

HOLY HAPPENINGS

August 2024

From the Desk of Rev. Diana

What a wonderful world!

If you were stranded on a deserted island and could only take one song with you to hear for the rest of your life, what song would you pick? Is it a church hymn or something you learned as a child? Maybe that special song from your prom or wedding?

The song I would pick is What a Wonderful World, written by Bob Thiele (as "George Douglas") and George David Weiss. It was first recorded by Louis Armstrong and released in 1967 as a single. In a time when our country was in turmoil over racism and the loss of John F Kennedy. George Weiss says he wrote the song specifically for Louis Armstrong, as he was inspired by Armstrong's ability to bring together people of different races. Thiele said that the song was intended as a reassuring antidote to the mounting problems facing America in the late 60s; a time defined by what he described as "the deepening national traumas of the Kennedy assassination, Vietnam, racial strife, and turmoil everywhere." The song



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was a flop in the US as Larry Newton, the president of ABC, hated the song and wouldn't promote it. It hit the charts in the UK reaching No.1 during a 29-week run. It finally became popular in the US in 1988 when it appeared on the soundtrack of *Good Morning Vietnam*. It was introduced to the Grammy Hall of fame in 1999.

I love this song because it reminds me of the beauty of the gift of life given to us and the reassurance of the deep love that we have for each other and God's love for us. This song speaks of the beauty of this wonderful world that God made for you and me to enjoy. The gift of the sacred night and the blessed day. The colors of the rainbow are on our faces and in our very being. This is a beautiful declaration of the diversity of humanity all made in God's image. I love how it reminds me of the way we say "I love you" in just the everyday speech of "hello. How are you?" I am reminded that so many people don't have anyone who cares to ask a simple question like "how are you".

The last verse speaks of the hope that those who come after us will know more about love than we know. Perhaps they will be able to appreciate and care for this beautiful world in a better way.

For Armstrong, it told a story of possibility. In the 1970 recording of this song there is a spoken introduction by Louis :

"Some of you young folks been saying to me," Hey Pops, what you mean 'What a wonderful world'?

How about all them wars all over the place? You call them wonderful?

And how about hunger and pollution? That ain't so wonderful either."

Well how about listening to old Pops for a minute. Seems to me, it ain't the world that's so bad but what we're doin' to it

And all I'm saying is, see, what a wonderful world it would be if only we'd give it a chance. Love baby, love. That's the secret, yeah. If lots more of us loved each other, we'd solve lots more problems. And then this world would be a gasser.

That's wha' ol' Pops keeps saying."

I'm with you Louis..... Love baby, Love!

That's the secret!

*I see trees of green
Red roses too
I see them bloom
For me and you
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world
I see skies of blue
And clouds of white
The bright blessed day
The dark sacred night
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world
The colors of the rainbow
So pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces
Of people going by
I see friends shaking hands
Saying, "How do you do?"
They're really saying
I love you
I hear babies cry
I watch them grow
They'll learn much more
Than I'll ever know
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world
Yes, I think to myself
What a wonderful world
Ooh, yes*



Co-Warden's Report

I have a brief report for this month, as I was away in Newfoundland for two and a half weeks. I understand there were good turnouts for the first Saturday supper and Saturday studio gathering.

It looks like Holy Nativity's version of the Big Dig is rounding the corner. I can't say enough about Malcolm Gurney's dedication and hard work on this project. Be sure to look at the rectory's backyard and the playground area to see what has been accomplished.

The Adult Christian Education program is back on track with a continued study of "Looking for God in Messy Places."

Again, thanks to all of you who make Holy Nativity a wonderful place to worship.

In the love of Christ, Ed Muller, Co-warden

Massachusetts Poor People's Campaign

We Cry Justice study

Each Wednesday morning from 9:00AM - 10:00AM

Each week is inclusive and no prep work is required - please join us as you're able on Zoom. Please contact Amelia Slawsby at mappcen@gmail.com for more information.

If you have not yet done so, you can sign up to be on the Massachusetts Poor People's Campaign email list at poorpeoplescampaign.org/committee/massachusetts.

Be sure to enter your zip code so you are on both the MAPPC and National Poor People's Campaign lists.

Billy's Giving Hands
Needs YOUR HELP

Our trecks downtown have taken on a different flavor since the tent city at Mass and Cass was dismantled. Many folks received housing and there are still many who mostly live out of shelters or on the streets. Most of the folks' lives we touch are afflicted by addiction.

