HOLY HAPPENINGS

From the desk of Rev. Diana

Capital Campaign Our Faith, Our Future

Holy Nativity is launching a Capital Campaign. You can find the formal announcement in this Holy Happenings.

In the past Holy Nativity has had several fundraisers for specific needs. This has led to a feeling that we are always asking for more money. Your pledges and regular giving, as well as a number of "fun"d raisers that we have each year pay for our general operating expenses. Our ability to move forward with more extensive repairs relies on extra giving. Many churches conduct a Capital Campaign every 7-10 years to fund major projects. A capital campaign for non-profits is a targeted fundraising effort designed to raise significant funds for specific projects over a defined period.

Capital campaigns generally include phases such as feasibility studies, planning, and public launch. We have engaged Cornerstone Fundraising to assist us in this new endeavor.

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Over the past few months, the vestry and building and grounds committee have diligently worked on forming our needs list and conducting a planning study that indicated that a goal of raising $150,000 is achievable. This money will be used to address some of the long-term maintenance needs of our buildings and grounds.

I hope that you will join me in giving to the Capital Campaign to Secure the place that feeds our faith and nourishes the entire Weymouth community. I had the privilege of baptizing Molly McGlynn this past Sunday, and as I baptized her, I prayed that Holy Nativity would be with her to support and encourage her faith for her entire life.

Our Faith, Our Future

Thank you for holding this important work in your prayers and for the many ways you support the life and ministry of Holy Nativity. Together, we can faithfully care for the church that has been entrusted to us and prepare it for generations yet to come.

Capital Campaign Announcement

I am super excited to tell you that we had an awesome retreat July 25th with our sister churches of Church of Our Savior, Emmanuel, and Christ Church. We heard about how God is always with us and how God is always making something new.

For generations, Holy Nativity Episcopal Church has been a place where faith is nurtured, community is formed, and God's love is made visible in Weymouth. Through worship, fellowship, and service, our parish has remained a steady and faithful presence—adapting to changing times while holding fast to our mission.

Following the strong support expressed through our recent Planning Study, and with the unanimous support of the Vestry, I am pleased to announce the beginning of the "Our Faith, Our Future Capital Campaign," with a goal of raising $150,000.

The campaign will enable us to replace the roof on our building, make important improvements to our kitchen, and address several pressing maintenance needs. These include replacing exterior doors and broken outdoor lighting, repairing areas damaged by water, and updating our alarm system and perhaps update our front yard. It is an ambitious list, but these repairs are necessary to protect our buildings and ensure that Holy Nativity remains a safe, welcoming, and vibrant home for worship and ministry for years to come.

In the coming weeks, we will host a series of informational gatherings where you can learn more about the campaign, its priorities, and how you can participate. This week, you will receive an email with the dates and times of these gatherings. I warmly encourage every household to attend one as we pray, learn, and imagine our future together.

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Please look for more news in emails, the Holy Happenings and the weekly announcements. I am so grateful for all the faithful and time-consuming work the vestry has done to get us to this exciting step into securing the future of our buildings and ministries.

Holly Fair Updates

Bake Table

Emily McGlynn will head the bake table again this year. She is in need of volunteer bakers! If baking is not your favorite, there are other ways to help. We can use people to work the table, packaging help, and freezer space. Please reach out to Emily at emcglynn04@gmail.com or 781-974-3110.

Holly Fair Country Table

Mark Your Calendars!!! All welcome to help out preserving jams, jellies and relishes and ideas for dried lavender!! Holly Fair in November. Come join the fun chopping, canning and chit chatting! Stay Tuned for September dates!!!
More info: contact Paula Avitabile 617-750-9564 or Patty Donovan 781-901-2240

Fudge Table

It's almost time to make some fudge! A batch of fudge (uncut) can be wrapped in foil and put in a ziplock bag and frozen for a month or more before the fair. Feel free to call or text me with any questions at 781-413-1066, LAM215@comcast.net.
Thanks! Linda Muller

Scratch Ticket Table

If anyone would like to donate scratch tickets to the scratch ticket table, please contact Maryann Gurney at gurney1019@comcast.net

Jewelry Table

If anyone has any jewelry, pins , hats or accessories they would like to donate to the Jewelry table. Please contact Joyce MacPhee at joyce.macphee@hotmail.com, 617-827-4139. You can also leave at the church office when open.

