# Our Lady of Hope & Saint Paul Parishes December 31, 2023 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH "MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION."

## OUR LADY OF HOPE / SAINT PAUL DIRECTORY

Our Lady of Hope Parish 1 Pineswamp Road Ipswich, MA 01938 978-356-3944

WEBSITE: <u>www.ourladysaintpaul.org</u> EMAIL <u>ourlady@ourladysaintpaul.org</u>



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 50 Union Street South Hamilton, MA 01982 978-468-2337

WEBSITE: www.ourladysaintpaul.org EMAIL: stpaul@ourladysaintpaul.org



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

#### PARISH STAFF

PASTOR: Fr. David A. Brogan

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#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Our Lady of Hope:** 978-356-3944 ext. 28

Kindergarten through Grade 11

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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 30

4:00 pm Vigil— Thelma Federico (OLOH)

#### Sunday, December 31

7:30 am—Weekend Mass (SP) NO MUSIC

9:30 am— Parishioners (SP)

11:15am-Ronald William Roge (OLOH)

#### Monday, January 1, 2024

9:00 am—Barbara Berkowitz (OLOH)

#### Tuesday, January 2

9:00 am-John & June Miniter (OLOH)

#### Wednesday, January 3 No Daily Mass

#### Thursday, January 4

9:00 am—Weekday Mass (SP)

#### Friday, January 5

9:00 am-Weekend Mass (SP)

#### Saturday, January 6

4:00 pm Vigil— Ada & Reggie Morell (OLOH)

#### Sunday, January 7

7:30 am—Parishioners (SP) NO MUSIC 9:30 am—Frank Angelis (SP) 11:15am-Weekend Mass (OLOH)

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

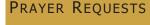
# **OLOH SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**FUEL COLLECTION

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 \$84,399.00 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.



#### WE ASK PARISHIONERS TO PRAY...

†For all those who are sick, especially Kathy Bartlett, Blanche Zak, Ruth Butnan, Mathew Faino, Kim Donohoe, Mia Angelis, Philip Abodeely, Juilett Carlson, Cameron Gagnon, Cathryn Lally, Denise Polli, Gerrie O'Brien, Melissa Faino Palelli, Arline Thornell, Irene Stackpole, Connie Donovan, Patricia Foley, J. P. Ouinn 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: <a href="https://churchofsaintpaul.churchgiving.com/">https://churchofsaintpaul.churchgiving.com/</a>

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.

#### 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, January 21, 2024** 



# 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.

#### **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.

#### First Penance

The date for The First Penance Celebration is Sunday, January 7 at 1:00 pm in the church at St. Paul's.

Please pray for our First Communicants as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in the coming months.

#### 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."



#### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sunday, December 31, 2023

First Reading – Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14: "Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother."

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 128: "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

Second Reading – Colossians 13: 12-21 "And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body."

Gospel – Luke 2:22-40: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

#### A message from Debra Brown, EDGE Co-Ordinator

Dear EDGE Families,

On Sunday, December 17, 2023 one of our EDGE student's Lou Ann Wolczik celebrated Mass with the Pope in Rome! Her father Peter, who is one of our Core Team members, planned this extraordinary trip to visit the Holy City during Advent and they were able to be close to the Pope on his birthday! On Sunday, December 24, 2023 another of our EDGE students, Noah Dellesanti, helped lead our younger students in their annual Christmas pageant and played the piano for them to sing along. Noah also serves as altar server at most 9:30 am masses for Pastor Brogan. Many of our students are also attending the 9:30 mass through Advent and all of them give me big smiles! Let's all try to thank and encourage our students in their faith walk.

In our EDGE program, we try to speak often about Blessed Carlo Acutis. Carlo is the first millennial declared "Blessed" and is an extraordinary role model for young people all over the world. From the time he made his First Holy Communion, he always wanted to receive the Eucharist to be close to Jesus. His mother tells all how she never went to Church until Carlo started taking her and he lead her to be a religious education teacher. Carlo became very sick and died at the age of 15, right after completing a virtual museum of all Eucharistic miracles over the history of the Catholic Church. That "virtual museum" has been made into panels and travels around the world. Imagine a young man who played video games, had a cell phone, played soccer and dedicated his life to Jesus! Carlo's mother said "Carlo had authority given to him from his closeness to Jesus." Just this past year there was a Eucharistic miracle (still to be confirmed) that happened in a Connecticut church.

This year let us all try to remember the power of the Eucharist to change our lives. Let us all learn from Carlo how we can receive authority from our closeness to Jesus to be a light in the world. <a href="https://youtu.be/Lvys0yjUp1U?si=6jzfblyOPp4dgeqQ">https://youtu.be/Lvys0yjUp1U?si=6jzfblyOPp4dgeqQ</a>

God Bless You, Debra and the Core Team









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A very Happy Christmas to you all!

It has been my privilege to be with you all these seven months as your pastor.

As we continue to solidify, build and grow, we do well to take a pause and simply look at the face of the child Jesus this Christmastime.

