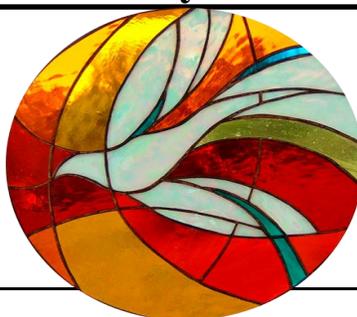

HOLY HAPPENINGS

May 2021

**From the Desk of the
Rev. Laurie Rofinot**

Greetings and God's blessings to all at Holy Nativity during this magnificent Spring! Our festive 7-week Easter season extends through the first three weeks of May, as we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. I love the Collects during this season, those short prayers we say at the beginning of Sunday worship. They sum up Christian joy in the present moment, as well as our hopes for Everlasting Life with God. On May 3rd, for instance, we pray together these words of encouragement: *"Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life...."* On May 10th we ask God to bring us close to the divine heart: *"Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire..."*



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9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.*

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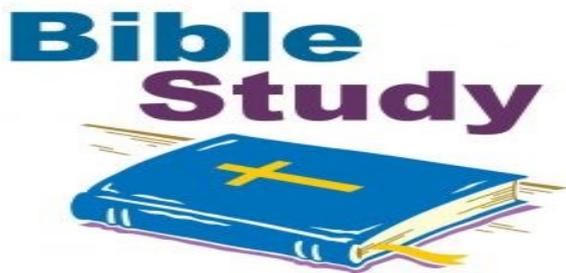
Then, this holy season reaches a literal "high point" with Christ's Ascension into heaven 40 days after Easter, this year on May 13th. On May 17th, the Sunday after Ascension, as we are anticipating the dramatic Day of Pentecost, we pray: *"O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before..."*

Finally, 50 days after Easter, Pentecost Sunday on May 23rd we celebrate "the Birthday of the Church," as the Holy Spirit arrives in wind and fire and holy speech, to inspire and guide the Christian community in the Way of Love. In our Collect we rejoice and give thanks for the Spirit's presence: *"O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in that holy comfort..."*

As the world brightens with the light and warmth and colors of Spring; as we are increasingly vaccinated against

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Covid and slowly begin to take our masks off and gather again; as we move through the Easter season and into Pentecost season; let us celebrate God's presence with us in so many ways: as our Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, as the source, means and end of all Love in the world. AMEN!



Bible Study Series

Beginning Sunday, May 2nd, Rev. Laurie again will offer a 4-week **Bible Study Series**, focusing on themes of Easter and Pentecost.

The dates this time will be on Sundays: May 2, 9, 16 and 23. Time: 6:45 PM (after dinner and before "Masterpiece Theatre"!) on Zoom.

If you are not already in the email group, let Laurie know of your interest, by email at LARofinot@aol.com, or by calling the church office, 781-335-2030.

You'll receive the readings for the coming week, a "Way of Love" calendar with suggestions for daily spiritual practice, and the Zoom link to join the Bible Study.

Vaccine Awareness from the Rev. Laurie Rofinot

As the Covid vaccine becomes more widely available, we are aware that there may be members of the Holy Nativity community who are having difficulty in scheduling, following through, or even thinking about getting the vaccine. Our Vestry stands ready to offer assistance! Ron Russo our Co-Warden has volunteered to coordinate this effort. He can be reached at his home phone, 781-340-5402, for help with getting an appointment through the online Vaccine Signup, and for getting a ride to and from the vaccination site. We have a few volunteers offering rides, along with their ever-helpful and encouraging presence. And if anyone else would like to volunteer to give rides, please contact Ron. For help and support in talking about hesitancy or reluctance in getting the vaccine itself, Rev. Laurie is available to talk in person at church (call first on weekday mornings) or by phone anytime: 617-335-2994.



