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# HOLY HAPPENINGS

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AUGUST 2025

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## From the Desk of Rev. Diana Scheide

They will know we are Christians by our LOVE. One of my favorite songs. I first heard this song as a young girl at Church Camp. We will work with each other. We will walk side by side. We pray that all unity will someday be restored. We will guard each other. When I started to walk with other Christians and began to understand that it is together that we make up the Body of Christ, I really wanted to be part of that body. I have been fortunate to find Christians to walk with in every place that I have lived.

Last week 84 Christians from 4 different churches came together to begin an exploration of how we might begin to walk and work together to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. Sometimes Christians begin to believe that our church building is the only place to find God. We come to associate the comfort, peace and love that comes with following Jesus with the building we worship in. It's important to remember that Jesus didn't do his ministry in a building. He sent his disciples out into the world to show everyone that God's kingdom is for all of us not just in one place but in all places and in all people.

The church is changing. If we look at history, we see big changes in the church about every 500 years. The last big change was the Reformation and that started in the 1500s. It took a couple of hundred years for the changes to take place. We are at the beginning of a new way of being the church. It will never be like it was before, it will be a new creation. As



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*Mon. thru Fri.*

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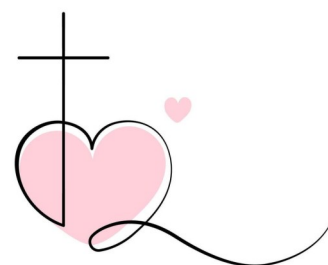
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we trust the Holy Spirit to guide us into a new way of being the church we must keep our hearts and our minds open to new possibilities.

It's always hard to change. We will grieve for what was before that is part of being human. Yet we know that our great Creator is always calling us to new ways of walking and working in His Way of Love. I am excited to see where God is leading us. I am grateful to be walking The Way of Love with you and our friends in Braintree, Quincy and Milton.

May God bless us with His creative vision and may we have courage to follow into new ways of being His church.



## July Warden's Report – Dean

### July First Saturday Dinner

Our July First Saturday Dinner took the form of a lively cookout. Thanks to the beautiful weather, we had a strong turnout with 59 guests joining in the fun. The event raised \$180 in contributions—thank you to everyone who participated and supported us!

### Four-Church Picnic

On Sunday, July 27, Holy Nativity hosted a joyful and well-attended picnic, bringing together congregations from Weymouth, Milton, Braintree, and Quincy (WMBQ). Around 80 people came to connect, share a meal, and explore opportunities for future collaboration. The food was delicious, the conversations meaningful, and there was a shared spirit of openness to working together. A highlight of the day was gathering in the church to sing hymns. Each church also gave a brief five-minute presentation, sharing key moments and activities from their communities.

### Communications Update

Website analytics show continued interest and engagement. Over the past month, our site received 351 page visits from 150 unique users.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dean Kistner*

## Words from the Warden

□ There were fifty-five guests at July's First Saturday Supper, and we had some first-timers who have now joined us on Sunday and Tuesday for worship and fellowship. On August 2nd, we will enjoy another cookout and look forward to another enjoyable time of food and fellowship.

□ The Adult Christian Education Forum will finish its discussion of Bob Goff's book "Everybody Always" this month. The author's stories have led to some lively and insightful conversations. So, there is still time to join us, if so led, Sundays at eleven forty-five in the Kimball Common Room.

□ The parish received almost two hundred dollars from the Raise Some Dough fundraiser at Panera Bread on July 22nd. It was an enjoyable time, and I didn't have to cook that night.

□ Also on July 22nd, Rev. Diana met with the Prayer Station ministers to discuss their role in the worship service at Holy Nativity. The preprinted prayer that has been used was edited to be more accommodating for non-healing prayers.

□ Thanks to Malcolm Gurney for trimming the overgrown branches from the trees in the kitchen parking area. This was done on one of the hottest days of the summer and is much appreciated.

□ This past month, we welcomed Conor Loughlin and Linda Muller as Worship Assistants, with Conor serving as a Lay Reader and Linda as Usher. Linda also serves as a Prayer Station Minister. It's nice to bolster our ranks with these two.

□ On July 27th, the Four Church Picnic, with our friends from Christ Church, Quincy, Emanuel Church, Braintree, and Church of Our Savior, Milton, was a really exciting time of food, fellowship, and music. We wait now to see where the Holy Spirit leads us to share other activities.

