
HOLY HAPPENINGS

March 2025

From the Desk of Rev. Diana

Lent offers a beautiful opportunity to discover the mystery of Christ within us. It is a gentle but demanding time. It is a time of solitude but also of community. It is a time of listening to the voice within, but also a time of paying attention to other people's needs. It is a time to continuously make the passage to new inner life as well as to life with those around us.

Henri Nouwen writes: "Lent is the most important time of the year to nurture our inner life. It is the time during which we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, but also the death and resurrection that constantly takes place within us.

Life is a continuing process of the death of the old and familiar and being reborn again into a new hope, a new trust and a new love. The death and resurrection of Jesus therefore is not just an historical event that took place a long time ago but rather an inner event that takes place in our own heart when we are willing to be attentive to it. True repentance is an interior attitude in



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which we are willing to let go of everything that prevents us from growing into spiritual maturity and there is hardly a moment in our lives in which we are not invited to detach ourselves from certain ways of thinking, ways of speaking, ways of acting, that for a long time gave us energy, but that always again needs to be renewed and recreated."

Often in Lent we are encouraged to give up something and I believe this is a very good practice that allows us to explore what sacrifice might mean. Another good practice is to take on a new habit to sacrifice our time and thoughts to make us more able to grow into the new life that God offers us.

What will you give up?

What new practice of coming closer to Jesus will you take on this Lent?



Sunday School News

During February school vacation, Sharon and Nash Baxter took all the wonderful baby donations to Circle of Hope in Needham. Their car was full to the brim! The people who work there were very grateful and thankful for all of the donations and commented on how the items will benefit many babies.

The end of February was a “Get Ready for Lent” time in the Sunday school classroom. The kids made Lenten Prayer Chains. They hooked 40 purple loops of paper for the 40 days of Lent and hooked white loops for the Sundays in Lent. They also wrote names on the loops of people to pray for including the people on the church prayer list. Every day during Lent, starting Ash Wednesday, a loop will be removed and the person’s name on that loop will be prayed for. As the chain gets smaller, it is a visual reminder of when Easter will arrive!

We will once again say goodbye to ALLELUIA by putting the ALLELUIA to bed during Lent. This will take place on Sunday, March 2nd during the 10:00 service.

During the month of March, the Sunday school kids will focus on prayer. There are several types of prayer such as prayers of adoration, prayers of petition, prayers of thanksgiving, prayers of praise, and intercession prayers. We will have some fun activities to help learn about praying. We will also be reading the book *Make Room – A Child’s Guide to Lent and Easter* by the Author Laura Alary. The book invites children to experience Lent with all their senses and to see it as a special time for creating a welcoming space for God.

Warden’s Report

Well, last month got off to a great start. Sixty-nine guests attended our First Saturday Supper, and forty-five attended the David Bernat and Elias Dagher concert. It was indeed a superb evening.

There was a small group for Saturday Studios with some lovely projects created.

The Adult Christian Education Forum’s discussion of Bishop Jake Owensby’s latest book “A Full-Hearted Life” (Following Jesus in This Secular Age), will conclude on March 16th .

I welcome Dean Kistner, our co-warden, and our new vestry members, Sharon Baxter, Emily McGlynn, and Steve Williams. I look forward to our ministry with them here at Holy Nativity.

On March 1st, our First Saturday supper at 4:30 pm will be an Irish feast of corned beef and cabbage followed by some Irish entertainment.

We then enter the Lenten season, which means it’s time for pancakes. Please join us on Shrove Tuesday, March 4th, for delicious pancakes & sausages at 12:30 or 6:00 pm.

So, here’s to a wonderful Spring season as we continue on our journey of faith here at Holy Nativity.

Peace & Blessings, Ed Muller

“Be a bush if you can’t be a tree. If you can’t be a highway, just be a trail. If you can’t be a sun, be a star. For it isn’t by size that you win or fail. Be the best of whatever you are.”

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

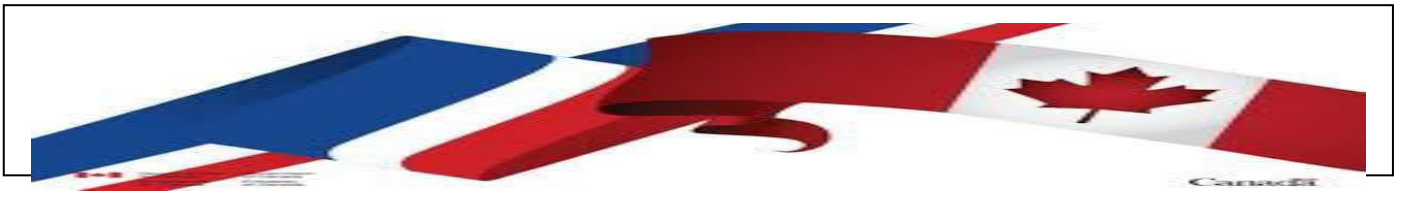
Friends across the Atlantic

April 5th 6pm

Church of the Holy Nativity 8 Nevin Rd. Weymouth

Contemporary Canadian Songs and Lyrical Echoes from France

Canadian soprano Susan Gouthro and French pianist Marie-Elise Boyer



WHO WILL WIN THE GOLDEN HALO?

