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# HOLY HAPPENINGS

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November 2024

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**From the Desk of  
Rev. Diana**

**Thank you Thank you!**

**Thank you!!!**

We are entering a season of giving thanks.

Lewis Howes 2x New York Times Bestselling Author - Host of The School of Greatness, Former Pro Athlete writes "An Attitude of Gratitude is a regular habit to express appreciation for all different parts of life, no matter how small. If you concentrate on what you have, you'll always have more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you'll never have enough." Do you have an attitude of gratitude? What are you grateful for? Being grateful is a habit, a practice, something that can be cultivated. Being grateful can change your spirit and your outlook on life.

In the Bible there are many scriptures especially in the psalms that remind us to be grateful to God for all our blessings. In psalm 118 This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Often, we take time at mealtimes to thank God for the blessing of the food that we have to eat.



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*Mon. thru Fri.*

**9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

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In November our whole nation takes a day to be grateful, Thanksgiving, one of our favorite holidays!

We don't have to wait for a holiday to reap the benefits of being grateful. Being grateful makes a person happier and more at peace.

Each day maybe as you are getting ready to sleep or perhaps when you wake up think of 3 things that you are grateful for. If you really want a boost, write them down, at the end of the week you will have an amazing list of the goodness in your life.

In this month of November, I hope you will add Holy Nativity to your gratitude list and that you will remember all the of the blessings that our church family shares. I am grateful for each and every one of you and for our common life together.

Let us give thanks for all our blessings.

## Sunday School News

During the month of November we will learn about the Fruits of the Spirit and will play All Saints Bingo for All Saints Day.

For Thanksgiving we will talk about what we are thankful for in our lives as we pass the “Thankerchief” around to each of our friends.

PB&J Sunday for the older kids is Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember to bring any unwanted coats, hats, and mittens to the church. And if you have Kohls cash, don't let it go to waste!



## Warden's Report

In October, there was a good turnout for the First Saturday Supper, and Saturday Studios had its largest turnout, with over thirty people attending to decorate pumpkins. The Holly Fair is at our doorstep, and I am thankful to all who have contributed their time and talents. Operation Christmas Child is underway, and I want to thank Sharon Baxter, Maryann Gurney, and the elves who assembled the shoe boxes for this project. This is a reminder that the shoeboxes are due November 17<sup>th</sup> for delivery to Crossroads church to begin their journey worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We will again assist the Weymouth Youth and Family Services in providing Christmas gifts to needy families. More details shortly.

Malcolm Gurney sent me a picture of the first of several new exterior door locks he is installing and another picture showing the new downspout by the kitchen door. Malcolm has done a super job for the parish, for which I am very grateful. Wishing you all a very Blessed Thanksgiving.

