

# HOLY HAPPENINGS

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## **BUSY SCHEDULE**

Need I say, this summer has been very muggy, very hot and very slow? Now September has arrived and with it comes the beginning of all kinds of activities and our parish now prepares for a busy schedule, one in which we can all become involved. As I said, this summer has been a fairly quiet one and we all look forward to the excitement 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 little voices will again be crying out "The peace of the Lord be always with you." 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 summer. Acolytes return and the sanctuary begins to look different, full and well attended. Homecoming Sunday we hope will produce 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



### **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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heart and mind toward a greater understanding of your faith, your Church and your love for God. This year we've decided, as a result of popular request to begin with a program on the Nicene Creed, a historical and theological background. There will also be a refresher course on the history of our Anglican Church and the use of the Book of Common Prayer. Times and dates will be presented along with a brief introduction and a flyer with dates, times and description of the class will be available soon.

This past year we had some new additions to the parish in ways of appearance. Many you have already seen the beautiful green super-frontal on the altar in thanksgiving to Dale Critchley's fifty years plus of service as our Sacristan. Also, notice when the altar is adorned in white there is also a new super-frontal in memory of Jim and Ruth Asher and the white chasuble in thanksgiving to Jazz Flemming. Our stained glass windows are completed and are in beautiful condition and as I said before, if you have the opportunity to enter the sanctuary during early morning, especially as the sun is rising in the East casting its light through the stain glass window over the altar, you'll find it is like stepping into a rainbow. Beams of sunlight passing through the stained-glass windows bathe our church in absolute beauty, in colors of rich reds, blues, and greens.

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## Wardens' Report

Hard to believe but summer is almost over and projects are getting completed as close to on schedule as possible, but they are getting done. Many thanks to the Garden Angels for the fantastic work they have been doing, keeping up the grounds is no easy task and we are so grateful for their contributions. Special thanks to Charlene and Judy Leamy for tending the vegetable garden, the produce, especially the tomatoes, are great. The work on the church door has begun as Jim Kimball has been working with the contractor to get things started. We are also working on getting a complete and strong Wi-Fi network into the hall and Common Room and, hopefully, beyond. Looking to have that working before Church School goes into session and we will have more details on this as it gets completed and tested.

As Father Harry stated during service we are in need of ushers. We all serve the Lord in our own special ways and 90 minutes once a month is not such a bad thing, as Fr. said. If you wish to be part of the ministry, please contact Ed Muller. This will also lead us to remind you that our annual Homecoming Sunday will be celebrated on September 16th after the 10am service that will feature the world famous parish pot luck buffet in the Asher-Stoddard Hall. This will also allow us to see and greet each other after the summer and to see what ministries might interest us in the coming year. A great morning of fellowship, food and helping. The vestry will be on hand to set up the

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Our stained glass windows are not only beautiful, but did you know they also serve an educational purpose?

During the Middle Ages, the church was the center of learning. There were a few books, and only a handful of people could read. The designs in the first stained-glass windows usually depicted scenes from the Bible. Such scenes were important tools in teaching Christian beliefs to the people. In later years, workers' guilds and wealthy merchants paid for windows that glorified not only saints and kings but the donors themselves.

Each window tells a story and some time ago our own John Greene would give a tour of our church telling and retelling those stories of each and every window. Today, John's tour and stories are presented in the book 'Sermons in Glass', a beautifully arranged presentation of the windows of our parish by his daughter Linda Greene. Each book can be purchased online at \$50.00 but for those of our parish who would like to obtain a copy, the office has 7 copies remaining and will sell them for \$40.00, a 20% discount.

Please remember Confirmation on October 13th at St. Stephen in Cohasset when our parish will be presenting 10 confirmands. Keep your eyes peeled for the Blessing of the Animals on September 30, as well as Barn Babies on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

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## The Craft Group

The craft group will be meeting every Thursday beginning September 13 through October from 9ish to 12 to work on last minute projects for the Holly Fair. All are welcome to come.



In closing, there is really so much to look forward to during this upcoming season; and so much thanks to give to all who have participated in keeping our parish alive, vigorous and happy. I will, however, end with a closing thought and that is to please remember all of our events and activities are means by which we seek to 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

*Wardens' Report continued*

pot luck that will be provided by all of us so mark your calendars now.

One last time of note from the diocese. Steve had mentioned at the Annual Meeting the addition of Regional Canons. As of the time of this article, Bishop Alan Gates has appointed two of the three canons. The first to be named is Rev. Martha Hubbard who will serve as the regional canon for the Northern and Western Region. The second regional canon has just been appointed by Bishop Gates, Rev. Kelly O'Connell, will be the regional canon for the Southern Region, of which we are members. She is scheduled to start around October 1st. She is currently the Rector of St. Stephen's Church in Santa Clarita, CA, among other things. We will post a short bio about her on the bulletin board in the Asher-Stoddard Hall and will have more info as to this new project at a later date.