Grab your bracket and check your scorecard – it's time for [Lent Madness!](#)

Subscribe for daily emails to vote at <https://www.lentmadness.org/>

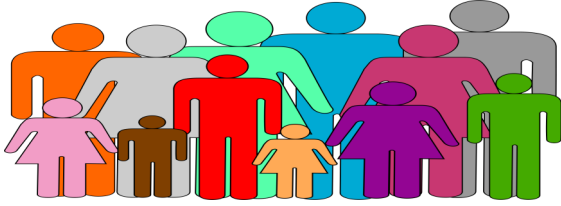
While March 5th is Ash Wednesday and the start of the penitential season of Lent, March 6th (aka “Ash Thursday”) is the kickoff to another madcap season of everyone’s favorite online religious devotion. Modeled after a well-known college basketball tournament – March Madness – the two share similar points: both occur mostly in March; both depend on brackets; and both garner the attention and fervor of fans.

The purposes of Lent Madness are many: as an educational tool for Sunday schools, individuals, adult forums, and anyone who wishes to learn; to deepen a Lenten experience; and to promote an avenue for community, both online and in-person.

Lent Madness starts out with 32 saints. The process is simple: each day one worthy saint is pitted against another, with voting occurring all day. There are four rounds: Round of 32: Sainly 16; Elate 8; and Faithful 4. The conclusion, always on Wednesday of Holy Week (this year March 27), is the two-saint smackdown for the Golden Halo.



Activities at Holy Nativity



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 March 2- 16th at 11:45 am in the Kimball Common Room.

Next Vestry Meeting

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

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the **April 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:
holy nativity1915@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, 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.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper(s)
March 4th pancakes and sausages to be served, to mark the end of Epiphany and prepare for the season of Lent.

All in the parish are invited to come for a festive meal and fellowship. There will be two seatings, at **12:30 & 6:00pm.**

Ash Wednesday, March 5th Services

7-9am Ashes to go in the church vestibule or courtyard weather Permitting
12:15pm Ashes and Holy Eucharist
7pm Ashes and Holy Eucharist



Please join us for Stations of the cross
Wednesdays in Lent
at 12 noon.
starting March 12th



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, 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, Linda, Linda Cardillo, Mallory J., Matt, M.E. Rich, Rodger Lyle, Ruby, Paige, Pam, Pam Walston, Paula, Pauline Grudinskas, Skip Lewis, Sophia, Steven, Victor, William Terry, Jr.

HOLY NATIVITY

Family Service
March 16th

Button Prayers





Weymouth

MASSACHUSETTS

Want to learn more about Weymouth?

Beginning in February 2025, the Holbrook House (238 Park Ave, Weymouth MA 02190) will be open to the public on the third Saturday of each month from **9:00 am to 1:00 pm**. This trial of Saturday open hours will run through the spring. If you've been curious about the history of Weymouth but are unable to attend our Wednesday open hours, consider dropping by on **Saturday, February 15, Saturday, March 15, or Saturday, April 19!**

Admission is FREE, and donations of any amount are very much appreciated.

We can't wait to see you!

The Weymouth Historical Society

Notable Dates in March



Daylight Savings

Daylight saving time will begin **Sunday, March 9, at 2 a.m. local time** in the U.S. The clocks "spring forward" by one hour, meaning sunrise and sunset will occur one hour later.

First Day of Spring 2025

This date can vary each year by a few days but in 2025, it will be 20 March. Astronomical spring is actually the date of the spring equinox which is determined by the Earth's tilt as it travels around the Sun.





Colcannon

What is Colcannon?

Colcannon potatoes are similar to the mash you know and love, with some green veggies stirred in for some extra Irish flair (and nutrients!). This recipe includes leeks, cabbage, kale and scallions (and a healthy pat of butter) to basically make this starch-vegetable combo a full meal in itself. It makes the perfect side dish for any holiday meal, or cozy [comfort food](#) for chilly winter days. And of course, it's an absolute must if you're planning your St. Patrick's Day menu, whether you serve it with green beer or not.



INGREDIENTS

- 2 lb. Yukon Gold potatoes
- Kosher salt and pepper
- 3 Tbsp. unsalted butter, divided, plus more for serving
- 1 large leek, white and light green parts only, cut into ¼ inch pieces
- 1 large clove garlic, finely chopped
- ¼ head savoy cabbage, cored and sliced
- 2 cups baby kale, roughly chopped
- 1 cup half-and-half
- Sliced scallions, for sprinkling

DIRECTIONS

Step 1

Place potatoes in a large pot, add enough cold water to cover, and bring to a boil. Add 1½ teaspoons salt, reduce heat and simmer until just tender, 15 to 18 minutes. Drain potatoes and return to the pot.

Step 2

Meanwhile, melt 1 tablespoon butter in a large skillet on medium-low. Add leek and cook, covered, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes. Stir in garlic and cook 1 minute. Add cabbage and cook, partially covered, stirring occasionally, until just tender, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and toss with kale (it will begin to wilt).

Step 3

Add half-and-half, remaining 2 tablespoons butter and ½ teaspoon salt to potatoes and gently mash. Fold in cabbage-kale mixture. Serve sprinkled with scallions, cracked pepper and additional butter, if desired.

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March 16th Family Service

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

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