Peace and Blessings

Ed Muller, Warden

*“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

# Imagine Together

## Deuteronomy 16:17

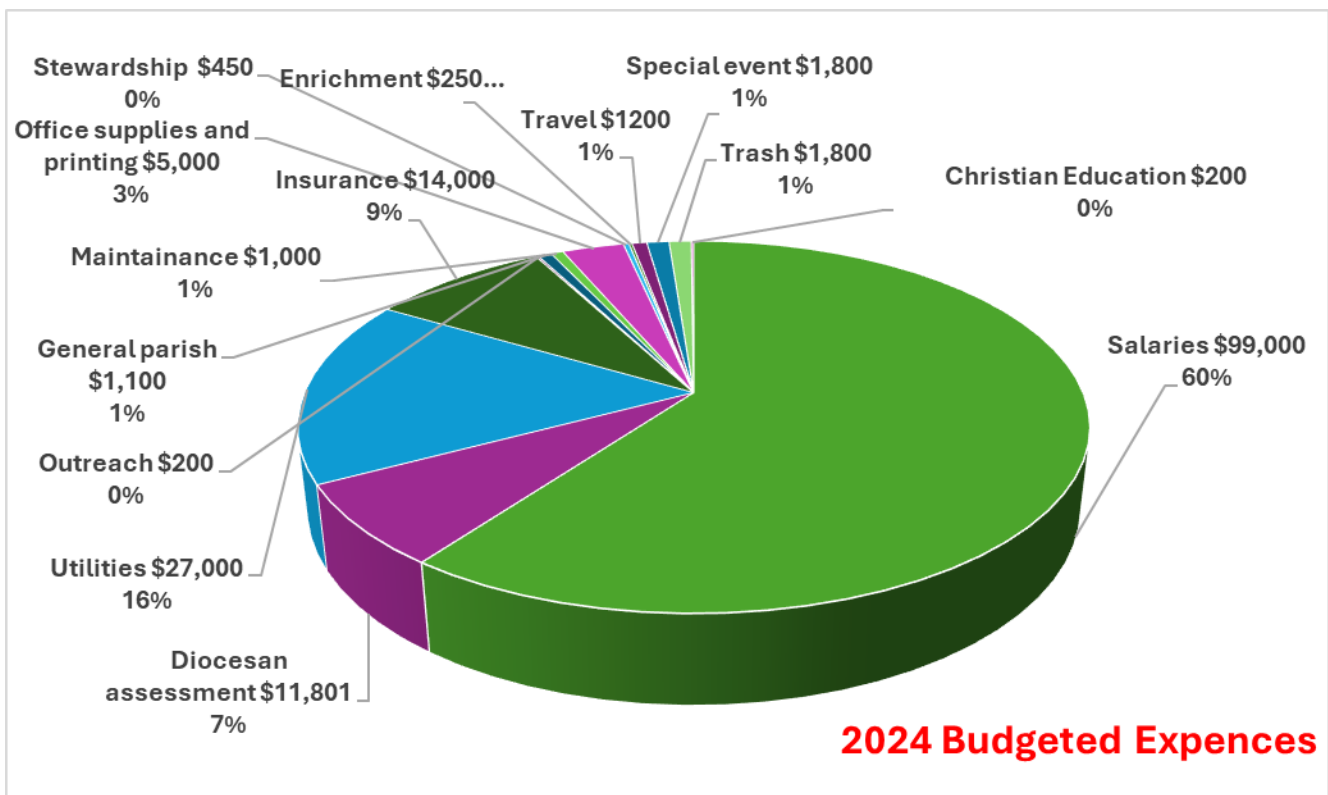
“Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.”

The Church of the Holy Nativity is not a building, it’s all of us , the Holy Nativity family. We are fortunate to have our amazing church and parish hall to be able to worship God in beauty and to have a lovely comfortable place for the community to engage in fellowship and mission.

