
HOLY HAPPENINGS

September 2023

From the Desk of Rev. Diana

Ecce, Quam bonum!
Oh, how good and pleasant
it is, when brethren live
together in unity!

On September 6th we will celebrate the new ministry that begins when a priest and people merge their lives and work in the service of Christ and his kingdom. It is understood in the church today that the Christian ministry is shared by priest and people in interdependent, complimentary ways. This development is one of the great strides forward in twentieth century Christianity.

We will make promises to the Diocese represented by the Bishop and we will make promises to each other.

We are going to commit ourselves to the lively proclamation of the Gospel through the work of the congregation and the larger church, working together in love and harmony and in mutual respect for the ministries of all the baptized.

The Parish will promise:

To join your rector, in prayer, in discerning a vision for this parish, and in calling forth the leadership, resources, and talents



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to carry out that vision.

To love and serve God's people, and to love, support, and nourish your rector, his family, and the members of the staff who serve you here.

I your new rector will promise:

To care alike for young and old, strong, and weak, rich, and poor. And by my words and in my life, proclaim the Gospel. Love and serve Christ's people. Nourish them, empower them for ministry, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

We are going to give each other gifts That represent our work together. We will sing and pray and commune at the Lord's Table together. I think it was Canon Kelly that called it a love fest between rector and the Parish. After the service we will have a very special reception.

I am grateful for the Love (think Holy Spirit) that has brought us together to grow closer to God and to do God's work of bringing God's love and mercy closer to this hurting world. May God bless our journey together.

Warden's Report

As I write this, I realize that summer is gradually coming to an end with just a few more weeks to go. I am looking back and wondering where it went. All I remember is all the rain we had. I trust that everyone was able to find some time for rest and relaxation despite the sometimes-dreary weather. So now we are heading towards September and there is a lot to look forward to here at Holy Nativity beginning with Rev. Diana's installation as our new rector on September sixth. We then have Rally Sunday on September tenth and Grandparent's Day on September seventeenth to continue our celebrations.

Thanks to all who are contributing and assisting in all these endeavors. Our First Saturday dinner on September second will be another cookout (by popular demand) so please be sure and invite a friend or neighbor.

We will be wrapping up our discussion of the book 'Love Does' on September tenth and then look forward to our Adult Christian Education program continuing with Rev. Diana leading a four-week program on prayer. So, as you can see there is a lot of activity at the Little Church around the corner in Weymouth.

As Rev. Diana continues her ministry with us here at Holy Nativity it's nice for her to experience for the first time the various events that are a part of the fabric of our wonderful church.

I will leave you with a commentary from Max Lucado's book "Grace for the Moment". In one of the daily readings, he describes four habits worth having:

The Habit of Prayer
The Habit of Study
The Habit of Giving
The Habit of Fellowship

Warden's Report Continued....

So how are these habits part of your life?

Peace & Blessings to all, Ed Muller

2 Peter 3:18 NIV

18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever!

Amen.

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.*

Celebrations and growing edges

In July the vestry went on retreat. We had a wonderful time getting to know each other and ourselves a little better. In one of our exercises, we pondered the things we love about The Church of the Holy Nativity which I have labeled Celebrations. These are the best things about us, and we celebrate the gifts God has given us. I wonder what the things you love most about Holy Nativity may be. How do you celebrate and contribute to these ministries?

Celebrations

Friendship (3)
 People (4)
 Parishioners
 Friendly atmosphere
 People come together to accomplish our needs
 Coffee hour
 Liturgy
 Music
 Education/sermons
 Worship
 Holy Spirit
 Passion for everyone
 Warmth and love
 Church (5)
 Stained glass windows
 The beautiful grounds (2)

We also pondered the things we like least about The Church of the Holy Nativity. I have labeled these Growing Edges. These are opportunities for us to grow, to find what matters to us so that we can move toward. I wonder what you think Holy Nativity's growing edges might be. Do you have a gift you might contribute for our common good?

