

HOLY HAPPENINGS

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**READY FOR SUMMER
VACATION?**

**DON'T FORGET TO TAKE OUR
LORD WITH YOU.**

As summer starts, we all begin to make our summer plans. But whatever these plans may entail, I do hope and pray it includes some sort of vacation for yourself. Remember that taking time away from your usual routine and work is very important and yes, even Jesus took vacation.

Vacation to our Lord Jesus was a chance to gain some rest in order to be better prepared for the continuation of his ministry and life. Jesus also understood the demands of ministry, especially upon his disciples who traveled every day preaching, teaching, and healing the sick.

Mind you, Jesus didn't take vacation from who he was (Christ) and his disciples didn't take vacation from their faith. Both Our Lord and his disciples continued to share and live the faith, regardless of where they went and in whatever they were doing. And when our Lord saw how tired his disciples had become, he said to them,



CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Holy Eucharist
Sunday - 8 & 10 a.m.
Tuesdays - Sept.—June

OFFICE HOURS
Mon. thru Fri.
9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Steve Williams, Warden

"Come with me and let us go to a quiet place and get some rest. So the disciples went with Jesus by themselves in a boat to a solitary place." (Mark 6:31-32)

When we take a vacation, we need to remember to go off to that quiet place knowing as Jesus did that the main purpose is to rest and renew your strength. We are asked to take a little time to get away from "everyday life and try not to plan a vacation that is so full of activities that when you do finally return, you are more tired than when you left.

So yes, summer has begun, and our summer plans are in the works. Let those emails wait along with that pile of work covering your desk. Our hope here at Holy Nativity is that you have a great summer vacation. So be safe, be holy, be faithful and don't forget to bring Jesus along with you...

Blessings,
Father Harry



Wardens' Report

So it is supposed to be the start of the summer but we are a bit confused with the weather patterns cold, rain, warm and not hot at all.....yet. The annual end of the year parish cook out/pot luck went well , thanks to all who participated. We want to thank all who participated on the planting of geraniums, the grounds sure are RED and look great.

We do need volunteers for watering the grounds so please sign up to help keep our church looking great during the Summer months. The sign-up sheet is in the Hall.

Thanks to all who gave to the annual UTO offering.

The Holy Fair committee met and they have their work cut out for them, but thankfully we have Jim Kimball as the Chairperson. It is always a great success and we hope it will continue to do so. All who can lend a hand especially the set up and break down of the table and chairs and helping out in any capacity are urged to see Jim or the Wardens at anytime as well as looking for the sign-up sheets in the future.

At recent vestry meetings there was discussion about some type of chair lift system for the stairs leading up to the Asher-Stoddard Hall. Ron did research into this matter and found that because the Church is considered as a “commercial” property we are not allowed to install a chair-lift system as you may have seen advertised over the years. It is law unfortunately. The only alternative is to actually build a lift elevator where the closet is at the top of those stairs. However, this would entail some infrastructure and a re-wiring of our electrical system. This would be a very expensive undertaking costing no less that \$50,000 with all the work that would have to be done. We are unable to pursue this project at this time but wanted to pass along this result as the study and research. Please see the Wardens with any questions.

We hope that you and your family have a safe and wonderful Summer and look forward to seeing you in Church.

God’s Peace,

Ron Russo and Steve Williams
Co-Wardens

Fall Adult Study

“Silence in the Age of Noise”

Fr. Harry and I are planning an adult education forum for the fall, entitled “Silence in the Age of Noise”. The study will use a book written by Erling Kagge with the same title, “Silence in the age of Noise” which examines both the noise of life and cultivating serenity in daily life.

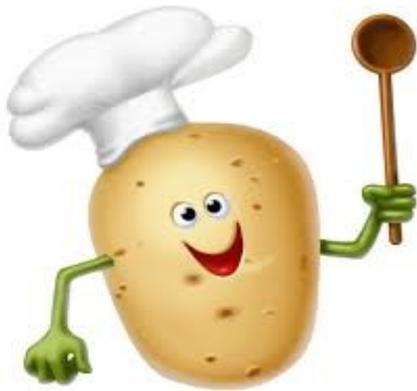
We are asking people to sign-up now so that the books can be ordered. The books are free to those taking the course. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall.

If you have any questions, speak to Fr. Harry or me.

Yours,
Fr. Brad

About “Silence in the Age of Noise”

“In 1993, Norwegian explorer Erling Kagge spent fifty days walking solo across Antarctica, becoming the first person to reach the South Pole alone, accompanied only by a radio whose batteries he had removed before setting out. In this book, an astonishing and transformative meditation, Kagge explores the silence around us, the silence within us, and the silence we must create. By recounting his own experiences and discussing the observations of poets, artists, and explorers, Kagge shows us why silence is essential to sanity and happiness—and how it can open doors to wonder and gratitude.” Amazon.com



Recipe Corner

WARM DIJON POTATO SALAD

- 5 red potatoes
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 2 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese
- 1½ Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 4 tsp. cider vinegar
- ½ tsp. cayenne pepper (optional)
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. ground black pepper
- ¼ tsp. paprika
- ½ red onion, thinly sliced
- 2 scallions, chopped

Place potatoes into a large pot and cover with salted water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer until tender, about 20 minutes. Drain and cut into cubes.