Warden's Report

In comparison to April 2020, this year has been a particularly busy time for our parish. We have finally been able, at certain times, to open our doors and welcome our parishioners in. Thanks to Rev. Laurie and the Regathering Committee, we have had what we felt was a very successful Easter season.

As we move forward during the month of May, the plan is to have outdoor services and also an indoor service on Pentecost Sunday. Please keep watch for upcoming communications from the church office. Governor Baker is beginning to relax some of the restrictions for Covid 19, and therefore, hopefully, we will also see the same for our churches in the Dioceses.

Most recently during a series of high winds, we sustained damage that caused trees and limbs to fall and crash down onto our parking lot fence. The fence did sustain considerable damage and therefore had to be replaced. After a full review of the trees on our church grounds, it was determined the best course of action was to remove the trees along the rectory fence line. These trees were tilted in the direction of the house, and it was determined that they had to be removed for the safety of the environment. Some of the trees located in front of the rectory and those between the hall and the side entrance to the rectory, have been pruned.

Currently, our Sunday school is very lively and has been working on plans for seasonal activities. As usual, we will be seeking garden angels to help water our shrubs and plants. Anyone that wishes to volunteer, please contact the parish office.

Many thanks go out to the courageous souls who stepped up to host the fireside chats, as well as those who presented a sermon via our ZOOM services. Should anyone be interested

in delivering a sermon on our Sunday services, please contact Rev Laurie.

Vestry

The next Vestry meeting will be Wednesday, **May19th** at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Pet-Sitting/House-Sitting position and/or Room desired for the month of August:

A request has come from a parishioner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brunswick, Maine, for a short-term position or housing opportunity, during her time as an intern at the New England Wildlife Center here in South Weymouth. Emma is 20, a rising college junior, responsible and independent, and will be vaccinated by the summer. Please contact Rev. Laurie if you have something to offer or know of someone who does: LARofinot@aol.com, or 617-776-5604 at home, or 617-335-2994 cell/text.

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Here comes the
sun, and I say,
It's all **right**.

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THE BEATLES



Sunday School

As the weather continues to warm up, we hope to have some outdoor time for Sunday school. Possibly a Bible scavenger hunt or a hike on a local trail. On Pentecost Sunday, we would love to have our families join the service! After the service, the Sunday school children will help with the planting of the red geraniums brought to church by parishioners. There will be no Sunday school on Sunday May 30 for the Memorial Day weekend.

The Sunday school children have written cards to Veterans, soldiers and parishioners. They would love to receive a card from a parishioner! It would be a great way to make a connection with them while we are apart. If you are interested in sending a card to one of the kids, please contact Maryann Gurney for the names and addresses of the children.

Fireside Chat

Now that the weather is getting warmer and the days are longer, Fireside Chat will be put on hold until the Fall. People will be tending their gardens or having BBQ's so we will carry on in the Fall as the days get longer and the nights get chillier.

Book Club

The next book for book club is "The Editor" by Steven Rowley

After years of trying to make it as a writer in 1990s New York City, James Smale finally sells his novel to an editor at a major publishing house: none other than Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Jackie--or Mrs. Onassis, as she's known in the office--has fallen in love with James's candidly autobiographical novel, one that exposes his own dysfunctional family. But when the book's forthcoming publication threatens to unravel already fragile relationships, both within his family and with his partner, James finds that he can't bring himself to finish the manuscript.



As a Parish, We pray for:

Anne, Aaron, Audrey, Bonnie Chadbourne, Brian, Breda O., Carly, Carol, Christine, Claire S., Corinne, Dot, Dot D., Ed, Eleanor, Ellie, Eliza and Family, Ernie, Ewen & Pat MacDonald, Frank, Fredrick, Grover, Hazel Brunelle, Helen Holbrook, Helen, Steven M Haley, James Schofield, Jane Beal, Jessica, Jim Connolly, Joe, John Murphy, John, Joan, Billie Greene & family, Judy Ridge, Julie, Kathleen, Katie, Kelly M., Liz, Marcia, Matt, Maureen, Maureen Doyle, Merieme, Mim, Myrtle Perkins, Nancy Crosby, Nancy Mermet, Nate, Paige, Pat and her family, Patty, Phyllis Collari, Ray Clark, Roberta, Rocky, Rodney, Ruth K., Shirley, Sophia, Tim, and Tommy L.



