

# HOLY HAPPENINGS

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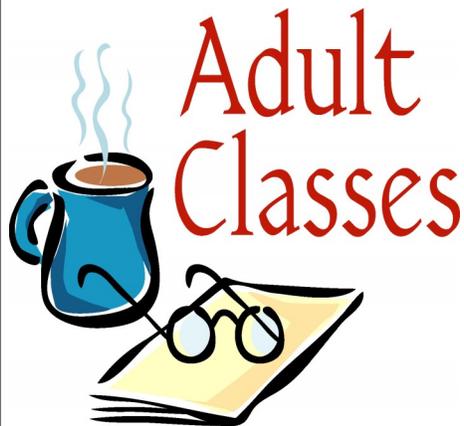
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## ADULT EDUCATION

Most recently Fr. Brad was approached and asked if there was a possibility of a continued adult education forum during the year. Both of us thought that this would be a splendid idea and have decided upon a few suggestions but most of all having those of you who are interested to make suggestions. What is it you want to learn more about? Wisdom literature?, The Creed? The Sacraments? The History of the Church? Meditation and Prayer? The Souls Purpose? Healing? Or maybe you would just like an outline understanding of certain books within the Old and New Testaments. The choice is yours. Fr, Brad and I are willing to continue courses on Sunday mornings around 11:45. You can email or personally suggest to us what it is you would really like for us to discuss. Once the courses are decided upon there will be sign-up sheets in the Asher Stoddard Hall. In the meantime, you can email either Fr. Brad or me at:

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[Hbirkenhed@aol.com](mailto:Hbirkenhed@aol.com).

Blessings,  
Father Harry



### CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

*Holy Eucharist*  
*Sunday - 8 & 10 a.m.*  
*Most Tuesdays - 11:30*

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

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Ron Russo, Warden  
Steve Williams, Warden

## Wardens' Report

Spring has finally sprung; the trees are in bloom, and the colors are just striking. What a wonderful time of year spring is. The wardens' annual walk through was completed, and there are obvious issues that need to be attended to, gutters need repairing, as well as window replacements. Although a comprehensive list has been created we defiantly will be adding more to it. We have received a few estimates on certain projects, and we are reviewing them with the executive committee and will create a report to share with everyone. A rough draft will be sent to vestry members first before the final document gets created. Some projects will be long term and for planning ahead.

We are looking for parishioners with skills such as carpentry, tile work, and plumbing. There are some projects that could be done without soliciting contractors this would help deter some of the cost that we may encounter on larger projects. So if there are any volunteers please contact your wardens Ron or Steve. (Ron 781-789-5095, [russo81@comcast.net](mailto:russo81@comcast.net)), (Steve 781-405-3647 [scw54@comcast.net](mailto:scw54@comcast.net))

We are blessed here at Holy Nativity as our family of parishioners are always responsive to the needs of the Parish. Thank you all for your generosity and God Bless you all. Also at any time of the year we

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look for any of you who would like to participate in events or committees or groups. The more the merrier and the more things will get done as we move forward. It is never too early to think about the annual Holly Fair and the number of people who help this function every year. Some of these areas only have one or two people involved and makes their work a bit harder. If you would like to lend your talents to this event feel free to contact Jim Kimball (Chairperson of Holly Fair Committee) or the wardens. You do not have to wait for someone to ask....well if you do...we just asked. As the saying goes: "Many hands make light work". We will also make sure that you get free parking all year long.

One final note, as you all know our coffee hour after the 10am service is a crucial part of the Sunday services. We gather, and talk about all sorts of topics, we are in need of coffee hour hosts please sign up to be a host or see Ed Muller for guidance on coffee hour hosting. (So basically we asked again because we can reach many of you with one ask in this column). Thank you in advance.

As usual the Easter festivities were great, the Altar Guild decked out the church, and it looked fantastic, great job Altar guild. We also thank the Choir, Clergy and Peg our parish secretary for all their hard work during the Easter season.

We hope that you and your family have a great summer and safe travels. We will see you around church.

God's Peace to you,

Ron Russo and Steve Williams

### **A Note from Fr. Brad**

On June 23 after the 10am service, there will be a meeting for anyone interested in serving at the prayer station at 8am and 10am Sunday mornings.

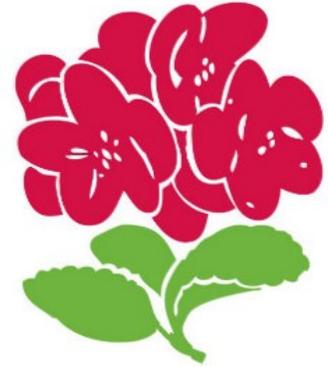
We will discuss prayers used for healing, praise and thanksgiving. If you already participate, please join us. If you wish to start, please come, as well.

If you have any questions, please call Fr. Brad.