□ Saturday Studios is hosting a Seashell Wreath Making Class on August 9th. So, grab your shells and let your creative juices flow.

□ The next day, Sunday, August 10th, we will have our second celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Church picnic at Webb State Park. A beautiful place to worship God and enjoy a good meal.

In closing, I am again grateful to serve as Co-Warden and pray that Holy Nativity may be a beacon to those in need as we serve our Lord.

God's Peace and Blessings, Ed Muller, Co-Warden

## *Saturday Studios*



### **Seashell Wreaths Saturday, August 9th 9-11am**

**Headed to the beach this summer?**

***Saturday Studios* is hosting a Seashell Wreath Making Class on  
August 9th from 9-11 am  
we need lots of seashells!**

Don't forget to fill your beach bucket with shells for this creative summertime craft!

Drop your shells off in the church hall anytime! Thank You!



**Buildings and grounds progress as of July 2025**

Happy Summer Everyone!!! I hope all is well, and that you are having a terrific and safe summer.

I would like to share with you the progress that the Buildings and Grounds Committee members have accomplished thus far. As you may already know, we have had a crew working on installing insulation throughout both the church and hall buildings. I am happy to report that the project is now complete. Some folks have said that they can already feel the difference in the building's atmosphere. However, the real difference will be the reduction in utility cost.

In June we hired a part time sexton to help with some of the projects we wanted to accomplish. Ollie Patel is currently working directly with our sexton, Mike McGlynn.

The grounds are continuously being upgraded and cared for. Plans have now been put in place to have a reconfiguration of all of our landscaping needs. The watering of plants, cutting and trimming of the hedges and bushes is an ongoing project. At present, we are in desperate need of folks that can help water these plants and bushes. The heat is taking its toll on some our older plants and we are asking that if you can spare 15 minutes, twice a day for a week, please let us know. Currently, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church hall to do so.

There has been a huge cleanup project at our church; the cellar also named the dungeon has been completely cleared out of the many years of old collections of wood, paint and just plain trash. The nursery bathroom has had a makeover: there is new plumbing, and we have installed a new sink and toilet. The ceiling has been repaired, and the entire room has been painted. The old sink located in the foyer has been converted to a storage closet. In addition, the closet located on the stair landing is also undergoing a makeover.

Thanks to our Vestry, we have come up with the money to tackle the much needed cleaning of Rectory gutters. The gutter that is located on the back entrance of the hall has also been cleaned. Our kitchen floors have been professionally cleaned, so please let's try very hard to keep them clean. Over grown tree limbs have been cut and removed. Several very old and problematic bushes have also been removed from the side entrance of the building.

We have power washed the tables that are located in the church hall. They are now sparkling clean. Also, the mold on the rectory stairs has been washed away. The roof on the screened porch has been treated with a biodegradable substance called "Wet and Forget". This treatment kills mold and mildew. We also used this product to treat both the Rectory and the Rectory garage roof.

We have two very important projects that are of high priority, and we are in the process of obtaining estimates. These estimates will be submitted to the Vestry for their review.

I want to thank the Committee members for all their hard work. We still have much to do. If you feel that you would like to contribute in our quest to keep our precious buildings safe and secure please just let me know. **rrusso81@comcast.net**.

Ron Russo

Committee members:

Judy Leamy, Mike McGlynn, Ollie Patel, Steve Williams and special thanks to Malcom Gurney.

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Join us September 6th at 6pm  
after the First Saturday Supper for:

**MUSICAL PORTRAITS OF WOMEN IN SONGS  
AND ARIAS**

*Featuring:*

Schumann, “Frauenliebe und Leben” and Arias by:  
Bizet, Wagner, and Puccini  
Joanna Porackova, Contralto  
Bonnie Anderson, pianist



## Second Annual Holy Nativity Church Picnic

August 10th

Church Picnic and Eucharist at William Webb Memorial State Park



*Church Picnic*



**Webb Memorial State Park is a public recreation area located on a peninsula that extends nearly half a mile into the Hingham Bay area of Boston Harbor in Massachusetts. It is composed of three connected drumlins and a low marsh area.**

**371 River St, Weymouth, MA 02191**

**Directions to William Webb Park are on the next page**

## **Directions to William Webb Park from 8 Nevin Road**

### **20 minutes via Middle Street and Green Street**

Start at  
8 Nevin Road

1. Head toward Columbian St on Nevin Road  
Go for 161 Ft.

2. Turn right onto Columbian St.  
Go for 0.1 mi

3. Turn left onto Main St. R-18  
Go for 0.8 mi.

4. Turn right onto Middle St  
Go for 2.9 mi.

5. Turn left onto Commercial St.  
Go for 0.3 mi.

6. Continue on North St.  
Go for 0.2 mi.

7. Turn right onto Green St  
Go for 1.2 mi.

8. Continue on Neck St  
Go for 0.8 mi.

End at  
William Webb Park  
371 River St. North Weymouth, MA 02191

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## “Match the Pet to the Person”!