As the weather gets warmer our friends are going to need some extra water and a few other things.

Donations are needed of

Cases of water
 Individual bags of chips
 Ballcaps - sunhats
 Underwear
 T-shirts

Pants and shorts with
 elastic waist / drawstrings

And if you are traveling this summer, please bring back any soaps, shampoos and lotions that you may find in your hotel room.



Essential toiletries kit



On our Prayer List today we remember
 (pray together):

Abraham
 Anne and Ed
 Andrew Bober
 Aurora
 Bill Lucier
 Brian
 Carol
 Carolyn Butterfield
 Cathy
 Charlie
 Chris
 Chris M.
 Corinne
 Debbie Y.
 Deborah
 Ed Walsh
 Emily
 Freddy
 Ginny
 Herb
 Jackie R.
 Janice
 Jim Murphy
 Joan D.
 Judith Fenton
 Kathryn
 Kendall Demore
 Linda
 Linda Cardillo
 Mallory J.
 Marilyn & Matt J.
 Matt
 M.E. Rich
 Paige
 Pam Walston
 Patty Sewall
 Robert Vinton
 Rohana
 Sargent Mike
 Savannah
 Shannon and James
 Sophia
 Sue and Don
 Victor
 William Terry, Jr.

**Next Sunday, August 11th
at 11:00AM
Outdoor Service and Potluck Picnic
Please bring a chair and a dish to share!
at Webb Memorial State Park,
371 River St, Weymouth, MA 02191**



Directions from Church

20 min (7.1 miles) via Middle St
8 Nevin Rd
Weymouth, MA 02190
Head north on Nevin Rd toward Columbian St
Take Middle St and North St to Neck St
Follow Neck St and River St to your destination
4 min (1.6 mi)
Webb Memorial State Park
371 River St, Weymouth, MA 02191

15-MINUTE FRESH CORN & TOMATO SALAD



Assemble the Salad

To a large bowl, add the corn kernels, halved tomatoes, onion, red wine vinegar, olive oil and salt and pepper and toss well. The longer this salad melds together, the better it will taste (I usually chill it for about 1 hour). Just before serving, add lots of fresh basil so it doesn't wilt.

Ingredients

- 5 ears of fresh corn, shucked
 - 2 cups sun gold tomatoes (or super ripe cherry tomatoes), halved
 - 1/4 cup very small-diced red onion
 - 1 tbsp. red wine vinegar
 - 1 tbsp. olive oil
 - salt & freshly ground black pepper to taste
 - 1/2 cup thinly sliced fresh basil leaves
1. Fill a shallow pan such as a 9×13- inch brownie pan (or something similar), halfway with cold water and a few handfuls of ice. This is your ice bath for the corn.
 2. In a pot of boiling salted water, cook the corn for 3 minutes. You are not cooking it all the way through; just blanching it to remove some of the natural starch. With tongs, transfer the corn into the ice bath to stop the cooking and to keep the color bright yellow. Once cool, remove to a cutting board and pat dry.
 3. Using a large knife, slice off one side of the corn while it's still on the board. Use the tip of the knife for guidance. Roll the cob over (flat side should be facing down now) and slice off the next side. Keep going until you've cut all all sides.
 4. Add the corn to a large bowl with the tomatoes, red onion, vinegar, and olive oil. Sprinkle with a good amount of salt and pepper, to taste.

Just before serving, toss in the fresh basil. Taste again for seasonings (add more salt if necessary!) and serve cold or at room temperature.

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Directions

Cook the corn

In a large pot of boiling water, blanch the corn for about 3 minutes. You're not cooking it all the way through; just blanching it to remove some of the starchiness. Then quickly shock the cobs in an ice bath to stop the cooking and to set the bright yellow color. Use a long, shallow pan for the ice bath (a 9×13-inch brownie pan is perfect). Once cool enough to handle remove the corn kernels.

How to Cut Corn Off the Cob (the easy way!)

Place the corn on a cutting board and slice off one side with a large chef's knife. Then roll the corn over (flat side facing down now) and cut the next side. Keep going until you've cut the whole thing. Easy. No special gadgets. No mess.

HOLLY FAIR UPDATES

Holly Fair Country Table

Mark Your Calendars!!! All welcome to help out preserving jams, jellies and relishes for Holly Fair in November. Come join the fun chopping, canning and chit chatting!