### **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.



### **TONGUES OF FIRE & RED GERANIUMS**

The church will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, June 9th, when the Holy Spirit appeared as tongues of fire. We will celebrate the day by wearing red and bringing a potted red geranium to church, to beautify the church grounds. If every family brings one plant, Holy Nativity will look wonderful this summer.

Diana Blakeley-Smith and the Sunday School children will plant the flowers that day.

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

Mid-week Eucharist will be taking a summer vacation soon! No services in July and August.

Please join us on June 4 or June 18 at 11:30. This quiet service has become a favorite with many people, even if they are only able to attend occasionally. There's always lively conversation and fellowship to go with luncheon.

Please watch the bulletins, newsletter and calendar for when it will resume.



**Sunday School**

As we wind down for the summer, I would like to thank the parish for their love and support over the past school year. I would also like to thank my teachers Shirley DeVore, Sheila DeMore, Michelle Patel, and Kloey Lizine for their help. I couldn't have done it without them! And thanks to the great kids at Holy Nativity Church. You are all amazing, loving, wonderful children. I hope you all have a great summer!

Sunday June 2nd will once again be "Sundae" Sunday for the Sunday school children. We will have ice cream sundaes during Sunday school class time and we will play a game called "Thanks For The Compliment". Our last day of class will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th. We will help Diana Blakeley-Smith plant red geraniums around the church grounds. Be sure to wear gardening clothes! There will be no classes for the rest of the month of June.

Maryann Gurney

**Soul Entrainment®**

**Date: June 4  
6:30-8:00  
Common Room**

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**Vestry Meeting**

The next Vestry meeting will be Wednesday, **June 19** at 7:30 in the Asher Stoddard Hall, following a service of compline at 7pm in the Sanctuary



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

- Anders Eriksson
- Anne
- Brooke & family
- Carly
- Carol
- Corinne
- Denise
- Dennis Clifford
- Devin
- Dot
- Eleanor
- Ewen
- Frank
- Ginny Blanchett
- Hank
- Hazel Brunelle
- Helen Holbrook
- Jazz
- Jim Murphy
- Joan
- John & Billie Greene & family
- John Anderson
- John Brown
- John Murphy
- June Sutcliffe
- Marcia
- Maureen
- Myrtle Perkins
- Nancy Mermet
- Nate
- Paige
- Ray Thorne
- Ricardo
- Rick
- Rocky
- Sophia
- Tim
- Tommy Chadbourne
- Treasa

## UTO Gathering 2019

There lived in Caesarea a centurion called Cornelius, a good man who worshipped God and was generous to the poor. One day an angel appeared to him, instructing him to send men to Joppa to bring Peter back from the home of Simon the tanner by the sea.

Once the angel had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a trusted soldier and sent them to Joppa. The following day about noon, when Cornelius' men were approaching the city, Peter went up to the roof to pray. He was hungry, but while waiting for food to be prepared, he fell into a trance. He saw Heaven opening above him, and a great sheet descending to the earth containing every sort of animal and bird. "Eat, Peter, eat," said a voice.

"Surely not Lord, I have never eaten anything that is unclean," Peter replied

"Nothing is unclean that God has made clean," said the voice. Two more times Peter saw the same vision before the sheet was taken back to Heaven.

Peter was puzzling over the meaning of the vision when the three men sent by Cornelius arrived at Simon's house, where they were invited to stay as guests.

The next day, Peter, understanding it was God's will, returned with them to Caesarea. Cornelius, who was surrounded by his family and friends, was waiting to greet him. "Do not kneel," said Peter gently. "I, too, am a man, just as you are.:

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Peter then spoke to all who were gathered there. "God has shown me that all people, Jew and Gentile, are equal in his eyes, that none should be regarded as inferior or unclean."

After a few days Peter went on to Jerusalem. The apostles and other followers of Jesus criticized him for mixing with people of different beliefs, with Gentiles who had not been baptized. Peter told them of his vision. "All people are the same in the sight of God," he said.

We, the Church, have tried to carry on the Message as best we can. To help others in need is also one of missions. This brings us to our annual ingathering for UNITED THANK OFFERING, which will be held on June 2, 2019. We hope that you are inclined to support this effort.

THANK YOU!  
Etta Peterson

## Food First Sunday

Food First Sunday is **June 2**. The Weymouth Food Pantry would appreciate donations of whole grain pasta and brown

## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for **JULY/AUGUST** Holy Happenings will be **Thursday, June 20**. 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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**Important Dates**

**June 2**  
**UTO Ingathering**

**June 9**  
**Parish Cookout**

**June 15**  
**Knit Wits**

**June 16**  
**Fathers' 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**

**June 19**  
**Vestry**

**June 20**  
**Holy Happenings articles due**

**June 30**  
**Summer Book Sale**