We’re excited to announce a fun and lighthearted contest for our congregation—“Match the Pet to the Person”! To participate, we’re asking each of you to submit *two separate photos*: one of just yourself and one of just your pet (no humans in the pet photo, please!). We’ll mix things up and see who can correctly match each adorable animal to its human companion. Please email your photos to Maryann Gurney at - [gurney1019@comcast.net](mailto:gurney1019@comcast.net) - by August 15th. If emailing pictures is not your strong point, you can bring her photos of your animal and/or yourself. All photos will be returned at the end of the contest.

***Please keep it a secret if you submit photos.*** Let's see if people can match the animals to their owners! Let's celebrate the special bond between us and our furry (or scaly or feathered!) friends!

Thanks,  
Maryann



## **Holly Fair Updates**

### **Bake Table**

We are excited to announce that Emily McGlynn will be heading up the bake table. She is in need of volunteer bakers!!!!!! She is also looking for freezer space. If anyone has a large freezer where they can store baked goods, that would be helpful!

Emily can be reached at [emcglynn04@gmail.com](mailto:emcglynn04@gmail.com) 781-974-3110

### **Holly Fair Country Table**

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

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

### **Fudge Table**

Also a reminder to fudge makers that fudge can be made a month or more before the fair and then double wrapped (uncut) and frozen!!!!!!

### **Scratch Ticket Table**

If anyone would like to donate scratch tickets to the scratch ticket table, please contact Maryann Gurney at [gurney1019@comcast.net](mailto:gurney1019@comcast.net)

### **Jewelry Table**

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

### **Silent Auction**

If anyone would like to donate tickets to a show, restaurant, create a themed gift basket, weekend trip, day trip, etc. please contact Laura at [lauraruthkintz@gmail.com](mailto:lauraruthkintz@gmail.com)

*"Many Hands Make Light Work"*

**HOLLY FAIR ~ FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th & 8th**



Do you have an unused gift card that's been in your wallet or on your desk for months or maybe even years?

Maybe you're not a coffee drinker and have a Dunkin gift card hanging around. Or maybe it's a gift card to a restaurant that you just won't eat at.

Here's an opportunity to recycle those gift cards to an avid coffee drinker or a person who just loves that particular restaurant!

The Fund-Raising Committee is looking for unused, unwanted gift cards for Raffle Baskets that are being put together for a September "Casino Night" Fundraising event.

Help us help you with those unwanted, unused gift cards!

If you have any questions, speak to Emily McGlynn or Dean Kistner for more information. Or you can leave any gift cards with Deb in the office.

***"What's In Your Wallet?"***

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# CASINO

NIGHT

September 20, 2025  
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Join us for an evening of Blackjack, Roulette, Craps, Slots  
and Texas Hold 'em and you could WIN BIG!

**Grand Prize is a full book of  
\$5 scratch tickets (\$500 value)**  
Many other great prizes throughout  
the evening

- Refreshments will be served
- Raffle prizes every half hour
- Must be 21+ to enter

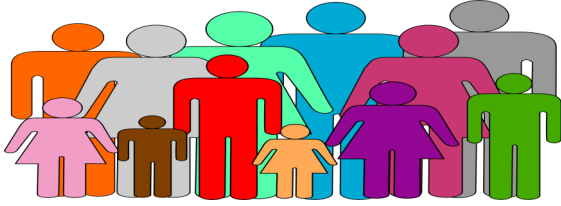
**Tickets are \$55 each**  
Includes 2 drinks and  
\$1000 of Casino Cash



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## Activities at Holy Nativity



**The First Saturday dinner is  
August 2nd at 5:30**

### **Summer Barbeque**

Come join in the fellowship along with a dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs

*Free will offering is gladly accepted*

## **First Food Sunday, August 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)

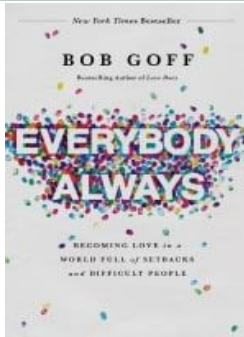


Thank you for making sure our shelves are stocked. We are here to help, thanks to you.