Combine mayonnaise, Parmesan cheese, Dijon mustard, vinegar, cayenne pepper, salt, black pepper, and paprika in a large bowl. Add potatoes, red onion, and green onions; gently toss to combine.

Serve immediately. If there are leftovers, refrigerate and serve cold later.

Living Life Fully

**Date: July 2, 2019
6:30-8:00
Common Room**

Do you feel really alive?

Tonight, hypnotically explore the causes of current blocks in your relationships, career, health, etc.

Generate a life-changing awareness of your full human potential. You deserve to enjoy life fully.

Enjoy a group hypnosis session designed to help you savor your life.

Tickets: \$35.00 / \$30 early bird payment by June 27

Contact Kathryn McGlynn,
Certified Hypnotist
**Preregistration required.
781-340-2146**

More info: www.hypnosis.ws

Vestry Meeting

The next Vestry meeting will be Wednesday, **August 21** at 7:30 in the Asher Stoddard Hall, following a service of compline at 7pm in the Sanctuary



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

- Brooke & family
- Carly
- Carol
- Corinne
- Cras
- Denise
- Dennis Clifford
- Devin
- Dot
- Eleanor
- Ewen
- Frank
- Georgie Whittaker
- Hazel Brunelle
- Helen Holbrook
- Helen
- Jazz
- Jim Murphy
- Joan
- John & Billie Greene & family
- John Anderson
- John Brown
- John Murphy
- Marcia
- Matt
- Maureen
- Myrtle Perkins
- Nancy Mermet
- Nate
- Paige
- Ray Clark
- Ray Thorne
- Ricardo
- Rick
- Rocky
- Scott
- Shirley
- Sophia
- Tim Meehan
- Tim

Ministries

Regardless of your interests and skills, if you would like to participate in one or more ministries, there is something for everyone. If you select a ministry that requires some training, an experienced person will work with you while you learn. Not only would you be helping support our parish and worship, it's an opportunity to get to get better acquainted with others.

We recently had an introductory meeting to the healing station for new and current participants. We will continue with similar programs for the other ministries in the fall, dates to be announced. Sign-up sheets for ministries will be available on Homecoming Sunday, September 15. If you have any questions, please speak to someone currently involved in these ministries or to Fr. Harry or Fr. Brad.

Acolytes carry the cross, candles and other items in procession and help in important ways throughout the service. This is an opportunity for church members young and old (between 9 and 99!) to develop a sense of reverence and understanding for the tradition and beauty entwined in the Episcopal celebration.

Altar Guild is responsible for preparing the altar, flowers and linens needed for all services and church holidays. They make sure that the altar brass and gold shine and that the linens are crisp and white. They fill candles, prepare the gifts of the people for consecration. The guild works in teams, meeting on Saturday morning to set up for Sunday and then cleaning up following both Sunday services.

Choir is an all-volunteer group of parishioners. They provide music for the 10am Sunday service and for many special occasions. They rehearse at 9:15 Sunday morning before the 10am service.

Healing Ministers are available to pray with you during communion at St. Luke's Altar. You are welcome to stand or kneel to receive healing prayers. The Healing Ministers will ask you what you would like to pray for. All information they hear is strictly confidential.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers read the appointed scripture lessons to the parish and help clergy during services. They also lead the recitation of the Psalm of the day and the Prayers of the People. They administer the chalices of consecrated wine during Communion. If Acolytes are not present, they often take on these duties. Lay Eucharistic Ministers are licensed by the Bishop.

Ushers can be men, women and youths. They welcome people as they enter the church and hand out bulletins. They take up the collection; help parishioners who want help to and from their seats and to and from communion and assure that the church is neat and clean after each service.

Sunday School Teachers teach the parish youth every Sunday, using the Episcopal Children's curriculum as well as having various games and activities that will help us to learn about Christ, our church and being kind to people around us.

Pastoral care team coordinates with the Eucharistic Visitors to bring communion to shut-ins, help get transportation for parishioners who need a ride to church, make friendly visits to people at home, visit people in the hospital, nursing homes, rehab centers or other facilities. They also receive parishioner prayer requests and concerns about others in need.

Stewardship Committee works year round, taking many forms. Stewardship here is a joyful exchange of Time, Talent and Treasure. Stewardship is a way to give back in whatever way we are able.



Ministry of the Coffee Hour

When someone comes to your home one of the first questions asked is “Can I get you something?” We share a cup of coffee or a treat as an act of hospitality. The fellowship time that surrounds us on Sunday morning creates a time of sharing and conversation.

