

# HOLY HAPPENINGS

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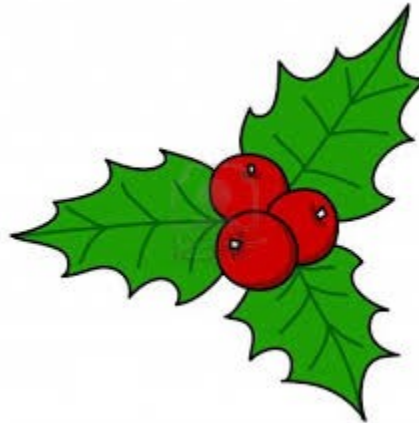
November 2018

## 2018 HOLLY FAIR

**Friday, Nov. 9, 3-8**  
**Saturday, Nov. 10, 9-3**

I hope you have noticed the articles from each table chairperson in the Sunday bulletins. If you have any questions, you can call the table chairperson. We are always looking for new items for the Silent Auction, handmade crafts for the Handmade Table, pies, cakes and cookies for the Bake Table. Unless fudge is your thing. We have recipes for those who would like to make fudge for the Fudge Table. Or maybe you knit. Don't forget the Knit Table. Is it time to clean out the cellar or the attic? Maybe that treasure you can't keep around anymore would sell at Grandma's Cellar. If you have some jewelry that you're no longer wearing or needs a little bit of love, it might be just what someone else is looking for. Or did you find Christmas decorations you no longer use that would be perfect for the Christmas Table? Jam, jellies preserves, pickles and chutney for the Country Fair Table are always popular. There will be a cheese wheel. There will also be face painting for the kids.

This year's raffle is the Scratch Ticket board, introduced last year and a great success. Please donate a ticket or two of any



### 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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denomination, so they can be displayed in a frame for raffling. Chances to win all the scratchies will be sold. If you're lucky enough to win the tickets, maybe you will be lucky enough to win a big jackpot!

Most important, we need YOU to make this year's fair a success. Your help working the tables, attending the fair and spreading the word to your friends and neighbors is critical. It takes the entire church family, working together, to make our fair successful. We need everyone to pitch in and help in whatever way you can. Please remember, you can donate as little as one hour to help at any of the tables. We can always use help setting up and breaking down.

Once again this year, we will be having a Traditional Turkey Dinner with all the fixings on Saturday, November 10, at 6:30pm. Tickets will be \$10.00 per adult, \$7.00 for children under 10. Many hands make light work, all while having fun and fellowship.

For the Holly Fair Committee,

Jim Kimball



## Tuesday Morning Eucharist and Luncheon

Mid-week eucharist and luncheon are back! 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 good conversation to go with luncheon. Service on November 20 will be a Thanksgiving service, celebrated at the usual time.



## Food First Sundays

Food First Sunday is **November 4**. The Weymouth Food Pantry would appreciate donations of non-perishable items for Thanksgiving dinner, such as cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing mix, etc.

Thank you for your continued generosity to the Weymouth Food Pantry.

## Stewardship

*“Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord, and not for men, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ.”*  
-Colossians 3:23-24

Fall is finally here! The beautiful splendor of the changing leaves, and the bounty of the harvest, make this a natural time to reflect with gratitude on the gifts the Lord has given us. It is fitting, therefore, that this is also the time of year we turn our thoughts to the stewardship of our beloved Church of the Holy Nativity. As you know, a large part of the income of the church comes from the pledges, donations and plate offerings that we, the congregation, make. This income is indispensable for the day to day operation of the church, and the financial stability we need to continue to carry out our mission.

It is especially helpful for the financial planning of the church when donations take the form of a pledged amount to be given as you choose. To this end, the Stewardship Committee is busy preparing this year's pledge cards, and letters will be going out soon asking you for your prayerful consideration.

May God bless you all, and keep you in His peace,

The Stewardship Committee

## Wardens' Report

The annual Holly Fair is fast approaching and as usual, the church is gearing up for the biggest event in our calendar year. We are in need of help in all areas, so please try to be available so we can help each other achieve the goals that we always set to meet. Your participation is what makes this event so successful. Please add your name to the signup sheets located in the church hall.

As Father Harry has mentioned during service, it will be a marathon weekend. As you know the Bishop will be visiting us on Sunday, November 11, with one service at 9:30am that will also include Confirmation.

Jim Kimball has been working very hard to make sure there is enough advertising, but if you want flyers to post at your work place or you know of a business that would not mind posting the event please let us know so we can provide the flyers.

Your Wardens want to thank all of you who have participated in tending the Church grounds this summer. They look great, and compliments from all sources have been so positive. Thank you, Garden Angels! We would also like to welcome all of our newcomers to the parish over the past few months. It is always exciting and gratifying to see new families and individuals adopt Holy Nativity as their spiritual home.

