

*His Holiness
Pope Francis*

Jorge Mario Bergoglio
December 17, 1936–April 21, 2025



OUR LADY OF HOPE / SAINT PAUL DIRECTORY

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH

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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.

Also, First Fridays of Month at St. Paul's following 9:00 am Mass

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.

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COLLABORATIVE FACEBOOK PAGE

Our Lady of Hope & St. Paul Parishes
We have started a new Facebook page! Like and follow for information, pictures and happenings in and around our parishes and communities. You can find us on Facebook by searching: Our Lady of Hope & St. Paul Parishes

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.



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.

COLLABORATIVE MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 26

4:00 pm Vigil—Weekend Mass (OLOH)

Sunday, April 27

7:30 am—Weekend Mass (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am—Parishioners (SP)

11:15am—Weekend Mass (OLOH)

Monday, April 28

9:00 am —Weekday Mass (OLOH)

Tuesday, April 29

9:00 am —John Minter 20th Anniversary (OLOH)

Wednesday, April 30 No Daily Mass

Thursday, May 1

9:00 am —Weekday Mass (SP)

Friday, May 2

9:00 am—June & Anthony Passaretti,
Mulchahy Family and John Driscoll (SP)

Saturday, May 3

4:00 pm Vigil—Charlotte Frydrych (OLOH)

Sunday, May 4

7:30 am—Parishioners (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am—Clara Laura LaRossa (SP)

11:15am—Weekend Mass (OLOH)

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

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: ourladysaintpaul.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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

WE ASK PARISHIONERS TO PRAY...

† For all those who are sick, especially Verena Erickson, Lydia Fothergill, Kevin Donovan, Nancy Bianchi, Cameron Cyr, Kim Donohoe, Mia Angelis, Cameron Gagnon, Cathryn Lally, Denise Polli, Gerrie O'Brien, Irene Stackpole, Connie Donovan, Patricia Foley, J. P. Quinn and all those infected with the Covid-19 virus and other illnesses.

- † For all our parishioners who are sick, homebound and those confined to nursing facilities and hospital
- † For all those affected by natural disasters
- † For peace in our world, especially in 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

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.



As your pastor, I join in prayer with you all as we mourn the death of the Holy Father Pope Francis. Please find a message from Archbishop Henning below:

"I was deeply saddened by the news of the passing of Pope Francis. His legacy as Holy Father is broad and deep. In his ministry and across his writings he has continuously called us to deeper faith and to a more generous participation in the boundless compassion of God. He has challenged us to turn away from selfish impulses and towards communion with others and respect for God's creation. I am personally grateful that he called me to the Episcopacy and entrusted me with the pastoral care of the Church of Boston. His example remains a guiding light to the Universal Church. Through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, may he rest in peace."

Fr. Brogan

COLLABORATIVE PARISH HAPPENINGS

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

WHAT IS A
JUBILEE YEAR?

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In the Bible, a jubilee year was marked by the remittance of debt and property as well as the healing of relationships between people, nations, and even the relationship between humans and creation.



The first Christian Jubilee was declared in 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII.



In 2015, Pope Francis declared an extraordinary Jubilee Year, the Year of Mercy.



Jubilee Years are now normally declared every 25 years.

Jubilees are still marked by forgiveness and renewal. They exhort us to conversion, prayer, repentance, and renewed faith. As part of the generosity of the Church and Our Lord, indulgences are given to remove temporal punishment from sins that have been forgiven. Passing through a "holy door" has traditionally been a sign of conversion, passing away from one's old life and into a life of renewed zeal and faith.



Learn more about the Jubilee Year at
BostonCatholic.org/jubilee-2025

THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to help our neighbors and their spiritual needs.

Counseling the Doubtful

Everyone has moments of doubt in their faith journey. Nevertheless, we should always remember that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and turn to him along our way.

Examples:

- Has someone asked you for advice? Orient your response to Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
- Follow Christ with the witness of your life so that others may see God's love revealed in your actions.
- Accompany a friend who is struggling with believing to join a parish group for service or faith formation, share a book you found useful in dealing with your friend's faith concern, and worship at Sunday Mass.

"The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." — 1 Cor 1:25

Instructing the Ignorant

Learn about our faith and be open to talking with others about our beliefs. There is always something more to discover about our faith.

Examples:

- Go on a service trip or short-term mission trip. No time? Donate to support someone on their service trip.
- Volunteer to help with religious education programs at your parish.
- Invite someone to go to mass with you this weekend.