Holly Fair
anyone?

Interested?

Please contact
Jim Kimball
or
Maryann Gurney

Thanks to our Guest Preachers!

Over the last few months we've been blessed to have the preaching perspectives of Ed Muller and Steve Williams, as they have courageously offered to serve as Guest Preachers during our worship services. In their personal testimonies, their stories of faith and parish life, the church community is enriched, nurtured and challenged, and our GREAT gratitude and praise go out to them. **Our next Guest Preacher will be Donna Lucier on Sunday, May 30 at the 10:00 AM worship service.** (Many thanks in advance, Donna!) We hope to have more parishioners willing to step forward and offer their stories of faith and inspiration in the coming months, as well. If this is of interest to you, contact Rev. Laurie for more information.

INCOME	MARCH	YTD	Budget 2021
PLATE OFFERING	10.00	110.00	5,000.00
PLEDGE	9,230.00	24,881.00	100,000.00
PROPERTY USAGE	635.00	7,955.00	30,000.00
SPECIAL DAYS & OFFERING	275.00	370.00	2,500.00
SPECIAL EVENTS	-	56.00	16,000.00
Total	10,150.00	33,372.00	153,500.00

MUSIC FUND		97.00	
INT. & DIV. INCOME	8.40	328.38	
SPECIAL PURPOSE	110.00	16,610.00	
totals	10,268.40	50,407.38	

DISBURSEMENTS	MARCH	YTD	Budget 2021
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	-	-	200.00
CLERGY PENSION POOL	689.52	4,826.64	8,274.24
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT	-	-	13,034.00
ELECTRICITY	1,050.19	1,592.96	6,000.00
EQUITY ACCOUNT	-	-	-
GAS	2,216.70	3,268.88	7,000.00
GEN. PARISH	-	23.36	700.00
GENERAL INSURANCE	2,316.00	4,548.50	9,500.00
GENERAL MAINT.		106.91	750.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	311.20	657.40	3,734.52
HOUSING ALLOWANCE	500.00	1,500.00	6,000.00
MAINT. CONTRACTS	-	-	-
MUSIC SUP: SUB ORGANIST	-	75.00	500.00
MUSIC SUPPLIES	-	-	300.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	321.43	646.15	2,000.00
OUTREACH	-	-	200.00
PRINTING & BULLETINS	178.59	505.77	2,000.00
SALARY: CLERGY	3,330.66	9,991.98	39,968.00
SALARY:ASSIST. CLERGY	-	-	-
SALARY: DIR. OF MUSIC	1,000.00	3,000.00	12,000.00
SALARY: SECRETARY	850.00	2,590.00	11,160.00
SALARY: SEXTON	720.00	2,160.00	8,640.00
SALARY:DIR. OF CHRISTIAN ED	444.46	1,333.38	4,000.00
SEARCH COMMITTEE	-	-	2,000.00
SPECIAL EVENT EXP.	-	-	-
STEWARDSHIP	411.33	411.33	400.00
STOKES LOAN	207.65	622.95	2,491.80
TAXES	648.78	2,066.61	2,500.00
(less withheld taxes)	(436.88)	(1,291.57)	
TEL. TV & INTERNET	272.75	537.39	2,500.00
TRASH	238.00	357.00	1,400.00
TRAVEL		-	1,000.00
WATER		-	1,500.00
Sub Totals	15,270.38	39,530.64	149,752.56

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SPECIAL PURPOSE	3,730.00	6,964.04	
Totals	19,000.38	46,494.68	

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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

Vestry meeting

May 19th at 7PM
via Zoom