
HOLY HAPPENINGS

April 2025

**From the Desk of
Rev. Diana**

New Life

When I was working with churches on the brink of dying i.e. closing their doors and stopping their ministry, I often felt their fear. The fear of dying. We all share this fear individually, in our families, in our churches, in some of the groups we belong to. No one WANTS to die. Yet new life cannot grow unless there is death. There is no resurrection without death.

Jesus uses the metaphor of a seed/a grain of wheat in the gospel of John to speak about his imminent death.

“Let me make this clear, a single grain of wheat will never be more than a single grain of wheat unless it drops into the ground and dies. Because then it sprouts and produces a great harvest of wheat—all because one grain died.”

And theologian John Stott puts it this way, “as long as a seed remains in the dry, warm, security of the granary it will never reproduce itself. It has to be buried in the cold, dark grave of the soil and there it has to die.



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Then out of its wintry grave, the springtime grain will sprout.”

Easter is a time when Christians remember that the extraordinary, history-shaping resurrection of Jesus means a fresh start, new life. A new day, filled with space for forgiveness, celebration and hope. The resurrection is the sign to all who wish to see it that death – in all its thievery and pain – is not the end, and that another reality is possible.

Jesus invites us to walk with him through the painful process of letting go, to dying, and suffering so that we can experience the new life he has for us. Seeds of love and mercy and grace have been planted in you. What will God give growth to in the season of Easter in your personal lives and in our common life together?

Sunday School News

The Sunday school group is putting together Easter Baskets for 3 families from Weymouth Youth & Family Services. We will donate thirteen baskets for children ages four to fourteen. The items for the baskets will be purchased with funds raised from the sale of the "Oldens Pharmacy Items". Thank you for your support!

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00 service on Easter morning. Children may bring their own baskets or baskets will be provided. Join us on the side lawn for some Easter fun!

On Sunday, April 6th, we will have a First Communion celebration at the 10:00 service. If you know of someone who would like to receive First Communion, please speak to Rev. Diana or Maryann for more information.

There will be an instructional class that morning prior to the 10:00 service.



Warden's Report

We've had a busy month here at Holy Nativity. Seventy-two guests attended our First Saturday Supper last month, and thirty-five attended the two Shrove Tuesday pancake suppers. On April 5th, our First Saturday supper at 4:30 pm will be followed by the Friends Across the Atlantic Concert featuring Marie-Elise Boyer and Susan Gouthro at 6 pm.

On March 15th, I participated in the Diocese Warden and Vestry Member Workshop. Three main topics were presented and discussed. First discussed was "*Invite Welcome Connect: Stories; Tools to Transform Your Church*". This program offers parishes a forum to look at ways to encourage growth in the church.

The Diocese has purchased a subscription allowing parishes to access resources on the Invite Welcome Connect website. The second presentation was from the Community Purchase Alliance Cooperative. Here is their mission Statement:

Community Purchasing Alliance Co-op is a social-purpose purchasing cooperative. Our programs pool the buying power of community-serving non-profits, schools, and houses of worship to negotiate competitive rates and protective terms on essential operations and facilities services.

Their Copier, Electricity, and Natural Gas programs could benefit us, and Rev. Diana has provided Rebecca Cavanaugh with information on the electricity program.

Thirdly, the Safe Church Training program was discussed, and all parishes were reminded to ensure that all persons required to complete it do so.

Kenny Cavanaugh has completed some initial repairs to the sink in the nursery bathroom. However, we now have some additional work for which Kenny does not have the necessary equipment. Malcolm Gurney has contacted a plumber friend for assistance and will let me know when he is available. Speaking of the maintenance of our beloved building, you may have noticed new lighting throughout the parish hall, offices, hallways, and preschool. Thanks to Andrea Ross for informing us about Mass Save, which provided a grant for the work to be done at a minimal cost to the parish.

A new ministry outreach opportunity has arisen at the West Acres Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Brockton, where my brother Matt lives. West Acres has been looking for a priest to come in on a scheduled basis to provide Communion to the residents. Fr. Brad has offered to do this, with the first service scheduled for Wednesday, April 23rd, at 10:30 a.m.

