


**OUR LADY OF HOPE
AND
SAINT PAUL PARISHES**

December 17, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." John 1:26-27

OUR LADY OF HOPE / SAINT PAUL DIRECTORY

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH

**1 Pineswamp Road
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978-356-3944**

WEBSITE: www.ourladysaintpaul.org
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Handicap Parking and ramp into the church is located on Pineswamp Road on right side of Church .

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY:

4:00 pm: Our Lady of Hope (OLOH)

SUNDAY:

7:30 am: Saint Paul (SP) ~ No Music

9:30 am: Saint Paul (SP)

11:15 am: Our Lady of Hope (OLOH)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

9:00 am: Monday & Tuesday (OLOH)

9:00 am: Thursday & Friday (SP)

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS 3:00—3:45 PM at Our Lady of Hope or by appointment at either church.

BAPTISM

If you are planning a baptism in the future, please call the parish office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE

If you are an engaged couple, please call Fr. Brogan *directly* at *least* 6 months prior to the intended date.

PASTORAL VISITATION: The Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick can be brought to our parishioners confined to their homes.

OCIA & FAITH FORMATION

Questions regarding current, upcoming programs and/or sacramental programs available at our parishes, please contact the parish office.



Hearing Assist Boxes are available at Our Lady of Hope. Let the Priest know if you would like one before Mass when attending Mass at OLOH.

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

If you are new to Our Lady of Hope or Saint Paul, please introduce yourself to Fr. Brogan following Mass. To formally register at one of our parishes, contact the parish office or go online to register through our website.

SAINT PAUL PARISH

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WEBSITE: www.ourladysaintpaul.org
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Elevator for Handicapped Access to the Saint Paul church is located in the rear of the building.

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Grades 9-10

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STAY UP TO DATE THROUGH EMAIL

When important information is sent to registered parishioners, it is conveyed through email. Please let us know when your email has changed.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please accompany your child downstairs to the church hall or to restrooms. For their safety, please be sure they are always accompanied by an adult family member. Child safety is everyone's responsibility. Thank you for your cooperation.



COLLABORATIVE MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16

4:00 pm Vigil—Richard Phillips (OLOH)

Sunday, December 177:30 am—Parishioners (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am—The Gage and The Paquette Family (SP)

11:15am—Special Intention for Healing (OLOH)

Monday, December 18

9:00 am—Weekday Mass (OLOH)

Tuesday, December 19

9:00 am— Weekday Mass (OLOH)

Wednesday, December 20 No Daily Mass**Thursday, December 21**

9:00 am— Driscoll and Mulcahy Family (SP)

Friday, December 22

9:00 am—Danny, Mike and Dan Wetson (SP)

Saturday, December 23

4:00 pm Vigil— Weekend Mass (OLOH)

Sunday, December 247:30 am—Parishioners (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am— Weekend Mass (SP)

11:15am— Stanislaw, Zofria, Piotr & Slawek Banach (OLOH)

Please contact the parish office to schedule a Mass intention for your deceased loved one.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

**CHRISTMAS EVE,
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

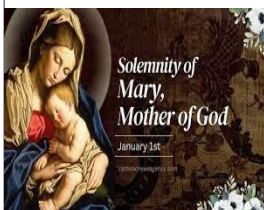
4:00 pm—Our Lady of Hope

6:00 pm—Saint Paul

**CHRISTMAS DAY,
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**

9:00 am—Our Lady of Hope

9:30 am—Saint Paul

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER
OF GOD,
JANUARY 1, 2024**

9:00 am—Our Lady of Hope

PRAYER REQUESTS

WE ASK PARISHIONERS TO PRAY...

† For all those who are sick, especially Ruth Butnan, Mathew Faino, Kim Donohoe, Mia Angelis, Philip Abodeely, Juilett Carlson, Cameron Gagnon, Cathryn Lally, Denise Polli, Gerrie O'Brien, Melissa Faino Palelli, Mikey Grover, Kyrsten Weber, Arline Thornell, Irene Stackpole, Connie Donovan, Patricia Foley, J. P. Quinn and all those infected with the Covid-19 virus

† For all our parishioners who are sick, homebound and those confined to nursing facilities and hospital

† For the all students and teachers.

† For peace in our world, especially in the Ukraine and Middle East

† For all the deceased members of our parishes

† For the safety and good health of all missionaries

† For all who serve our country in the Armed Forces, especially Marine 2nd Lt. Thomas Monahan and Air Force 2nd Lt. Will Hogan

† For the unborn children

† For all those affected by natural disasters

PLEASE NOTE: In order to keep our prayer list current, names will remain on the list for four weeks.

Please resubmit by contacting the parish office. Names should be submitted by the individual or immediate family member.



