

OUR LADY OF HOPE & SAINT PAUL PARISHES

DECEMBER 28, 2025



HOLY FAMILY
OF
JESUS, MARY
AND JOSEPH

RESPONSIBILITIES TO PARENTS

God sets a father in honor over his children;
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.
Sirach 3:2

OUR LADY OF HOPE / SAINT PAUL DIRECTORY

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH

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

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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.

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.

CONVALIDATION OF MARRIAGE

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 the marriage covenants in the Catholic tradition. Please speak with Fr. Brogan or call the parish office for more information.

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 or John Cusolito at jcusolito@ourladysaintpaul.org

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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COLLABORATIVE FACEBOOK PAGE

Our Lady of Hope & St. Paul Parishes have a 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.



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.

COLLABORATIVE MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, December 27**

4:00 pm Vigil — William Whalen (OLOH)

Sunday, December 287:30 am — Parishioners (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am — Otto Geiger (SP)

11:15 am — Weekend Mass (OLOH)

Monday, December 29

9:00 am — Weekday Mass (OLOH)

Tuesday, December 30

9:00 am — Weekday Mass (OLOH)

Wednesday, December 31 No Daily Mass**Thursday, January 1**

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 am — Barbara Berkowitz (OLOH)

Friday, January 2

9:00 am — Weekday Mass (SP)

Saturday, January 3

4:00 pm Vigil — Weekend Mass (OLOH)

Sunday, January 47:30 am — Parishioners (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am — Weekend Mass (SP)

11:15 am — Dennis Smith & Karen Tremblay (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: ourladyofsaintpaul.org and follow the

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 Jim and Elaine Twitchell, Lauren Upham, Denise Leslie, Patrick Wetson, Louis P. Geoffrion, Anthony Passaretti, 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 viruses and other illnesses.

- † For all those returning to school and their teachers
- † 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 1st Lt. Thomas Monahan and Air Force 1st 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.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS****OLOH 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 months of December and January. Fuel Collection envelopes can be found at the exits of the church. 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.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm for more information.



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

FATHER BROGAN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

At the end of every year, we are presented with Christmas. Then in the midst of the Christmas Season we encounter a new year.

Throughout the course of our lives, year after year, month after month, day after day and moment after moment we are called upon to make decisions.

Decisions great and small alike shape the days, months and years that follow. Although we shape our lives, our lives too are shaped by realities beyond our control.

Life is in ways concise and clear, yet at the same time an immense mystery.

As the Angel Gabriel clearly announced to Mary that she would conceive and give birth to a son to be called Jesus – this announcement was filled with great mystery – so much as of yet unclear and unknown. Mary said “Yes.” Yes, to that which was clear and yes to that which was yet to be revealed.

This Christmas we are given yet another opportunity to decide and what we choose will shape our futures to come.

We all have another opportunity to say “Yes” to the Incarnation and the birth of Christ. Yes, to all that Christ said and to all that Christ did. Yes, to his sacrifice for us and yes to his rising from the dead for us. And yes, to all the ways, be those ways clear and unmistakable or clouded in mystery. And yes, to everything that glorifies God, benefits our souls, and participates in the salvation of humanity.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and I thank you for all that you do within the parishes of Our Lady of Hope and Saint Paul's.

Fr. David A. Brogan



Many thanks to all those generous individuals who contributed their time to the indoor and outdoor preparations for Advent and the ensuing Christmas Season. Thank you in particular to the many who donated in loving memory of their loved ones for the Christmas flowers at Our Lady of Hope and to the Jones Families for the beautiful poinsettias around the sanctuary of St. Paul's. And thank you to Kristen and Phil Monahan and their volunteers for setting up the beautiful Nativity scenes at both parishes.

Father Brogan



**Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God**

Thursday, January 1

Holy Day of Obligation

**9:00 a.m. Mass
Saint Paul, Hamilton**

The gift of giving has been extended.



The Giving Trees with gift tags at both parishes will remain standing through December 26th. Gift cards can be returned in the offertory basket at Masses through January 4th.

Gift cards will benefit the clients of ACORD Food Pantry and Saint Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your support of our neighbors.

We are so grateful for your generosity and your willingness to help our neighbors in need.

