HOLY HAPPENINGS

The Holy Nativity Newsletter for September 2026

From the desk of Rev. Diana

A Time for Everything

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

This passage from Ecclesiastes chapter 3 is often quoted when change is taking place. September brings a change in our lives. Our routines change; school starts, the time will soon change as we fall behind Nov 1. Perhaps your family will participate in sports, and the practices and fundraisers will soon begin. Church Sunday school starts; the choir begins to wear their robes again; pledging season is upon us.

New things are beginning as summer is fading away. Change is never easy for us, whether we are 4 years old or 94 years old. Yet God shows us that all life is about change, about growing, about new seasons. "I am making a new thing!" God tells us in Jeremiah.

We at Holy Nativity are in the season of repairing roofs and doors and all different kinds of things. We are in the season of outreach with a parade, Casino Night, and Saturday suppers. Be sure to reach out to friends and family and invite them to spend a season with us. The church celebrates the season of creation; watch for new prayers and intercessions. We must always remember that whatever season we are in, God is with us.

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Our Capital Campaign is well underway. Thank you to all the generous donors who have gotten us off to a great start. We are almost halfway to our goal of $120,000. We can make this happen together. The in-gathering and blessing of our gifts will be Sept 26. If you need a pledge packet, please reach out to the Vestry, Rev Diana, or the office. Together, we will secure the beauty of Holy Nativity to be a place of prayer and community for all people.

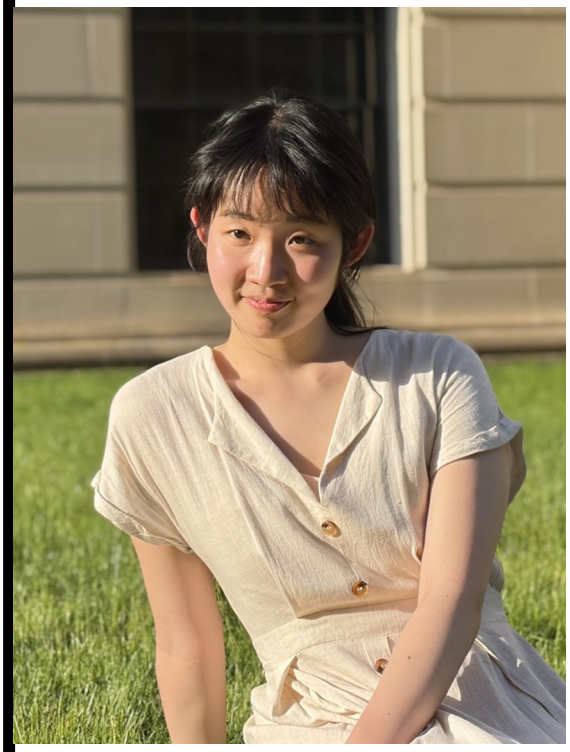
Let us warmly welcome Courtney to Holy Nativity

Courtney Hill
Sunday School Director

Courtney was the Director of Sunday School for the last six years at the St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Hanover. Prior to being a director she was a Sunday School teacher at St. Andrews.

Courtney lives in Hanson (across the street from Kathy Gosselin!) with her daughter Grace (13), husband Chris and her dog Frankenstein.

Courtney has a Bachelors degree from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and a MBA from Suffolk University. She works full time for MIT in the HR/Payroll department and in her free time loves to knit and work in her garden.



ASHLY ZHANG

NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

Born in Sydney, Australia, Ashly Zhang recently completed a Graduate Diploma in Collaborative Piano at the New England Conservatory in Boston, USA, as a student of Vivian Hornik Weilerstein and Cameron Stowe. At the Sydney Conservatorium of Music (USyd), she completed a Master of Music Studies in Collaborative Piano under the tutelage of Dr Theresa Leung and a Bachelor in Solo Piano with Dr Bernadette Harvey.

