
HOLY HAPPENINGS

December 2024

From the Desk of Rev. Diana

In Advent we are invited into a time of preparing our hearts and minds to experience a great mystery. The mystery of the Incarnation, the mystery of God coming to be with us. As we begin our Advent pilgrimage toward Bethlehem, we open ourselves to hope. Hope for God's presence in our lives and relationships. Hope for God's peace and justice. Hope for the promise of Love that comes to live with us and in us.

As we journey down the Advent Road, we ask for the gift of courage to make peace, Peace in ourselves. Peace in our hearts, peace in our homes and peace in our communities. As the weeks go by and we continue to journey through Advent we open ourselves to be vulnerable to Joy. Joy in the face of apathy and frustration. Joy in the face of sorrow and rejection. Joy in the face of uncertainty. Joy which comes from the deep faith that God is with us.

As we come close to the mystery of Christmas, grant us courage to open ourselves to Love. To share God's love. To love the challenges of our lives, to love those we hold dear, to love those we don't know, to love the vulnerable and above all to give thanks and love the gift of God's presence among us.

May your Advent journey be filled with hope, peace, joy and love. And may we welcome the Christ child into our lives this Christmas filled with God's holy presence.



Church of the Holy Nativity

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**Blue Christmas Service
Thursday, December 19th
at 7pm.**

*“You’ll be doin’ all right, with
your Christmas of white...”*

*But I’ll have a blue, blue
Christmas.”*

We’ve all heard the Elvis Presley song, “I’ll have a Blue Christmas without You.” For many people, the Christmas holiday season does not bring with it the joy and happiness that is constantly advertised on television, in shopping malls, in catalogs or in greetings cards. It’s at such times that we need to make the space and take the time to acknowledge our sadness and concerns

Holy Nativity will celebrate a Blue Christmas service Thursday, Dec 19 at 7pm . We will come together in community to find God’s love and comfort in our sadness and loneliness.



Weymouth Youth & Family Services Gift Drive 2024

The parish of Holy Nativity is again assisting the Weymouth Youth & Family Services (WY&FS) in providing Christmas gifts for needy families in Weymouth. Four families have been adopted this year, and we have received their wish lists from the WY&FS.

The wish lists have been assembled and may be accessed at **Myregistry.com** after November 22nd. For those who prefer not to shop, cash donations for gifts may be contributed through the registry or given to Ed Muller. Checks should be made out to the Church of the Holy Nativity and earmarked for WY&FS. If you prefer not to shop online, don't hesitate to contact Ed for a copy of the wish lists. Gifts purchased from the registry may be delivered to Ed or the donor. Gifts sent to the donor should be brought to the church no later than December 22, 2024.

“Wrapping Parties” are scheduled for Sunday, December 15th , and December 22nd after the 10 am services.

**Here is the information for the gift
registry:
Online Registry: Myregistry.com
Wish List Name: Holy Nativity Church
Password: HolyNativity2024**

Thanks to all who can assist in this ministry, and don't hesitate to get in touch with Ed Muller with any questions or concerns at:
cell: 781-422-4135 or
email: edthedetative@comcast.net



Sunday School News

Advent starts on Sunday December 1st. The Sunday school kids will learn about the Advent season in class on Sunday, December 1st.

Join us at the 10:00 service on Sunday, December 15th for our "POP Nativity" pageant. Everyone enjoyed the pageant so much last year, we thought we would have fun with it again this year!

There will be no class on Sunday, December 29th.



Mittens, Hats, Boots

We are looking for mittens, hats, shoes & boots for the people of **Billy's Caring Hands**.

As you pull out your cold weather clothes, please keep these people in mind for any unwanted shoes and warm clothing you may have.



All donations can be left in the church hall or in the Sunday school room. Consider a trip to your local thrift shop to look for warm clothing for our neighbors who live unheated. Hand and body warmers are needed!



Maple-Peach Glazed Ham

Ingredients

- 1 fully cooked bone-in ham (7 to 9 pounds)
- 2 cups peach preserves or orange marmalade
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1/3 cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons ground ancho chile pepper, optional

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 325°. Place ham on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Cover and bake 1-3/4 to 2-1/4 hours or until a thermometer reads 130°.
2. Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, mix preserves, syrup, orange juice and, if desired, chili pepper until blended. Remove 3/4 cup mixture for glaze.
3. Remove ham from oven; brush with some of the glaze. Bake, uncovered, 15-20 minutes longer or until a thermometer reads 140°, brushing occasionally with remaining glaze.
4. In a saucepan over medium heat, bring preserves mixture to a boil, stirring occasionally. Cook and stir until sauce is slightly thickened, 1-2 minutes. Serve with ham.



Messiah Sing
Sunday 1 December, 2pm
Church of the Holy Nativity
8 Nevin Road. Weymouth

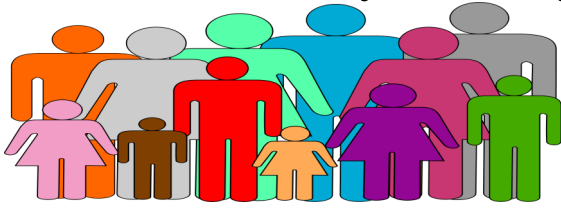
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Singers and non singers welcome
Bring your own score or borrow one
Free will offering to benefit
the Weymouth Food Pantry
Reception to follow



**The Sunday school will offer a
luminary display at 4pm**

Activities at Holy Nativity



Saturday, December 7th at 4:30
The First Saturday Dinner
in Asher-Stoddard Hall
Ham Dinner
All are welcome
Free will donation

This is a great opportunity to bring a friend to introduce to our Church family!

