

HOLY HAPPENINGS

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WE BELIEVE

My Dear Parishioners,

Usually, when September arrives, the weather becomes a harbinger for the autumn, the produce from our Community Garden slowly shows signs of coming to its' end and Charlene prepares to vest it for the cold winter. But as I write this article, many places are still using air conditioning (even the Church) and the temperature is still in the high 70's low 80's and it seems we are all confused about whether to place our summer clothing away for the year or linger a while in the comfort of our summer attire dictated by the warm temperature. Regardless of the lingering feeling of summer, our Parish is in the process of preparing for another busy liturgical season with programs, presentations, and celebrations.

I believe we can all admit it is exciting when our youngsters return invigorating our parish with the chit and chatter of new life. Sunday School begins and the procession of the children is a welcoming sight indeed. The choir returns all vested and preparing themselves for another wonderful season of music, although our congregation had the company of the dedicated choir during the sanctuary begins to look different, full and well attended. Homecoming Sunday



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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Maryann Gurney, Director of Christian Ed
Peg Driscoll, Secretary
Tim Birkenhead, Sexton
Ron Russo, Warden
Steve Williams, Warden

produced sign-up sheets for ministries filled with more new names of those wishing to become an active part of those ministries so much in need of further assistance.

Every year Fr. Brad and I settle down over a cup of coffee and hash out programs we hope will stimulate your interest and perpetuate your heart and mind toward a greater understanding of your faith, your Church and your love for God. This year we've decided on a program beginning on the 7th of October entitled "The Creed—What we believe." This program will run for at least three weeks, maybe more depending on the time spent in discussion. I have printed out a syllabus which gives you a brief introduction with dates, times and description of each class, so if you're interested do come along.

There is really so much to look forward to during this upcoming season and so much thanks to all who have participated in keeping our parish alive, vigorous and happy. Keep your eyes open for the upcoming concerts. Publications promoting each musical event will be coming soon.

I will end with a closing thought in asking that you please remember all of our events and activities are means by which we seek to

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glorify God and grow closer to him and to one another. All our events and activities cannot happen without you so I look forward to being with you on this shared journey we are all experiencing in our praise and thanksgiving to God.

This letter comes to you with my prayers and blessings.

Fr. Harry



Tuesday Morning Eucharist and Luncheon

Mid-week eucharist and luncheon are back! Please join us on Tuesdays at 11:30, *starting October 9*. 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. There will be no service on October 2.

Food First Sundays

Food First Sunday is October 7. The Weymouth Food Pantry would appreciate donations of brown rice or whole grain pasta.

Wardens' Report

Now that summer is over and we are approaching the fall season, activities at our parish will start in earnest. Home Coming Sunday was fantastic with plenty of delicious food and a great turnout. We want to thank all that contributed to its success. Thanks to the vestry members who assisted in hosting the pot luck coffee hour.

We have had a busy summer. A great deal of projects have been completed. The property is in good shape, considering its age. The church door and railings have been repaired and painted. The ramp leading to the hall has been repaired and painted as well as the back stairs leading to the kitchen. It is also wonderful to see the beautiful granite bench next to the church entrance doors placed in memory of Dona Kimball. The addition of holly bushes on either side is a nice touch.

The hot water heater has been replaced. The chain link fence in the parking lot has been replaced. We have a pest control management system in place and the entrance to the Montessori School has been power washed and a sealer has been applied. Internet capabilities that will expand coverage strength to the hall and upper classrooms is currently being worked on.

We continue to chip away at projects and as always with your support, we can keep our Church, Hall and Rectory in good condition.

We are also pleased to announce that Carol Ruggiero and Paul MacPhee have agreed to take on

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The Craft Group

The craft group will be meeting every Thursday morning through October from 9ish to 12 to work on last minute projects for the Holly Fair. All are welcome to come.



Wardens' Report continued

the Stewardship Committee here at Holy Nativity. We are so pleased and proud to have them take on this important ministry and look forward to their messages and campaign this fall. Recently Bishop gates appointed the third and final Regional Canon. The Canon who will serve in the Central Region of the Diocese is Bishop Carol Gallagher, Asst. Bishop in the Diocese of Montana and she will start around Nov. 1st.

It's getting busier here so please do check the calendar attached to this edition of Holy Happenings so you don't miss anything, especially the annual Holly Fair. We look forward to seeing you in Church. Until then may God continue to bless you and your family.

God's Peace from your Wardens,

Steve Williams and Ron Russo



We began our Sunday school year with two groups. The younger children are meeting in the upstairs hall and the Elementary school age kids are meeting in the upstairs Sunday school classroom. Teachers are Shirley Devore, Sheila DeMore and Maryann Gurney. Michelle Patel and Kloey Lezine are helping on Sunday mornings as well.

The older kids watched some videos about What Is the Church and Why Is the Church and had some lively discussion afterwards. They also were learning about The Sign of the Cross and why we bless ourselves.

The younger children were having fun learning about the story of Creation and St. Francis and his love of animals. Pinecone bird feeders were made and hung on the branches outside the church.

Mark your calendars! Barnyard Babies will be visiting again this year on Sunday, October 28th after the 10:00 service. Don't miss your chance to snuggle with a bunny or kitten or the chance to play with the baby goats and the potbellied pig!!

There will be no Sunday school on October 7th in observance of the Columbus Day weekend.