Admonishing the Sinner

Do not judge but be supportive in helping others find their way and correct their mistakes. Together we can learn to walk more closely with Christ.

Examples:

- In humility we must strive to create a culture that does not accept sin, while realizing that we all fall at times.
- Don't judge, but guide others towards the path of salvation (see Mt 7:1-2).
- When you correct someone, don't be arrogant. We are all in need of God's loving correction.

Comforting the Sorrowful

Be open to listening and comforting those who are dealing with grief. Even if we aren't sure of the right words to say, our presence can make a big difference.

Examples:

- Lend a listening ear to those going through a tough time.
- Make a home cooked meal for a friend who is facing a difficult time.
- Write a letter or send a card to someone who is suffering.
- A few moments of your day may make a lifetime of difference to someone who is going through a difficult time.

Forgiving Injuries

Forgiving others is difficult at times because we do not have God's limitless mercy and compassion. But Jesus teaches us that we should forgive as God forgives, relying on him to help us show others the mercy of God.

Examples:

- Let go of grudges.
- Saying sorry is something we learn as kids, but how often do we really mean it? Forgiveness transforms hearts and lives.
- Participate in the Sacrament of Penance.
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Bearing Wrongs Patiently

Do not be bitter about wrongs done against you. Place your hope in God so that you can endure the troubles of this world and face them with a compassionate spirit.

Examples:

- Frustrated with someone? Step away from the situation, take a few deep breaths, pray the Our Father, asking God for patience.

"Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye." — Mt 7:5

Praying for the Living and the Dead

Prayer is one of the most powerful ways we can support others. Joining together in prayer for the living and the dead entrusts us all into God's care.

Examples:

- Request a mass intention for a friend or family member who is going through a tough time.
- Request a mass intention for a friend or family member who has passed away.
- Keep your own book of prayer intentions, writing down the names of those who you are keeping in your prayers.
- Ask a friend or family member if there is anything you can pray for them about.
- Through prayer, entrust your cares and concerns for those around you to God.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

The Catholic Women's Club will be meeting on May 8th **AT OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH** at 6:30 pm. Our guest speaker will be a representative from Partners in Development.



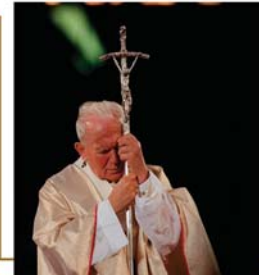
Divine Mercy Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter

"Jesus told Sr Faustina: 'Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy' (Diary, p. 132). . . It is not a new message but can be considered a gift of special enlightenment that helps us to relive the Gospel of Easter more intensely, to offer it as a ray of light to the men and women of our time." —St. John Paul II, Divine Mercy Sunday, 2000

In 1931, Jesus appeared to Sr. Faustina in Poland and expressed his desire for a feast celebrating his mercy. The Feast of Mercy was to be on the Sunday after Easter and was to include a public blessing and liturgical veneration of His image with the inscription "Jesus, I trust in You." All priests were to proclaim God's great mercy on this day.

This promise of mercy has been affirmed by the Church, which has made Divine Mercy Sunday an occasion for receiving a plenary indulgence, "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven" (CCC, no. 1471). The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (Confession, Eucharist, prayer for the intentions of the pope, and complete detachment from sin, even venial sin). The faithful may either take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy in any church or chapel or recite the Our Father and Creed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus.



The Easter Season

Easter isn't just a day, it's a whole season and stretches all the way to the feast of Pentecost.

At masses all through the Easter season, our usual practice of reading from the Old Testament is replaced by reading from the Acts of the Apostles. These readings tell the story of the church's earliest days, and the beginnings of our faith's spreading throughout the ancient world. These stories of heroism, controversies, persecutions and miracles all testify to the continued presence of the Risen Christ in the world, through the lives of his disciples, and the actions of the Holy Spirit.

All of this should be an encouragement and a sign of hope for us today. Despite war, violence, personal struggles, and an under-performing economy, God has not abandoned us, nor left us to our own devices. The risen savior is still with us. These 50 days of Easter ask us to reflect on his presence, and—even in the face of danger or fear—to live with joy.



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"If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith."