We are also excited to see the paving of Nevin Road and the new sidewalks being installed!

God's Peace and see you in Church,

Ron Russo & Steve Williams  
Co-Wardens



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**Knit Wits**

The Knit Wits plan to start meeting again in the fall. If you would like to learn how to knit, learn new stitches or just enjoy company while knitting, please feel free to join us.

Please contact Joyce Maggiore or Peg Driscoll on when you are available to meet, so we can schedule the best time.



**Sunday School**

I hope you have all had a great summer! I had a wonderful time with my extended family this summer. Malcolm and I had a family wedding in Western, MA. Our son, Jason, was home visiting from grad school in Salt Lake City, many visits with various nieces and nephews and their parents, and a whole lot of fun!

In addition to all that fun, I have been spending some time planning for the year ahead and look forward to sharing my ideas with you and the children. Registration will take place on Sunday, September 16, and classes will begin on September 23. As a reminder, class starts at 9:45 in the upstairs classroom.

See you on the 16th!!

Maryann Gurney



## Recipe Corner

### LEMON ZUCCHINI BREAD

1½ c. all purpose flour  
 ½ tsp salt  
 ½ tsp. baking powder  
 ½ tsp. baking soda  
 ¾ c. granulated sugar  
 Zest of one large lemon  
 2 large eggs  
 ½ c. oil (vegetable or canola)  
 1½ tsp fresh lemon juice  
 1c. grated zucchini

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 8x4 loaf pan and set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk together flour, salt, baking powder, and baking soda. In another bowl, combine sugar and lemon zest and stir well.

Add eggs, oil and lemon juice and stir until smooth. Stir in the dry ingredients until combined.

Fold the zucchini into the batter and the batter into the prepared loaf pan. Bake 45-50 minutes or until toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

Allow to rest in the pan for 10 minutes before removing the loaf onto a wire rack to cool completely.

#### Optional Glaze:

Combine 1 c. powdered sugar and 4 tsp fresh lemon juice. Drizzle over cooled loaf.

Enjoy!

## Vestry

Next Vestry meeting is Wednesday, **September 19**, at 7:30 in the Asher Stoddard Hall, following a service of compline at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

## Holly Fair 2018

This year's Holly Fair is scheduled for November 9-10 and will be here before you know it. In case you haven't noticed, a true church fair, as we do here, is becoming a rarity, probably accounting for some of our popularity. Many churches have resorted to craft fair with rented tables.

Many are busy with preparations of all kinds—making items to sell, lining up volunteers, planning for our largest fund raiser of the year. The Craft Group will be meeting weekly to finish various items. There is something to do for everyone that wants to help out.

For this year's raffle, the **Scratch Ticket Board** will be back. It was quite a hit last year, attracting lots of attention. We ask again this year for contributions of scratch tickets. You can bring them to church office at any time or give them to Maryann Gurney. Let's hope this year's lucky winner finds a ticket with a generous prize.



## As a Parish, We pray for:

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

## Ministries

What special talents and abilities have you been blessed with? Is there something you would like to share with Holy Nativity? Regardless of your interests and skills, if you would like to participate in one or more ministries, there is something for everyone. If you pursue a ministry that requires some training, an experienced person will work with you while you learn.

Sign-up sheets for ministries will be available on Homecoming Sunday, September 16. If you have any questions, please speak to someone currently involved in these ministries or to Fr. Harry or Fr. Brad.

**Acolytes** carry the cross, candles and other items in procession and help in important ways throughout the service. This is an opportunity for church members young and old (between 9 and 99!) to develop a sense of reverence and understanding for the tradition and beauty entwined in the Episcopal celebration.

**Altar Guild** is responsible for preparing the altar, flowers and linens needed for all services and church holidays. They make sure that the altar brass and gold shine and that the linens are crisp and white. They fill candles, prepare the gifts of the people for consecration. The guild works in teams, meeting on Saturday morning to set up for Sunday and then cleaning up following both Sunday services.

**Choir** is an all-volunteer group of parishioners. They provide music for the 10am Sunday service and for many special occasions. They rehearse at 9:15 Sunday morning before the 10am service.

**Healing Ministers** are available to pray with you during communion at St. Luke's Altar. You are welcome to stand or kneel to receive healing prayers. The Healing Ministers will ask you what you would like to pray for. All information they hear is strictly confidential. After hearing of your prayer request, the Healing Minister will lay his or her hands on you, pray with you and anoint your forehead.