Silent Auction

If anyone would like to donate tickets to a show, restaurant, create a themed gift basket, weekend trip, day trip, etc. please contact Laura at lauraruthkintz@gmail.com

"Many Hands Make Light Work"

HOLLY FAIR
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13th & 14th

Jelly Making

Friday, August 28th, first jelly making day, 9–11am.

Blueberry and marmalade!

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Third Annual Holy Nativity Service and Church Picnic

August 9th ~ Church Picnic and Eucharist at Webb Memorial State Park
371 River St, Weymouth, MA 02191

Set up is at 10-11AM

The Service will be at 11:00AM followed by lunch

Webb Memorial State Park is a public recreation area located
on a peninsula that extends nearly half a mile
into the Hingham Bay area of Boston Harbor in Massachusetts.
It is composed of three connected drumlins and a low marsh area.

Church Picnic

August 1st ~ Saturday Dinner at 5:30

Come join in the fellowship along with a dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs

The First Saturdays dinners in June, July, and August will be

Summer Barbeques at 5:30

Free will donations are gladly accepted

Directions to William Webb Park from 8 Nevin Road
20 minutes via Middle Street and Green Street

Start at 8 Nevin Road

1.Head toward Columbian St on Nevin Road ~ Go for 161 Ft.

2. Turn right onto Columbian St. ~ Go for 0.1 mi

3. Turn left onto Main St. R-18 ~ Go for 0.8 mi.

4. Turn right onto Middle St Go for 2.9 mi.

5. Turn left onto Commercial St. Go for 0.3 mi.

6. Continue on North St. Go for 0.2 mi.

7. Turn right onto Green St Go for 1.2 mi.

8. Continue on Neck St Go for 0.8 mi.

End at William Webb Park
371 River St. North Weymouth, MA 02191

5 Bible Verses That Will Change the Way You See Everything

The Bible has 31,102 verses.

That number can feel paralyzing. Where do you even start? How do you find the ones that speak to exactly what you're carrying right now? How do you navigate a library that large without a guide?

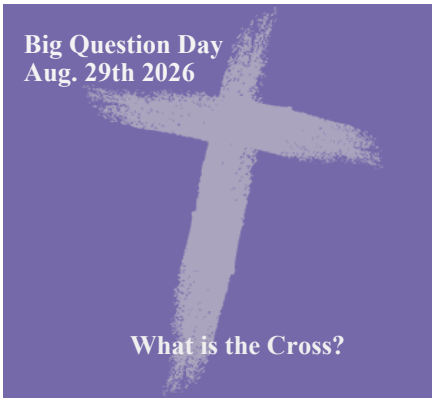
The honest answer is that you don't read the Bible all at once; you let it read you, one verse at a time, in the season you're in. And over a lifetime of doing that, certain verses stop being words on a page and start becoming something more like load-bearing walls in the structure of who you are.

Come and explore 5 verses from the Bible that will help in all the seasons of your life.

We will meet in the Kimball Common Room on Sundays after coffee hour.

Hope you can join us

The St. Paul Center for Theology & Prayer



Join us this Summer for a BIG QUESTION day, when we'll be asking, **"What is the Cross?"** The event will be hosted at St. Paul's Newburyport, St. Thomas' Taunton, and the Cathedral Church of St. Paul Boston, August 29th, 10am to 2.30pm. You are warmly invited to join us at whichever location works for you! Tea and coffee will be served at the start of the day, and you are invited to bring a packed lunch. You can find all details and sign up to attend, here.

https://stpaulboston.org/tspc-library/what-is-the-cross

The Cathedral Church of Saint Paul
A House of Prayer for All People

Care Solace

Mental Health Support for Church of the Holy Nativity

As part of its commitment to the health and well-being of our community, the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts has partnered with Care Solace to provide mental health, substance use, and social services care coordination to all parishioners and their families. Together with Rev. Deacon Mary Beth Emerson, we're spreading the word so that everyone in Church of the Holy Nativity knows about this supportive new service.