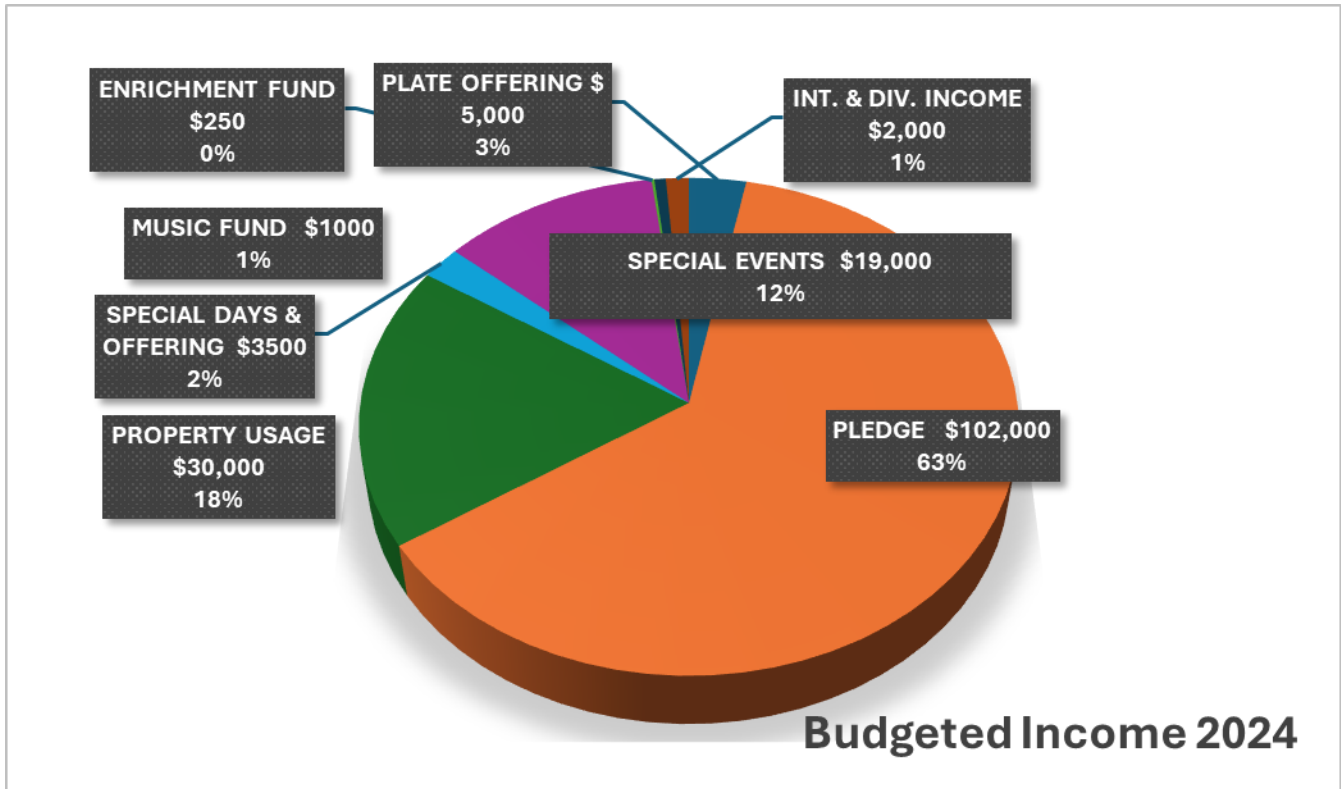
Our ability to continue to be the Episcopal Church in Weymouth depends on each and every one of us coming together in worship, service, and financial support of Holy Nativity. God has blessed each us with particular talents and treasures. The stewardship committee asks us to imagine what we can do together when we give ourselves and our treasure back to God.

Holy Nativity’s budget last year was \$168,475

As you can see our biggest expenses are for salaries, insurance, utilities, and diocesan assessment.



Our income is from a variety of sources. Our Budgeted income for 2024 was 159,500.00



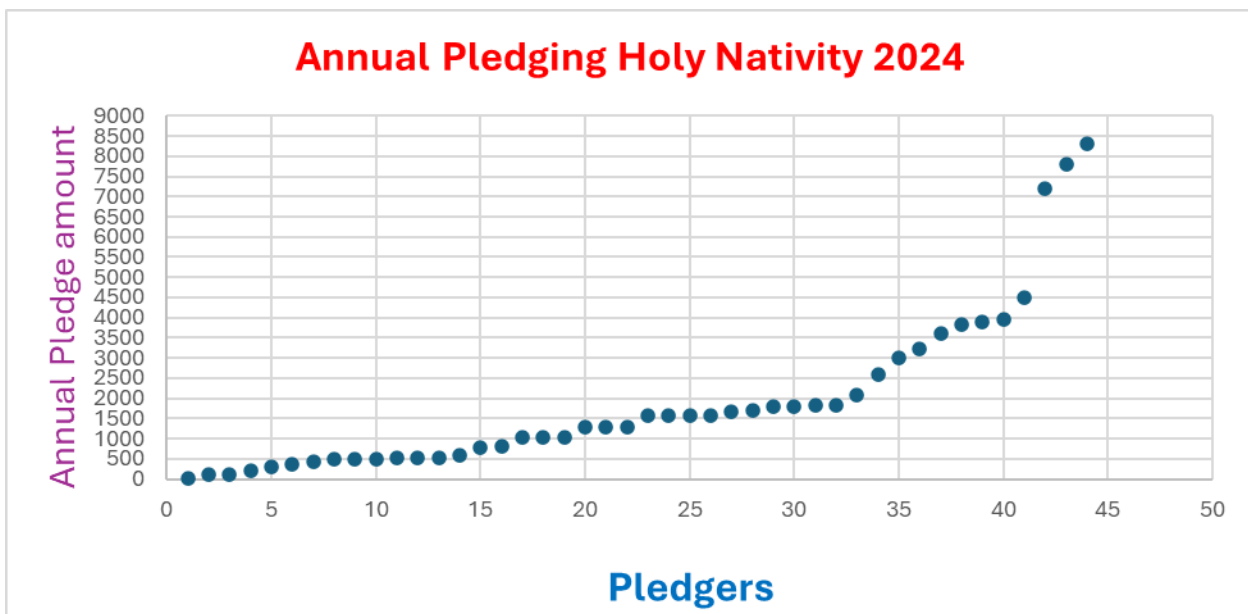
In 2024 \$84,696 was pledged by 44 pledging units.