**Congratulations
Silent Auction
"Highest" Bidders!!!**



Christmas Hour Glass
Donation to St. Vincent de Paul

Cascading Diamonds
Donation to St. Vincent de Paul

Basket Weave
Donation to Religious Education

Thank you to all who participated in the Silent Auction for the Christmas Quilts that proceeds will support St. Vincent de Paul and the Children in our Religious Education Programs at Our Lady of Hope Parish.

Congratulations to the highest bidders:
 Quilt # 1—Christmas Hour Glass—Diane Fitzgerald
 Quilt # 2—Cascading Diamonds—Mary Maloney
 Quilt #3—Basket Weave—Vivian & Walter Zagrobski

Thank you to the bidders for their generosity to this event.



CHEVERUS AWARDS



A reception was held in Betty Chagnon and Theresa Zampell's honor following Friday's Daily Mass. Betty and Theresa took ill and the weather was frightfully cold for them to attend Mass that day, so the Cheverus Medals that would have been presented to them at Mass that day.

Father Brogan blessed the medals, which were hand delivered to them by their niece, Janice Pappas. Here is a picture of Theresa (left) and Betty (right) proudly wearing their medals.

A very special thank you to the ladies that prepared the pastries and quiche for the reception. Thank you.



2026 CALENDARS

2026 Calendars are available at the doorways of the church of each parish and on the porch at OLH. Thank you to John Morris of Morris Funeral Home in Ipswich for providing the calendars for our parishioners.

PARISH ROSARY GROUP


Join Us to Pray the Rosary

One of the greatest gifts of being Catholic is knowing that the Mother of our Lord is our Mother too. You are invited to join our weekly Parish Rosary group for prayer, reflection, and community, as we meditate on the *Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious* mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

When: Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm.

**Where: Our Lady of Hope, Ipswich
(enter through the front doors on the right)**

All are welcome — whether you pray the Rosary often or it's your first time!



"St. Anthony, St. Anthony please look around something is lost and must be found"

Have you been praying to St. Anthony to help you find a lost item??? We have found 2 yellow colored rings (one in the parking lot that has been there for awhile and one in the church) last Sunday. Both were found at Our Lady of Hope.

If you think this is an answer to your prayer, please call the rectory office at 978-356-3944

ST. PAUL PARISH HAPPENINGS

SEVENFOLD Offertory Program

St. Paul parishioners are asked to please consider a yearly pledge to support the weekly offertory of the parish. Your commitment allows the parish to help meet its operational expenses and all its fiduciary responsibilities incumbent on a parish today.

Commitment cards can be found at the doorways of the church and can be returned via the offertory basket or by mail to the parish office.

There's so much happening at St. Paul's. Let us **TOGETHER** make **SEVENFOLD** a great success for the parish.

Thank you to parishioners who are newly-enrolled and to parishioners who renewed their commitment to participate in Sevenfold

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.

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 & FOURTH FRIDAY COFFEE

Following the second and fourth 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.



THE BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
ON THE OUR LADY OF HOPE
ALTAR WERE DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

HAROLD & ELIZABETH BALCH, FRANK & JOAN NOLAN, FRANK ANTONUCCI,
CAROL & GENE NUNES, CALNAN FAMILY, THOMAS FAMILY, LOU MALAQUIAS,
JAMES & GERALDINE DOHERTY, KENNETH & JANETAN DOHERTY, LINDA VOGAN,
ELSIE & CHARLIE SMITH, JAMES AND MARK CULLEN, JACK KELLEHER,
SCOTT GIAMPAOLO, PAMELA M. FOLEY, EAMONN L. McDONNELL, MARIE LAMBE,
WILLIAM & FRANCES PREST, OGIBA FAMILY, STANTON & ANN PARRISH,
ELLEN GASKELL, COPPOLA-MONTGOMERY FAMILY, SARA ROSE JONES,
WILLIAM O'NEILL, JR., EMILY DRISCOLL, STEPHANIE M. ROSE, EDWARD Z. MACKEY,
FRED L. CARTER, CARMINE & VIRGINIA MUCCIARONE, ALFRED & HELEN MAROTTA,
MAFALDA, JOSEPH & ANGELINA BRANCATO, JAMES NIKITAS,
JOSEPH, JESSIE & THOMAS SAROKA, CHRISTOPHER, JUDITH & DAVID NIKITAS,
EDGAR A. TURNER, PETER D. REMICK, MARK & EILEEN HAYES,
CLIF & ALICE KIESLING, KATHLEEN KENNEDY, ALBA MALONEY,
JOHN J. CURTIS FAMILY, HAROLD E. YORK FAMILY, JOHN TROCKI, LOUISE CYNKUS,
PAUL & PAT JACOBSON, ARTHUR J. TOWNE, JAMES E. TEELE, LAUREL BERNIER,
DECEASED PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS WHO SERVED PARISHES IN IPSWICH

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH -GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Thank you to all the parishioners who have contributed to the Grand Annual.

