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# HOLY HAPPENINGS

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**From the Desk of  
Rev. Diana Scheide**

This Sunday we get to sing some of my favorite hymns. “I sing a song of the saints of God” Hymn 293. As I child I always wanted to be the shepherdess on the green. Those saints we sing about lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still the song reminds us . November is traditionally a time of remembrance and a time of Thanksgiving. We begin the month with a three-day holiday called Allhallowtide. It is all Hallows Eve or Halloween (Oct 31), All Saints Day (Nov1) and All Souls Day (Nov 2). In Celtic tradition there are many moments considered to be a “thin time,” (Liminal space) which means that heaven and earth feel closer, and we might experience moments of connection to those who have gone before us in ways that we don’t usually. Nov. 1 is considered to be the thinnest time, when the ancestors and spirits walk among us. The space between the spiritual and the physical is closer than at other times.

November 1 is All Saints Day, one of the principal feasts of the Episcopal Church, when the church remembers the saints, known and unknown. It is also one of the four holy days especially appropriate for baptisms.

**November 2025**



(The others are the First Sunday after Epiphany, the Easter Vigil, and Pentecost.)

The origins of All Saints Day aren’t completely clear. A feast for all martyrs was observed as early as the fourth century on May 13. And Pope Gregory III dedicated a chapel in Rome to all saints on November 1, while Pope Gregory IV officially declared its general observance in 837.

In medieval England this feast was known as All Hallows (hallow was an old English term for saint), and the day before was All Hallows Eve, or Halloween. It is believed that the traditions we associate with Halloween originate with Celtic harvest festivals, in particular the festival of Samhain, which celebrated the harvest and when the dead were said to return to their homes because the veil between the physical and spiritual worlds was thought to be thinnest at that time. Bonfires were lit to frighten away evil spirits.

Did you know that there is an Episcopal service for All Hallows’ Eve that includes prayers and readings such as “The Witch of Endor” which it may surprise you to learn is a story from the Bible (1 Samuel 28: 3-25).

## **Church of the Holy Nativity**

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*9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

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**Don't forget to get your Scratch Tickets to Maryann!  
Let's make this year's scratch ticket board a big winner!**

On Sunday November 2nd, the Sunday school kids will be making their own Saints shields. Each of the shields will reflect the traits of the child through pictures and words.

On Sunday November 16th, Maryann will be away and so there will be a movie for the kids to watch. Because of this, the kids will not come into church that morning.  
Movie TBD

Thanksgiving blessings will be the morning topic on Sunday, November 23rd as we prepare for Thanksgiving Day.

Thanks to all who participated in making the Fluff & peanut butter sandwiches during the church service in October. The people in Boston were very happy and felt very loved.

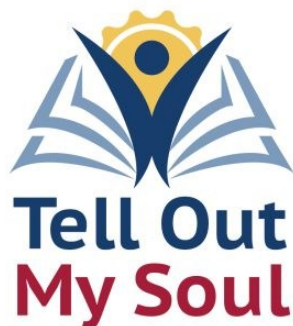
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November 2 is the commemoration of All Faithful Departed, sometimes called All Souls' Day. It is a day when faithful Christians who have died are remembered.

Henri Nowen writes: As we grow older we have more and more people to remember, people who have died before us. It is very important to remember those who have loved us and those we have loved. Remembering them means letting their spirits inspire us in our daily lives. They can become part of our spiritual communities and gently help us as we make decisions on our journeys. Parents, spouses, children, and friends can become true spiritual companions after they have died. Sometimes they can become even more intimate to us after death than when they were with us in life. Remembering the dead is choosing their ongoing companionship.

The Saints that have gone before us and those that come after us surround us. And as my favorite hymn reminds us: The world is bright with the joyous saints that love to do Jesus' will. You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church or on trains or in shops or at tea. For the saints of God are folk just like me,

And I mean to be one too. How about you?



And Mary said,  
"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
And my spirit rejoices in God  
my Savior..."  
Luke 1:46-47

Dear Friends,

Our Stewardship campaign, which begins this month, is a chance to reflect on the many ways that we are connected to each other. Our theme this year focuses on the stories we tell and the ways we are called to share our words, our actions, our love, and our joy with the world. This year, with all that has been going on in the news, in our homes, schools and offices, and ever-shifting economic forecasts, the one constant has been the connections we have formed here at Holy Nativity.