Advent wreath making December 1st the first Sunday of Advent.

Bring greens to share and clippers.
 Wreath forms and candles will be provided.
Please bring back your wreath forms if you saved them

Saturday Studios

Saturday, December 14th
 9-11AM Stoddard Hall

Ornament Art

Free will donation gladly accepted



First Food Sunday Dec. 1st

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, Zatarans 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, Dec. 3rd.

Saturday, December 7th, Advent Quiet Day 9-12 Noon

Come spend time in quiet reflection preparing your heart to enter into the mystery of the Incarnation at Christmas.

Sign up sheet in parish hall.

Blue Christmas Service
Thursday, December 19th at 7pm.
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Christmas Eve Services
2:00 PM Christmas Eve Service
4:00 PM Children's Service
7:00 PM Candle Light Service





Holly Fair 2024

Thank you all for a very successful Holly Fair, we made \$13,973.00, and the money is still coming in from after fair sales. This year's raffle, a board of scratch tickets, was won by Kathy Gosselin!

I would like to thank the tireless efforts of the table chairpersons:

Baked Goods-Donna Lucier & Terry Asher-\$3177.00

Country Corner, Knit & Handmade-Patty Donovan & Paula Avitabile \$1,586.00

Fudge Table-Linda Muller-\$929.00

Jewelry-Lori Butler & Joyce MacPhee-\$779.00

Silent Auction-Laura Kintz \$2402.00

Snack Bar- Patrick, Shelia, & Bob DeMore-\$972.00

Dinner ticket sales-Ron Russo-\$470.00

Instant ticket raffle-Maryanne Gurney-\$1,374.00

Tombola-Judy Leamy \$315.00

Quilt Raffle- Rev. Diana-\$429.00

Donations-\$500.00

Sale of Craft tables-\$630.00

I received many compliments from parishioners and customers for having the Fair and opening our church to the community! It is amazing the number of familiar faces we see year after year! Thank you to Jay Asher for your assistance in setting up the banner, setting up for the fair, shopping, to Ron Russo in assisting me, setting up for the fair, and all you do behind the scenes! Thank you also to Joyce MacPhee for your assistance, and all you did behind the scenes! Can't forget our Sexton, Mike McGlynn, thank you for all you did behind the scenes, he just quietly got things done!

Once again, we were fortunate to have all the food for both the snack bar and the dinner donated!! So, that means that every item sold at the fair was donated!

I would like to also thank all the folks that assisted at the tables, I wish I could name you all, but it would take up the whole Holly happenings! Also, thanks to all that baked, crafted, knitted, cooked, to all those that helped to set-up, break-down the fair, as well as set-up and break down of the dinner and a thank you to all the parishioners that supported the fair!

The crafters that rent tables downstairs always comment we have one of the best fairs that they attend! The proof is that 95% of the tables rented are from crafters that have rented since 2021! Also, a big thanks to our next generation of Holly Fair workers, Reese, Mason, Ella, &Patrick! All in all, the best part of the Fair for me was hearing all the laughter and conversions happening at the dinner! It was truly a great night!

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of Gods varied grace” 1 Peter 4:10

For the Holly Fair Committee:

Jim Kimball, Chairperson.

Joyce MacPhee, Co, Chairperson



**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.

The conversation is lively as old and new friends catch up from the week over lunch.



**As a Parish,
We pray for:**

- Anne and Ed
- Bill Lucier
- Brian
- Bruce Wilmeth
- Carol
- Carolyn Butterfield
- Cathy
- Charlie
- Chris,
- Chris M.
- Christine
- Corinne
- Debbie Y.
- Deborah
- Ed Walsh
- Emily
- Freddy
- Ginny
- Grace M.
- Herb
- Jack
- Jack Dembow
- Jackie R.
- Janice
- Jim Murphy
- Kathryn
- Kathy
- Kendall Demore
- Linda
- Linda Cardillo
- Lydia
- Mallory J.
- Matt
- Megan A.
- M.E. Rich
- Ruby
- Paige
- Pam Walston
- Patty Sewall
- Paula
- Shannon and James
- Sophia
- Steven
- Tim
- Victor
- William Terry, Jr.

The Church Office Closed

To Celebrate Christmas with our out of state loved ones
December 24th thru January 2nd

In case of an emergency please contact:
Call or text Rev. Diana @ 717-870-7874
Ed Muller@ 781-422-4135

Next Vestry Meeting

The next Vestry meeting will be
Tuesday, December 17th

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the January Holy Happenings will be
Monday, December 16th
Articles may be submitted via snail mail, dropped off in the bin on
the office door or sent by email to the church office:
holynativity1915@gmail.com



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Important Dates

Sunday, Dec. 1st

- **Advent Wreath making after the 10 am service**
- **2pm Messiah Sing**
- **4pm Luminary Display hosted by the Sunday school children**
- **First Food Sunday**

**Saturday, Dec. 7 4:30pm
Free Dinner Saturday
Ham and Potatoes Dinner**

**Sunday Dec 8th Bishop
Nicholas visit**

**Saturday, December 14th
9-11AM Stoddard Hall
Ornament Art**

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

Sundays, Dec 15 & Dec 22 following 10:00 services. WY&FS "Wrapping Parties" are scheduled.

Sunday Dec. 15th pop-up Christmas Pageant

Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7:00 Blue Christmas Service

- Sunday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Services**
- **2:00 pm Christmas Eve Service**
 - **4:00 pm Children's Service**
 - **7:00 pm Candle Light Service**