We have received \$68,060 or 75% of our \$90,000 goal. If you have not already donated to this important collection, please prayerfully consider a gift.

2025 Grand Annual Collection

Our Lady of Hope Parish
Ipswich, Massachusetts

ID# _____

Signature _____

Please make checks payable to: Our Lady of Hope Parish

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Please prayerfully consider the following gifts this year:

Pledge:

☐ \$350

☐ \$500

☐ \$750

☐ \$1000

2 Monthly Payments:

☐ \$175 per month

☐ \$250 per month

☐ \$375 per month

☐ \$500 per month

☐ I have made my payment online at:
ourladysaintpaul.org

Gift Total: \$ _____

Enclosed Amount: \$ _____

Balance Due: \$ _____



The Humble Majesty of Us

The celebration of Christmas and the coming New Year are perfect times to reconnect with loved ones and reconsider our priorities. Amidst the festive spirit and celebrations, we build some powerful and beautiful memories during the holidays—such as the beautiful moments spent with a younger child relative, or a conversation with an elderly family member talking of times long past. We turn away from ordinary, everyday routines—the daily grind—and experience special moments that enrich and refresh us.

At Christmas we recall how God, who is so powerful and kingly, decided to make himself present among us by coming as a vulnerable baby, born in poverty. This humble arrival, so gentle and hopeful, only makes it easier for us to see the very tender aspect of God—for who can fear a baby? He enters the world precisely as a baby to draw us closer to him. God, in a sense, “stoops” to humanity by becoming one of us, and in the process, he elevates all of humanity.

If God draws us to himself with love, and not through guilt or compulsion, how important it is that we, too, should witness to our faith in the same manner. How important this is in building up a culture of life! As many of us approach the New Year with resolutions, this seems an appropriate time to consider our pro-life witness in the light of charity.



Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus are depicted in a wooden creche at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester, N.Y., in this Nov. 24 photo. (CNS photo/Mike Crupl, Catholic Courier)

One aspect of contributing to a culture of life is to cultivate a pro-life attitude. In addition to important efforts like ministry outside of abortion facilities, writing Congress to express our views on legislation, and prayer activities on behalf of life, it is so very important to cultivate an internal perspective which animates all these other efforts. What do I mean by cultivating a “pro-life attitude”? I am referring to a disposition which actively and consciously seeks to reaffirm the dignity of every person we encounter.

It means making an effort to see people as God sees them. To help someone realize the good he has when he can’t see it himself. To take time to acknowledge another person’s presence and worth in a competitive, utilitarian, and electronically-saturated society. To engage an opponent peacefully and with courtesy. By affirming the same nobility in others that Christ affirms in us, through his humble and majestic presence in this world, we can help to change the culture.

What better time than Christmas and the New Year to renew our pro-life convictions and to look forward to our efforts with renewed hope! As the Christ-child wins hearts and touches souls with the greatest simplicity, let us resolve to give a pro-life witness which conveys reverence and respect for others. The sacredness of human life should be recognized from the moment of conception to natural death, and in every human face, beginning with the faces we encounter every day.

This article was written by Kimberly Baker, a former staff assistant for the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. For more information on the bishops’ pro-life activities, please visit www.usccb.org/prolife.



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

The Catholic Women's club recently celebrated their 100th Anniversary. Consider joining this wonderful group which gathers to enrich the faith community and presents programs during the year.

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.

HOMEBOUND

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

PARISH ROSARY GROUP



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The Rosary Group has begun at Our Lady of Hope Parish on Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All are Welcome to join! (Please enter through the front right-hand doors of the

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.

KNITTING MINISTRY AT SAINT PAUL



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.**

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@ourladysaintpaul.org or call the rectory office. Thank you.



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)
Joanne Bialek (OLOH)
Diane Bostrom (OLOH)
Pat Donahue (STP)
Stephen Dowd (STP)
Martha Driscoll (STP)

James Foley (OLOH)
JoAnne Kelleher (OLOH)
Linda Murphy (OLOH)
Alana Mitchell (STP)
Phil Monahan (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.

