

1st
SUNDAY
OF LENT



HUMANITY'S SIN THROUGH ADAM – GRACE AND LIFE THROUGH CHRIST

Just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. *Romans 5:19*

OUR LADY OF HOPE / SAINT PAUL DIRECTORY

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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)

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

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 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, February 21

4:00 pm Vigil — Weekend Mass (OLOH)

Sunday, February 22

7:30 am — Michael & Maria Mikulewicz (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am — Anne Louise LeBlanc (SP)

11:15 am — Weekday Mass (OLOH)

Monday, February 23

9:00 am — Weekday Mass (OLOH)

Tuesday, February 24

9:00 am — Anne-Marie Baney (OLOH)

Wednesday, February 25 No Daily Mass

Thursday, February 26

9:00 am — Andrew & Rita Barada (STP)

Friday, February 27

9:00 am — Weekday Mass (SP)

Saturday, February 28

4:00 pm Vigil — Weekend Mass (OLOH)

Sunday, March 1

7:30 am — Parishioners (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am — Carole Lois Martin (SP)

11:15 am — Weekday 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 Jeanne Smith, Solana Carmella Rosa (infant), Anne Marie Cullen, Leonora Subrizio, Kate Wagner, 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, Irene Stackpole, Connie Donovan, Patricia Foley, J. P. Quinn and all those infected with 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 Judith Fortin, Virginia Bowen and 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 February and March. 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.

FEBRUARY 22

SUPPORT FOR AROUND THE WORLD

This collection will support the Church in Underdeveloped areas of the world. Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe and three important national Catholic missions: The Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions.

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.

Jesus: The Way, the Truth, the Life Bible Study

Please join us as we go on a 10-week Pilgrimage about Jesus this Lent, which will address the following:

1. What were the Jewish expectations of the Messiah in Jesus' day;
2. What was the significance of the wise men and Jewish shepherds paying homage to Jesus soon after His birth;
3. What is the meaning of many of Jesus' parables;
4. How were many Old Testament Prophecies fulfilled in Jesus;
5. What was accomplished by Jesus' death and Resurrection;
6. What is meant by the phrase, "Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life";
7. How did Jesus reveal the Father's love and mercy in His ministry

WHEN / WHERE : every Monday through **April 27, 2026**

9:30 AM-11AM Monday mornings

at Our Lady of Hope, Ipswich, MA

6:30 – 8 PM Monday nights

at St Paul's, Hamilton, MA

Course Fee : estimated \$11*-\$19
(for used/new book with shipping,
plus \$3 printing fee for handouts)

Book is not required,
but is recommended for maximum benefit

To sign up: Email wdkenyon@aol.com ASAP, to register.

Please specify whether to reserve a used or new book.

(Limited quantity of used books may be available on first come basis.)



**Stations of the Cross
&
Lenten Soup Supper**

Fridays of Lent at 6:00 PM

February 27 — St. Paul, Hamilton

March 6 — Our Lady of Hope, Ipswich

March 13 — St. Paul, Hamilton

March 20 — Our Lady of Hope, Ipswich

March 27— St. Paul, Hamilton

A light supper of soup and hearty bread will be served in the church hall immediately following the Stations of the Cross service.

All are invited.



Come join the festivities at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake "Breakfast-for-Dinner" hosted by OLH & STP Gr. 6-8 students in the church hall at St. Paul's!

Be our guest for one last celebration before we enter the Lenten Season.

Everyone is invited to come party together for Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday as we prepare for the holy season of Lent:

Tuesday, February 24 from 6:00 until 7:30 pm.

The Pancake "Breakfast-for-Dinner" with pancakes, sausage and fruit medley with great music and fun games all hosted & served by our EDGE Students.

To help us prepare please RSVP: dbrown@ourladysaintpaul.org OR click on the RSVP box at the top of our parish website: ourladysaintpaul.org

2026 Lenten Guide for Catholics

Fasting Abstinence

<p>Obligatory: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday</p>	<p>Obligatory: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday</p> <p>Recommended: Every Friday throughout the year</p>
<p>Baptized faithful between 18 and 59 years of age</p>	<p>Baptized faithful ages 14 and older</p>
<p>For the faithful, fasting is consuming only 1 meal in a day, and 2 small meals that do not surpass the main meal when combined.</p>	<p>Meats to avoid: beef, pork, chicken, lamb. You may consume: fish, seafood, and (delicious as it sounds) reptiles.</p>

ewtrnatican.com

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE 3RD ANNUAL SAINT PATRICK'S DAY FEASTS & CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH

IN THE CHURCH HALLS FOLLOWING THE 9:30 AM MASS AT SAINT PAUL'S & 11:15 AM MASS AT OUR LADY OF HOPE

FOOD ~ MUSIC ~ REFRESHMENTS



TRUTH IN CHRIST!

Our Lady of Hope & St. Paul Parishes



"LIVING GOD'S STORY" (G1-5) and "COME HOLY SPIRIT" (G6-8)

LENT began on Ash Wednesday, Feb 18 - Lent is a sacred season of preparation in which we ready our hearts to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection at Easter. In this season, we are invited to draw closer to God through deeper prayer, meaningful sacrifice, and intentional acts of love.