(1 Cor 15:14)



Resurrection - Mary at the Tomb with Angels, Edwin Austin Abbey, Yale University Gallery of Art



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OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH HAPPENINGS

*OUR BEAUTIFUL EASTER FLOWERS
AT OUR LADY OF HOPE WERE DONATED
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MATCHING DONATION CHALLENGE

Thank you for those who have collectively donated \$2,638.00 to help support the cost of renovating the Sanctuary at Our Lady of Hope. The rug has been removed, the travertine tile floor has been cleaned of adhesives and the ambo demolition has been completed. We will be resuming restoration of the sanctuary following Easter. A new floor will be installed where the ambo was, repair the marble on back wall, and marble in sanctuary area and floor will be polished as part of the renovation project. We hope you will join those who have already helped in the challenge of raising \$10,000 to achieve the generous offer a parish family has agreed to give for the first \$10,000 received in gifts and donations.

NORTH SHORE SACRED HARP GROUP

The North Shore Sacred Harp group will meet on **Sunday, May 18** in the lower church hall at Our Lady of Hope Church, from **2:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

Come join us as we meet in a square to sing hymns dating from the 18th-21st century, in four-part a Capella harmony. No previous experience required. Loaner hymnals will be available. Free will offering to help defray building upkeep. If you are curious about shape note music, we suggest googling "Sacred Harp" and watching a few YouTube videos, and/or exploring fasola.org, our national website. Our North Shore group has a presence on Facebook. For further details contact George Howe 978-356-3252 or gehowe@comcast.net



*Eucharistic Prayer upon
receiving Communion
I have you, I hold you,
I love you,
I'll never let you go.*

SAINT PAUL PARISH HAPPENINGS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



On the First Friday of the Month following the 9:00 am Mass there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession until 10:00 am at Saint Paul Parish, Hamilton.

SECOND FRIDAY COFFEE

Following the second Friday Daily Mass, coffee will be served in the St. Paul's church hall. All are encouraged to bring pastries to share. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet with parishioners from St. Paul and Our Lady of Hope

SAINT PAUL MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

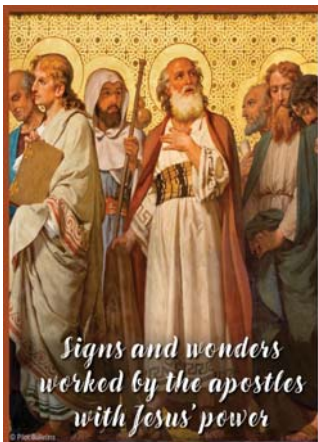
St. Paul's Men's Prayer Group meets Saturday mornings in the church from 7:30 to 8:30. The meeting includes praying from the Liturgy of the Hours and a discussion of the Sunday readings. Contact the parish office for further details.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Jesus can and will do many signs and wonders in your marriage. Jesus brings us peace. He sends us his Holy Spirit to teach and guide us. In today's scripture readings: Acts 5:12 says "Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles." John 20:19, 22 says, "On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them: Peace be with you. He breathed on them and said, Receive the Holy Spirit." God anoints your marriage. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME.org). Marriage encounter couples present talks about God's desire, about healing and forgiveness, and other tools to help enrich your relationship. Some of the dates to sign up are:

June 27-29, 2025 in Huntington, NY
August 15-17, 2025 at Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT

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 Matt & Julie King at 978-870-5646 or <https://wwmema.org/>.



Second Sunday of Easter—Year C

First Reading — Acts 5:12-16: The apostles, performing signs and wonders, gathered in Solomon's portico, held in high regard despite others' hesitance. Their number grew rapidly, and the sick were brought to them; even Peter's shadow was sought for healing. All who came were healed.

Responsorial Psalm — Psalm 118: Israel, Aaron's descendants, and the God-fearing proclaim God's enduring mercy. He answers in distress, providing strength and salvation. The rejected stone becomes the cornerstone, a marvelous act of the Lord.

Second Reading — Revelation 1:9-11A, 12-13, 17-19: John, exiled on Patmos for his faith, receives a vision from Jesus on the Lord's day. Instructed to write, he sees Christ among lampstands, falls down, but is reassured by Christ, the eternal, resurrected one holding keys to death and Hades.

Gospel — John 20:19-31: In a locked room, Jesus appeared to his disciples, offering peace and showing his wounds, which brought them joy. He empowered them with the Holy Spirit and the authority to forgive sins. Thomas, absent initially, doubted their testimony. Later, Jesus appeared again, inviting Thomas to touch his wounds, leading to Thomas' declaration of faith. Jesus blessed future believers who wouldn't see yet believe. These events were recorded to affirm faith in Jesus as the Christ.