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, August 3rd**



## **The Adult Christian Education Forum will meet Sundays from 11:45 to 12:30 in the Kimball Common Room.**

Here is the schedule for the Adult Christian Education Forum for the month of August:

August 3rd: Chapter 16 (What Grace Costs), Chapter 17 (My Bucket)

August 10th: No Class

August 17th: Chapter 18 (Croc Drop), Chapter 19 (Be. Not. Afraid.)

August 24th: Chapter 20 (Witch Doctors and Witness Stands), Chapter 21: (Randy's Skill)

August 31st: Chapter 22 (Kabi), Chapter 23 (Where Do You Want To Go ?), Chapter 24: (Graduation Day)

I have enjoyed our conversations and discussions of this book and look forward to discussing the final chapters. I hope to see you whenever your schedule allows.

God's Peace and Blessings, Ed

**Next Vestry Meeting is August 19th**



**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.



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

Anne and Ed, Arlene Boyd, Barbara, Bill Lucier, Brian, Bruce Wilmeth, Carol, Cathy, Charlie, Cheryl, Chris, Chris M., Christine, Corinne, Dave, Debbie Y., Deborah, Donna, Ed Walsh, Freddy, Ginny, Gloria Way, Grace M., Herb, Jack Dembow, Jackie Murray, Janice, Jenny, Jim Murphy, Joan D., Kathryn, Kathy, Kathy and Ronan, Kendall Demore, Kevin, Laura Fiore, Liam, Linda, Linda Cardillo, Linda Chadborne, Mallory J., Matt, M.E. Rich, Paige, Pam, Pam Walston, Paula, Priscilla, Rodger Lyle, Ron, Ruby Jean, Ruth Bates, Skip Lewis, Sophia, Steven, Sylvia, Vicki Kalesnick, Victor



**Billy's Caring Hands Needs You!**

We are looking for donations of Men's Boxers of all sizes and Travel size personal care items like deodorant, soap, shampoo



# Rice & Bean Freezer Burritos



Save money and sodium when you make a batch of homemade frozen burritos. Mashing the beans and mixing them with tomatoes, cheese and jalapeños before filling the healthy burritos means you get all the ingredients in each bite. Serve with your favorite toppings-- we like sour cream, salsa and hot sauce.

## Directions

Mash beans in a large bowl with chili powder and cumin until almost smooth. Add cheese, tomatoes, scallions, jalapeños and cilantro; stir to combine.

Spread about 1/2 cup of the filling on the bottom third of each tortilla and top with about 1/4 cup rice. Roll up snugly, tucking in the ends as you go. If serving immediately, transfer to a microwave-safe plate, cover with a paper towel and microwave on High until steaming hot, 1 to 2 minutes. If freezing, wrap each burrito in foil. Freeze for up to 3 months.

To heat: Remove a burrito from the foil and place on a microwave-safe plate. Cover with a paper towel and microwave on High until steaming hot, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 minutes.

**Tips** To make ahead:  
Freeze foil-wrapped burritos for up to 3 months.

## Ingredients

- 2 (15 ounce) cans low-sodium black or pinto beans, rinsed
- 4 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup chopped grape tomatoes
- 4 scallions, chopped
- ¼ cup chopped pickled jalapeños
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 8 8-inch whole-wheat tortillas, at room temperature
- 2 cups cooked brown rice

**Prep Time: 35 mins   Total Time: 35 mins   Servings: 8   Yield: 8 burritos**

**Nutrition Facts (per serving) 401 Calories   13g Fat   53g Carbs   17g Protein**

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**Important Dates**

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

First Saturday Dinner BBQ at  
5:30 August 2nd

First Food Sunday August 3rd  
We collect non-perishable food  
donations every 1st Sunday of the  
month.

Sundays in August Adult Educa-  
tion at 11:45 -12:30

Vestry Meeting is August 19th  
7:00PM

**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**

Saturday Studios Sat., August  
9th 9 -11am Seashell wreath  
making

Sunday, August 10th Church  
Picnic and Eucharist at Webb  
Memorial State Park

Summer Camps BCH through  
August

Saturday, Sept 6th Concert at  
6PM following First Sat. Dinner

Casino Night Sat. Sept 20th 6-  
10pm