How Children and young adults can observe Lent

1. Prayer (Growing Closer to God) - Younger children can draw pictures of prayers or keep a simple "thank you" prayer list. Older students can journal reflections or pray for specific intentions - some ideas:

- Pray each morning or before bed.
- Talk to Jesus in your own words about your day.
- Read a short Bible story or reflect on the Stations of the Cross.
- Spend a few quiet minutes thanking God.

2. Fasting (Making Small Sacrifices) - giving up something we enjoy to make space for God - For younger children, this might mean small daily sacrifices. Older students can choose something more challenging that helps them grow in self-control - some ideas:

- Give up a favorite snack or dessert.
 - Limit screen time.
 - Choose not to complain.
 - Practice patience with siblings.

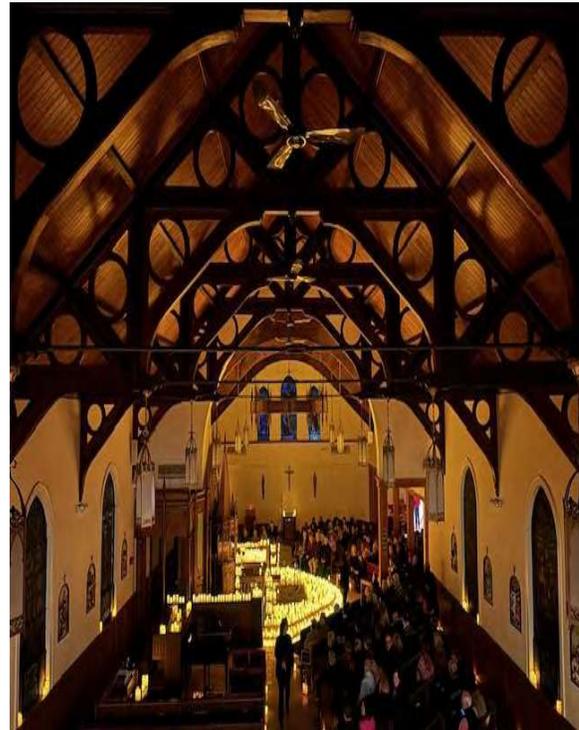
3. Almsgiving (Showing Love to Others) - helping others through kindness and generosity - some ideas:

- Donate part of allowance to someone in need.
 - Collect food or clothing for a charity.
- Do extra chores at home without being asked.
 - Include someone who feels left out.

CHILDREN'S LITURGIES AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION MASSES:

MARCH 1: 9:30AM St. Paul's Children's liturgy & Youth participation
MARCH 15: 11:15AM OLOH Children's liturgy & Youth participation

A front row and balcony view of the sanctuary of Saint Paul's Church for the Lumos Candlelight Mozart & Vivaldi Concert held Saturday, February 14, 2026.



Try It, You'll Like It!

A CONFESSION ABOUT CONFESSION

We can take a look into our spiritual mirror, and if we don't like what we see, we have the chance to change it, all while accepting God's gift of forgiveness. Confession is always an affirmation of faith and not just a proclamation of sinfulness.

Bless me, reader, for I have sinned: I am not the best role model when it comes to confession.

Of course, I know how important it is. I know that there is great peace in the forgiveness offered by God, that it strengthens our relationship with him and it reminds us of our duty to live our lives in a more Christ-like way.

Like exercise, confession – or the sacrament of reconciliation, as we now call it – always makes me feel better after I go – separated from my sinful habits and inspired to adhere more closely to my spiritual path.

But convincing my children of its myriad benefits is one of the wonderful challenges of parenting, akin to making sure they've got enough spiritual veggies on their plate of faith.

Me: "Try it, you'll like it!"

Them: "Uh, huh," as they hide their peas under the mound of mashed potatoes.

Like plenty of adults I know, my children have no problem coming up with reasons why they don't need to make a list of their less-than-stellar moments and, worse, tell someone about it.

"I haven't done anything wrong," spits out my younger daughter at my suggestion of a Saturday afternoon family trip to the confessional. (This, of course, comes right after a

morning fight with her younger brother.)

I deftly point out that while we aren't a family of murderers, it would behoove all of us to take a moment and think of the times we were less than kind to each other, when we perhaps spoke too hastily or took pleasure in another person's misfortune.

We can confess those sinful moments and receive God's forgiveness, I say, I try to explain it in different ways: It's like wiping down the dry erase board – chalkboards are so 20th century – and making a fresh start.

I say to the kids: "Try it, you'll like it!"

Kid No. 2 says: "We've got (insert random sports activity, birthday party, semiannual family ritual) coming up."

Sure, in a family of five, there is always something going on in our lives. I joke that we don't have excuses, we have exceptions – reasons why we are somehow above the rules. Except, that's not the case.

Sometimes, the day-to-day struggles are precisely why we need to make the time for a trip to the confessional. Those moments spent in the pew clicking off our list of sins – the gossip, the profanity, the desiring of what belongs to someone else – may be the reality check we need to bring us back on course.