ONLINE GIVING

We offer this convenience to our parishioners and visitors. Online giving is an easy and secure way to make contributions to support our parish. You may contribute using direct withdrawals (ACH) or credit cards. Visa, MasterCard and American Express are all accepted.

SAINT PAUL

If you prefer the convenience of giving your donation online, please call the parish office or enroll online at:

<https://churchofsaintpaul.churchgiving.com/>

Parish envelopes for your weekly donation allows us to keep a record for your tax purposes. If you would like to receive weekly envelopes, please call the parish office.

OUR LADY OF HOPE

To contribute using online giving, simply visit our website: ourlady saintpaul.org and follow the instructions. For assistance, call the parish office..

If you make an offering/donation to the collection basket at Mass with Parish (specific) contribution envelopes or put your donation in an envelope writing both Parish name and your name on the front, your donation will be transferred to that Church. Cash donations outside of an envelope will remain in the parish where you made your donation. If you have any questions, call the parish office.

OLOH SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**FUEL COLLECTION**

The Fuel collection is a great help in funding the anticipated cost of the parish heat and utilities this winter. The collection will be taken up during the month of December. Letters were mailed out on Monday, December 4. Donations can be mailed, put on rectory porch or dropped in the weekend collection baskets.

Thank you in advance for your generosity to this important collection that supports Our Lady of Hope Parish.

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

The 2023-2024, Grand Annual Collection is well underway. If you have not made your donation yet, there are extras on the exit tables of the Church and rectory porch. We are grateful to all who have already generously contributed to this important collection. As of this past weekend we have received \$75,002.00 in donations.

The Grand Annual is a vital collection for the financial needs of the Parish. The Grand Annual will help us to continue to take care of the additional costs of running the Parish and keeping up with necessary repairs.

IPSWICH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. It was founded by the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882, and named in honor of the navigator Christopher Columbus. Originally serving as a mutual benefit society to low-income immigrant Catholics, it developed into a fraternal service organization dedicated to providing charitable services, promoting Catholic education, and actively defending Catholicism in various nations.

The Knights of Columbus is not just a fraternity in name. It is a brotherhood of Catholic men who each play a part in improving the world around them, one community at a time. They are dedicated to upholding the principles they cherish: Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. The Knights stand together in faith and lend their support to the parish, home, and fellow Knights. From charity for worldwide causes, to helping closer to home with volunteer activities, to a top-rated insurance program that protects those closest to you, the Knights make the most of its brotherhood. All men in the parish are welcome and should consider joining the Knights of Columbus. We'd love to have you! For more information on joining the Knights, please contact Jim Foley, Grand Knight of Ipswich Council 498 at: Jamesfoley2233@gmail.com.

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

Families, and especially children, have a way of anticipating big events. Big games, vacations, graduations, special birthdays and important holidays and anniversaries are thoroughly discussed and given scrupulous planning. Dreams and plans become daily talk and slowly but surely the big day draws closer. Half the excitement is in anticipating and dreaming of the big day.

Even the commercial aspect of Christmas contributes to the excitement of the day. Children imagine gifts of all sorts and plan what they will do on that special morning. Decorations, music, and the dreaded crowded malls boost our spirits. It's a great time to discuss what can be done for others, especially the poor, the lonely, the forgotten and the needy. Big plans are so much better when we share our joy and our blessings with others. So, plan something worthwhile. Visit a nursing home or an elderly neighbor. Clean out unused toys and games and give them to social services or someplace that can use them. Make some Christmas dinners and share them with those who have none. Anticipate the joy of Christmas by planning to share it with those who really need it.

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

**Knights of Columbus****The Open Door Food Drive**

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a food drive for The Open Door Food Pantry in Ipswich. Please leave your donations near the front entrance of Our Lady of Hope Parish in the food donation box. The Knights will be transporting the food once a week and they

Thank you for your donation.

Most needed items at

The Open Door (no glass!):

Peanut Butter • Canned Tuna, Chicken &

Turkey • Healthy Snack Items •

100% Juice/Juice Boxes • Breakfast Cereal •

Hearty Soups • Canned Vegetables & Fruits

• Spaghetti Sauce • Macaroni & Cheese •

Rice, Noodles, & Pasta • Cake, Muffin &

Pancake Mix



Lessons & Carols

Please join us for a Wonderful
Christmas Season Event

The most “extraordinary” night of the season!

A festive and prayerful night of Readings,
Music, and Songs of the Advent season

Featuring

Our Parish Lectors and Musicians

Tuesday December 19th at 7pm

Our Lady of Hope Church - One Pineswamp Road, Ipswich

Refreshments and Fellowship to follow

SAINT PAUL PARISH HAPPENINGS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Beginning on January 5, 2024 and every first Friday of the month following, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession following the 9:00am Mass until 10:00 am at Saint Paul Parish, Hamilton.



COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS

Please join us for coffee and doughnuts in the church hall following the 9:30 Mass.