We will see you in church and at the Holly Fair!!

God's Peace from your Wardens,

Ron Russo & Steve Williams



The Sunday school children will be learning about Saints that have gone before us and modern day Saints. There will be a special All Saints Day presentation during the 10:00 service on November 4.

There will be no Sunday school on November 11th as the Bishop will be here for confirmation. There will be class on the Sunday following Thanksgiving, November 25th. We will be making an Advent wreath to use during the season of Advent.

Kids in the Confirmation class are welcome to help with coffee hour on Sunday November 4th. Also, we will need lots of help setting up and breaking down the weekend of the fair. This would be a great ministry for the Confirmation class to get involved with.

Maryann Gurney



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**Newsletter  
Deadline**

The deadline for **DECEMBER** Holy Happenings will be **Thursday, November 15**. Articles may be submitted via snail mail, dropped off in the bin on the office door or sent by email to the church office.

**Women's Self-Care  
Through the Holidays**

**Date: Tues Nov 13, 2018  
6:30 - 8:30pm**

**Common Room**

Along with the joy of the holidays can also come stress, disappointment and overindulgence. It isn't always easy to stay healthy during this time of year.

Kathryn McGlynn, certified hypnotist, presents a seminar to help you manage holiday challenges and stay true to yourself.

For more information, see Kathryn's website:

[www.hypnosis.ws](http://www.hypnosis.ws)

or call her to reserve your spot.

Tickets \$35.00 or early bird for \$30.00 (by 11/9/18).



**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.

**Gardens Aglow!**

Please join the Church of Holy Nativity family in visiting Heritage Museum and gardens in Sandwich, MA on **Saturday December 1, 2018** for their annual celebration of lights, a treasured Cape Cod holiday tradition.

The gardens will be aglow with beautiful light displays and there will be activities for all ages. Take a ride on the carousel. Car buffs will enjoy the outstanding collection of antique motor vehicles

Please visit their website [heritagemuseumsandgardens.org](http://heritagemuseumsandgardens.org).

Date: Saturday **December 1, 2018**  
Departure: **3pm** from Church of the Holy Nativity, Weymouth

Trip includes Deluxe Yankee Line motor coach transportation and admission to Heritage Museum and **Gardens Aglow**.

**Price** - \$55.00 per adult  
\$45.00 per child (3-11)

Minimum of 35 required to operate this tour. Payment due with reservation no later than **November 1, 2018** and checks should be made out to Judy Leamy, 65 Seminole Avenue, Weymouth, MA 02188

**Vestry**

No Vestry meeting in November. The next meeting is Wednesday, **December 12** at 7:30 in the Asher Stoddard Hall, following a service of compline at 7pm in the Sanctuary.



Get ready to gain an hour of sleep—daylight saving time is about to end. On Sunday, November 4, it's time to fall back and set the clocks back to mark the end of daylight saving time.

## Recipe Corner

From "Bountiful New Beginnings"

### CHEWIEST OATMEAL COOKIES

1 c. butter softened  
 1 c. firmly packed brown sugar  
 ½ c. granulated sugar  
 2 eggs  
 1 tsp. vanilla  
 ½ c. flour  
 1 tsp. cinnamon  
 ½ tsp. baking soda  
 ½ tsp. salt  
 3 c. oatmeal (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)  
 1 c. raisins

Heat oven to 350°. Beat butter and sugars until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla and beat well. Add combined flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Mix well. Add raisins and mix well. Drop by large tablespoon on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for about 15 minutes until golden brown. Cool for 1 minute and remove to wire rack.

*Submitted by Tim Birkenhead*

## Operation Christmas Child



For the past 25 years, Samaritan's Purse, an outreach program of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has been collecting shoe boxes filled with gifts and delivering them to children in need around the world. Each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and hear the Gospel.

For the past several years, Holy Nativity has participated in this project and are doing so again this year. We are looking to contribute thirty shoe boxes. Information and pre-printed shoe boxes are available. Contact Ed Muller, [edthede-lective@comcast.net](mailto:edthede-lective@comcast.net), or Maryanne Gurney, [gurney1019@comcast.net](mailto:gurney1019@comcast.net) with any questions.

## Election Day November 6

It's so easy to get so busy with all that goes on around us that we forget things that are important. Please remember to vote this year. Early voting is already available..