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers** read the appointed scripture lessons to the parish and help clergy during services. They also lead the recitation of the Psalm of the day and the Prayers of the People. They administer the chalices of consecrated wine during Communion. If Acolytes are not present, they often take on these duties. Lay Eucharistic Ministers are licensed by the Bishop.

**Ushers** can be men, women and youths. They welcome people as they enter the church and hand out bulletins. They take up the collection; help parishioners who want help to and from their seats and to and from communion and assure that the church is neat and clean after each service. There are currently some ushers-in-training, but more would be welcome.

**Sunday School Teachers** teach the parish youth every Sunday, using the Episcopal Children's curriculum as well as having various games and activities that will help us to learn about Christ, our church and being kind to people around us.

**Pastoral care team** coordinates with the Eucharistic Visitors to bring communion to shut-ins, help get transportation for parishioners who need a ride to church, make friendly visits to people at home, visit people in the hospital, nursing homes, rehab centers or other facilities. They also receive parishioner prayer requests and concerns about others in need.

**Stewardship Committee** works year round, taking many forms. Stewardship here is a joyful exchange of Time, Talent and Treasure. Stewardship is a way to give back in whatever way we are able.



The Weymouth 400th Anniversary will commemorate the many stories of New England's second permanent English settlement at Wessagussett in 1622, which became Weymouth in 1635. The anniversary committee will illuminate the conflicts and connections of our community's religious, industrial, civic, and political development and cast a vision of our legacy for future generations.

As the second oldest community in Massachusetts, Weymouth played a crucial role in the evolution of New England and America. The story of Weymouth is the story of people and their institutions and actions over these 4 centuries. The story of Weymouth tells the story of America. From the contentious origins of our town, known as Wessagussett in 1622, through its establishment as an agricultural and waterfront community, Weymouth has endured and thrived as community.

Weymouth played a part in King Philip's War in 1675-1676, when the first Weymouth men fought in war. Our Anglican and Puritan roots evolved into a Congregational community in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It was here in 1744 that Abigail Smith, the daughter of the town minister, was born and grew up. It was in her home that she would meet John Adams and together they would change and make history. Weymouth took part in the America Revolution, again sending its men to fight for the patriot cause. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century Weymouth chose to remain an agricultural community rather than adopt a large scale industrial basis for its economy. It developed certain industries, notably shoemaking, which gave Weymouth a name throughout the country.

During the Civil War, Weymouth residents once again immersed themselves in the struggle for Union against the South. In the years before the Civil War, Weymouth hosted abolitionist events and had Maria Weston Chapman, a leading abolitionist, as a resident. After the Civil War Weymouth continued to redefine itself, notably as a source of labor for the shipbuilding industry across the Fore River. In the Spanish American War, and the First and Second World Wars, Weymouth sent men who distinguished themselves with great valor. Five men of Weymouth earned the Congressional Medal of Honor, a distinction no other community in America can claim.

Over the past half century, Weymouth has developed as an attractive suburb of Boston. Weymouth's unique geographical location and assets as a town make it a location in the Boston area increasingly valued for its quality of life. Weymouth400 will commemorate and celebrate Weymouth's unique 400 year story through historical programs to teach our unique and varied history through celebrations of Weymouth's trials and achievements over 400 years. Over the next 4 years, we will highlight our community history and values through events and commemorations. We seek volunteers to become involved to donate time and resources to this effort to acknowledge the unique story of our community.

For more information, go to [weymouth400.org](http://weymouth400.org). There you will find information on the town's history, upcoming events, commemorative merchandise, etc.



**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.



**Food First Sundays**

Food First Sunday is September 2. The Weymouth Food Pantry would appreciate donations of olive oil or nuts.

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

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**Newsletter**

**Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for **OCTOBER** Holy Happenings will be Thursday, September 20. 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.



**Tuesday Morning Eucharist and Luncheon**

Mid-week eucharist and luncheon will start again on Tuesday, September 18 at 11:30. This quiet service has become a favorite with many people, even if they are only able to attend occasionally.

The conversation is sure to be lively as old and new friends catch up after the summer.

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## **Important Dates**

**September 3  
Labor Day  
Office Closed**

**September 8  
Weymouth Garden  
Club**

**September 13  
Craft Group weekly  
meetings begin**

**September 16  
Homecoming Sunday**

## **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**

**September 19  
Compline & Vestry**

**September 20  
Holy Happenings  
articles due**

**September 23  
Sunday School Starts**

**September 30  
Book Sale  
Blessing of the Animals  
Confirmation Class**

