

**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Sunday**  
**of Advent**

**Our Lady of Hope & Saint Paul Parishes**  
**December 10, 2023**



"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord.'" Mark 1:2-3

## OUR LADY OF HOPE / SAINT PAUL DIRECTORY

**OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH**

**1 Pineswamp Road  
Ipswich, MA 01938  
978-356-3944**

**WEBSITE:** [www.ourladysaintpaul.org](http://www.ourladysaintpaul.org)

**EMAIL** [ourlady@ourladysaintpaul.org](mailto:ourlady@ourladysaintpaul.org)



Handicap Parking and ramp into the church is located on Pineswamp Road on right side of Church .

**SAINT PAUL PARISH**

**50 Union Street  
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978-468-2337**

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Elevator for Handicapped Access to the Saint Paul church is located in the rear of the building.

## 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.

**RCIA & 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.

## PARISH STAFF

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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 9**

4:00 pm Vigil—Mary, Ervin &amp; John Langmaid (OLOH)

**Sunday, December 10**7:30 am—Parishioners (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am—Michael Gray (SP)

11:15am—Barbara Parker 1st Anniversary (OLOH)

**Monday, December 11**

9:00 am—Weekday Mass (OLOH)

**Tuesday, December 12**

9:00 am—Stan Jacunski (OLOH)

**Wednesday, December 13 No Daily Mass****Thursday, December 14**

9:00 am—Betty &amp; Allan Smith (SP)

**Friday, December 15**

9:00 am—Weekday Mass (SP)

**Saturday, December 16**

4:00 pm Vigil—Richard Phillips (OLOH)

**Sunday, December 17**7:30 am—Weekend Mass (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am—Parishioners (SP)

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

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

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, AND CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY

## (SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY MASS SCHEDULE)

**4TH SATURDAY/SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 23-24**

4:00pm Vigil—Our Lady of Hope

7:30 am—Saint Paul

9:30 am—Saint Paul

11:15am—Our Lady of Hope

**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: [ourladyofhope.org](http://ourladyofhope.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.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

**December 12, 2023 at 6:30pm**  
**Our Lady of Hope church hall**

December Meeting and Olde Fashioned Yankee Gift Swap- \$20 suggested gift

Catholic Women's Group welcomes all women to join us for a traditional yankee gift swap and meeting. We come together and share our faith, fellowship, friendship and have lots of FUN and food! Please invite your female - family members and friends of all faiths to attend. Feel free to wear something 'fun, festive and comfy' - we may have a special visitor stop-by with photo opt!

**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](mailto: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**

**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 \$70,395.00 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.

# Christmas Flowers



The Season of Advent began Sunday, December 3, 2023. This year for our Christmas celebrations in the church we will be once again memorialize the flowers and plants used around the altar, the sanctuary and church in general. We will publish the names of all those in whose memory the flowers and plants are intended. We will also remember them at our Christmas Masses and celebrations. If you would like to memorialize church Christmas flowers or plants in someone's memory, or for deceased members of a particular family, please follow the process below:

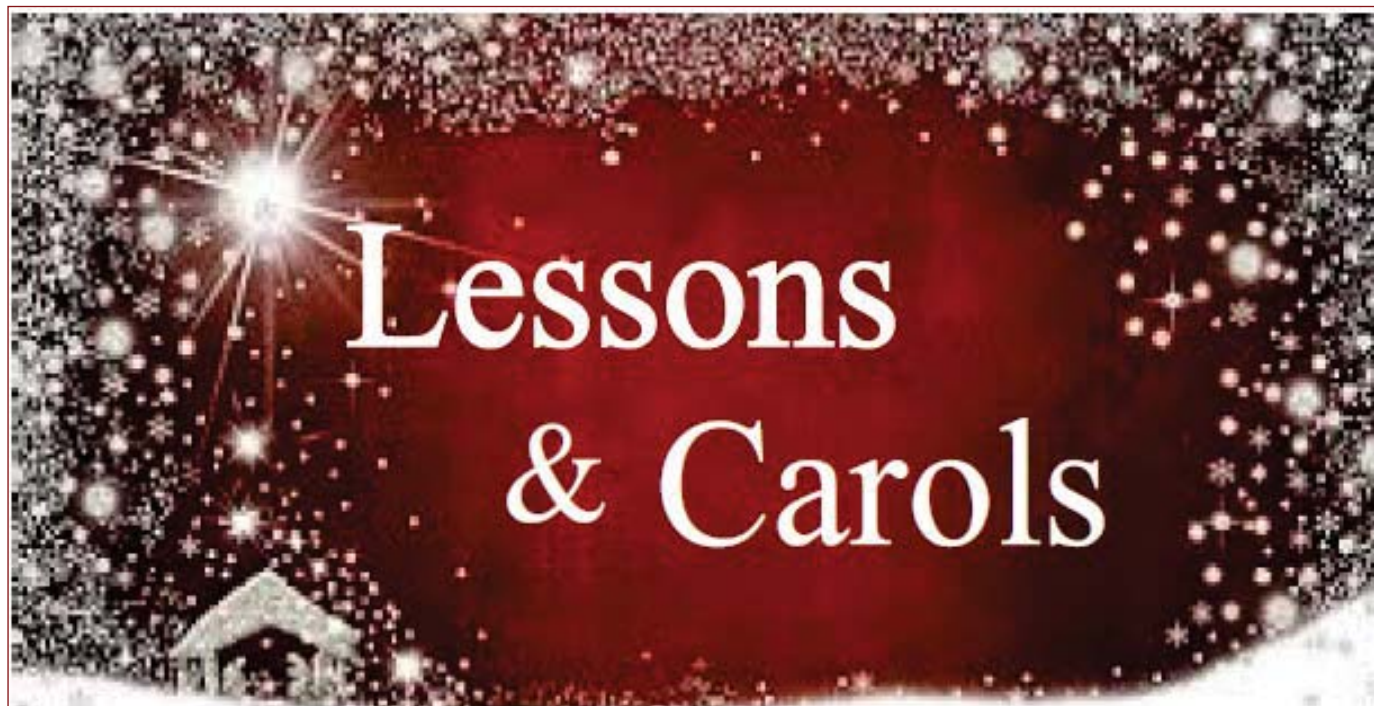
Using a plain white envelope, write **"Christmas Flowers"** on it. Please print (clearly) the name of the person, couple (mother/father) or the name of the family you want remembered on the outside of the envelope; or you may also include the names on a piece of paper inside the envelope. The donation request is \$25.00 (or more if you desire) per name, couple or family.

