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# HOLY HAPPENINGS

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July 2023

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## From the Desk of Rev. Diana

What a wonderful world!  
If you were stranded on a deserted Island and could only take one song with you to hear for the rest of your life, what song would you pick? Is it a church hymn or something you learned as a child? Maybe that special song from your prom or wedding?

The song I would pick is What a Wonderful World. written by Bob Thiele (as "George Douglas") and George David Weiss. It was first recorded by Louis Armstrong and released in 1967 as a single. In a time when our country was in turmoil over racism and the loss of John F Kennedy. George Weiss says he wrote the song specifically for Louis Armstrong, as he was inspired by Armstrong's ability to bring together people of different races. Thiele said that the song was intended as a reassuring antidote to the mounting problems facing America in the late 60s; a time defined by what he described as "the deepening national traumas of the Kennedy assassination, Vietnam, racial strife, and turmoil everywhere." The song was a flop in the US as Larry Newton, the president of ABC, hated the song and wouldn't promote it. It hit the charts in the UK reaching No.1 during a 29-week run.

It finally became popular in the US in 1988 when it appeared on the soundtrack of *Good Morning Vietnam*. It was introduced to the Grammy Hall of fame in 1999. I love this song because it reminds me of the beauty of the gift of life



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given to us and the reassurance of the deep love that we have for each other and God's love for us. This song speaks of the beauty of this wonderful world that God made for you and me to enjoy. The gift of the sacred night and the blessed day. The colors of the rainbow are on our faces and in our very being. This is a beautiful declaration of the diversity of humanity all made in God's image. I love how it reminds me of the way we say "I love you" in just the everyday speech of "hello. How are you?" I am reminded that so many people don't have anyone who cares to ask a simple question like "how are you". The last verse speaks of the hope that those who come after us will know more about love than we know. Perhaps they will be able to appreciate and care for this beautiful world in a better way.

For Armstrong, it told a story of possibility. In the 1970 recording of this song there is a spoken introduction by Louis :

"Some of you young folks been saying to me," Hey Pops, what you mean 'What a wonderful world'?"

How about all them wars all over the place? You call them wonderful?

And how about hunger and pollution? That ain't so wonderful either."

Well how about listening to old Pops for a minute. Seems to me, it ain't the world that's so bad but what we're doin' to it.

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And all I'm saying is, see, what a wonderful world it would be if only we'd give it a chance. Love baby, love. That's the secret, yeah. If lots more of us loved each other, we'd solve lots more problems. And then this world would be a gasser. That's wha' ol' Pops keeps saying." I'm with you Louis..... Love baby, Love! That's the secret!

***I see trees of green  
Red roses too  
I see them bloom  
For me and you  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world  
I see skies of blue  
And clouds of white  
The bright blessed day  
The dark sacred night  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world  
The colors of the rainbow  
So pretty in the sky  
Are also on the faces  
Of people going by  
I see friends shaking hands  
Saying, "How do you do?"  
They're really saying  
I love you  
I hear babies cry  
I watch them grow  
They'll learn much more  
Than I'll ever know  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world  
Yes, I think to myself  
What a wonderful world  
Ooh, yes***



## **Warden's Report**

While preparing this report I looked back on my March 2023 Warden's report where I shared the news that Rev. Diana had accepted the call to be our next rector and now, she is here. In the short time she has been with us there is a renewed energy witnessed especially at the Tuesday Eucharist and Sunday's 10am coffee hour. Diana has been sharing her experiences and has been listening to and getting to know us and where we are on our spiritual journey.

With that in mind the Adult Christian Education program resumes on June 25<sup>th</sup> with a discussion of the book "Love Does" by Bob Goff. I invite you to join us and with a later starting time on Sundays at 11:45am I hope more will be able to participate. Our first Saturday dinner on July 1<sup>st</sup> will be a summer cookout. As Diana has said "Bring a friend". Again, I am encouraged by a sense of renewal here at Holy Nativity and look forward to our ministry with Diana. There is a lot we are called to do to serve our Lord in this little corner of the world, but I know we can accomplish his work and as I mentioned in my message on June 18<sup>th</sup> do it well. I give thanks again for the privilege of serving as a Warden here at Holy Nativity.

In the love of Christ, Ed Muller

## Sunday School News



I would like to thank the congregation for their generous support of the Sunday School “Alex’s Lemonade Stand” fundraiser. With your contributions, we raised \$250.00 for research towards curing Childhood Cancer. Thank you very much!!

Although Sunday school has ended on Sunday mornings, plans are already being made for the Fall. One activity being planned is for the older kids is to go to a Sunday service on Boston Common in September. This outdoor service is offered through the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. We would like to bring 50 backpacks filled with toiletries, socks and underwear, for some of the homeless population.

Here's how you can be involved! If you are traveling this summer and staying at a hotel/motel that offers complimentary toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner and soaps, please consider bringing these items home with you and donating them for the backpacks. If you have Kohl’s cash expiring, please consider using it to purchase some men’s or women’s underwear.

Every little bit helps!

Maryann Gurney



## Billy's Giving Hands

Billy’s Giving Hands is looking for donations of clean, gently used or new men’s and women’s T-shirts, underwear and hats (ball caps, sun hats). Please place your donations in the aqua basket in the parish hall.

***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” Copied from the Facebook page!*



### 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](mailto:rectorholynativity@gmail.com)

### Vestry Retreat

Saturday, July 8th the vestry will retreat to Bethany House 181 Appleton St. Arlington MA. from 9am to 4pm.

Your vestry will spend a day together listening to God's call and in discernment for the needs and the future of Holy Nativity. Please pray for the vestry.

*Vestry- there is parking on Clairmont St or behind the chapel off Clairmont St.*

### **Next Vestry Meeting**

The next Vestry meeting will be  
**Wednesday, August 16th**  
Please note **NO** meeting in July!



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

Anne and Ed  
Bill Lucier  
Brian  
Cathy  
Claire Saulnier  
Clelie Welch,  
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.





**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.

**Saturday, July 1st at 4:30**

The First Saturday dinner in Stoddard Hall

Cook out serving hamburgers and hot dogs  
All are welcome

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

**Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for the August Holy Happenings will be **Thursday, July 13th**  
*Early! Due to vacation scheduled at end of the month!*

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)

**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 are June-September. A few volunteers have signed up!

Thank you!!





**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!**  
**781-883-6735**



**Salami-Wrapped  
Melon with Basil**

**Ingredients**

1 small cantaloupe, cut into pieces

Toothpicks

Salami, thinly sliced

Basil leaves

**Directions**

**STEP 1**

Remove rind and seeds from cantaloupe and cut into pieces.

**STEP 2**

Thread each cantaloupe piece onto a toothpick along with 1 piece of salami and a basil leaf.

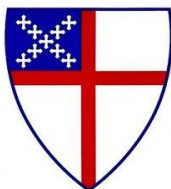
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**Save the Date**

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

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

**A reception will follow**



**First Food Sunday, July 2nd**

. 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, July 2nd.**

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**Important Dates**

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

**Saturday, July 1st** – First Dinner Saturday at 4:30 BBQ - hot dogs and hamburgers will be served!

**Sunday, July 2nd** - Food first Sunday - bring non-perishable items for blessing and distribution

**Saturday, July 8th** - the vestry will retreat to Bethany House 181 Appleton St. Arlington MA. from 9am to 4pm.

**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**

Looking ahead:

**Wednesday, September 6th at 6:00PM** - a celebration of new ministry for The Rev. Diana Scheide

**November 10th and 11th:** the 2023 Holly Fair