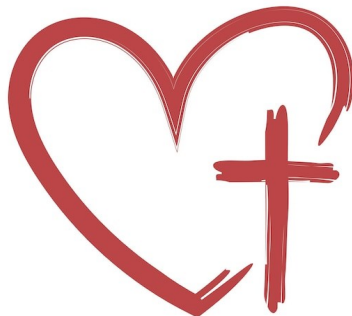

HOLY HAPPENINGS

February 2025

From the Desk of Rev. Diana

Epiphany is the Season of the church when we begin to understand how God comes to us in the person of Jesus Christ. Christ has come to show us light in the midst of darkness. He has come into the darkness for us and for our salvation. We are constantly surrounded by reminders of human brokenness, that we are people who walk in darkness and need rescuing. Between the woes of the world, political hostility, racial tensions, social anxiety, and our own personal concerns, the troubles of this world weigh heavy. They distract us and vie for our attention, often making us feel the need to stand up, face the darkness, and fight against it. Epiphany, however, reminds us that as Christians, even in the midst of darkness, it is the light of Christ that shows us the way. The light of Christ banishes the darkness and his light shines on us. Lighting us and all around us with his light of love. As Christ's light shines on us it is reflected so that all the world can see God's light and love.



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Epiphany calls us to be like the shepherds who adore Christ. And the Magi who bring their gifts.

We behold the light of Christ, and we become reflective manifestations of his glory. We celebrate the gift of God's grace made known to the world in Jesus, and we live in the light of that grace so that it shines upon all people. We follow Christ, and we are shaped by his life and love.

As the hymn says let us ponder anew at what the Almighty can do. May his light cast out all the darkness and his love live in us Amen



Sunday School News

We had a wonderful outpouring of love and generosity for our "Baby Shower for Mary" service in January. Many of you donated gifts for homeless newborns. We received lots of clothing, blankets, hats, socks, lotions, diapers, etc. There were some beautiful homemade knit items donated as well. Thank you all so much for your love and caring.

In addition to the items collected for the newborns, the Sunday school kids put together 50 Blessing Bags for the homeless in Boston. These bags contained personal hygiene items as well as socks, and each bag had a card inside with words of love and encouragement for the recipient.

Monday, January 27th was National Bubble Wrap Day. We had fun celebrating with bubble wrap in Sunday school on January 26th. "God's love protects us just like bubble wrap!" was the theme. We had lots of fun popping the bubble wrap and being wrapped up in the bubble wrap!

There will be no Sunday school on February 2nd due to the Annual Meeting being held during the 10:00 service.

Also, there will be no Sunday school on February 16th, President's Day weekend.

Warden's Report February 2025

As I write this, preparations are being made for the second annual chili cookoff and the annual meeting. By the time you read this, both events will be over. Looking back on February, thirty-one attended our First Saturday supper.

At the annual meeting, we will elect new Vestry members, and I want to thank Paula Avitabile, Lori Butler, and Sati Patel for their service to the parish over the past three years. Also, there is a massive debt of gratitude to Jim Kimball for his service as treasurer over the past few decades. Thanks also to Donna Lucier, who served as Co-Warden until stepping down, and Ron Russo, who filled the remaining time of her term.

Our Adult Education Forum discussion of Bishop Jake Owensby's book *A Full-Hearted Life* will continue through February 23rd, allowing us to cover all the chapters. So far, the weekly discussions have been very stimulating and engaging.

At the February Vestry meeting, we discussed additional outreach to Weymouth Youth and Family Services (WY&FS). Maryann Gurney had suggested providing Easter baskets to the children we assisted at Christmas time. I spoke with Kathy Collins, the WY&FS Director, who welcomed the idea. So, we have another opportunity to share the Good Word. Thanks also to Ron Russo for his input in the discussion about this project.

Also, Saturday Studios is coming up on February 8th, when we will make LOVELY art.

This begins at 9:30 am.

In closing, I am continuously grateful and humbled to serve as your warden and share the love of Jesus.

Peace and Blessings to all.
Ed Muller

"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born, and the day you find out why;" ~ Mark Twain

