

HOLY HAPPENINGS

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Rector's Annual Report

“Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but by being an example to the flock”. (1 Peter 5:2-4, Read at the Ordination of a Priest, BCP page 528).

1. OUR CHURCH: Again, as I feel every year, there is so much I wish to say to all of you but to do so would take up the entire meeting of this annual meeting. I guess I could begin by stating that we have all worked so hard to get so much done this past year. And although there was some initial concern, you have all responded to our budget request and have made the treasurer very happy.

I want to tell you all, and this is not because I'm presently the rector of this wonderful Church, but I respond after years of experience. This parish is the “best” parish I have ever been accompanied with, and I truly thank God every day for this blessing. The work we all do together in the name of God is wonderful it is exciting, and it is holy. Again I thank God for we are all truly blessed here at Holy Nativity.

I want to take this time to thank those of you who perform the



ANNUAL REPORT

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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The Rev. Harold G. Birkenhead, Rector
The Rev. Brad Hultman, Asst. Priest
Casey Hannan, Organist & Choirmaster
Maryann Gurney, Director of Christian Ed
Peg Driscoll, Secretary
Tim Birkenhead, Sexton
Ron Russo, Warden
Steve Williams, Warden

daunting tasks required to make this parish a wonderful, beautiful example of God in this community.

To the Vestry, especially those taking a reprieve Sheila Demore, Lori Butler and Christina Butler, we wish to thank you for your time and effort.

I wish to thank our Vestry, our Treasurer Jim Kimball, our Wardens Steve Williams and Ron Russo for providing this parish with leadership that produces a vigorous and healthy parish and a balanced budget.

I wish to all of you in the varied ministries of Altar Guild, Acolytes, Choir, Ushers, Sunday School Teachers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Healing station attendants all of you who make for a smooth, joyful and delightful Eucharistic service.

For those behind the scenes who have either visited the sick and comforted the homebound.

To those who come to sit and pray for each other and with each other.

Although we have had our share of illness and sadly deaths this past year, together in our usual way, have all shared the recipe and mixture of prayer and hope and love which carried us all through.

No thank you would be complete without mentioning my assistant, partner in ministry, and friend Fr. Brad Hultman. Brad came aboard
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some ten years ago, and nothing has been the same since. In reality, He has been an absolute blessing to this ministry we perform here in our parish. Brad had been my sounding board and go to guy on clerical and spiritual matters and has been such a great help to all of us.

My hope to all of you here today is that you are and have been as proud and as happy, as loved and as blessed by this wonderful and holy place as I feel I have been in these last 14 years.

2. OUR DIOCESE:

Our parish has always enjoyed a very enjoyable relationship with our diocese and its Bishops. Most recently I have been asked by the Bishop to be his Dean of the South Shore. As members of the South Shore Deanery, our clergy usually meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month and we occasionally have a Deanery Assembly once or twice a year.

Bishop Gates has also decided to incorporate the function of a Regional Canon, the Rev. Kelly O'Connell to oversee the whole southern region of the Diocese. The Canon's duty is to assure parishes have a closer connection with the diocese.

In Conclusion: I would like to close paraphrasing one of my favorite readings from the letter of Paul to the Corinthians where he writes;

YOU are the body of Christ, and God appointed all of YOU, as apostles, prophets, teachers with deeds of power and gifts of healing. YOU can perform gifts of miracles... HOW? God shows us a more excellent way;

Remember my children, God says. You may speak in tongues of mortals and of angels, and you can have all those prophetic powers to understand mysteries, and you can have all the faith so as to remove mountains, but if you do not have love. It means nothing...

And this is why we have our Church of the Holy Nativity, for it is here where we find our faith, we find our hope but most of all we find a love found in all of us and given to us by the grace of God.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Rector and blessings to you all,

Fr. Harry

**WINE TASTING-**

The Fine Arts Chorale is hosting an enjoyable afternoon of wine tastings and raffles.

When: Sunday, March 3, 2019,
3:00 p.m.