Sunday, December 17



PERMANENT RE-LOCATION OF THE TABERNACLE



The *tabernacle* is to be situated "in churches in a most worthy place with the greatest honor." The dignity, placing, and security of the Eucharistic tabernacle should foster adoration before the Lord really present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #1183

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AT ST. PAUL'S

Following the First Friday of the Month 9:00 Mass, coffee will be served in the church hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet with parishioners from St. Paul and Our Lady of Hope.

INSIDE A CARE PACKAGE FOR THE HOMELESS

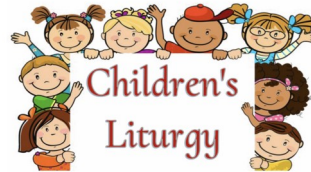


Operation Ziploc

The deadline for Operation Ziploc is December 18.

Drop off bins are located at both entrances to the church at St. Paul's.

Thank you for assisting us to help others.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS WEEKEND, 12/10

AT 9:30 MASS

Children are invited to join Mrs. Monahan for before the First Reading in the church hall for a children's liturgy including the First and Second Readings, as well as the Gospel and a children's discussion afterwards. Children will return upstairs to the church after the Homily for the remainder of the Mass.

Saint Paul Men's Prayer Group

St Paul's Men's Prayer Group meets Saturday mornings in the church from 7:30 to 8:30. The meeting includes praying from the Liturgy of the Hours and a discussion of the Sunday readings. Contact the parish office for further details."

SEVENFOLD Offertory Program

- A big thank you to those who have responded and re/enrolled in St. Paul's **SEVENFOLD Offertory Program** for the coming year.
- For those we have not yet heard from, we ask you to please consider your **SEVENFOLD** participation and support through a yearly pledge to the weekly offertory support of the parish. Remember that every family is needed to make this a success.
- **SEVENFOLD** allows the parish to help meet its operational expenses and all its fiduciary responsibilities incumbent on a parish today.
- We especially invite our new families and parishioners who have not participated in the past to consider supporting their parish through **SEVENFOLD**.
- If you are in need of a **SEVENFOLD** packet which contains a Commitment Card, you can find them available at the doorways of the church.
- Let us **TOGETHER** make **SEVENFOLD** a great success for the parish.



WHERE DO WE GO FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

Do We Go Anywhere?

Ah, the holidays. Twinkling lights. Scents of pine and hot chocolate. The joy of travel plans. So how can you joyfully decide where your travel plans will take you, or whether to visit his parents or her parents?

COMMUNICATE. This is a key ingredient to keeping the joy in the plans. Communicate with each other and with each of your parents – and do it early. What are your expectations? How is everyone feeling on the comfort scale regarding the pandemic? How is everyone's health?

PRAY. More specifically, pray to St. Christo-

pher – the patron saint of travelers. Ask for protection and safety for all involved, as well as his assistance in the planning.

ALLOW FLEXIBILITY. If 2020 has taught us anything, it's that plans are not promises. You may be set on visiting your parents, he may be set on visiting his. Technology has made it possible to feel closer to one another across the miles and may have to be an agreed-upon compromise.

Remember this is just one holiday season; there will be others when travel doesn't seem quite so hard. Give respect and provide grace to one another through the planning process. There is always joy to be found when Christ is kept at the heart of the holiday season.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR CLERGY

CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 25

The collection at all the Christmas Masses will once again benefit the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the needs of our priests. Our priests are always there for us; they share Christ's good news, perform good works, and build communities of good faith. All are welcome to learn more and make a gift online at clergytrust.org. And don't forget to find the Trust on Facebook by searching "@ClergyTrust."

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Isaiah 61:1: "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24: "May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it." Let the Lord transform your marriage. Give your spouse a gift. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

January 26-28, 2024 in Derby Line, VT

February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY

March 15-17, 2024 in Upton, MA

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatele at 978-870-5646 or <https://www.wmema.org/>.

My soul
proclaims the
greatness
of the Lord;



my spirit
rejoices
in God my
savior. Luke 1:46-47

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PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

All volunteers who minister in the Archdiocese must attend the Protecting God's Children and receive the Code of Conduct form. In addition, all current volunteers and new volunteers must complete a CORI Form. Those who need to follow this requirement are anyone who helps in building our church in any way. This list of volunteer includes: staff, teachers, assistants to religious education, lectors, eucharistic ministers, ushers, Finance and Pastoral Council members, etc.

Please consider sharing your gifts and talents in our new collaborative at Our Lady of Hope and St. Paul's by attending this training to be ready to serve.