Signs and wonders worked by the apostles with Jesus' power

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS WEEKEND

following the 9:30 Mass on
April 27
Please be sure to join in!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY
AT SUNDAY MASS

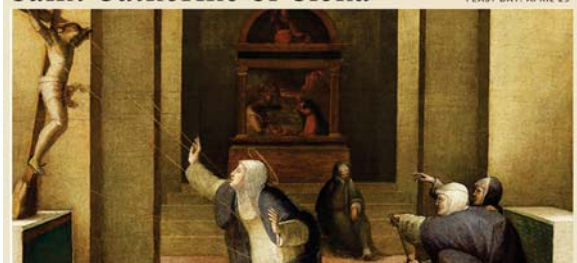
THE WEEKEND OF
APRIL 27
9:30AM MASS

DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be his Most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in his angels and in his Saints.

Saint Catherine of Siena

1347-1380
FEAST DAY: APRIL 29



Catherine was the 24th of 25 children of a Siennese dyer; her mystical experiences and raptures began at age 6. She refused to marry, and about 1367 joined the Third Order of St. Dominic. She attracted a like-minded group in Siena for prayer and good works and devoted her last five years to church unity and ending the scandal of rival papacies. Though she experienced the pain of the stigmata, it became visible only after her death at 33. And, in an odd division of relics, her body is in a Roman church, while her head is in a Siennese church. Named a doctor of the church in 1970, Catherine is a patron saint of Europe and Italy, and the patron of fire prevention, nurses and nursing.

"Take as your example your heavenly patroness, St Catherine, a humble and fearless Dominican tertiary who gave herself unsparingly for the Church. For everyone may this great saint be not only a special protectress but a model to follow on the path of holiness."

—Saint John Paul II, October 10, 1999



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SPIRITUAL FITNESS
By Michael St. Pierre, Ed.D.

PRESENCE

Giving God Our Full Attention

Have you ever had a conversation with someone and saw their eyes darting all around, paying attention to everything but you? Distraction is a reality for all of us. We want to be “in the moment,” but find it hard to do so.

Why is that?

We could pin the blame on social media or the 24/7 news cycle. We know the battle for our attention is fierce, and it is big business.

These external forces can also impact our interior lives, making us less focused when we pray. We may get to Mass a few minutes early and yet find it difficult to still our minds. We may pray the rosary and forget which bead we are on. We may find that, in a holy hour, a few minutes of silence feels like an eternity.

There is no question that distraction is something we all wrestle with in prayer. In the previous column, we discussed the first habit of prayerful people, which is Passion and Pursuit.

The second habit, Presence, answers the question, “How can I give my full attention to God when I pray?”

To be more fully present to God, you must carve out a regular time for daily prayer. Don't rely on willpower alone,

as it will wax and wane depending on your physical energy or the number of items on your plate. By adding a bit of intention to your daily prayer time, you will be able to train your mind and heart, telling both that “this is prayer time.” The rest of the day can wait. This habit can then be replicated at various times later in the day, recalling when you least expect it a word from Scripture or the awareness of God's presence.

Second, when you pray, share with God what's on your mind. Do this especially at the beginning of your prayer time. If it matters to you, it matters to God. Talk to the Lord about your anxieties and concerns. Simply hand them over to God, not withholding anything. This process gets these aspects of your life, albeit temporarily, off your mind so you can better pray with a sense of focus.

Finally, employ the power of a prayerful pause. Your prayer time may be filled with Bible reading, intercessory prayer or even the use of a journal. Give yourself permission to go slowly, daydream, look out the window and then gently return to prayer. Prayer is an experience of intimacy with God, of sharing your life with him.

In his book, *The Five Habits of Prayerful People: A No-Excuses Guide to Strengthening Your Relationship with God* (Ave Maria Press), Mike St. Pierre gives practical tips to build up your prayer life – one day at a time.

Michael St. Pierre, Ed.D. is the executive director of the Catholic Campus Ministry Association, the founder of Nonprofit Productive and the author of *The Five Habits of Prayerful People: A No-Excuses Guide to Strengthening Your Relationship with God*.

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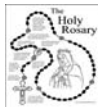
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James Foley | 978-360-2799

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

PARISH ROSARY GROUP OUR LADY OF HOPE

The Rosary Group has been suspended due to need for a new leader to head the group. Let us know if you feel called to this ministry?



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



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.

