HOLY HAPPENINGS

May 2025

From the Desk of Rev. Diana

I had the honor at clergy conference to meet and hear Becca Stevens
Becca Stevens lit the spark for what became Thistle Farms with simple idea: **Love is the most powerful force for change in the world.**
That single spark of compassion has nurtured Thistle Farms into a beacon of hope and transformation, demonstrating every day that love, indeed, heals.
Thistle Farms is a nonprofit social enterprise dedicated to helping women survivors recover and heal from prostitution, trafficking, and addiction. We do this by providing a safe place to live, a meaningful job, and a lifelong sisterhood of support. Why the thistle?
Thistles grow on the streets and alleys where the women of Thistle Farms have walked.
Considered weeds by many, thistles have a deep root that can shoot through concrete and survive drought.
The resilience, vibrancy, and healing qualities of the thistle parallel the survival and flourishing of women survivors.
Here is one of Becca's poems
Practically Divine
We are made of stardust,
oceans, and dirt.

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Knit together in the secret place,
Woven from the depths of the earth,
We are a little less than angels, practically divine.
We are born poetic, like drops of dew
Catching sunlight and throwing rainbows.
We grow up, curious as wild cubs
Howling at night,
Hearing distant laments that echo our longing.
We are raised to scan clouds for signs
Then told to plant our feet in soil.
In youth we are as expectant as acorns,
Holding hundred-year-oaks in our belly.
In parenting we are as practical as hyenas,
Serving up feasts from leftovers.
In old age we transform from nymph to dragonfly
Flapping translucent wings, hovering on puffs of hope.
We are made in love, then take on flesh and bone
That grounds us like a broken wing on a hawk.
Our voices raise in praise and petition
For our transient green valley
We hew a life from sweat blended with old earth.
We are practically divine,
Almost and just enough.

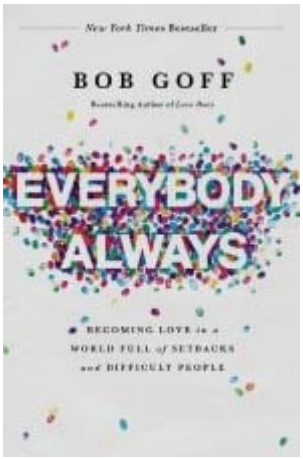
Sunday School News

For Earth Day, the Sunday school group planted some wild flowers and sunflowers in the parking lot garden for all to enjoy. We know the hospital workers enjoy seeing the flowers and have told us the flowers put a smile on their faces!

During the month of May we will have some end of the year arts and crafts activities as well as some outdoor Sunday morning lessons.

There will be no Sunday school on Mother's Day May 11th. In the past we have found that most of our families like to treat Mom to either breakfast in bed or some other special celebration for Mother's Day.

Also, there will be no Sunday school on Sunday May 25 for the Memorial Day weekend.



What if we stopped avoiding the difficult people in our lives and committed to simply loving everybody? What happens when we give away love like we're made of it? In Everybody, Always, Bob Goff's joyful New York Times bestselling follow-up to Love Does, you'll discover the secret to living without fear, constraint, or worry.

Join the Adult Sunday School after church on Sundays 11:45-12:30.
We will begin studying *Everybody Always* **May 18th** in the Kimball Common Room

Billy's Caring Hands Needs You!

We are looking for donations of
Men's Boxers of all sizes
and
Travel size personal care items like deodorant, soap, shampoo

Second Annual Holy Nativity Church Picnic

Save the Date

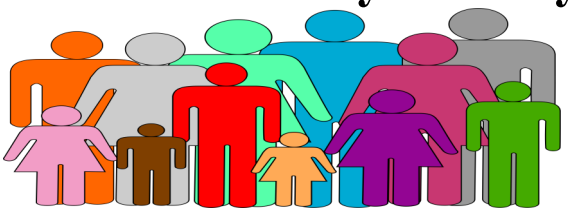
August 10th Church Picnic and Eucharist at Webb Memorial State Park

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.