Violin and Piano Recital

Music By Bach, Ravel, and Schulhoff

J.S. Bach - Sonata for violin and harpsichord no. 6, BWV 1019

Maurice Ravel - Violin Sonata No. 1

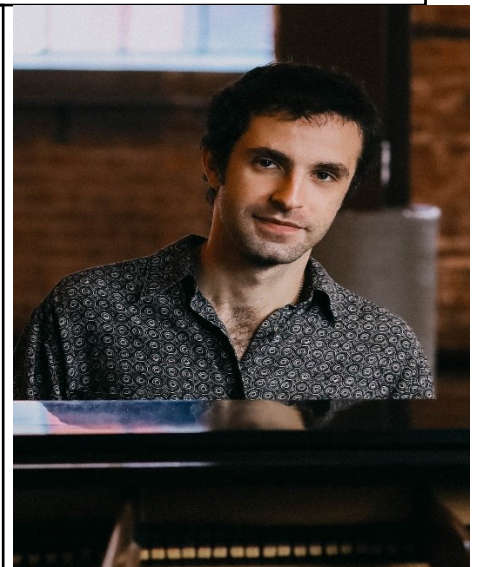
Erwin Schulhoff - Violin Sonata No. 2

David Bernat and Elias Dagher



Recognized for his deeply personal approach to music and ability to connect with a wide range of audiences, violinist **David Bernat** leads a multifaceted career as a performer, educator, artistic director of the Grace Note Farm Music Festival, and recently appointed violinist of the acclaimed Formosa Quartet. Both a sought-after soloist and chamber musician, his recent engagements include performances at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, Tanglewood, Marlboro Music Festival, and Red Barn Chamber Music in Iowa City, as well as radio appearances on the BBC Radio 3 program "In Tune" and at WQXR's Greene Space. A passionate advocate for contemporary music, Bernat has enjoyed close collaborations with composers Thomas Adès, John Adams, John Harbison, Augusta Read Thomas, Fred Lerdahl, and George Walker. He is a graduate of the New England Conservatory and C.V. Starr Doctoral Fellow at the Juilliard School where his teachers have included Soovin Kim, Laurie Smukler, and Joseph Lin. For the 2023-2025 seasons, he is a fellow with Carnegie Hall's Ensemble Connect.

Pianist **Elias Dagher** values music's power to tell stories and build community. He lives in Quincy, MA, where he maintains a small studio of piano students and actively collaborates with local musicians in instrumental and vocal chamber music. In an effort to bring together many of his loves--music, literature, community--Elias co-founded the Boston Text and Tone Festival which took place in January 2024. The festival included four concerts of vocal music, poetry recitation, and spoken word performance. Elias performs regularly throughout New England, appearing recently in concerts hosted by the Tanglewood Music Center and the Rockport Chamber Music Festival. Some of his most influential teachers have included Eugene Kaminsky, Jeffrey Goldberg, Julian Martin, Alexander Korsantia, Erika Switzer, and Kayo Iwama. Elias also plays the mbira dzavadzimu, a plucked instrument of metal keys wound over a wooden soundboard, which comes from the Shona people of Zimbabwe.



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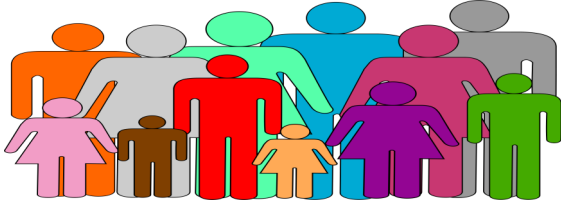
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Saturday February 1, 2025 at 5:30 pm

Join us for Saturday Night Supper at 4:30pm before the concert

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Activities at Holy Nativity



Mark your Calendar for
A St Patrick's Day Celebration
Saturday March 1
Corned beef Dinner and
leprechaun shenanigans



Adult Christian Education Forum

The Adult Christian Education Forum is discussing Bishop Jake Owensby's latest book "A Full-Hearted Life (Following Jesus in This Secular Age)". The group will continue to meet on **Sunday mornings for an additional three weeks, from February 9 -23 at 11:45 am in the Common Room.** Copies of the book are available from Ed Muller.



First Food Sunday, February 2

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, Zatarans 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, January 5th

Mittens, Hats, Boots

We are looking for mittens, hats, shoes & boots for the people of **Billy's Caring Hands**.

As you pull out your cold weather clothes, please keep these people in mind for any unwanted shoes and warm clothing you may have.



All donations can be left in the church hall or in the Sunday school room. Consider a trip to your local thrift shop to look for warm clothing for our neighbors who live unheated. Hand and body warmers are needed!



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, Chris, Chris M., Christine, Corinne, Debbie Y., Deborah, Dick Farwell, Ed Walsh, Freddy, Ginny, Gloria Way, Grace M., Herb, Jack, Jack Dembow, Jackie R., Janice, Jim Murphy, Julia Muller, Kathryn, Kathy, Kathy and Ronan, Kendall Demore, Kevin, Laura Fiore, Lil Brulotte, Linda, Linda Cardillo, Mallory J., Matt, M.E. Rich, Rodger Lyle, Ruby, Ryan, Paige, Pam, Pam Walston, Paula, Pauline Grudinskas, Skip Lewis, Sophia, Steven, Victor, William Terry, Jr.

Next Vestry Meeting

meeting will be
Tuesday, March 18th
 7:30pm

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the March Holy Happenings will be
Thursday, March 20th

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



Saturday Studios

Please join us for a fun-filled creative morning as we create some lovely art!



Lovely Art
Saturday, February 8, 2025
9:30-11 am

All ages 4-10 years old are welcome!

All supplies included AND tasty snacks!

\$5.00 donation is welcomed!

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A New Sign is Coming to Holy Nativity

This year Holy Nativity received a grant from the Diocese to update our sign. We have engaged South Shore signs to make our new sign and expect to have it ready when the ground thaws.

Here is a preview of the new sign. The office and Montessori signs will be updated as well. The sign has a place for us to advertise all our upcoming events.