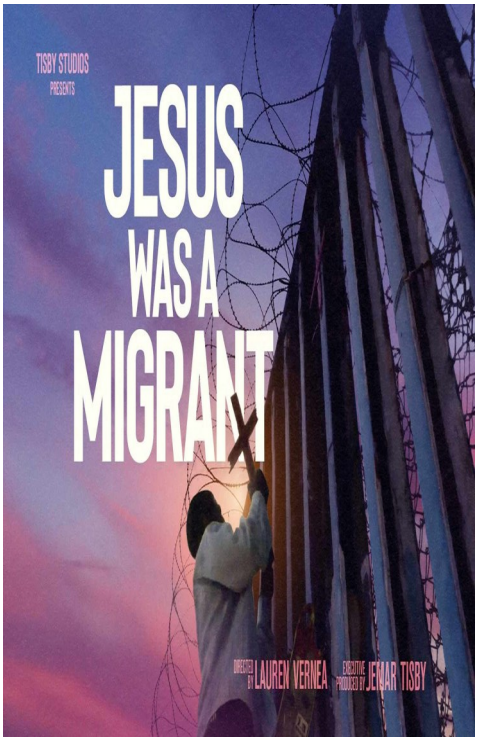
Our multilingual Care Companions are available 24/7/365 to quickly connect individuals to verified local providers that match their specific insurance and clinical needs. Additionally, we connect those in need to social services such as food resources, housing support, and low-cost or free medical and dental care. These services are completely confidential and come at no cost to your parish or parishioners.

Mental Health Resources: Join our Care Community to access mental health resources and timely messaging that you can use in your communications.

Accessing support is simple:

Call: 888-515-7881, available 24/7 with multilingual support
Visit: caresolace.com/diomass

Save the Date!
September 22 at 7pm on Zoom



Join the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts Office of Immigration & Multicultural Ministries, the Massachusetts Episcopal Network for Justice and Joy (ENJJOY), and Episcopal City Mission for a screening and conversation of the documentary film Jesus Was Migrant.

We will screen the film together online and then be led in conversation by The Rev. Canon Jean Baptiste Ntagengwa, Th.D., Canon for Immigration &Multicultural Ministries. This is a chance for us to learn about one aspect of immigration, discuss our call as Christians in this moment, and hear about the work being done in our diocese and how we can support our immigrant neighbors.

About the film: Dr. Jemar Tisby travels to the U.S.-Mexico border to examine the theological crisis at the heart of American Christianity — and what it means when a nation built on faith turns its back on the most vulnerable. A documentary about borders, belief, and what we owe each other.

If you have questions, please contact Rev. Dr. Ntagengwa at jbntagengwa@diomass.org or 617-482-4826 x400

Preaching Among Friends: Fall 2026

Join the Diocese of Massachusetts & Backstory Preaching for Preaching Among Friends. Completion of the course (along w/ clergy sponsorship & Safe Church training) will equip lay leaders to serve as Licensed Lay Preachers in their DioMass congregations. Clergy interested in refreshing their preaching skills are also welcome to attend. Course cost is $540. The Diocese of Massachusetts is offering a 50% scholarship for a cost of $270/person. Dates: Sundays 7-8:30pm: 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25. Start to Finish Week: 11/1 - 11/5, 7-8:30pm. More info: tinyurl.com/DioMASSPAF

Location: Virtual event

Date and time: Sun, Sep 20, 2026 12:30 PM - Thu, Nov 5, 2026 1:30 PM

Organizer: Joe Viola, (617) 482-5800, jviola@diomass.org

TICKETS

Registration for one lay leader or clergy

Price: **$270.00**

This is the registration fee reflecting the 50% scholarship offered by the Diocese.

Clergy and families across our diocese are invited to join Bishop Julia for a picnic!

Location and details coming soon. Please save the date!