Peace & Blessings, Ed Muller, Co-warden

HELP WANTED

Holy Nativity needs a couple of volunteers to complete an Inventory of our Belongings. The good news is that the Altar Guild has done all the Altar and paraments inventory.

Fortunately, there is a useful form on the internet. No long-term commitment to this very important volunteer opportunity.

Please email or call the office to volunteer. 781-335-2030



Beloved of God! I write to ask your support for this year's **Bishop's Annual Appeal**. In the time since I was ordained as your bishop on October 19th, I have been inspired both by your passion for the ministries in your congregations and your commitment to our common life in the Diocese of Massachusetts.

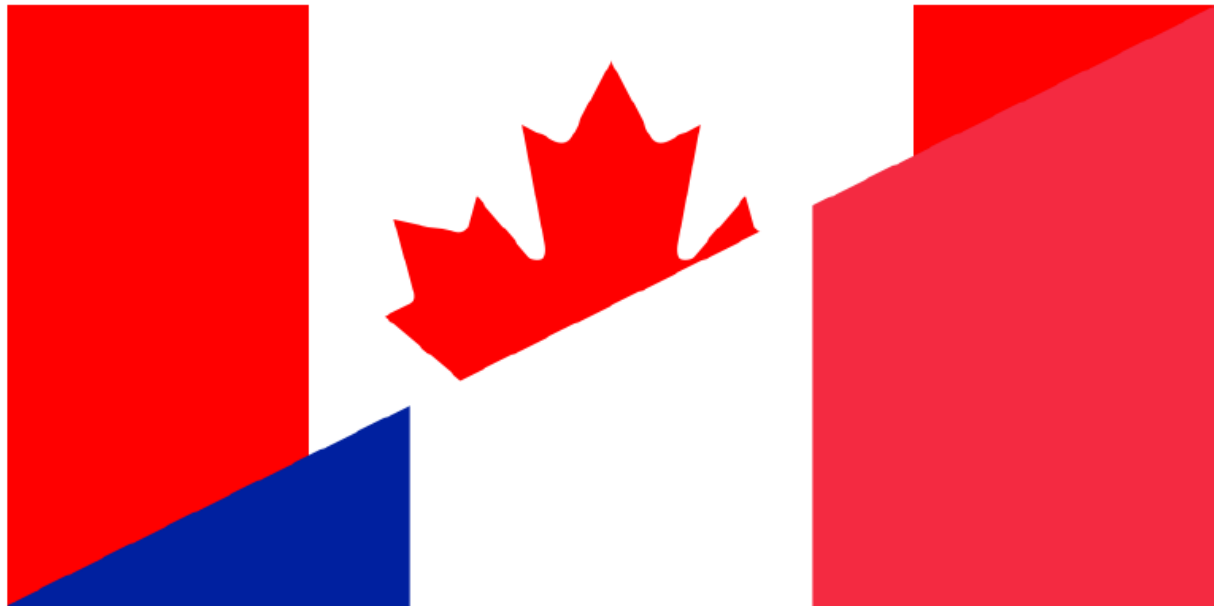
We are blessed as a diocese to benefit from the generosity of our forebears whose legacy continues to support our witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. Each of us, in this generation, is called to give to the witness of the Church in our own time, both locally in our worshipping communities and collectively in our diocese to strengthen and expand the work to which God calls us.

We are engaged in so much good work already... and there is so much more we can do together. Won't you join me in giving generously to the Bishop's Annual Appeal? Blessings and love,

The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth Bishop Diocesan

Please find donation envelopes at the back of the Church or Donate on the Diocesan Website. <https://www.diomass.org/bishops-appeal>





The Church of the Holy Nativity 8 Nevin Road, South Weymouth

Presents

"Friends Across the Atlantic"

Contemporary Canadian songs and Lyrical Echoes from France

April 5th, 2025 at 6 PM

Featuring

French pianist Marie-Elise Boyer

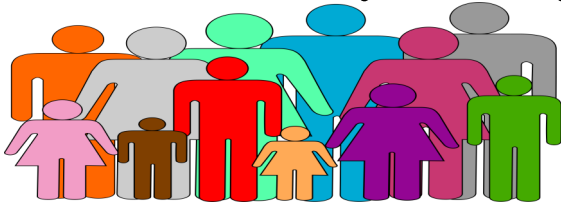
and

Canadian soprano Susan Gouthro

A free supper will be served at 4:30 PM

All ages are welcome, and voluntary donations are graciously
accepted

Activities at Holy Nativity



Adult Christian Education Forum

will meet from 11:40 to 12:30 in the Kimball Common Room.