Our stories bring us together. Each of us has a story to tell, a reason why we found this congregation and continue to participate. Each of us has dreams, ambitions, and great ideas, just as each of us has struggles and moments of difficulty. One of the parts of our Good News is that we can bring our whole selves, all our story, to Holy Nativity and to these people, and receive the support and encouragement that we need.

We will be hearing stories in church this year: Your friends and fellow parishioners will speak about the inspiration they receive from God and how their soul transforms those inspirations. This same process happens in you as you seek ways to share your gifts from the inspiration and blessing you have been given. We hope that you will share your stories of inspiration and transformation.

You will be receiving materials next Sunday Nov. 9 for you to use in your discernment for how you will share the Good News of your transformative creativity and abundance with our Holy Nativity family and with our neighbors. Each hour spent volunteering, each good idea that you have, each dollar that you donate is transformed through prayer and Grace into ministry and mission. We could not be an example of love and compassion in our community without your many and various gifts. Please return your pledge cards by Nov 23 so that we may include them in our ingathering and bless them.

Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!

## **Holly Fair Updates**

### **Wanted**

Gently used or new Christmas decorations for the Christmas shoppe at the Holly Fair. Donations can be dropped off in the parish hall or office. Please call Rev. Diana for more information. Elves needed to man the Christmas Shop during the Holy Fair.

### **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 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**



**Messiah Sing**  
**Sunday November 30, 2pm**  
**Church of the Holy Nativity**  
**8 Nevin Road. Weymouth**  
**781-335-2030**

Singers and non-singers welcome  
Bring your own score or borrow one  
Free will offering to benefit the Weymouth Food Pantry  
Reception following the Concert



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## Activities at Holy Nativity



**The First Saturday dinner is  
November 1st at 4:30**

**Tomatoe Soup & Grilled Cheese Sandwich**

**Come join in the fellowship  
Free will offering is gladly accepted**

## First Food Sunday, Nov. 2nd

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, Nov. 2**



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world, together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Once again, Holy Nativity is participating in this annual outreach ministry, which began with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

For those wishing to fill a shoebox, they are available in the Kimball Common Room. Inside the box is a label with instructions on how to cover the ten-dollar mailing cost.

On the table, there are lists of suggested gifts for boys and girls, along with markers, colored pencils, toothbrushes, and flashlights, which can be used to fill your shoebox. Cash donations are also welcome from those who prefer not to fill a shoebox and will be sent to Samaritan's Purse.

Additionally, on the table, there will be a sheet to record your name, contact information, and the number of shoeboxes you have taken.

Please drop off your filled shoebox on any Sunday or during regular office hours.

**The National Collection Week is Nov. 17-24, 2025, so  
please return your shoeboxes no later than November 16th .**

**Thanks to all who can assist in this ministry.**

**Ed Muller, 781-422-4135, email: edthedetective@comcast.net**



### **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 and Ed, Arlene Boyd, Barbara, Bill Lucier, Boni Ann, Brian, Bruce Wilmeth, Carol, Catherine Fleming, Cathy, Charles T., Charlie, Cheryl, Chris, Chris M., Christine, Corinne, Dave, Debbie Y., Deborah, Donna, Ed Walsh, Freddy, Ginny, Grace M., Herb, Jack Dembow, Jack L., Janice, Jenny, Jim Murphy, Joan D., Kathryn, Kathy, Kathy and Ronan, Kendall Demore, Kevin, Laura Fiore, Liam, Linda, Linda Cardillo, Mallory J., Matt, M.E. Rich, Paige, Pam, Pam Walston, Paula, Priscilla, Rodger Lyle, Ruby Jean, Ruth Bates, Ryan, Skip Lewis, Sophia, Steven, Sylvia, Victor

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

**We are looking for donations of  
Large jars of Peanut butter, Jelly, and Fluff**

**Small packages of Cookies and Soft Breakfast bars**

**Next Vestry Meeting is Tuesday, November 18th**

### **Advent Anticipation and Expectation**



Please join Fr. Brad in the Kimball Common Room Sundays in Advent (Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14, and Dec 21) from 11:45 to 12:30. We will explore Anticipation and Expectation using scripture passages to explore our own spiritual anticipations and expectations and their influence how we live and our faith.