Ashly attended the 2026 Aspen Music Festival in June-August as a vocal and instrumental collaborative piano fellow, and has been invited to participate in the upcoming OperAffinity festival in Todi, Italy in September. In February, she was rehearsal and recitative pianist for NEC's production of *L'elisir d'amore* (Donizetti) in Jordan Hall, conducted by Robert Tweten. She previously spent the summers of 2023 and 2025 at the Aspen Music Festival. She also had formative experiences with the Australian Youth Orchestra in chamber music and orchestra programs from 2020-2023.

September 5th ~ Saturday Dinner at 5:30

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

September 5th ~ Last Summer Barbeque at 5:30

Next dinner in October at 4:30 will be a pasta dinner

Free will donations are gladly accepted

September's Featured Ministry at Holy Nativity

The Altar Guild ministry prepares and maintains the church sanctuary, sacred vessels, and linens for worship service.

This ministry offers a hands-on way to grow in faith, and actively participate in religious services rather than just watching from the pews. It provides a unique, up-close view of church traditions and fosters a strong sense of parish community.

Two Altar Guild members set up every Saturday morning--one member is responsible for clean up after the Sunday 8 am service and the other member will clean up after the 10 am service. Saturday duties include polishing the brass, filling the candles, placing the flowers on the altar and generally anything necessary for Sunday's service. Our Director, Dale Critchley has put together a comprehensive checklist of these duties. We are fortunate to have ten Altar Guild members. This makes scheduling for duty approximately once a month. Many hands make light work.

The Director delegates other duties such as ordering flowers and replenishing supplies to various members. Dale has trained members over the years and composed a manual of specific instructions for all the church services and liturgical seasonal changes. The manual makes these tasks easy to follow. We enjoy decorating the church for the holidays—the greens for Christmas, the lilies for Easter. Altar Guild makes our church a beautiful, welcoming place to worship. Please let Dale or I know if you are interested in joining this wonderful group.

This ministry is a quiet privilege of making our church a welcoming place for all.

Kathy Midi
Altar Guild Treasurer

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

Church Services in September

September 6

Last 9 am service

Thank you all for trying it out. We were like the Three Bears

It was too early for some

Too late for others

And Just Right for worshiping all together

September 13

Homecoming

Services at 8&10

Sunday School starts at 9:45

Welcome back to our program year. Lots going on this year.

Come and enjoy coffee hour with friends and catch up on all the news.

September 20

Holy Nativity takes to the streets

No 10 am service

Church of the Holy Nativity is planning to walk in the Weymouth Irish Heritage Parade on Sunday 9/20! We are looking for volunteers to ride on the float and walk beside to hand out parade swag. The parade route is a little over a mile, with some stopping and starting! Our theme for the float is The Nativity Scene.

Please let me know if you are interested in participating! **If you have any costumes that would fit the theme, that would be amazing!** This should be a fun event! It will be a great way to get our name out in the community and show what a fun church we are! Please let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions.

Emily McGlynn Fun-raising committee 781-974-3110

There will be an 8 am service at Holy Nativity.
Christ Church Quincy offers a 9 am Holy Eucharist.
Emmanuel Braintree offers an 8 am and 10 am Holy Eucharist.

If you aren't on the float come along to the parade to cheer your church on.

September 26

Ingathering and Blessing of our Capital Campaign Pledges

If you need a pledge packet, please call the office, ask a vestry person or Rev. Diana

Holy Nativity is participating in the Weymouth Irish Heritage Parade on September 20th.

We need many volunteers to make this happen!

See Emily McGlynn to volunteer.

Weymouth Irish Heritage Day 2026 is scheduled for September 20, 2026. The event will feature a parade starting at 11 AM, kicking off from the Hamilton School on Union Street and concluding at Columbian Square.

Following the parade, there will be a Kids Fest at Stella Park from 12 PM to 2 PM, along with live music in front of The Cottage Bar.

Weymouth Irish Heritage Day celebrates the town's deep Irish roots with a community parade followed by a festival at Stella Tirrell Park in South Weymouth.
The free event features Irish step dancers, live Celtic and folk bands, food trucks, and demonstrations, drawing families and the wider South Shore Irish American community together for an afternoon of music, heritage, and celebration.

HOLY NATIVITY CASINO NIGHT

September 26th

Join us for an evening of Blackjack, Roulette, Craps, Slots and Texas Hold 'em and you could WIN BIG!