Where: Trinity Church Hall,
Goddard Ave.
(off Union St.)
Rockland, MA

Admission: \$40.00 per person

Tables of 8 may be reserved prior to event.

For more information please call Judy at 617-633-5787 or

**Calling All Knitters!**

The Knit Table was so successful in 2018 that there are absolutely no mittens left! If you knit (any skill level) or would like to learn, you can make mittens!

For knitters who would like to learn more skills, it's an opportunity to learn how to use double-pointed needles, but there are many 2-needle patterns if you prefer, Mittens without fingers are quite popular with the smart phone set. Maybe you can learn how cable stitch or change colors. If you need help with a current project of any kind, please feel free to bring that along, as well.

If you plan to learn something new, please contact Peg in the church office to determine if there's anything you may need that you don't already have. Some gadgets are better than others, so Peg will make suggestions. She will also help you select an appropriate pattern. There are lots of great free resources on-line!

Please join us Saturday, March 23, at 10am in the Common Room.

Sunday School

Lenten Outreach

Once again Lent is upon us. The Sunday school Outreach Projects for Lent this year are:

Collecting food items for the homeless shelter The Pine Street Inn

Designing and writing cards to members of the parish who are no longer able to attend church

Putting Easter Baskets together for Weymouth Youth & Family Services



BAKE SALE

There will be a Bake Sale on Sunday, March 24 between the 8:00 and 10:00 service as well as after the 10:00 service. The Bake Sale is being hosted by the Sunday school. Funds raised will be used in our Lenten outreach. We will be purchasing Easter basket items for Weymouth Youth & Family Services. If you would like to donate one or two baked goods they will be greatly appreciated!

Thank you!



Cut Down on Clutter

Use Hypnosis to Become More Organized

**Date: March 12, 2019
6:30-8:00**

Common Room

Useless clutter is visible. What do you suppose it says about the invisible thinking or state of mind that produces it?

Decluttering is always an “inside job” and, in this seminar, you’ll discover how “Clutter Clearing” works on the inner and outer worlds. Enjoy a group hypnosis session and learn how to feel better about yourself as you begin the process of moving from Clutter to Clarity. BONUS: Free hypnosis CD (\$20 value)

Facilitated by Kathryn McGlynn, certified hypnotist.

Contact Kathryn at 781-340-2146 to reserve your spot.

Tickets \$35.00 or early bird for \$30.00 (payment by 3/8/19)

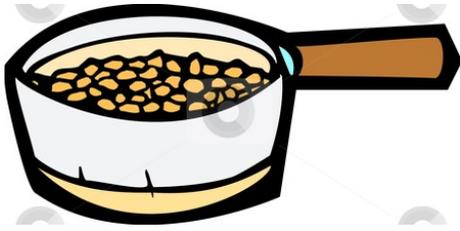
Food First Sunday

Food First Sunday is March 3. The Weymouth Food Pantry would appreciate donations of macaroni and cheese.



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

- Anders Eriksson
- Anne
- Bill
- Billy Dunn
- Brooke & family
- Carly
- Carol
- Casey K.
- Corinne
- Denise
- Devin
- Dot
- Ewen
- Frank
- Ginny Blanchette
- Hazel Brunelle
- Helen Holbrook
- Jim Murphy
- Joan
- John & Billie Greene & family
- John
- John Anderson
- John Murphy
- June Sutcliffe
- Maureen
- Myrtle Perkins
- Nelson Harris
- Paige
- Patty Murphy
- Peggy Cinotto
- Ray Thorne
- Ricardo
- Rick
- Rocky
- Sophia
- Tommy Chadbourne.