If you notice visitors in church, please invite them to join us for coffee hour. It’s a natural time to introduce yourself and welcome someone. Something so simple encourages a return visit. It’s also an opportunity to catch up with friends to find out how someone’s family member is doing. Who doesn’t want to feel that others care about them and their loved ones?

Coffee, sweeteners, etc. are supplied. Bring something to serve, homemade or purchased. It can be baked goods, fresh fruit, cheese and crackers or whatever inspires you. Bring some juice for the kids!

There is a no ‘wrong way’ to do coffee hour, so check your calendar and add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Asher-Stoddard Hall. Ask a friend to host a coffee hour with you.



The Church Garden

The Church garden is planted and after a somewhat challenging learning curve last year this years garden is in good shape. Last fall, we sowed a winter cover crop to improve the soil and the result is a rich fertile soil full of worms.

The garlic we planted made it through the winter and we looking forward to harvesting it later this year Tomato, peppers, green beans and carrots are in the ground as well as sunflowers, basil and mint, thanks to parishioners who donated seeds.

We have taken on a new mission to grow tomatoes for the Weymouth Food Pantry. Quincy Artery Garden Center donated the Super Sonic plants and we look forward to a good supply of tomatoes. Please be sure to say a big thank you if you frequent the Garden Center.

Donations of bags of Coast of Maine compost and potting soil and herbs are always welcome.

Charlene and Judy



When God made the earth and sky,
The flowers and the trees.
He then made all the animals,
The fish, the birds and bees.

All when at last He’d finished,
Not one was quite the same.
He said, I’ll walk this world of mine,
And give each one a name.”

And so He traveled far and wide
And everywhere He went,
A little creature followed Him
Until its strength was spent.

When all were named upon the earth
And in the sky and sea,
The little creature said, “Dear Lord,
There’s not one left for me.”

Kindly the father said to him,
“I’ve left you to the end.
I’ve turned my own name back to front
And called you dog, my friend.”

Author Unknown



Holly Fair 2019

THIS YEAR'S HOLLY FAIR WILL BE NOVEMBER 8 FROM 3 PM TO 8 PM AND NOVEMBER 9 FROM AM to 3 PM! As this is our biggest fund raiser, we need your help to continue to make it as successful as last year's fair! We raised over 16,000.00 dollars last year! This helped us pay our Diocesan assessment and were able to help with the Christmas gifts to the families of the Weymouth youth, as well as a donation to the Weymouth food pantry! It also helped to do some much needed maintenance projects around the property!

We need your help to make this fair better than last year! Can you give us 1 hour of your time and talent? If you need any information, please contact Jim Kimball or any of the table chairs listed below!

Baked Goods-Terry Asher
 Christmas –Judy Ward & Shirley Devore
 Handmade Crafts-Paula Avitabile
 Country Corner-Charlene Birkenhead
 Fudge Table-Linda Muller
 Grandma's Attic-Denise West
 Jewelry-Joyce MacPhee & Lori Butler
 Knit Items-Peg Driscoll
 Silent Auction-Teri Williams
 Snack Bar-Jim Kimball
 Dinner- Pat Demore
 Raffle Ticket Sales-Maryann Gurney

For the Holly Fair Committee

Jim Kimball
 781-883-6735

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" 1 Peter 4:10

UTO Gathering 2019

We wish to thank all who contributed to the annual UNITED THANK OFFERING. We are grateful for your support and generosity. God bless and be well.

Tuesday Morning Eucharist and Luncheon

Mid-week Eucharist is on summer vacation during July and August. Watch upcoming bulletins, newsletters and the calendar for the return date. It's an opportunity for quiet, contemplative worship, followed by good company and conversation. A sign-up sheet for the luncheon will be posted as the return date nears.



Home Communion

If you or a loved one is unable to get to church to celebrate the Eucharist at any time during the year, please call the office at 781-335-2030 to schedule a Home Communion with Fr. Harry or Fr. Brad. The visit will be arranged at your convenience.



Food First Sundays

Food First Sunday are July 7 and August 4. The Weymouth Food Pantry would appreciate donations of low fat salad dressings in July and whole grain cereals in August.



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Please remember that the pantry is participating in the Plant Grow Share initiative, so if you have surplus harvest from a home garden, the pantry's pop-up locations would welcome your donations.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for **SEPTEMBER** Holy Happenings will be Thursday, August 15. Articles may be submitted via snail mail, dropped off in the bin on the office door or sent by email to the church office.

Also, if you are a worship assistant, please provide the office updates to your availability.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Important Dates

**July 4
Independence Day -
Office Closed**

**July 5
Office Closed**

**July 7—Food First Sun-
day**

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.

Important Dates

**August 4—Food First
Sunday**

**August 15
Holy Happenings
September articles
due**

**August 21
Vestry Meeting**