REGISTERING FOR 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!

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

FLOWER COMMITTEE AT OUR LADY OF HOPE



We would like to expand our current Flower Committee at Our Lady of Hope Parish. The committee helps Fr. Brogan arrange the flowers and decorate the Church at Christmas and Easter. They also plant bulbs and flowers around the church and in the outdoor planters. If you are interested in joining, please contact the parish office to join and for more information at 978-356-3944.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Our Lady of Hope / St. Paul – St. Vincent de Paul Conference

"I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me."

~ Matthew 25:35-36, 40

As Catholics, we are called to recognize Christ in the faces of those who struggle. Our faith is not only what we believe—it is what we do. The Gospel reminds us that caring for those in need is not optional; it is central to our discipleship. The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP), founded in Paris in 1833, offers direct, personal assistance to neighbors in need—always with compassion, respect, and without judgment. The need in our own communities continues to grow. Families are choosing between rent and food, seniors struggle to stay warm, and neighbors face sudden hardship. When we serve them, we serve Christ Himself.

If you or someone you know needs help, please call 978-992-6151.

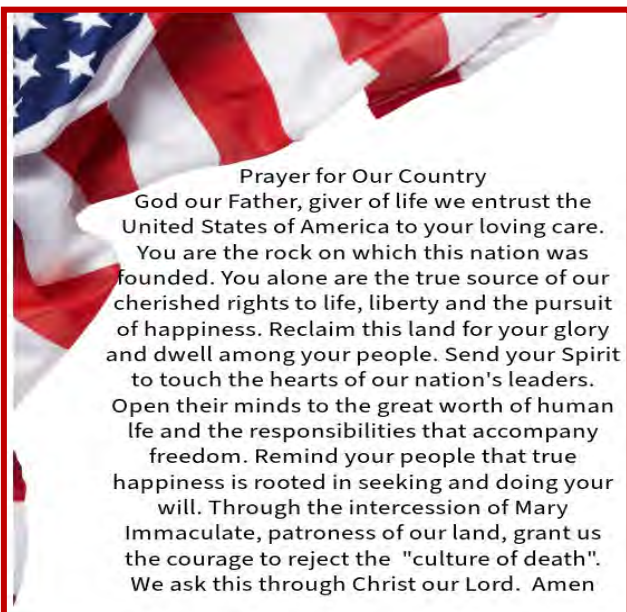
Our conference welcomes new members from Our Lady of Hope and St. Paul parishes to join us in serving those facing hardship. Membership is flexible—there are many ways to share your time and gifts. We meet on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Our Lady of Hope parish hall. Visit svdpipswich.blogspot.com or call 978-992-6151 to learn more. Your prayers, presence, and generosity make this mission possible. Please consider helping the St. Vincent de Paul Society bring hope and relief to those who need it most.

Donations are urgently needed to support neighbors in Ipswich, Hamilton, and Wenham. Contributions may be made through the Poor Boxes at Our Lady of Hope Church or by placing checks made out to "SVDP Society" in the collection baskets at either parish.

NORTH SHORE SACRED HARP GROUP

The North Shore Sacred Harp group will meet on **Sunday, January 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 at gehowe@comcast.net



Prayer for Our Country
 God our Father, giver of life we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people. Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death". We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

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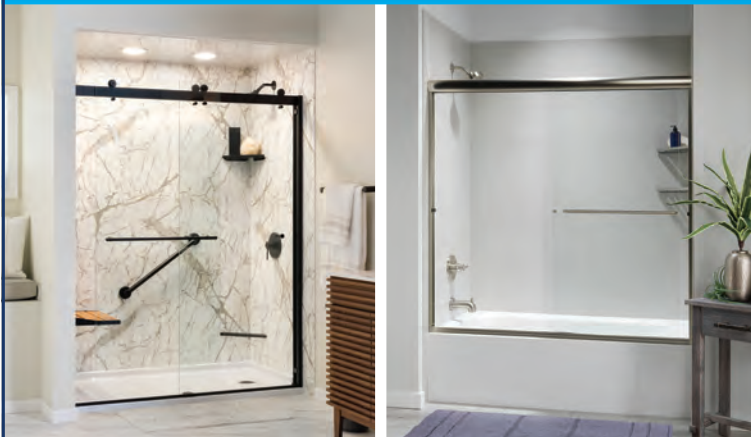
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