371 River St, Weymouth, MA 02191

Church Picnic

Activities at Holy Nativity



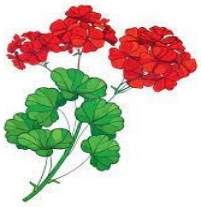
The First Saturdays dinners in June, July, and August will be

Summer Barbeques

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

Don't Forget this Saturday, May 3rd "Free Dinner Saturday" at 4:30 Pasta Dinner will be served

Mark your Calendars
Sunday, June 8th is Pentecost
Help Holy Nativity celebrate Pentecost by bringing Red Geraniums to plant in our courtyard.



First Food Sunday, May 2nd

. Here's a list of items the Pantry needs most:
Non-Perishables:

- Jam and/or jelly
- Hearty soups (i.e. Progresso, Chunky)
- Ready to Eat (canned pasta, chili, hash)
- Jarred Pasta sauce
- Side dishes (seasoned rice, Knorr's, Zatara's etc.)
- Cereal
- Ground coffee and tea
- Condiments (dressing, bbq sauce, ketchup, mayonnaise etc)
- White tuna
- Crispy Onions (for green bean casserole)

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, April 6th

Saturday Studios

May 10, 2025 9-11 am
Featuring Visiting Artist Erica Little from "Little Made By Little"

Please join us for an exciting morning! We will be hosting visiting artist Erica Little from "Little made by Little".

Come learn and watch how she creates vignettes using sea glass.

https://www.instagram.com/littlemadebylittle?igsh=eGo0cGZycmtlNW1w

All ages welcome!

Tuesday Morning Eucharist and Luncheon

Mid-week eucharist and luncheon will continue 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.

Next Vestry Meeting
meeting will be
May 20th

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the **April** Holy Happenings will be **Thursday, May22nd**

As a Parish, We pray for:

Anne and Ed, Arlene Boyd, Barbara, Bill Lucier, Brian, Bruce Wilmeth, Carol, Cathy, Charlie, Chris, Chris M., Christine, Corinne, Debbie Y., Dave, Deborah, Donna, Ed Walsh, Freddy, Ginny, Gloria Way, Grace M., Herb, Jack Dembow, Jackie R., Janice, Jenny, Jim Murphy, Julia Muller, Kathryn, Kathy, Kathy and Ronan, Kendall Demore, Kevin, Laura Fiore, Liam, Linda, Linda Cardillo, Mallory J., Matt, M.E. Rich, Rodger Lyle, Paige, Pam, Pam Walston, Paula, Pauline, Ron, Ruby, Ruth Bates, Skip Lewis, Sophia, Steven, Victor

Poppy Seed-Chicken Pitas

INGREDIENTS

3 skin-on, bone-in chicken breasts (about 2 pounds)

Kosher salt

1 large orange

1/2 cup mayonnaise

1/3 cup sour cream or low-fat Greek yogurt

1 tablespoon dijon mustard

1 stalk celery, chopped

1/2 cup chopped pecans, almonds or walnuts, toasted

1/4 cup chopped fresh chives

1 1/2 tablespoons poppy seeds

Freshly ground pepper

1/2 cup dried apricots, chopped (optional)

Torn lettuce leaves, for serving

4 whole-wheat pitas, halved

DIRECTIONS

1. Cover the chicken with cold water in a saucepan and add 1 teaspoon salt. Remove strips of zest from half of the orange with a vegetable peeler; add the zest to the water. Cover and bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer, uncovered, until the chicken is cooked through, about 18 minutes. Remove the chicken and let cool.

2. Grate the remaining orange zest into a large bowl; juice the orange into the bowl. Stir in the mayonnaise, sour cream, mustard, celery, nuts, chives, poppy seeds, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and pepper to taste. Add the apricots, if desired.

3. Shred the chicken, discarding the bones and skin, and toss with the dressing. Stuff a few lettuce leaves and some of the chicken salad into each pita.

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Holy Eucharist followed by lunch

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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.

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