September 19th

Big thankyou for all who participated in the Panera Fund Raiser

We raised $117.23 for our operating funds.

Tuesday Morning Eucharist and Luncheon

Mid-week eucharist and luncheon continues weekly at 11:30.
This quiet service has become a favorite with many people, even if they are only able to attend occasionally, conversation is lively as old and new friends catch up from the week over lunch.

First Food Sunday, Aug. 2nd

Thank you for making sure our shelves are stocked. We are here to help, thanks to you.

The Weymouth Food Pantry receives over 1,400 visits per month from economically-distressed families in our community looking for help, and we are funded mostly by Weymouth residents and neighbors (#WeymouthProud).

Thank you for your help!

Please drop off your non-perishable items at church on Sunday, August 2nd

As a Parish, We pray for:

Anne & Ed, Arlene Boyd, Barb Young, Barbara, Bill Lucier, Brian, Bruce Wilmeth, Carol, Catherine Fleming, Cathy, Charles T., Charlie C., Cheryl, Cheryl B., Chris, Christine, Corinne, Debbie Y., Debbie J., Deborah, Diana, Donna, Eddie R., Freddy, Ginny, Grace M., Heather K., Herb, Jack L., Jackie Kineavy-Bowes, Janice, Jayson Leeper, Jenny, Jim, Jim Murphy, Joan Millet, John, Kathleen C. & family, Kathryn, Kathy & Ronan, Kathy B., Kendall Demore, Kevin, Kiera, Laura Fiore, Lawrence, Liam, Linda, Linda Cardillo, Mallory J., Maribeth, Marney H., Martha, Matt, Matthew, M.E. Rich, Paige, Pam, Pam Walston, Paula, Richard Bowes, Rodger Lyle, Ruby Jean, Russell, Ruth Bates, Ryan, Sharon and John Bergen, Skip Lewis, Sophia, Susan D., Susanne, Sylvia, Victor

The Garden Angels are asking folks to volunteer for watering, deadheading and weeding the HN geraniums, gardens and pots, etc. throughout the growing season.

There is a **weekly** signup sheet in the parish hall.

Next Vestry meeting August 10th 7-8pm

Simple Steak and Potato Skillet

Unbelievably easy and satisfying, this steak and potato skillet has become my go-to weeknight dinner when I want something hearty without the fuss—it reminds me of those cozy meals my dad used to whip up after a long day.

Ingredients

- a couple of russet potatoes, peeled and diced into 1-inch cubes
- 1 pound of sirloin steak, cut into thin strips
- a drizzle of olive oil, about 2 tablespoons
- a generous sprinkle of garlic powder, around 1 teaspoon
- a pinch of salt and black pepper, to season
- a handful of fresh parsley, chopped for garnish

Instructions

1. Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until it shimmers, about 2 minutes.
2. Add the diced potatoes to the skillet and cook for 10-12 minutes, stirring occasionally, until they are golden brown and tender when pierced with a fork.
3. Push the potatoes to one side of the skillet and add the steak strips, seasoning them with 1 teaspoon of garlic powder, a pinch of salt, and a pinch of black pepper.
4. Cook the steak for 4-5 minutes, flipping once, until it reaches an internal temperature of 145°F for medium doneness.
5. Mix everything together in the skillet and cook for another 2 minutes to let the flavors meld.
6. Remove from heat and garnish with a handful of chopped fresh parsley. Just savor the way the tender steak pairs with the crispy potatoes, creating a comforting blend that’s perfect for piling onto a warm tortilla or serving alongside a simple salad for a complete meal.

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Important Dates

Every Tuesday: 11:30 am
Holy Eucharist followed by lunch

First Saturday Dinner at 5:30 BBQ Saturday, Aug. 1st

First Food Sunday, Aug.2nd we collect non-perishable food donations every 1st Sunday of the month.

Next Vestry meeting Aug. 10th

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

Summer Services will be celebrated ONLY at 9AM starting June 14th through September 13th

Annual outdoor service at Webb Park August 9th Setup 10-11 with Service at 11:00 AM—Lunch to follow

Big Question Day Aug. 29th Taunton and Boston