

HOLY HAPPENINGS

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GOOD NEWS

Although our Easter celebration began with a cloudy and rainy morning, Holy Nativity quickly warmed up when close to three-hundred worshipers gathered to celebrate the light, the love and the warmth of Christ. People were not only dressed in their finest apparel but also in their best frame of mind to hear, to experience, and to sing out the "Good News" that "Jesus has risen". And from the sounds of music, laughter, solemn prayer and fellowship, the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia!

I really don't know where to begin in thanking so many of you for so much. The dedication of the Choir, Altar Guild, Ushers and Acolytes. The generosity of so many in adorning our parish with beautiful Easter lilies in remembrance of all our loved ones and your participating to make this Easter one of blessings and friendship. Ours was a most beautiful celebration topping off the forty days of Lent with God's light of love.

We here at Holy Nativity are indeed truly blessed by the Lord with such an active congregation and one which continually enjoys seeing new faces arriving



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
Keith Green, Sexton
Ron Russo, Warden
Steve Williams, Warden

and becoming part of our parish family. I was so delighted to see so many young families and the enjoyment by so many children on that day.

Also, I want to thank my crazy and wonderful friend and colleague, Fr. Brad for his assistance. He is such a joy to have standing beside me on this spiritual journey. My appreciation also goes out to the Wardens, Treasurer and Vestry for a job well done in keeping our parish well, good and secure. As we now look forward to the incoming Spring and the light of warmer days, regardless of where you are or how far you may travel in the upcoming months, do remember that your parish is always here for you.

Our love, our fellowship, our songs of joy ring out in thanksgiving for all of you who arrived on Easter Sunday to remind this world that yes, The Lord has risen. He has most certainly risen indeed here among all of us here at Holy Nativity.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessings,
Father Harry

BCH CAMP

*Reach, Connect, Grow,
Discover, Honor*

BCH Camp is a place where all campers feel accepted and loved, and are able to develop authentic lifelong friendships. This outcome is achieved by providing opportunities for campers to explore their already established interests, as well as try new things in a safe and affirming environment. BCH Camp offers sports, water activities, dance, drama, music, challenge courses, outdoor activities, and much more. Counselors work closely with campers to support their development in activities, building friendship and furthering their journey in faith formation. Campers learn important life lessons and gain new perspectives as they live and play in a community centered on Christian beliefs and values.

2019 Camp Dates

Session 1: Sunday, June 30th
– Friday, July 5th

Session 2: Sunday, July 7th –
Friday, July 12th

Session 3: Sunday, July 14th
– Friday, July 19th

Session 4: Sunday, July 21st
– Friday, July 26th

Session 5: Sunday, July 28th
– Friday, August 2nd

Click below to register on-line:

[https://
bhcamp.campbrainregistration.co
m/](https://bhcamp.campbrainregistration.com/)

Wardens' Report

Our apologies for a short report but our focus has been the Lenten season and to make sure the facilities are ready for the Holy Week. That being said the Easter Season is well under way, during the Monday night Lenten program Father Harry and Father Brad have presented a great deal of insight on religion. The program was well attended. Thank you Fr's Harry and Brad.

The new Sexton is working hard to keep our facilities livable, there is a remarkable difference regarding the up keep. Thanks Keith.

Due to the Holy Week schedule the April Vestry meeting has been cancelled so our next meeting will be a very full agenda. Thanks to all who made the church look beautiful for the Easter celebration and to our Choir, Choir Master/organist and special guests for all the music as well.

Peace and Blessings,

Ron Russo & Steve Williams, Co
-Wardens

Food First Sunday

Food First Sunday is May 5. The Weymouth Food Pantry would appreciate donations of peanut butter and jelly.



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.

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.



Sunday School

Our Lenten outreach was a great success! Thank you to all who donated boxes of whole grain cereal for The Pine Street Inn. We collected approximately 50 boxes!

Our bake sale profit of \$250.00 and your Easter candy donations gave us the opportunity to fill 14 Easter baskets for the children of Weymouth Youth & Family Services. And, we will also be sending some funds to the Prada family in South Africa.

There will be no Sunday school May 26 due to the Memorial Day weekend.

Vestry Meeting

The next Vestry meeting will be Wednesday, **May 15** at 7:30 in the Asher Stoddard Hall, following a service of compline at 7pm in the Sanctuary

Contact Info

If any of your contact information has changed, please notify the church office, so we are able to contact you, if necessary. There's a page to assist you with this on page 4. If you need the 2 page version, they are available on the table in front of office or we can email one to you.

