As you pull out your cold weather clothes, please keep these people in mind for any unwanted shoes and warm clothing you may have.

All donations can be left in the church hall or in the Sunday school room.



We will have a Family Service on  
Sunday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>.

Come and join us as the Holy Spirit  
moves through all of us in song, prayer  
and fun!

Costumes are encouraged for young  
and old.

A spooky coffee hour will follow the  
Service



**Indigenous Peoples' Day Gathering**

Conversation, lunch, special service of Lament and Commitment

Monday October 9 | All Saints Church, Worcester MA

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

## All Are Welcome!

This second Indigenous Peoples' Day gathering, sponsored by the MA/WMA Indigenous Peoples Justice Network, the Beloved Community Commission of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts and the Office of Immigration and Multicultural Ministries of the Diocese of Massachusetts will include:

- A focus on sacred listening and responding
- A lunch of local pre-colonial ingredients and lunchtime conversations
- A worship service of lament and commitment
- A formation opportunity for children
- Opportunities for advocacy in the Commonwealth

## We hope you will join us!

**When**  
Monday, October 9, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM EDT

**Where**  
**All Saints Episcopal Church**  
10 Irving Street  
Worcester, MA 01609  
[Driving Directions](#)

**Donate**  
*This event is free of charge!*  
To make a donation visit this [web-site](#): designation "Immigration/Multicultural Ministries"

**Special Guests include: Ms. Delta Carney** (Apache/Kiowa/Senaca/Ojibway),

**The Rev. Danielle Di Bona** (Wampanoag)

**The Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher, PhD** (Cherokee Nation),

**The Rev. George M Porter, D.Phil.** and moderator

**Mr. Eric LaForest**, Co-Chair, Beloved Community Commission, Diocese of Western Massachusetts

If anyone is interested in attending Please contact  
Rev Diana at [Rectorholynativity@gmail.com](mailto:Rectorholynativity@gmail.com)



**The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God’s love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. This is done by preparing shoe boxes filled with gifts for these children. The Parish is once again participating in Operation Christmas Child by preparing shoe boxes to be distributed by Samaritan’s Purse.**

**Shoe boxes will be available for pickup at the church on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>; each box has a peel on label inside with gift suggestions. The shoe boxes may be dropped off at the church M-F between 9am-12pm by November 12, 2020, or dropped at the Crossroads Worship Center after November 12, 2020.**

**Here is the schedule for boxes to be dropped off at the Crossroads Worship Center:**

**241 Broad Street Weymouth, MA 02188-3524**

**Mon, Nov. 13: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Tue, Nov. 14: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Wed, Nov. 15: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Thu, Nov. 16: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Fri, Nov. 17: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

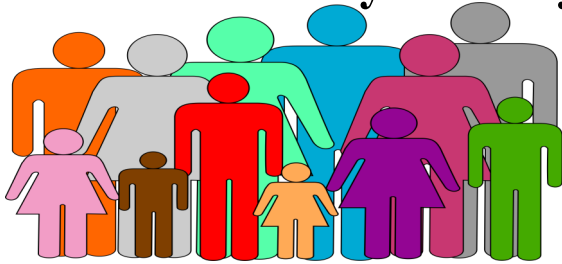
**Sat, Nov. 18: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Sun, Nov. 19: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Mon, Nov. 20: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

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## Activities at Holy Nativity



**OCTOBER FEST**  
**Saturday, October 7th**  
**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!

### Convention

Diocesan Convention is October 27th and 28th. Please pray for the diocese and your representatives, Rev Diana, Shiley Devore, and Donna Lucier.

Almighty and ever living God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in The Diocese of Massachusetts for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Please help!**

We are confirming everyone's contact information, please fill out a **Church Directory Information Sheet**, found at the back of the church and in your bulletin.

We appreciate your cooperation with this.

## **First Food Sunday** **October 8th**

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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, October 8th**





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

**The Sign-Up Sheets have been posted in the parish hall!!**

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

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

You can also contribute by baking or donating to a table below!!!!

Remember, “many hands make light work” and your donations are greatly appreciated!!!

**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, Sheila and Bob DeMore, Snack Bar and Dinner

Maryann Gurney, Instant Ticket Raffle

Ron Russo, Ticket Sales

Jim Kimball, Jay Asher & Joyce MacPhee, Advertising & Marketing

Thank you!

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## Holly Fair Help Needed

**Holly Fair's Country Table is looking for crafty knitters and sewers.** Hats and mittens are big sellers. We have beautiful Christmas material ready to sew into hanging panels and Advent Calendars. *All set to sew!* Easy to make No Sew fleece tie blankets also go fast!! Walmart, Target and JoAnn's carry assorted fleece. Kids love them! Great gifts for Christmas!

If your specialty is canning, such as sweet, dill, hot pepper, tomato, or zucchini, etc., whatever is your talent to share, The Country Table is looking for YOU!