Maryann Gurney

Grow Your Self-Confidence & Overcome Anxiety

DATE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9
FROM 6:30 TO 8:00.

LOCATION
THE COMMON ROOM

TICKETS: \$35

CONTACT KATHRYN MCGLYNN,
CERTIFIED HYPNOTIST
781-340-2146



Scratch Ticket Board

At last year's Holly Fair, we introduced the scratch ticket board. It was a big hit, so it's back again this year.

We ask any one who can to donate 1 or 2 lottery scratch tickets to leave them in the church office or give them to Maryann Gurney. The tickets will be displayed in a poster frame. Raffle tickets will be sold to win all the scratch tickets donated.



Free Concert!

Enjoy a musical afternoon! The Church of the Holy Nativity welcomes "Class Action Suits, American String Band". The concert is free, but donations are gladly accepted. This concert is part of a series funded in part by the Weymouth Cultural Council. For more information, please see Andrea Ross or Judy Leamy.

Saturday 13 October, 2018
2:30pm in the Sanctuary
Reception to follow

Vestry

Next Vestry meeting is Wednesday, October 17, at 7:30 in the Asher Stoddard Hall, following a service of compline at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

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.



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.

Meet Santa and Mrs Claus and take a ride on the carousel. Car buffs will enjoy the outstanding collection of antique motor vehicles

Please visit their website heritagemuseumsandgardens.org.

When

Date: Saturday December, 1, 2018
Departure: 3pm from Church of the Holy Nativity, 8 Nevin Road, South Weymouth

Trip includes

Deluxe Yankee Line motor coach transportation
Admission to Heritage Museum and Gardens featuring **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](http://65SeminoleAvenue.com)

For information please call Judy at 617-633-5787 or email her at usleamys@gmail.com

Tour operated by Yankee Line Tours

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 will again do so this year. We are looking to contribute thirty shoe boxes and this years campaign will kick off on Sunday, October 15, 2018. Information and pre-printed shoe boxes will be available that day. So keep that date in mind and contact Ed Muller, edthedetective@comcast.net or Maryanne Gurney, gurney1019@comcast.net in the meantime with any questions.



Barn Babies Visit October 28

This year, the Barn Babies will be visiting again on Sunday, October 28. For those who have never experienced a visit, Barn Babies is a traveling petting zoo. Their menagerie provides an educational and hands on experience for all ages.

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.

Recipe Corner

From "Bountiful New Beginnings"

SCALLOPED SWEET POTATOES WITH APPLES

- 3 large sweet potatoes
- 3 Granny Smith apples
- 3/4 c. firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon grated orange rind
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 c. butter or margarine, cut up

Cook sweet potatoes in boiling water to cover 45 minutes, drain and cool slightly. Peel sweet potatoes and cut into 1/4 inch thick slices. Peel, core and thinly slice apples into rings.

Combine brown sugar, orange rind, salt and cinnamon in a bowl. Arrange half of potato slices and half of apples slices in a lightly greased 13X9 inch baking dish. Sprinkle with half of brown sugar mixture and dot evenly with half of the butter. Repeat procedure with remaining ingredients. Bake at 350 ° for 1 hour. Serve warm.

Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

Submitted by Andrea Ross



Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for **NOVEMBER Holy Happenings** will be **Thursday, October 18**. Articles may be submitted via snail mail, dropped off in the bin on the office door or sent by email to the church office.

Holly Fair 2018

Hopefully you have all read the articles for each table in the Sunday bulletins and 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 Craft table, pies, cakes, & 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. Or did you find Christmas decorations you no longer use that would be perfect for the Christmas Table? Jam, Jellies & Preserves for the Country Fair Table. I am sure you all have pieces of jewelry you haven't worn in years just perfect for the Jewelry Table. Currently, we don't have room for any more items for Grandma's Attic! This year's raffle will be a board of multiple scratch tickets!

But, most importantly we need YOU to make this a success. Your help working the tables, attending the fair, spreading the word to your friends and neighbors.

And then don't forget to get your tickets for the best part of the Holly Fair, the dinner, join us for a Traditional Turkey Dinner with all the fixings on Saturday November 10 at 6:30. If you have any questions please call me at 781-883-6735!

For the Holly Fair Committee,
Jim Kimball



As a Parish, We pray for:

- Andrew
- Bill
- Brooke
- Casey K.
- Connie Ibbotson
- Corinne
- Cornel Sampson, Jr.
- Devin
- Drew
- Ellen
- Ellie Gowen
- George
- Ginny Blanchette
- Hazel Brunelle
- Jackie
- Jerry
- Jim Murphy
- John & Billie Greene
- John
- Joyce
- Kennedy Family
- Linda
- Madelyn Ward
- Marcia
- Mike
- Myrtle Perkins
- Nancy
- Paige
- Peggy Cinotto
- Phil Stephan
- Ray Thorne
- Rick
- Rocky,
- Sophia
- Timothy O'Connell
- Tommy Chadbourne
- Treasa

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<p>Important Dates</p> <p>October 8 Columbus Day Office Closed</p> <p>October 9 Mid-Week Eucharist Returns</p> <p>October 13 Weymouth Garden Club</p>

<p>Mission Statement</p> <p>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.</p>
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<p>Important Dates</p> <p>October 17 Compline & Vestry</p> <p>October 18 Holy Happenings articles due</p> <p>October 28 Book Sale Barn Babies</p>
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