Growing Edges

Kitchen (3)
 Smelly gas stove
 Money (2)
 More volunteers (4)
 New people (4)
 Video equipment
 Bathrooms
 Roof
 Empty classrooms lower level
 More teachers
 Zoom
 Only part-time priest (2)

As a happy report, watch for some bathroom updates! And the kitchen has received a good deal of attention and there is more being planned. And thanks to the warm and loving, friendly environment and awesome coffee hours and most importantly some parishioners who faithfully invite their neighbors, there are some new people who are now part of our church family. Let us thank God for blessing our common life together.

Sunday School News



Family Service

Sunday school will start on Sunday, September 10th with a Family Service celebrating Grandparents Day.

Invite your grandchildren to come to church! Invite your grandparents to come to church! All are welcome to come and celebrate Grandparents Day and to remember grandparents and grandchildren who are no longer with us.

Tail Gate Party – WooHoo!!



Join us for a “Tail Gate Party” on Sunday afternoon October 1st. Wear your “Pats Fan” gear and meet in the parish hall for the 4:00 Patriots vs the Dallas Cowboys football game. The Patel Family will set up their LARGE indoor screen so everyone will have a great view. Kickoff is at 4:25! Bring some food to share with others and come prepared to cheer on our favorite football team!

Peanut, Peanut Butter! Jelly! & Fluff!

Shirley Devore can always use peanut butter, jelly and/or fluff for the sandwiches that are made every weekend and brought into the folks in Boston. Donations can be left in the blue bin in the church hall or left in the Sunday school room. Maybe add one jar to your weekly shopping list.



OUTREACH

Blessing Bags

In addition to collecting underwear and other items for the Blessing Bags, we would like to include a note in each bag for each recipient. Just a quick note of love and encouragement. There will be 25 bags for women and 25 bags for men. We will be distributing them at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston after the 10:00 service on September 24.

If you would like to write some notes to tuck into the bags and need some note cards, please see Maryann Gurney. She has a collection of note cards.

MANNA

On Sunday, September 24th, the older Sunday school kids will attend the 10:00 MANNA service at The Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston. 50 Blessing Bags will be given out after the service. MANNA (Many Angels Needed Now and Always) is a ministry of and with the unhoused community in downtown Boston. MANNA seeks not only to welcome folks across differences of class, wealth, culture, race, and mental ability, but also to empower all people to claim their place as essential members of our community. We all have gifts to give and to receive. We need each other. And this is why we gather each week to serve, to pray, and to create together.

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul | 138 Tremont St | Boston, MA 02111



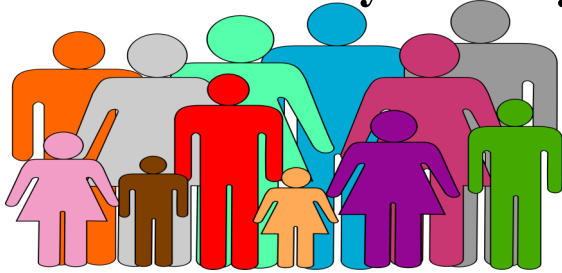
Thanks for Dropping A Note!

On Sunday, September 10th, I invite ALL PARISHIONERS to join in a church wide outreach event of writing a note of hope, encouragement, and love. These notes will be sent to soldiers via **Care Packs** – an organization that sends packages to soldiers overseas and within the United States. The next shipment of packages is scheduled for September 28th. There will be note cards available in the parish hall on the morning of September 10th.

If you want to write a note at home and drop it off at the church that works too! Also, we are including a note in each of the 50 Blessing Bags that will be given out at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul on Sunday, September 24th.

Please see Maryann Gurney if you have any questions.

Activities at Holy Nativity



**Please join Rev. Diana
on
Saturday, September 23rd
9-11AM**
for fun in the kitchen making jams for
the Holly Fair.
Many hands make light work.



**Saturday, September 2nd
at 4:30**

**The First Saturday Cook Out
in Stoddard Hall
All are welcome
Free will donation**

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



First Food Sunday September 3rd

. 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, September 3rd**





The Holly Fair 2023
Friday, November 10, from 3pm-8pm
and Saturday November 11, from 9am-3pm
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 posted in the parish hall soon!