Hypno Golf

**Date: May 14
6:30-8:00
Common Room**

No Swinging Watches, Just A Better Golf Swing

Tickets: \$35.00 / \$30 early bird payment by May 9

There have been many changes in golf training, advanced equipment has been developed and yet ... the average golfer's score has remained the same as it was twenty years ago.

What has not changed is the way the average golfer thinks; the mental game has remained the same. It's been said: 'Golf is played with the body but won in the mind'.

Controlling your mind is the key to great golf.

Enjoy a group hypnosis session designed to help you greatly improve your style, form and technique.

You can learn how to think and perform like a pro on the course.

Contact Kathryn McGlynn, Certified Hypnotist and Golf Enhancement Specialist
**Preregistration required.
781-340-2146**

More info: www.hypnosis.ws



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

- Anders Eriksson
- Anne
- Brooke & family
- Cameron
- Carly
- Carol
- Corinne
- Denise
- Dennis Clifford
- Dot
- Eleanor
- Ewen
- Frank
- Ginny Blanchett
- Hazel Brunelle
- Helen Holbrook
- 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
- Sophia
- Tim

Church of the Holy Nativity

Parishioner Information

Household Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Individual (1):

Title: " Mr. " Mrs. " Miss " Ms. " Other: _____

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____

Include in Holy Nativity directory? " yes " no

Baptized " yes " no " under 16" over 16 Date: _____

Confirmed " yes " no " under 16 "over 16 Date: _____

Married " yes " no Date of Marriage: _____

Gender " Male " Female

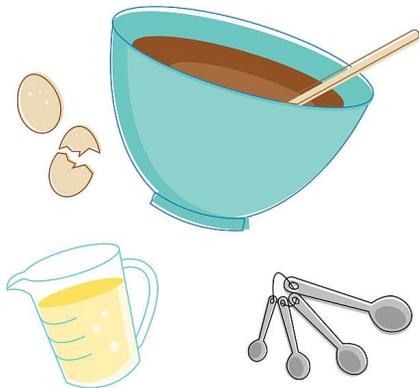
Date of Birth: _____

Alternate Phone: _____ " Cell " Office

Preferred Email Address: _____

Please ask at the office if more are needed for your family. You may return the completed form to Fr. Harry, Fr. Brad, place it in the alms basin or leave it in the bin on the office door.

Please notify the office when any of this information changes.



Recipe Corner

From Bountiful New Beginnings

LEMON BARS

- 3 c. flour
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ c. confectioners sugar
- 1 c. butter (or half margarine) softened

Filling:

- 4 eggs
- 4 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 4 Tbsp. flour
- ½ tsp. salt
- 2 c. sugar
- Rind of 1 lemon, grated

Mix first 4 items well and pack into a 9x13 greased pan. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes or until light brown.

Sift sugar, flour and salt. Beat 4 eggs until blended. Add the sugar, flour and salt. Add the juice and rind. Spread over the warm pastry. Bake at 350° for 20 to 25 minutes. Cool and cut in bars.

Submitted by Neola K. Leslie

Ireland 2020

It is time to think about traveling again and this time, we are off to Ireland at the end of May/ beginning of June 2020 with Grand Circle Travel. While the exact date, price and itinerary are not yet finalized, here are the details so far: For more information, go to <http://www.oattravel.com/EID19>

Anticipated dates:

Depart May 30, 2020
Return June 16, 2020

Approximate charge: **\$3445.00**
Air fare from Boston: **\$1300.00**

There are 5 single rooms available for the same price if you prefer not to share a hotel room. Act quickly if you want one of these rooms!

If you would like to preregister for the trip:

1. Please call **Grand Circle Foundation** Reservations at 800.221.2610.
2. Advise the travel counselor that you want to pre-register for **Ireland in Depth** in June, 2020.
3. Mention **Group Code G0-27691/Group Leader Judy Leamy**.
4. Deposit is **\$350** per person. **This deposit is 100% refundable until dates and prices are finalized.**

I am happy to answer any question and can be reached at usleamys@gmail.com or 617.633.5787.

Judy Leamy



Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all who sponsored me on the Good Friday Walk! Your generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated by all the Southern families who are benefiting through better education, nutrition and protection.

Shirley Hayes

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for **JUNE** Holy Happenings will be **Thursday, May 16**. 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 with your availability.

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Important Dates

May 11
Weymouth Garden Club

May 12
Mothers' Day

May 15
Vestry

May 16
Holy Happenings articles due

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

May 18
Knit Wits

May 26
Book Sale

May 27
Memorial Day—office closed