Recipe Corner

From Bountiful New Beginnings

BAKED BEANS— LITTLE HOUSE STYLE

- 3 c. navy pea or “little white” beans, soaked overnight in saucepan (cover beans with water)
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ¼ lb. salt pork (optional)
- ¼ c. molasses
- 3 small onions, cut in chunks
- 2 green peppers, cut in strips
- Molasses
- 3 qt. kettle with no wood or plastic handles

Next morning, change water of beans and simmer for 5 minutes. Stir in baking soda and watch it fizz. Continue to simmer. After about 40 minutes, test for doneness. Place two beans in a spoon, blow on them. If the skin cracks, they are ready. Pour off water. Add 5 cups fresh water and simmer. Add salt pork. In 30 minutes, pour off water and save. Grease pan with salt pork. Pour in beans. Distribute vegetables around pan. Dribble in ¼ cup molasses. Add bean broth and water to cover and put pan in the oven. Bake at 250° for 8 hours to brown evenly or at 350° for 4 hours. Add water as needed to prevent dry out. Serve with molasses.

Submitted by Marjorie Deakin



Daylight Savings Starts March 10

Daylight Saving Time starts on the **second Sunday in March** of every year and ends on the **first Sunday in November**.

Wardens' Report

The Holy Nativity Annual meeting was a great success. “Thank you all”. The meeting went smoothly and rather quickly. This was due to the advanced communications that went out prior to the meeting. This process aided all concerned to prepare questions prior to the actual meeting. Once again, we have to thank Peg for her hard work on obtaining the individual reports and collating them, as well as sending them out electronically and to provide printed copies that were placed in the narthex.

We also wish to acknowledge departing vestry members Christina Butler, Lori Butler and Sheila Demore for their participation and ministry during their vestry term for the past three years; we also want to acknowledge three new members, Bill Butler, Rick Lang

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Wardens' Report continued

Thanks to all of our vestry members,=. We look forward to the first meeting of the new vestry in March. At this point, we also want to thank the Parish for your support and acknowledgement in electing us to serve as your Wardens for the coming year. We look forward to another productive year.

Our sexton is leaving and there is an opening for the position. Any interested party should please contact the Wardens or Father Harry. This is such an important part of our Church, so if you also would know of anyone with the right skill sets and who would be interested, please let us know as well.

The Wardens will be reviewing the projects that are pending, and add any new projects to the list, as walkthrough of the parish will establish any new projects. If you haven't noticed when entering the parking lot, there is an indentation or damage to the right corner of the driveway. Please try to avoid this area as we will address it during our walk through. Soon, we will prepare and welcome Spring!!

See you in church.

God's Peace from your Wardens,

Steve Williams and Ron Russo

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Church Coffee Hour Ministry provides a warm and welcoming gathering each Sunday morning. Old friends and new are welcomed each week with a hot cup of coffee and some goodies to sustain us during our visit. Members of this ministry serve as hosts and/or /hostesses. This is an easy and fun way to support the life of the parish.

Coffee, tea, milk, cream, sweeteners and cups are all provided. All you need to do is bring something to serve, whether it is homemade or something you bought and a smile.

Please sign up on the bulletin board by the Common Room door.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for **MARCH** Holy Happenings will be **Thursday, March 14**. Articles may be submitted via snail mail, dropped off in the bin on the office door or sent by email to the church office.

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.

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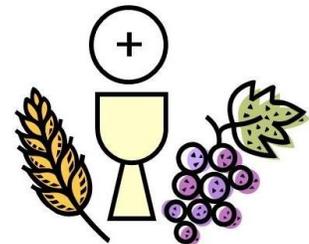


Vestry Meeting

Vestry

The next Vestry meeting will be Wednesday, **March 13** at 7:30 in the Asher Stoddard Hall, following a service of compline at 7pm in the Sanctuary

Tuesday Morning Eucharist and Luncheon



Please join us on Tuesdays 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



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Important Dates

March 5
**Shrove Tuesday Pan-
cake Supper**

March 6
Ash Wednesday

March 9
**Weymouth Garden
Club**

March 10
**Daylight Savings
Time Starts**

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

March 13
Compline & Vestry

March 16
**Corned beef & cab-
bage dinner, fol-
lowed by non-talent
night**

March 21
**Holy Happenings
articles due**

March 24
Bake Sale

March 31
Book Sale