In 2023 \$81,832 was pledged by 52 pledging units.

As you can see our actual pledging was not as high as our budgeted income. As our beloved treasurer reassures us that by God’s grace we always have enough. It is our hope and prayer that you will consider pledging your finances and your service to Holy Nativity. Receiving a commitment from each and every member of our church family is very important to plan the budget for the new year and is an outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual response to the gifts that God has given us.

Sometimes people will be reluctant to pledge an amount to the church because they worry that they may not be able to keep their commitment. We all understand that unexpected expenses happen and occasionally someone might not be able to keep their commitment. And on the other hand, sometimes there is an unexpected extra and you decide to give more than the original commitment. The important part is that we commit our resources to God and to each other as we come together to be God’s church.

How much should you give? Some people tithe to their church that means that they give 10% of their income to the church. WOW! If we all did that the church would have plenty of money. Most people give 1-3% of their income to their church. The chart below shows our 2024 pledges and the distribution of the amounts.



We hope that you will prayerfully consider pledging and increasing your pledge. God created us to live in community with each other and with God. Commitment Sunday is November 24 as we celebrate all the gifts that God has given us.

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## Mark your Calendars

Advent wreath making December 1<sup>st</sup>  
the first Sunday of Advent.

*Please bring back your wreath forms  
if you saved them  
Greens are needed the 1st for wreath  
making*



Join us for this fun family  
Tradition

## Adult Forum from Nov 3-Nov 24 11:45 to 12:30

We will study a modern saint.

### Frances Xavier Cabrini

(July 15, 1850 – December 22, 1917),  
also known as **Mother Cabrini**.

She was an Italian American, Roman  
Catholic, nun.

We will watch and discuss the movie  
***Cabrini***, the powerful epic of Francesca  
Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives  
in New York City in 1889 and is greeted  
by disease, crime, and impoverished chil-  
dren. Cabrini sets off on a daring mission  
to convince the hostile mayor to secure  
housing and healthcare for society's most  
vulnerable. With broken English and  
poor health, Cabrini builds an empire of  
hope unlike anything the world had ever  
seen.



**The South Shore Youth Group** met at Saint Andrews in Hanover this last week! There was a big group of 12 kids from across our South Shore Deanery. The kids focused on Matthew 6:1-4 “doing acts of service in secret”. They made “Service Ghosts” and thought of ways to help others without being asked or thanked. They practiced this by raking the leaves (and jumping in them) of St Andrews saving their older parishioners and sexton 12 hours of work (they worked together for less than an hour). They also climbed the bell tower! And of course there was pizza. **Looking forward to next month's meeting on November 17th!**



If you have a Middle school child interested in a fun Christian group lead by Episcopalians. Please contact Rev Diana+ Next month the group will be making Comfort Bags for our friends who support Billy’s Caring Hands to pass out to our friends who are unhoused.

The Healthy Congregations Task Force (HCTF) has partnered with Holy Cow! Consulting to launch the Landscape Assessment which will provide valuable information concerning how we are living into our mission and vision as a diocesan community, where we shine, where we’d like to focus our energy, and where we can, in collective ministry, find new ways to lift each other up.

The HCTF asks all clergy and lay people to fill out the assessment which is available in English and Spanish. The assessment will take about 15 minutes to complete and must be done at one time. All responses are sent directly to Holy Cow! Consulting. Confidentiality is central to this work. Email the HCTF with any questions: [HCTF@DioMass.org](mailto:HCTF@DioMass.org).



Our Healthy Congregations Task Force invites you to take the survey!