LENDING LIBRARY—SAINT PAUL & OLOH



There is a lending library of books located in the chapel at Saint Paul's Church, and in the Church Hall at Our Lady of Hope. On the shelves are books on various subjects from Catholicism to the Saints to Salvation History.



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.

COLLABORATIVE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bonni Berkowitz (OLOH)	James Foley (OLOH)
Joanne Bialek (OLOH)	JoAnne Kelleher (OLOH)
Diane Bostrom (OLOH)	Linda Murphy (OLOH)
Pat Donahue (STP)	Alana Mitchell (STP)
Stephen Dowd (STP)	Phil Monahan (STP)
Martha Driscoll (STP)	Jim Moynihan (STP)

One of the responsibilities of a Collaborative Parish Council (CPC) is to listen to Parishioners. If you have any Parish concerns, ideas, or thoughts we welcome you to discuss them with a CPC member. The CPC meets with Father Brogan on a quarterly basis and anything that is brought to the attention of a CPC member will be forwarded to Father Brogan. If you need help identifying them, ask someone at church to point them out to you.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SERVING HAMILTON-IPSWICH-WENHAM

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT ?

If you feel called to serve others in a more hands-on way our Parish's Saint Vincent DePaul Society is a great place to start. The experience can help you connect more deeply with your faith. The Society's flexible membership structure ensures that everyone, regardless of their background or availability, can contribute meaningfully to its mission of serving those in need.

All are welcome to participate in or explore this mission further. We meet at 7 PM on the first Monday night of every month in the OLH parish hall, and new members from St. Paul's and Our Lady of Hope are welcome! Please visit our website for additional details: <https://svdpipswich.blogspot.com/> or call us at **978-992-6151**.

The mission of the Lady of Hope/Saint Paul Saint Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Conference is to offer direct, person-to-person support to those in need, suffering, or marginalized. The SVDP Society seeks to serve anyone facing financial difficulties or hardship with compassion, respect, and without judgment. **If you know anyone who needs assistance, contact us at 978-992-6151.**

Donations support Ipswich/Hamilton/Wenham community-based efforts to help those in need. Your donation to SVDP makes a meaningful difference. You can support our collaborative mission financially by donating to the Poor Boxes at Our Lady of Hope Church or utilizing online giving, which you can access by using your phone's camera and this QR code:



VOLUNTEER REQUEST FOR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

JoAnne Kelleher has graciously volunteered to chair our Social Committee at Our Lady of Hope. This committee will be involved in organizing and hosting various parish events. Please consider joining this group to support our Parish coming together. For more information please contact JoAnne Kelleher at jkelleher@ourlady saintpaul.org or call the rectory office. Thank you.

MARRIAGE CONVALIDATION CEREMONY

If you and your spouse desire holy matrimony in the Catholic Church, you are invited to convalidate your marriage. A Celebration of Convalidation is an opportunity for couples married outside of the Church to enter into a marriage covenants in the Catholic tradition. Please speak with Fr. Brogan or call the parish office for more information.

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.



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**

Catholic Blessing of the Home

When Christ took flesh through the Blessed Virgin Mary, He made his home with us. Let us now pray that he will enter this home and bless it with his presence. May he always be here with you, share in your joys, comfort you in your sorrows. Inspired by his teachings and example, seek to make your new home before all else a dwelling place of love, diffusing far and wide the goodness of Christ.

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.

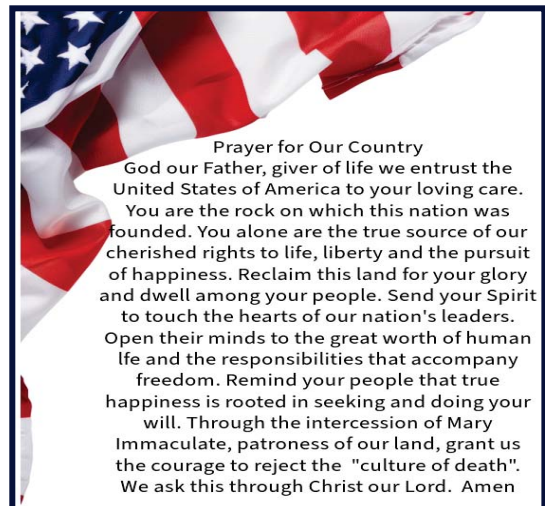
Please consider sharing your gifts and talents in our new collaborative at Our Lady of Hope and St. Paul's by attending this training to be ready to serve.

Please sign up by logging onto:

[Go to https://www.virtusonline.org/](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!
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