As we know, the wood of the manger is never far from the wood of the cross. Christ was conceived, born, he grew, he loved and was loved, he suffered, he died, and he rose from the dead — all for love of us.

We praise God in all we do and we praise God — Father, Son and Holy Sprit for all that He has done and continues to do for us.

Merry Christmas to you and yours, Fr. Brogan

#### WISHING MERRY CHRISTMAS.....

Parishioners have asked to send Christmas Cheer to Fr. Lawlor and Fr. Keyes. If you would like to send a Christmas card to them, their address is below:

> Fr. Michael Lawlor 60 Wm Cardinal O'Connell Way Regina Cleri Residence Boston, Ma 02114-3709

> > Fr. Thomas Keyes St. James Society 24 Clark St.. Boston, MA 02109

#### **Millennium Gospel Choir**

Performing at Immaculate Conception Church 42 Green St., Newburyport Sunday, January 7, 2:30 p.m.

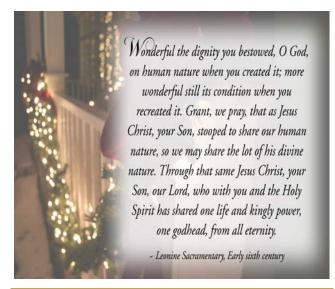
Don't miss this opportunity to get your praise on and enjoy an afternoon of holiday, spiritual, and gospel music performed by the renowned Millennium Gospel Choir of Boston.

As part of the continued celebration of the 175th anniversary of Immaculate Conception Parish, the choir will entertain with classic and contemporary selections sure to inspire everyone's participation.

The concert is free and open to the community.

#### **2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

Please let us know if you would like a 2023 statement of the contributions you made with your weekly/monthly contribution envelopes, contact the parish office to request your statement. For those who have been making contributions through Online Giving, you are able to print a statement yourself when logged into your account. The Parishes are also able to issue contribution statements for donations that include those made through Online Giving. If you are not currently receiving envelopes and would like to, let us know.



#### **WINTER STORM CANCELLATIONS**

When there is inclement weather, there is concern for the safety of parishioners and visiting priests traveling to our parishes and our ability to clear the parking lot and walkways to make them safe and free of snow/ice. When conditions are extreme and the Ipswich,& Hamilton-Wenham School system cancels classes, we will also follow this same decision and cancel celebrating daily Mass. In addition, when there are extreme conditions or roads are unsafe we will also post cancellations of parish events, religious education and weekend Masses on our website. In addition to this you are also able to check cancellations on Channel 7 (NBC), Channel 56(CW) and by logging onto www.whdh.com .

#### **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 &
Turkev • 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

#### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

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 Vatelle at 978-870-5646 or https://wwmema.org/.



#### Feast of the Holy Family

Are you old enough to remember Art Linkletter doing a show called "Kids Say the Darndest Things"? It featured young kids being asked questions about themselves or their friends or their families, especially their parents. Inevitably, one of the kids would say something that would reveal a secret, misinterpret events or cause parents a bit of embarrassment. The comments were especially funny when we knew that the same things could be said of our families.

The family is the school of life and faith. We learn about God, how to live our faith, how to love and accept others, how to share, forgive, get along, be hopeful. We learn about sin and grace, about triumph and defeat. We learn how to trust and be trusted. The people we call our own teach us who we are and who we can become. They celebrate our strengths and support our weaknesses. They keep our secrets and trumpet our successes. In good times and in bad, through thick and thin, family needs to be together, one for all and all for one. And that is the darndest thing!

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

## Saint John Neumann

A native of Bohemia, John entered the seminary and was nearing ordination when he departed for the United States. He joined the Redemptorists and served as a priest in New York, Maryland and Pennsylvania. In 1852 he was named the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. He founded more than 50 churches and greatly expanded Catholic education. John had a fondness for immigrants and knew six languages. His pasioral zeal was evident up to his last moments of life. He collapsed and died in the street at age 48.





#### 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

#### **COMPLIMENTARY CALENDARS**

With gratitude to the Morris Family, please take a complimentary 2024 calendar located at the entrances of the church. These calendars provide the Holy Days and Feast Days throughout the year with large, glossy photos.

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#### PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

#### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB**

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#### **MUSIC MINISTRIES**

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#### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

James McCarthy, President | 978-992-6151

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

James Foley | 978-360-2799

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

#### COLLABORATIVE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Richard & Diane Bostrom
Pat Donahue
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 the 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 <a href="mailto:jmaher@ourladysaintpaul.org">jmaher@ourladysaintpaul.org</a> or call 978-500-6789.

#### PARISH ROSARY GROUP -OUR LADY OF HOPE

Praying the Rosary for those affected by abortion

Please join us beginning January 9, 2024 every Tuesday and thereafter 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-toperson 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.



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Fr. Tom Nestor has served as pastor at the Collaborative Parishes of Resurrection and Saint Paul in Hingham for the past ten years, and previously served at St. Eulalia's in Winchester for 17 years. A Harvard graduate and native of West Roxbury, Fr. Nestor is known for fostering a sense of community wherever he goes.

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