Choose any or all dates:

Thursday, Sept 12, 9-11

Saturday, Sept 21, 9-11

Friday, October 4, 9-11

More info: contact Paula Avitabile 617-750-9564 or Patty Donovan 781-901-2240

"Many Hands Make Light Work"

Holly Fair Quilt

Terri Williams will be having a Sew In on August 3rd at 9:00 until about 12:00 to start assembling the quilt for the Holly Fair. We will be sewing the pieced squares and (hopefully) deciding the layout of the quilt.

Please bring your sewing machines, scissors, rotary cutters, seam rippers and a 5 inch or larger square ruler to square up the blocks. If you don't have any of these items, I will be bringing extras. Directions & samples available. I will also demonstrate the sewing techniques and answer any questions you might have. If you're new to quilting or just need a refresher, don't worry—I'm here to help!

If you have any questions, please contact me at terriw51@comcast.net or 781-252-9221

If anyone has any jewelry, pins, hats or accessories they would like to donate to the Holly Fair Jewelry table.

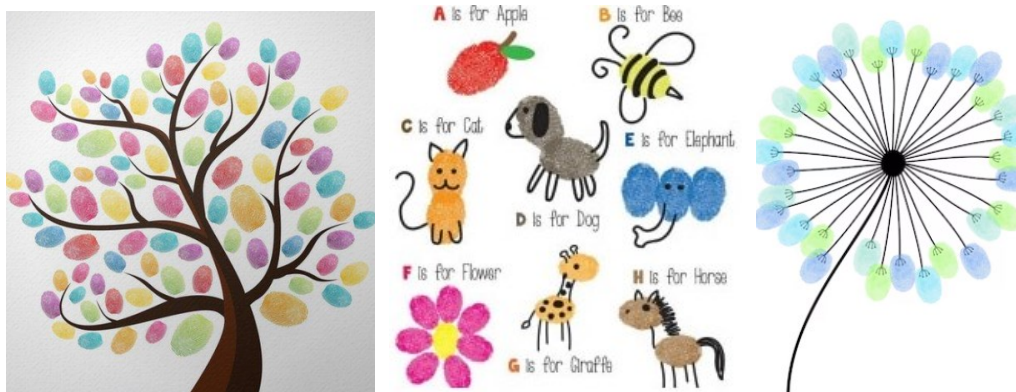
Please contact Joyce MacPhee at joyce.macphee@hotmail.com, 617-827-4139.

You can also leave at the church office when open.



Saturday Studios

*Please join us for a fun-filled creative morning as we create
greeting cards, bookmarks, and fingerprint art!*



Fingerprint Art

**Saturday, August 10, 2024
9-11 am**

All ages and skill levels are welcome!
All supplies included AND tasty snacks!

Advanced sign-up is encouraged but you can also just show up!

Sign up via Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/943621596597?aff=oddtcreator>

\$5.00 donation is welcomed!

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FUNDRAISER

A YARD FOR THE YARD

JOIN US FOR A NOBLE CAUSE!

The Church of the Holy Nativity invites you to be a part of our fundraiser aimed at alleviating the burden of water issues on our property. You can be a part of the solution by purchasing a **yardstick for \$50** each. Not only will you be helping to offset the costs of resolving our property's water challenges, but you'll also be investing in the future of our beloved church community. Every yardstick sold brings

**PURCHASE A
YARD-**

**STICK FOR
\$50 today**

Your \$50 donation covers the cost of a yard of dirt. Yardsticks are for sale in

**WE DID IT!
THANK YOU**



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**MAILED
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Important Dates

Saturday, September 7th
First Saturday Dinner

First Food Sunday: We collect non-perishable food donations every 1st Sunday of the month.

Every Tuesday: 11:30 am Holy Eucharist & Luncheon

Every Tuesday: South Shore Deanery: 7:30 pm - Compline on Zoom with Phil Flaherty

Every Thursday: South Shore Deanery: 9:00am - Morning Prayer on Zoom with Phil Flaherty

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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Saturday, August 3rd
9:00 until about 12:00
Holly Fair Quilt "*Sew In*"

Wednesday, Aug. 7th 9AM
Holly Fair Meeting

Saturday, August 10th
Saturday Studios, 9-11 am

Tuesday, August 20th
Vestry Meeting, 7:00PM

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Saturday, Sept 21, 9-11
Friday, October 4, 9-11
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