Not a knitter, sewer or cook?? No worries!!! Maybe selling and greeting folks as they shop is your talent! Volunteers needed for Friday, 11/10 3-8pm and Saturday, 11/11 9-3pm. Sign up sheets in the Parish Hall for times convenient for you.

Please sent text or call Paula Avitabile at 617-750-9564 or Patty Donovan at 781-901-2240 for more information or any questions.

**The Holly Fair** is fast approaching, and the **Silent Auction** is seeking donations of items, gift cards, and gift baskets to be included in the lineup of auction items. In addition, we will happily accept cash donations to be used to purchase items for gift baskets. Cash donations can be given to Jim Kimball. Please contact Laura (Muller) Kintz with any questions or to donate items, at [LauraRuth-Kintz@gmail.com](mailto:LauraRuth-Kintz@gmail.com). Thank you to the parish community for your assistance in making this year's Silent Auction a successful one!

**The Holly Fair Fudge Table needs you!** If you are able to make fudge for us or help at the fudge table this year, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Asher Stoddard Hall. You can also call or email me (Linda Muller) at 781-413-1066 or [LAM215@comcast.net](mailto:LAM215@comcast.net). If you've been looking for a table to work at during the Holly Fair the fudge table is an easy and fun place to be. We can use your help! All varieties of fudge are welcome – chocolate and chocolate walnut are perennial favorites, but the fair goers also love the specialty flavors contributed by parishioners. I need to have the fudge in time to carefully cut and package it before the fair, so please bring yours to the church kitchen refrigerator by November 7 if possible. The fudge freezes well, so you can actually make it early and get it to me any time in October. Many thanks to those who have contributed in the past and made the table so successful. It will be exciting to share the experience of the Holly Fair again!

### New to the Holly Fair this year

A tombola is a form of raffle in which prizes are pre-assigned to winning tickets. Typically, numbered raffle tickets are used, with prizes allocated to all those ending in a particular digit (traditionally a five or a zero). We are looking for lots of candy, cookies, snacks, bath/shower products, plants, alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks (cans or bottles), small toys, dried, canned or boxed food, toys and small gifts.

Starting this Sunday, October 1st there will be a collection box in the Asher Stoddard Hall labelled Tombola and any donations are gratefully received. For more information, please see Judy Leamy, email her at [usleamys@gmail.com](mailto:usleamys@gmail.com) or call her 617-633-5787

### **Scratch Tickets Wanted!**

There will be a Scratch Ticket Board at the Holly Fair again this year. If you could donate some scratch tickets for this board, that would be greatly appreciated! Or, if you want to donate money for scratch tickets, Maryann Gurney will purchase them for you. Maybe this will be the year we have a big winner! I need your tickets before the end of October so I have time to incorporate them into the Scratch Ticket board.



### **Tuesday Morning Eucharist and Luncheon**

Mid-week eucharist and luncheon will continue weekly at 11:30. This quiet service has become a favorite with many people, even if they are only able to attend occasionally.

The conversation is lively as old and new friends catch up from the week over lunch.

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### **Holy Nativity Book Club**

Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm-4pm the book club resumes at 65 Seminole Avenue, Weymouth. The club will be discussing "Becoming Nicole" The transformation of an American Family by Pulitzer Prize author Amy Ellis Nut. For more information about the club and the 2023-24 reading list please reach out to Judy Leamy at [usleamys@gmail.com](mailto:usleamys@gmail.com) or by phone at 617-633-5787.



### **Next Vestry Meeting**

The next Vestry meeting will be  
**Tuesday, October 17th**

### **Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for the **November**  
Holy Happenings will be  
**Thursday, October 19th**

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](mailto:office@holynativityweymouth.org)**



### **As a Parish, We pray for:**

Andrea Ross  
Ann Kasday  
Anne and Ed  
Bill Lucier  
Brian  
Carolyn Butterfield  
Cathy  
Chris  
Corinne  
Debbie Y.  
Deborah  
Ed Walsh  
Freddy  
Ginny  
Herb  
Jim Murphy  
Joan D.  
Joe Kimball  
Judith Fenton  
Kendall Demore  
Linda  
Linda Cardillo  
Linda Chadbourne  
Mallory J.  
Marilyn  
Matt  
Paige  
Pam Walston  
Patty Sewell  
Peggy Cinotto  
Robert Vinton  
Sandra Robertson  
Shannon  
Sophia  
Tom Grono  
William Terry, Jr.



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Free Dinner Saturday  
October Fest**

**Sunday, October 8th  
First food Sunday**

**Monday, October 9th  
Indigenous People's Day  
Gathering**

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>  
Operation Christmas  
Child ~Shoe boxes will be  
available for pickup at the  
church**

**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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**Thurs., October 19th  
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**Sunday, October. 29th  
Family Service at  
10:00am**

**Looking ahead:**

**Holly Fair  
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Sat., Nov. 11th 9-3**