Grand Prize is a full book of $5 scatch tickets ($500 value)
Many other great prizes throughout the evening

- Refreshments will be served
- Raffle prizes every half hour
- Must be 21+ to enter

Tickets are $55 each
Includes 2 drinks and $1000 of Casino Cash

This is an excellent time to invite your friends to church.
Tickets are on sale now.

Contact Dean Kistner for your tickets

CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY

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South Weymouth, MA 02190

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

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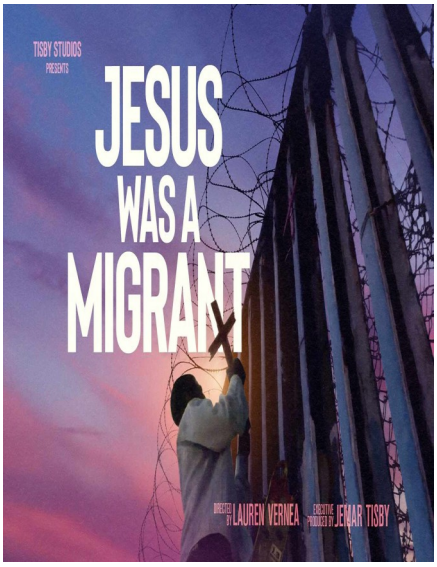
Join us
September 22 at 7pm
for a screening & conversation of the documentary film



Jesus was A Migrant

Hosted by the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts Office of Immigration & Multicultural Ministries, the Massachusetts Episcopal Network for Justice and Joy (ENJJOY), and Episcopal City Mission

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.

You must register in advance.

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.

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, Sept. 5th

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, September 5th

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.

As a Parish, We pray for:

Anne & Ed, 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, 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, Lynn, Mallory J., Maribeth, Marney H., Martha S., Matt, Matthew, M.E. Rich, Paige, Pam, Pam Walston, Paula, Richard Bowes, Rodger Lyle, Ruby Jean, Russell, Ruth Bates, Ryan, Sharon, Skip Lewis, Sophia, Susan D., Susanne, Sylvia, Victor

Next Vestry meeting September 14th 7-8pm

Burrata with Heirloom Tomatoes

This burrata recipe with heirloom tomatoes, basil, and peaches is one of my favorite summer appetizers! A fragrant lemon-thyme oil ties together the summer produce and creamy cheese. Serve with good crusty bread or crostini for scooping everything up.

Ingredients

Lemon-Thyme Oil (makes extra)

- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- Peel from 1 small lemon, removed in strips with a vegetable peeler
- 4 fresh thyme sprigs

For the burrata appetizer platter

- 4 heirloom tomatoes, sliced into wedges
- 1 ripe peach, sliced
- 1 (8-ounce) ball fresh burrata cheese
- ½ cup fresh basil and/or mint leaves
- 1 tablespoon toasted pistachios, chopped
- Cherries or fresh currants, optional
- Flaky sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Toasted bread or crostini, for serving

Instructions

1. **Make the lemon-thyme oil:** Combine the olive oil, garlic, lemon peel, and thyme in a small saucepan over low heat. Gently warm the mixture, then turn off the heat. Let steep for 20 minutes, then strain.

2. **Make the burrata appetizer platter:** Arrange the tomatoes, peach slices, and burrata on a platter. Sprinkle with salt, then drizzle with some of the lemon-thyme oil.

3. Top with the basil and mint and sprinkle with the pistachios. Top with cherries and currants, if desired. Season to taste with salt and pepper and serve with toasted bread.

Prep Time: 20minutes mins
Cook Time: 5minutes mins
Total Time: 25minutes mins
Serves 4 to 6

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Important Dates

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

First Saturday Dinner at 5:30
BBQ Saturday, Sept. 5th

First Food Sunday, Sept. 6th
we collect non-perishable food donations every 1st Sunday of the month.

Next Vestry meeting Sept.14th

Weymouth Irish Heritage Day
September 20, 2026.
Holy Nativity is participating in the parade starting at 11 AM

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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