## As a Parish, We pray for:

Andrew  
 Bill  
 Brooke  
 Casey K.  
 Connie Ibbotson  
 Cora Leonard  
 Corinne  
 Cornel Sampson, Jr.  
 Devin  
 Donna  
 Drew  
 Ellen  
 Ginny Blanchette  
 Hazel Brunelle  
 Jackie  
 Jerry  
 Jim Murphy  
 John & Billie Greene & family  
 John  
 Linda  
 Madelyn Ward  
 Marcia  
 Mike  
 Myrtle Perkins  
 Nancy  
 Paige  
 Peggy Cinotto  
 Phil Stephan  
 Ray Thorne  
 Rick  
 Rocky  
 Sophia  
 Tommy Chadbourne  
 Treasa

### Diocesan Relief Aids in Merrimack Valley Disaster

The three Episcopal churches and one Episcopal school in communities affected by last month's natural gas disaster--Christ Church in Andover, St. Paul's Church in North Andover and Grace Church and Esperanza Academy in Lawrence--are working with diocesan disaster response personnel to determine the best use of funds raised as ongoing recovery needs are made known. These include help in meeting expenses for providing meals and temporary housing for those displaced from their homes, vouchers or gift certificates for groceries and transportation, costs associated with temporary relocation of church programs or worship services, and the provision of other support services to those affected by the crisis.

A grant of \$12,500 from the Boston Episcopal Charitable Society has enabled Grace Church in Lawrence to assist some of its community members with their immediate needs.

Columbia Gas is in the process of replacing the natural gas mains in the three communities where over-pressurized gas lines caused explosions and fires on Sept. 13. Columbia's reported target date for completing the rebuild is Nov. 19, requiring the company to provide temporary housing for the thousands whose homes were damaged or who are still without heat.

### Bishop's Visit and Confirmation

The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Massachusetts, will be visiting the Church of the Holy Nativity on Sunday, November 11. There will be one service at 9:30 that day.

At that time, she will be confirming a group of young people who have been hard at work preparing for this big event.

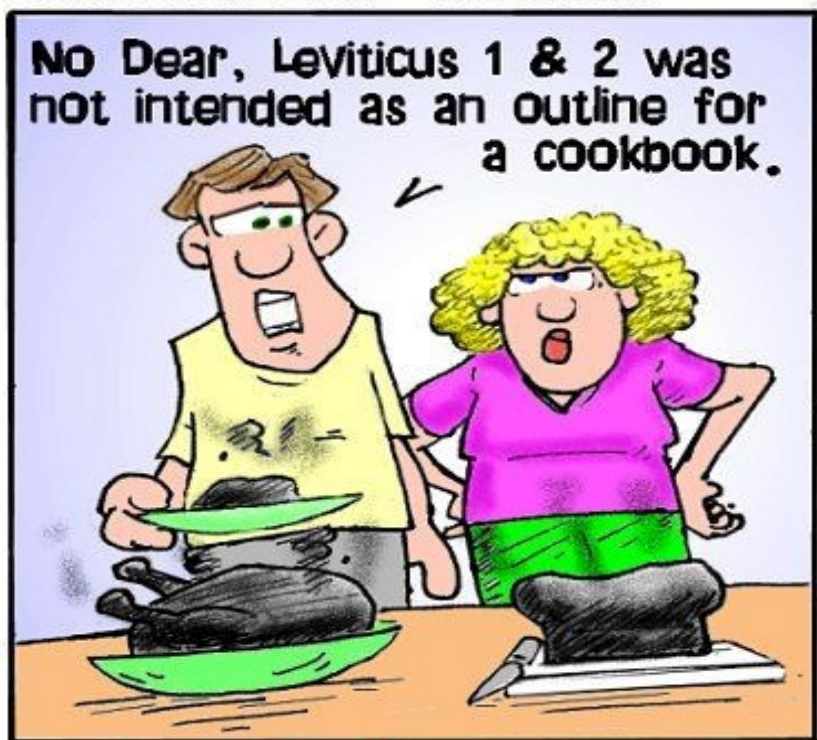
Please plan to join us all that day to greet Bishop Gayle and her dog Piccolo. The service will be followed by a reception in the Asher-Stoddard Hall.



### Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Please consider hosting a Sunday coffee hours. Coffee supplies are provided. All you need to bring is some light refreshments to share. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Asher-Stoddard Hall.

### THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



**Leviticus 1:** Burnt Offering,  
**Leviticus 2:** Grain Offering

<http://thebackpew.com>

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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October 29, 2018

**Important Dates**

**November 4**  
**All Saints Sunday**

**November 8**  
**Holly Fair setup**

**November 9-10**  
**Holly Fair**

**November 10**  
**Turkey dinner**

**November 11**  
**Confirmation and**  
**Bishop's Visit**

**November 12**  
**Office closed**

**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**

**November 15**  
**Holy Happenings**  
**articles due**

**November 20**  
**Thanksgiving Ser-**  
**vice**

**November 22**  
**Thanksgiving**

**November 22-23**  
**Office closed**

**November 25**  
**Book Sale**