
HOLY HAPPENINGS

Bishop Julia's Easter Message

Beloved of God, Christ is risen! Alleluia!

This Easter, as on every Easter, we celebrate the resurrection hope that is at the center of our Faith. We celebrate love triumphant over hate, joy over despair, and courage over fear.

In the words of one of my favorite Easter hymns, "Now the Green Blade Riseth":
When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again.

Indeed, in his resurrection from the dead, Jesus reminds us that even when hope is fleeting, even when we cannot see it, God is at work within us and among us, tending seeds of new life and hope!

On Easter Sunday, we join with Episcopalians around the world in praying this beautiful collect:

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy:



Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection.

Easter invites us into that joyous life, a life renewed, restored, and rooted in resurrection hope. May the risen Christ fill you with hope, renew your spirit, and guide you in paths of peace and love this day and every day.

Friends, the Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julia".

The Rt. Rev'd Julia E.
Whitworth
Bishop Diocesan

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During the month of March the kids in Sunday school were busy learning about Jesus' life, Jesus in the Wilderness, and the events of Holy week while learning how to look up passages in the Bible.

No class on Sunday, April 19th for school vacation week.



Rev. Rachael Pettengill-Rasure planning to start a regular gathering for households with young people at home.

It will be one Sunday a month around 4 or 5pm, and will feature a short shared liturgy, a meal, and faith formation for adults in one room and youth group in another (plus arts and crafts for really little kids as needed).

If you are interested please reach out to the office at holyntivity1915@gmail.com or call the office.



Bishop Julia will be visiting us this June.

Anyone interested in Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation Please speak with Rev Diana.

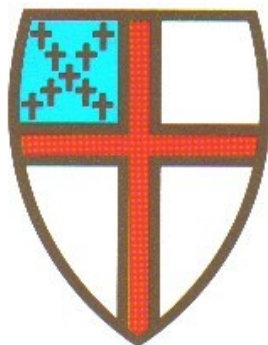
Understanding Confirmation, Reaffirmation and Reception

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is a pastoral rite in The Episcopal Church, which means it is not a rite that notes some fuller initiation into the Church, the Body of Christ. A person is a full member of the Church through Baptism. Confirmation, as defined in The Book of Common Prayer is “a mature public affirmation of faith and commitment to the responsibilities of Baptism.” At Confirmation, an individual receives the laying on of hands by the bishop, thereby affirming their own faith and visibly connecting to the broader Body of Christ.

What is the difference between Confirmation, Reaffirmation, and Reception?

Confirmation is “a mature and public affirmation of faith and commitment to the responsibilities of Baptism” (BCP). **Reaffirmation** means that you choose to re-state your commitment to Christ in The Episcopal Church, honoring your growth in faith throughout your spiritual journey. For many people, their path has wandered in and out of various denominations. Reaffirmation is a way to honor their journey and their previous public commitment as an adult while also making this definitive sacramental gesture. **Reception** is common for people who have been active throughout their lives in other denominations. Often, individuals who made a public profession of faith in a faith tradition such as the Baptist Church will choose to be Received into The Episcopal Church.



**Book Talk and Reception with Bishop Julia Whitworth
and
Canon Stephanie Spellers**

**Thu, 04/09/2026 - 5:00pm
138 Tremont St, Boston, MA**

Bishop Julia Whitworth and the Diocese of Massachusetts invite you to a discussion with Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, one of the Episcopal Church's leading voices, To discuss her new book "Church Tomorrow: What the "Nones" and "Dones" teach us about the future of faith".

Doors will open for a reception and book signing at 5 p.m., and at 5:30p.m., Bishop Whitworth will host a conversation with Canon Spellers about building the church of the future.

Please reach out to Rev. Diana if you wish to join her for this look at the future of our church

Bishop Julia will be visiting us June 7.

Anyone interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church please reach out to Rev Diana or the office. Classes will be scheduled in April/May.

Vestry Retreat Saturday April 11, 9am-3pm

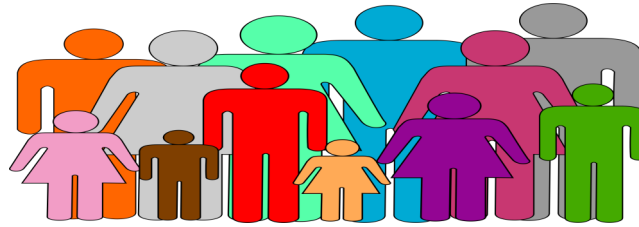
Address is 2001 Marina Drive, Quincy, MA 02171

There is ample visitor parking (*just need a visitor pass from the front desk*)

Otherwise plenty of public parking no permit needed within a 3 minute walk In the building and up 1 flight of stairs or elevator to 1st floor hospitality room.

Please pray for the vestry as they discern our goals for the next year.

Activities at Holy Nativity



The First Saturday Dinner

May 2nd at 4:30

The First Saturday Dinner in
Stoddard Hall

All are welcome

Free will donation gladly accepted

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



Next First Food Sunday, May 3rd

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, May 3rd



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.



As a Parish, We pray for:

Anne & Ed, Arlene Boyd, 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, Donna, Eddie R., Freddy, Ginny, Grace M., Heather K., Herb, Jack L., Janet & Roger Kineavy, Janice, Jenny, Jim Murphy, Joan Millet, John, Kathleen C. & family, Kathryn, Kathy and Ronan, Kathy B., Kendall Demore, Kevin, Laura Fiore, Lawrence, Liam, Linda, Linda Cardillo, Mallory J., Marney H., Matt, Matthew, M.E. Rich, Paige, Pam, Pam Walston, Paula, Rodger Lyle, Ruby Jean, Ruth Bates, Ryan, Sam, Sharon and John Bergen, Skip Lewis, Sophia, Sylvia, Terry Asher, Victor

Newsletter Deadline

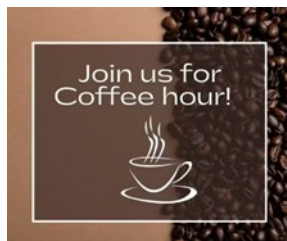
The deadline for the May Holy Happenings will be **Thursday, April 23rd**

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

Billy's Caring Hands Needs You!