### **Advent Fun at Holy Nativity**

#### **First Advent Nov. 30**

**Come make an Advent wreath for your home after church. Please bring some greens to share. Supplies will be available. If you have your wire ring from last year bring it along.**

#### **Second Advent Dec. 7**

**Celebrate St Nicholas Day with a visit from Bishop Nicholas at the 10 am service.**

#### **Third Advent Dec.14**

**Hear the story of Christmas as we present our Christmas Pageant**

### **Christmas Eve Services**

**2:00PM Christmas Eve Service**

**4:00PM Children's Service**

**7:00PM Candle Light Service**



## Sausage Stuffing Bites With Cranberry Sauce

Enter a bite-sized, stuffing-centered appetizer with a tangy, three-ingredient dipping sauce. Not just for Thanksgiving, these savory bites are perfect for any fall or winter gathering. Paired with a crispy green salad, you could happily eat these for dinner too.

### Start with a panade:

To make a stuffing-forward meatball, we start by softening packaged stuffing cubes with beaten eggs and milk, sort of an enriched panade. A panade, the beginning of many a tender meatball, is a paste of bread or bread crumbs and milk, and its starches help keep meatballs tender and juicy.

### Add lots of classic stuffing flavors:

To the stuffing mixture, we had buttery onions and celery, poultry seasoning, fresh parsley, and sweet Italian sausage. If you want an herbier bite, you can add 1 tsp. chopped fresh thyme or 2 tsp. finely chopped fresh sage—or both! For a spicier app, use hot Italian sausage instead of sweet.

### Make the most autumnal of dipping sauces:

Stirring equal parts Dijon mustard and honey into whole berry cranberry sauce makes for a pretty perfect dip for these stuffing and sausage bites. It's a little sweet, a little tart, a little tangy, and entirely delicious. (Save any leftovers to spread on a turkey sandwich.) Want a more savory sauce? Serve these bites with warm turkey gravy.

## Ingredients

### Sausage Bites

- Cooking spray
- 2 large eggs
- 2 cups store-bought stuffing mix (such as Pepperidge Farms)
- 3/4 cup whole milk
- 1 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- 1/2 medium yellow onion, finely chopped (about 1/2 c.)
- 1 stalk celery, finely chopped (about 1/2 c.)
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 lb. uncooked bulk sweet Italian sausage
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley, finely chopped
- 3/4 tsp. poultry seasoning

### Cranberry Sauce

- 1 cup whole berry cranberry sauce
- 1 Tbsp. honey
- 2 tsp. Dijon mustard
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Chopped fresh parsley, for serving



## Directions

### • SAUSAGE BITES

1. Preheat oven to 400°.
2. Lightly grease 2 baking sheets with cooking spray. In a large bowl, whisk eggs to combine. Add stuffing and milk, then stir to coat. Let sit until stuffing cubes are softened, about 10 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Add onions, celery, and a pinch of salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, 5 to 7 minutes. Let cool slightly.
4. Crumble sausage over stuffing mixture, then add onion mixture, parsley, and poultry seasoning; season with salt and pepper. Mix until just combined.
5. Roll stuffing mixture into 1 1/2" balls (about 2 Tbsp. each) and arrange on prepared sheets.
6. Bake bites, rotating sheets top to bottom halfway through, until deeply browned and cooked through, about 20 minutes.

### • CRANBERRY SAUCE

In a medium bowl, combine cranberry sauce, honey, and mustard; season with salt and pepper.

Transfer bites to a platter. Top with parsley. Serve with cranberry sauce alongside.

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**Important Dates**

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

First Saturday Dinner at 4:30  
Pasta is served! November 1st

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

HOLLY FAIR~ Nov. 7th & 8th  
Fri. 3-7& Sat. 9-3  
Sat. Turkey Dinner @ 6:30

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**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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at 7:00PM

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