[www.diomass.org/healthy-congregations](http://www.diomass.org/healthy-congregations)

Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts





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

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

**For more information call**  
**781-335-2030**

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**Samaritan's Purse**

**Operation Christmas Child**

**Delivering Great Joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ**

**“I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.”  
Luke 2:10, ESV**

**The filled shoe boxes  
are due back on November 17th .**

**Don't hesitate to contact Ed Muller at 781-422-4135  
or email [edthedetative@comcast.net](mailto:edthedetative@comcast.net) with any questions.**

**Our goal this year is to fill fifty (50) shoeboxes.**

**Thanks to all who are able to share in this outreach ministry.**

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## HOLLY FAIR

**Mark your calendar  
tell your friends and family**

### **Holly Fair**

**November 8th 3-7pm & Nov. 9th  
9am-3pm & Sat. night Dinner at 6:30**

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**There will be a Scratch Ticket Board at  
the Holly Fair again this year.**

If you could donate some scratch tickets  
for this board, that would be greatly  
appreciated!

Or, if you want to donate money for  
scratch tickets, Maryann Gurney will  
purchase them for you  
Maybe this will be the year  
we have a big winner!

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### **Holly Fair Jewelry table**

If anyone has any jewelry, pins, hats or  
accessories they would like  
to donate to the Holly Fair Jewelry table.  
Please contact Joyce MacPhee at  
[joyce.macphee@hotmail.com](mailto:joyce.macphee@hotmail.com),  
617-827-4139.

You can also leave at the church office  
when open.

### **It's Tombola Time**

The Holly Fair Tombola raffle table is  
looking for prizes for adults and chil-  
dren. Please place donations in the Tom-  
bola basket in Asher Hall.

### **Volunteers needed**

The Holly Fair for 2024 will be  
Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 3pm-7pm &  
Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> 9am-3pm.

As you all know this is our biggest fundraiser  
every year! Sign up sheets for volunteers at the  
tables are now up in the Hall!!!!

Please consider donating one hour or more of  
your time to help a table at the fair!

We also need bakers for the bake table. Pies,  
bread, small cakes, and decorative cupcakes are  
always in high demand!

The country table and silent auction will also be  
looking for donations and scratch tickets as  
well!

You can reach out to Joyce MacPhee or any of  
the people running a specific table if you'd like  
to contribute!

### **Remember "many hands make light work!!**

The table chairs once again will be:

Donna Lucier, Bake Table

Linda Muller, Fudge Table

Patty Donovan & Paula Avitabile,

Country Table

Lori Butler, Joyce MacPhee, Jewelry Table

Laura Kintz, Silent Auction

Maryann Gurney, Scratch Ticket Table

Pat, Sheila & Bob DeMore,

Snack Bar & Dinner

Ron Russo, Ticket Sales

Jim Kimball, Jay Asher & Joyce MacPhee, Ad-  
vertising & Marketing

Thank you!

Jim Kimball, Co-Chair

781-883-6735 [jdkimball@aol.com](mailto:jdkimball@aol.com)

Joyce MacPhee, Co-Chair

617-827-4139 [joyce.macphee@hotmail.com](mailto:joyce.macphee@hotmail.com)

## Roasted Sweet Potato Coins with Rosemary-Pecan Streusel



### Ingredients

- 1 c. (2 sticks) unsalted butter, melted, divided, plus more for baking dish
- 4 large sweet potatoes, sliced into 1/4-inch coins
- 1/2 c. plus 4 tablespoons packed light brown sugar, divided
- Kosher salt
- 1 c. all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled
- 1/2 c. chopped toasted pecans
- 1 Tbsp. finely chopped fresh rosemary

### Directions

**STEP 1** Preheat oven to 375°F. Lightly butter a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Arrange half the sweet potatoes in one layer, overlapping as necessary, in prepared baking dish. Top with 1/4 cup melted butter and 2 tablespoons sugar. Season with salt. Repeat with a second layer of sweet potatoes, butter, sugar, and salt.

**STEP 2** Combine flour, pecans, rosemary, 1/2 teaspoon salt, remaining 1/2 cup butter, and remaining 1/2 cup sugar in a bowl. Stir with a fork until clumps form. Sprinkle on top of potatoes. Bake until potatoes are soft when pierced with a knife, 55 to 65 minutes, covering with foil the last 10 minutes, if necessary, to prevent over-browning. Serve warm.