Not only do we need volunteers during the fair, but there are also a few ways to contribute as well!

We are looking for bakers to make pie(s), bread, or fudge!

The jewelry table is always looking for costume jewelry, scarves, & hats or country items for the Country Table.

The silent auction is looking for specialty gift baskets, gift cards to a restaurant or tickets to a special show or event.

You could also donate scratch tickets to the Instant ticket raffle. 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

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

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Holy Nativity Book Club

The Holy Nativity Book Club started last October and had a very successful first year. We utilized the Weymouth Public Library for books, online access to E-books and spoken versions as well as commercial E-providers. Each book, readings and poetry focused on Silence, which we agreed takes many forms. We reflected how silence has shaped us individually in our past and present lives.

The book of the month in May focused on silence in the Boston homeless community. Stories from the *Shadows* by Dr Jim O'Connell revealed how the homeless will infrequently or never reveal anything about their lives. Father Brad and Shirley Devore joined us to share their experience of weekly outreach trips to Boston bringing food, drink, clothing, hygiene products and kind words to this marginalized community. Our group donated many pairs of new socks to help support the mission.

We now move into 2023-2024 and members of the club have been invited to choose a book (or any form of writing) of their choice and lead discussions. A reading list will be available in October for anyone who is interested.



Never Fail Fudge

- 7½ oz jar Marshmallow Fluff
- 2½ cups sugar
- ¾ tsp salt
- ½ stick butter or margarine
- 5 oz evaporated milk
- ¾ tsp vanilla
- 12 oz (~2 cups) semi-sweet chocolate pieces
- ½ cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Grease a 9-inch square baking pan; set aside. In large saucepan combine first 5 ingredients. Stir over low heat until blended. Increase heat to medium and bring to a full-rolling boil being careful not to mistake escaping air bubbles for boiling. Boil slowly, stirring constantly, 3½ – 5 minutes to the soft ball stage*. Remove from heat, stir in semi-sweet chocolate pieces until they are melted. Stir in vanilla. Add nuts. Turn into greased pan and cool.

Makes 2½ pounds.

*The soft ball stage is a test to see if the fudge has been cooked to the proper stage. Before you start cooking, fill a small dish with ice water and set aside. After you have brought the recipe to a full boil for 3½ minutes, dribble a few drops of the mixture into the ice water from a wooden spoon. After it cools in the water (about 10 seconds), you should be able to roll it into small ball with your finger tips. If you put it in your mouth, it will be slightly chewy. If it passes these tests, you are done and should remove the mixture from heat and add the remaining ingredients. Otherwise, cook for another 30 seconds and try the test again. Most of the time, cooking time will not exceed 5 minutes.

Hint: As with all fudge recipes, cooking time will vary depending on factors such as humidity, altitude, and cooktop temperature.

Buy 2 jars of fluff so you can make this yummy FUDGE with one and give the other for the sandwiches .





**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.

**Ever wonder what happens up
by the Altar?**

Become an Altar server and find out!
Altar server training
Saturday September 16th at 9 am.

Dates to Remember

RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 17th
at 10 AM service

Next Vestry Meeting

The next Vestry meeting will be
Thursday, September 21st

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the September Holy
Happenings will be
Thursday, September 21st
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



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

- Anne and Ed
- Bill Lucier
- Brian
- Cathy
- Chris
- Claire Saulnier
- Corinne
- Debbie Y.
- Deborah
- Ed Walsh
- Edna R.
- 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
- William Terry, Jr.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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MAILED

Important Dates

**Sunday, Sept. 3rd
First food Sunday**

**Saturday Sept. 2nd
Free Dinner Saturday
Cook Out!**

**Wednesday, Sept. 6th
Celebration of New
Ministry for
Rev. Diana**

**Sunday, Sept. 10th
Grandparents Day &
First day of Sunday
School**

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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**Sunday, Sept. 17th
Rally Day**

Looking ahead:

**Tail Gate Party
Oct. 1st**

**Holly Fair
Friday, Nov. 10th 3-8
Sat., Nov. 11th 9-3**