We are looking for donations of new or gently used Hats and Gloves

Next Vestry meeting is Monday, April 13th at 7-8:30 PM



Here at Holy Nativity, we have a wonderful tradition of fellowship and hospitality.

Coffee Hour is a special part of that tradition. Coffee Hour serves to:

- Encourage fellowship
- Catch up with friends
- Encourage conversation
- Welcome newcomers
- Provide small bites and beverages
- Create a ministry of hospitality

We are looking for caring people to make a WONDERFUL “Coffee Hour” happen each Sunday! Those who volunteer have a great time together, enjoy getting to know new people, and love connecting our church family to one another!

Beginning in April we will have a new sign-up

sheet on the bulletin board in the Asher-Stoddard Hall. Each date will have a place for a host and two volunteers to sign up. The host will be an experienced individual and the volunteers are there to help and learn.

The host responsibilities include but are not limited to: Insuring there are 5-6 food items (Pastries, cheese and crackers, and fruit) and milk and half and half and to prepare the coffee (There will be an instruction sheet showing the amount to prepare). Assist the volunteers as needed, particularly as to where the supplies are located. For those unable to serve as a Host or volunteer but would like to provide a food item; please contact the host for the day you wish to do so.

The volunteer responsibilities include but are not limited to: Setting up the serving table with, plates, napkins and utensils. Preparing the food for serving and replenishing as needed. volunteers may also bring food items if they so desire. Cleaning up after the Coffee Hour is over. We are encouraging the use of glass coffee mugs so they, along with any washable items, will need to be placed in the dishwasher for cleaning. All tables and countertops will need to be washed down with disinfectant spray or wipes which are available under the kitchen sink. Monies collected will be counted and placed in the cash box which will be available after the coffee hour.

Please contact Ed Muller, Kitchen Coordinator, via email at edthedetective@gmail.com or by phone at 781-422-4135 with any questions.

Cheesy Lemon-Pepper Spaghetti



This lemony take on cacio e pepe gets a fresh lift from both the zest and the juice. For the creamiest sauce that coats each strand of pasta, add the cheese in increments and stir vigorously after each addition. Dreamy!

Ingredients

- **2 Tbsp.** canola oil
- **1 tsp.** cracked black pepper, plus more for serving
- **1 tsp.** lemon zest plus 5 tablespoons lemon juice (from about 2 lemons), divided
- **12 oz.** spaghetti or linguine
- Kosher salt
- **3 oz.** Pecorino Romano, finely grated (about 3/4 cup)
- **1 oz.** Parmesan, finely grated (about 1/4 cup)

Yields 4 servings

Total Time 20 minutes

Directions

Step 1 In medium high-sided skillet, heat oil and pepper on medium-low until pepper starts to sizzle, about 2 minutes; remove from heat and stir in lemon zest.

Step 2 Place pasta in large skillet and add enough water to cover completely (about 4 cups). Bring to a boil. Add 4 tablespoons lemon juice and 1/2 teaspoon salt and cook, separating pasta and stirring with tongs, until just tender, 7 to 10 minutes.

Step 3 Stir 1/3 cup pasta cooking water into pepper oil; then, using tongs, transfer pasta to skillet and toss, adding both cheeses in 6 increments and stirring vigorously after each addition. Stir in 1 to 2 more tablespoon pasta water as needed until cheese melts into a creamy sauce and fully coats pasta. Drizzle with remaining tablespoon lemon juice and season with 1/4 teaspoon each salt and cracked pepper. Serve immediately.

NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION (per serving): About 502 cal, 16 g fat (6 g sat), 27 mg chol, 595 mg sodium, 65 g carb, 4 g fiber, 1.5 g sugar (0 g added sugar), 21 g pro

The Mother's Day Walk for Peace

30 Years Strong

Sunday, May 10, 2026, at 8:00 AM

**Town Field Park
1565 Dorchester Ave.
Dorchester, MA 02122**

The Mother's Day Walk for Peace is an annual 5K walk and fundraiser held in the Dorchester neighborhood of Boston, to support mothers and families of murder victims. Known locally and lovingly as just The Walk, it has hosted over 500,000 families since its founding in 1996.

Funds raised from the Walk support families of homicide victims through the programs and services of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, including immediate and long-term care for survivors, youth and multigenerational arts/education programming, advocacy for survivor-centered policies, and reentry support for formerly incarcerated people.

If you would like to be part of our 4 church team please contact the office or Rev. Diana



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

First Saturday Dinner at 4:30
Saturday April 4th – pizza dinner

First Food Sunday, April 5th .
we collect non-perishable food
donations every 1st Sunday of the
month.

Vestry meeting is Monday, April
13th at 7 PM

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

Holy Week Schedule

April 2nd Maundy Thursday Service at 7 PM @ The Church of the Holy Nativity (with Outreach Project)

April 3rd Good Friday Service at 12:00 Noon at Christ Church Service at 7 PM at Holy Nativity

April 4th Easter Vigil at 7PM at Church of Our Savior

April 5th Easter Sunday Services at 8AM and 10AM
The Church of the Holy Nativity