**Yields: 8 servings    Prep time: 15 mins  
Total time: 1hr.5mins**



### Fudge Table

Many thanks to all who made the Holly Fair fudge table such a success last year!! If you are able to help this year you can add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Asher-Stoddard Hall, either to make some fudge or help out during the Fair (or both!). I'll be cutting and packaging the fudge during the week before the Fair so you can put your contributions in the refrigerator in the church kitchen any time throughout October and until November 7 for me to collect. Chocolate and chocolate walnut continue to be popular, and we need your specialties too – the Holy Nativity fudge table is known for its many delicious varieties! If you've been looking for a table to work at during the Holly Fair the fudge table is an easy and fun place to be.

Linda Muller (781) 413-1066  
email: LAM215@comcast.net

*We can use your help!*

### Silent Auction

The Holly Fair is fast approaching, and the Silent Auction is in need of donations! We are looking for gift baskets, gift cards, event tickets, and unique items. To supplement the regular list of donors that we work with every year, we are also looking for people who would be willing to approach local businesses for donations, either of items or gift cards, especially from places where you might be a regular customer or know the owners. Finally, cash donations will also be accepted to use for the purchase of items.

Cash or checks can be given/sent to Jim Kimball. Call or text Laura Kintz at 781-901-2658 or email [lauraruthkintz@gmail.com](mailto:lauraruthkintz@gmail.com) with any questions or ideas.

Thank you!

*We are always so grateful for the church family's support of the Silent Auction!*

## Activities at Holy Nativity

**Saturday, November 9th  
at 6:30**

**Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner with all  
the fixings  
in Stoddard Hall  
All are welcome  
Tickets are available through Ron Russo**

Also available while they last at the door.  
**Tickets ~ Adults \$10.00  
&  
Children \$7.00**



“New this year at Holly Fair”  
Bring your camera/iphone and click away for  
fun family and friends pictures!!



## First Food Sunday December 1st

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Non-Perishables:

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Non-Perishables:

- Jam and/or jelly
- Ready to Eat (*canned pasta, chili, hash*)
- Pancake mix / syrup
- Jarred Pasta sauce
- Side dishes (*seasoned rice / pasta, Knorrs, Zatarans etc.*)
- Cold Cereal
- Ground coffee and tea
- Condiments (*dressing, bbq sauce, ketchup, mayonnaise etc.*)
- White tuna
- Cooking Oil / Pam

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, December 1st**







**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.

**Ever wonder what happens up  
by the Altar?**

Become an Altar server and find out!



**Next Vestry Meeting**

The next Vestry meeting will be  
Tuesday, Nov. 19th

**Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for the December  
Holy Happenings will be  
Thursday, November 21st

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**



On our Prayer List we remember:

- Anne and Ed
- Bill Lucier
- Brian
- Bruce Wilmeth
- Carol
- Carolyn Butterfield
- Cathy
- Charlie
- Chris,
- Chris M.
- Corinne
- Debbie Y.
- Deborah
- Ed Walsh
- Emily
- Freddy
- Ginny
- Herb
- Jack Dembow
- Jack
- Jackie R.
- Janice
- Jim Murphy
- Joan Millet
- Kathryn
- Kathy
- Kendall Demore
- Linda
- Linda Cardillo
- Mallory J.
- Marilyn & Matt J.
- Matt
- M.E. Rich
- Paige
- Pam Walston
- Patty Sewall
- Robert Vinton
- Savannah
- Shannon and James
- Sophia
- Steve
- Tim
- Victor
- William Terry, Jr.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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**Holly Fair**  
**Friday, Nov. 8th 3-7**  
**Sat., Nov. 9th 9-3 with**  
**Turkey Dinner 6:30**

**Sundays Nov. 3-**  
**Nov. 24 11:45 to 12:30**  
**Adult Forum**

**Sunday, Nov. 17th**  
**Filled Shoeboxes are**  
**due back**

**Nov. 17th, South**  
**Shore Youth Group**

### **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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**Tuesday, Nov. 19th**  
**Vestry Meeting**

**Thursday, Nov. 21**  
**Newsletter article**  
**deadline**

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**Advent wreath**  
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