**Deadline to have your intentioned listed in Christmas Bulletin is December 15, 2023.**

Flower requests envelope can be placed in the Sunday collection basket, in the incoming mail box on the rectory porch or mail to:

**Our Lady of Hope**  
**1 Pineswamp RD**  
**Ipswich, MA 01938**

May these flowers help us to praise Christ's birth, and help us to remember those who have gone before us...may their memory be present with us as we celebrate this Season of Birth and New Life!



Please join us for a Wonderful  
Christmas Season Event

The most “extraordinary” night of the season!

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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

**GIVING TREE**

Catholic Charities North objective for the Holiday Giving Tree is to share gifts with our neighbors that may otherwise go without. This year we hope you can help us fulfill our goal.

For the safety of volunteers, families, staff and our community, for our Holiday Giving Tree effort **we are asking for donations of store gift cards most preferably from Target, Walmart, and Market Basket and Stop & Shop** are also appreciated.

The Giving Tree can be found at the front door entrance of the church. *Please return gift cards by December 10th to allow time for them to be delivered to Catholic Charities for distribution to the many individuals and families that need them. We are thankful for the generous support of our neighbors.*

**INSIDE A CARE PACKAGE FOR THE HOMELESS****Operation Ziploc**

Our PREP children and parishioners are invited to participate in Operation Ziploc, a program to help men, women and children in a shelter.

Participants are asked to *fill a gallon-sized baggie with toiletries/essentials* for a person in need, including everyday items that a man, woman or child would need in a shelter.

*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.*

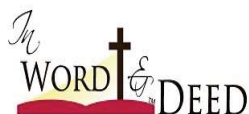
**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

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 10 & 17**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

When the hurricanes developed and headed toward the Gulf Coast, people were tuned in to radio, television and the internet, waiting for any announcement about the storm's track or power or damaging effects. Knowing that any minute might bring some news, people all over the country stayed tuned to hear the latest developments. Big announcements always attract lots of attention.

John the Baptist generates quite a bit of interest. His unusual style of dress and his pointed message of reform get everyone's attention. People heeded his words, coming to him in large numbers and accepting his baptism of repentance. But there was more to come. The Baptist's preaching announces the coming of Christ and His message of love, hope and redemption.

As a people of faith who await the Coming of the Lord, our words and deeds of anticipation should serve as a witness to faith and an example of love and service. All believers announce the message of salvation by the way they live their lives. An announcement this big is reflected in how we treat others, how faithful we are to our values and beliefs and how dedicated we are to sharing the Gospel with others. Make sure we are sending the right message. The world is watching and waiting.

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

**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



## Children's Liturgy of the Word

About twice a month,  
beginning Sunday  
November 19th, we will

be doing a children's liturgy during the 9:30 am mass. It will be a little different than in years past. The children will be escorted downstairs before the First Reading by Mrs. Monahan. There they will have a children's liturgy including the First and Second Readings as well as the Gospel and a children's discussion afterwards. They will return upstairs to the church after the Homily for the remainder of mass. See the bulletin at the beginning of each month for the dates of the children's liturgy for that month. December dates are 12/3 and 12/17. We hope that the parents will encourage the children's participation (open to all ages but if under five, please have a parent attend as well) as this is a wonderful opportunity to enrich a child's faith.