Saturday April 5th “Free Dinner Saturday” at 4:30 Ham dinner will be served followed by the concert, **“Friends Across the Atlantic” at 6:00**

Next Vestry Meeting

meeting will be at the **Vestry Retreat on Saturday, April 26th.**

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the April Holy Happenings will be **Thursday, April 24th**
 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



First Food Sunday, April 6th

. 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, Zatarra'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.

**Maundy Thursday, April 17th
7pm Holy Eucharist
with foot or hand washing**

Good Friday, April 18th ~ 12-3pm

**Good Friday Service with
Veneration of the Cross**

2:30 Stations of the Cross

**7pm Good Friday Service with
Holy Eucharist**

Sunday, April 6th

at the 10 am service

Celebrating First Holy Communion



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, Ed Walsh, Freddy, Ginny, Gloria Way, Grace M., Herb, Jack, Jack Dembow, Jackie R., Janice, Jenny, Jim Murphy, Julia Muller, Kathryn, Kathy, Kathy and Ronan, Kendall Demore, Kevin, Laura Fiore, Linda, Linda Cardillo, Mallory J., Matt, M.E. Rich, Rodger Lyle, Ruby, Paige, Pam, Pam Walston, Paula, Pauline, Ron, Ruby, Skip Lewis, Sophia, Steven, Victor

Easter Day Services

**Choral Holy Eucharist
8am and 10 am
Easter Egg Hunt following
the 10am service
with coffee hour and fellowship time.**





Spring Crudité's with Herbed Cheese Dip

The vegetables are pretty and all, but the flavor-packed dip is the real winner here.

INGREDIENTS

- **8 oz.** fresh goat cheese, at room temperature
- **1/2 cup** ricotta cheese
- **1** scallion, finely chopped
- **1/2** small clove garlic, finely grated
- **1/4 cup** fresh flat-leaf parsley, chopped, plus more for sprinkling
- **1/4 cup** fresh mint, chopped
- **2 Tbsp.** fresh chives, chopped, plus more for sprinkling
- **2 tsp.** finely grated lemon zest plus 2 Tbsp lemon juice (from 2 lemons)
- Kosher salt
- Pepper
- Cut vegetables, for serving (we used radishes, carrots, endive, snap peas, and seedless cucumber)

DIRECTIONS

- Step 1** In food processor, pulse goat cheese and ricotta until smooth.
- Step 2** Transfer to bowl and fold in scallion and garlic. Fold in parsley, mint, chives, lemon zest and juice and 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper.
- Step 3** Spoon into serving bowl and sprinkle with more parsley and chives if desired. Serve with cut vegetables.

Nutritional Information (per serving): About 105 calories, 8 g fat (5.5 g saturated), 7 g protein, 265 mg sodium, 2 g carb, 0 g fiber

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Important Dates

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

Please join us for Stations of the Cross. Wednesdays in Lent at 12 noon.

April 5th at 4:30 First Saturday Supper ~ Ham dinner will be served Followed by: Friends Across the Atlantic concert at 6pm at Church of the Holy Nativity

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

Sunday, April 6th at 10 am Service Celebrating First Holy Communion

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

Maundy Thursday, April 17th
7pm Holy Eucharist with foot or hand washing

The Good Friday Services will be held 12:00-3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
The Good Friday Service at **12:00** will be followed by veneration of the Cross and meditation at **1:00**; **then at 2:30**, we will conclude with Stations of the Cross.
7 pm Good Friday Service with Holy Eucharist
Please come as you are able.

Sunday, April 20th, Easter Day Services
Choral Holy Eucharist 8 and 10 am
Easter Egg Hunt following the 10am service with coffee hour and fellowship time.