Please sign up by logging onto:

Go to <https://www.virtusonline.org/>

- Click on "First-Time Registrant"
- Click on "Begin the registration Process"
- From the pull-down menu, choose "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)," ONLY
- When asked, "Have you previously registered with VIRTUS Online?" click "NO"
- Create a username and password when asked to do so and click "Continue"
- Fill in all the required fields for contact information on the next screen and click continue
- From the pull-down menu for "Location," choose "Our Lady of Hope Ipswich " or "St. Paul Hamilton" or wherever else they are coming from
- When the roles appear, choose a primary role and an additional role
- Add a Title (what you do for parish/school) in the box at bottom and click "Continue"
- On the next page, you may choose YES or NO depending on whether you want to associate your name with an additional school or parish
- Answer the four Yes/No questions on the next page and click "Continue"
- When asked "Have you already attended a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Session?" answer NO.
- On the next page, choose date and church to attend Protecting God's Children for Adults"

Confirm and you are done!

If you register for a training, please let us know once completed and forward a copy of your completion certificate to the rectory office. Thank you

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY Dec 17	3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday
THURSDAY Dec 21	Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
SATURDAY Dec 23	Saint John of Kanty, Priest
SUNDAY Dec 24	4th Sunday of Advent

Pilot Bulletins

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***For more information, contact the parish office.
 Consider sharing your gifts and talents.***

COLLABORATIVE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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 Joanne Bialek
 Richard & Diane Bostrom
 Stephen Dowd
 Martha Driscoll
 James Foley
 JoAnne Kelleher
 Linda Murphy
 Alana Mitchell
 Phil Monahan
 Jim Moynihan

MEN'S GROUP AT OUR LADY OF HOPE

The Men's Group invites you to come join them on Saturday mornings from 7:15-8:30 am in the church hall at Our Lady of Hope for light refreshments and Christian fellowship in an easy-going, informal atmosphere.

KNITTING MINISTRY—TIME CHANGE



St. Paul's Knitting Ministry knits baptismal blankets for St. Paul's and baby blankets and hats for Project Linus which are donated to local hospitals. If you knit, crochet or quilt and would like to join us, we meet generally on **the first Saturday of the month from 1PM to 3PM in St. Paul Church hall.**

HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is homebound and wishes to receive Holy Communion, please call parish office to make arrangements.

ADULT CHOIR

Music Director John Maher is looking for choir members to sing at the 9:30am Mass at St Paul's on Sundays, or the 4pm Mass at Our Lady of Hope on Saturdays. Time commitment is minimal. Whether you have sung with a choir in the past or have never done it before, all are welcome! Reach out to John at jmaher@ourlady saintpaul.org or call 978-500-6789.

PARISH ROSARY GROUP -OUR LADY OF HOPE

Praying the Rosary for those affected by abortion

Please join us every Tuesday at 7 PM in the upper Church at Our Lady of Hope for reciting the Rachel Rosary, intercessory prayer for victims of post-abortion syndrome. Rachel Rosary is a positive and appropriate means of praying for those affected by abortion.

All are welcome to attend each week or as you are able.

SVDP Holiday News:

"Blessed are the poor" is a call to action.

Our local chapter of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society is a collection of parishioners inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness, and building a more just world through personal relationships with and serving people in need. The Society of women and men join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. All are welcome to participate in this mission as we meet at 7 PM the first Monday night of every Month in the OLH parish hall.

Our SVDP chapter will, as we have for some time, provide Thanksgiving and Christmas greetings and assistance to those who have had sad and unforeseeable life circumstances befallen them here in our Ipswich/Hamilton/Wenham community. Your poor box donations allow us to provide such holiday assistance to families in financial distress, the elderly, the unemployed, and those with illness.

Pre-Covid, we delivered holiday meals each Thanksgiving and Christmas. Still, since then, we have collaborated with other people of goodwill and referred those in need of meals to the many wonderful agencies in our area that focus specifically on food distribution to those in need. We have instead focused on providing modest financial support that may help make the Holiday more blessed, allowing for the purchase of diapers, clothes, or appropriate gifts for the children. As is our custom, we honor one of the core values that the Society holds sacred, that friendship, a person-to-person service that encompasses listening, is critical. We hand deliver our gifts to each recipient, representing ourselves as members of our Catholic Community seeking to bring material support and the joy of Christ to those most in need during what is a very joyous time for most of us.

Thank you again for thinking of those less fortunate during this and all seasons and donating to the Poor Boxes on your way out of Our Lady of Hope Church. Please get in touch with us if you have a family or individual in Ipswich/Hamilton/Wenham who could benefit from a visit from your SVDP Society this holiday season. Also, please visit our website for additional details:
<https://svdpipswich.blogspot.com/>

Remember God's will in yours...

When you leave a bequest to the Church in your will or estate plan, you express your commitment to the future of your parish. You also return some of the blessings God gave to your life and leave an eternal message of what is important to you. Please consider including Our Lady of Hope Parish and Saint Paul Parish when preparing your will.

For more information contact Fr. Brogan or call /email the parish office.