### 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."

### 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.

## 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.

**Thank you for supporting your parish.**

## Edge Class Summary—Grades 6-8

Dear EDGE Families,

This final Edge Night in the series on the Eucharist gave practical tips for sharing about the Eucharist with their friends, such as attend Mass together, pray at home and pray for others. The Edge Night began with a favorite family feud bible addition. Some of the questions are (1) what are the largest animal's on Noah's ark; (2) name the top biblical heros; (3) name the animals found the most through the bible and other questions. Volunteers read the class' scripture verses. This week's verse: *"This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."* This was followed by our discussion of why the eucharist is life changing. The scripture verse gives the answer: We who believe in Jesus and eat the Eucharist will not die! We can go to Mass everyday in most parts of the world and receive the Eucharist - that is life changing. Whenever you feel overwhelmed, discouraged or sad - you can find a Mass and receive Jesus - an instant life changer. That means that our family and loved ones who eat the Eucharist also never die. We receive eternal life. We are all called to share this message with others.

We watched a silly Video <https://youtu.be/FMLYBvmMbPE?si=lpJ5P1SF3yeUWdVx>.

Small groups created commercials (aka skits) about the Eucharist. We all wrote notes of encouragement for a young man who just finished Coast Guard training and is on his first assignment. One student wrote "you are a coast guard!" We listened to a Katy Nichol music video about praying for others and holding on. This young lady is so talented and if you are ever having a bad day pull up some of her songs on Youtube and she makes you feel better.

EDGE classes are finished for this semester - but now it is your turn - to act. Please attend Mass, there is a youth mass on December 3rd and encourage your student to attend with other students. Set up an ADVENT wreath and prepare for Christ's coming on Christmas. Keep Christ in Christmas and remember why and how he changed our lives. Our EDGE students after this series on the Eucharist are excited to go to Mass and they are excited to go to confession. Have them write notes to people of encouragement or Christmas greetings (they are great writers of notes). Pray before meals and pray the rosary for peace and for others. Practice selfless over selfish. Always remember that the Eucharist is life-changing because it means eternal life for us.

We were blessed with many miracles this semester. Two Mothers (Nancy and Maura) from our parish whose children are older came to help out with our Tuesday EDGE and one parent (Lauren) joined us. Three parents (Peter, Katherine and Tara) joined our Wednesday EDGE class. Eighth grader Parker Shea came to visit from England for two weeks of Edge classes. Joseph T. came to class on his birthday! Our students wrote notes to Pastor Brogan, Father Kiley, Father Lawlor and our new Coast Guard. We learned about how Ian miraculously recovered from cancer after we prayed for him with intercession from Blessed Carlo Acutis! On Wednesday night (the last night of class) all the students remained until 8:50 when class is over at 8:30 - they did not want to leave! Please let them share their faith with you - it is extraordinary!

God Bless You and enjoy Blessed Holidays,  
Debra and the Core Team

**WELCOME**

**Chloe Noelle Ramsey**  
**Benjamin Edward Regan**  
**Stella Patricia-Margaret Santarelli**  
**Clare Margaret Stendahl**

**who were baptized into the  
 Family of God of our Collaborative**

**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](http://clergytrust.org). And don't forget to find the Trust on Facebook by searching "@ClergyTrust."



**Ipswich Community  
 Blood Drive**

**Our Lady of Hope Parish**

Hall  
 1 Pineswamp Road  
 Ipswich, MA 01938

**Thursday, December 14, 2023**  
**12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: ourladyofhope to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Come to give Dec. 1-17 for a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. Plus, thanks to Prime Video & their new film **CANDY CANE LANE**, get a chance to win a \$1K Amazon.com Gift Card & 65-inch Amazon Fire TV! There will be 12 winners! Terms: [rcblood.org/Amazon](http://rcblood.org/Amazon).



**Schedule your blood donation appointment today!**

1-800-RED CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

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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 includes 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

**Sunday's Readings****2nd Sunday of Advent - December 10, 2023**

**First Reading** – Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11: "A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!"

**Responsorial Psalm** – Psalm 80: "Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

**Second Reading** – 2 Peter 3:8-14: "Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace."

**Gospel** – Mark 1:1-8: "People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins."

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

## COLLABORATIVE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bonni Berkowitz  
 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](mailto: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 OHL 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.

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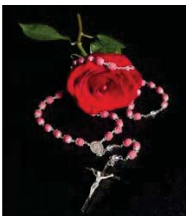
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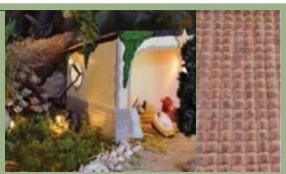
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