We can take a look into our spiritual mirror, and if we don't like what we see, we have the chance to change it, all while accepting God's gift of forgiveness.

Me: "Try it, you'll like it!"

"You've been saying we need to go, and then we don't," my older one says to me.

Zing – the shot to the heart. She's right. Oh, I talk a good game about confession, but in the end, I make all the same excuses they do. I can't tell you how many times I've walked into church on a Sunday morning and chastised myself for missing the Saturday confession window. And then I slide into the pew, the thought discarded like a wadded-up tissue.

So what am I teaching my kids?

During Lent, I took the time to teach them that confession is something we do – as a family. It doesn't matter if our sins are big or small, if we are busy or lazy. I realized the one I'm convincing is myself, that it's time for me to look into the mirror and decide if this is the reflection of God I want the world to see. Only then can I hope my children will follow my example.

"Try it, you'll like it!"

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Catholic Current

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"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. We often find keys, gloves and other items, if you are missing anything else

try checking here for lost items.

If you have been at Mass or an event and misplaced a belonging it might be here.

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

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:
First Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 2:7-9 "The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being. Then God planted a garden in Eden, in the East. On the ground, God made various trees that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden..." In our marriage we can feel the breath of life which is delightful to look at and good for our relationship. Choose to see the goodness in your spouse by rediscovering your passion for each other.

Signup for Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You will be glad you did. Some of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences are:

**February 27-March 1, Huntington Seminary,
Huntington, NY**

**March 13-15, 2026 , Windjammer Best Western,
South Burlington, VT**

April 17-19, 2026, Silver Bay YMCA, Silver Bay, NY

**April 24-26, 2026, Corpus Christi Parish,
East Sandwich, 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 Matt & Julie King at 978-870-5646 or wwwme.org.

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.

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.

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.

Prayer for VOCATIONS



Almighty Father,
You have created for us some definite purpose.
Grant us the grace to know the path

You have planned for us in this life
And to respond with a generous "Yes."

Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations.
May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal.

Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests.
Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church.

We commend our prayer for vocations to you, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ Our Lord. Amen

2026 Catholic Appeal



Next weekend, the 2026 Catholic Appeal will officially launch here at St. Paul and Our Lady of Hope parishes and across our Archdiocese. As your pastor, I hope and encourage you to join me in making a gift to this year's Catholic Appeal. As a collaborative, our participation in the Catholic Appeal signifies an important way that we can share Christ's promise, care, and love with others. For those who have already made a gift, please know that I am deeply grateful. We are hoping to have

100% participation from our parishes! When each parish reaches its Appeal goal, that parish will receive funds back for local programs and ministries. To make an online gift, please visit: www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.

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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 will be meeting on Thursday, March 12th at Our Lady of hope. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM. Our guest speaker will be Jim Foley from the Knights of Columbus.

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 the call parish office to make arrangements.

PARISH ROSARY GROUP



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 church.)

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)	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.

NORTH SHORE SACRED HARP GROUP

The North Shore Sacred Harp group will meet on **Sunday, March 15** 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.

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

St. Vincent de Paul: Your Support in Action
Our Lady of Hope and St. Paul's Collaborative

What we do

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a parish-based ministry of neighbors helping neighbors—rooted in prayer and a simple mission: to see Christ in those who are struggling and respond with practical, compassionate help. You don't have to be "holy enough" to serve—just willing to show up.

Local, confidential help—close to home

Because of your generosity, we help neighbors in Hamilton, Ipswich, and Wenham—quietly, respectfully, and promptly. Jesus tells us: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these...you did for me" (Matthew 25). That's why we respond quickly when someone calls.

Lenten invitation

Lent calls us to prayer, sacrifice, and charity. This year, consider a different kind of sacrifice: showing up for someone in need. A small commitment—an occasional delivery, a phone check-in, or a behind-the-scenes task—can become a real work of mercy, close to home.

Service area

Hamilton • Ipswich • Wenham
FY2025 Impact & Stewardship
 (Oct 1, 2024 – Sep 30, 2025)

At a glance

- People served: 119 neighbors
- Home visits: 83
- Hours of service: 700
- Conference team: 15 Active & 6 Associate Members
 - **Donations received:** \$14,495 (avg \$1,208/month)
 - **Aid distributed:** \$17,861 (avg \$1,488/month)

Top 3 needs served

Food assistance: \$5,529 (38.1%) • **Utilities & phone:** \$3,097 (21.4%)
Housing (rent/mortgage/motel): \$2,985 (20.6%)

Need help? Know someone who does?

We respond confidentially and without judgment.

Call: 978-992-6151 Leave a message and a Vincentian will return your call within 24 hours.

How you can help

Donate: Poor Boxes at Our Lady of Hope,

or checks payable to SVDP in the offertory basket at St. Paul's

Volunteer: Call 978-992-6151 or join a monthly meeting to learn more

Pray: for neighbors in crisis—and for wisdom to serve well
 Every gift becomes real help at a neighbor's doorstep—food, heat, housing, and hope. Thank you for supporting this work.

IPSWICH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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.



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The Open Door Food Drive

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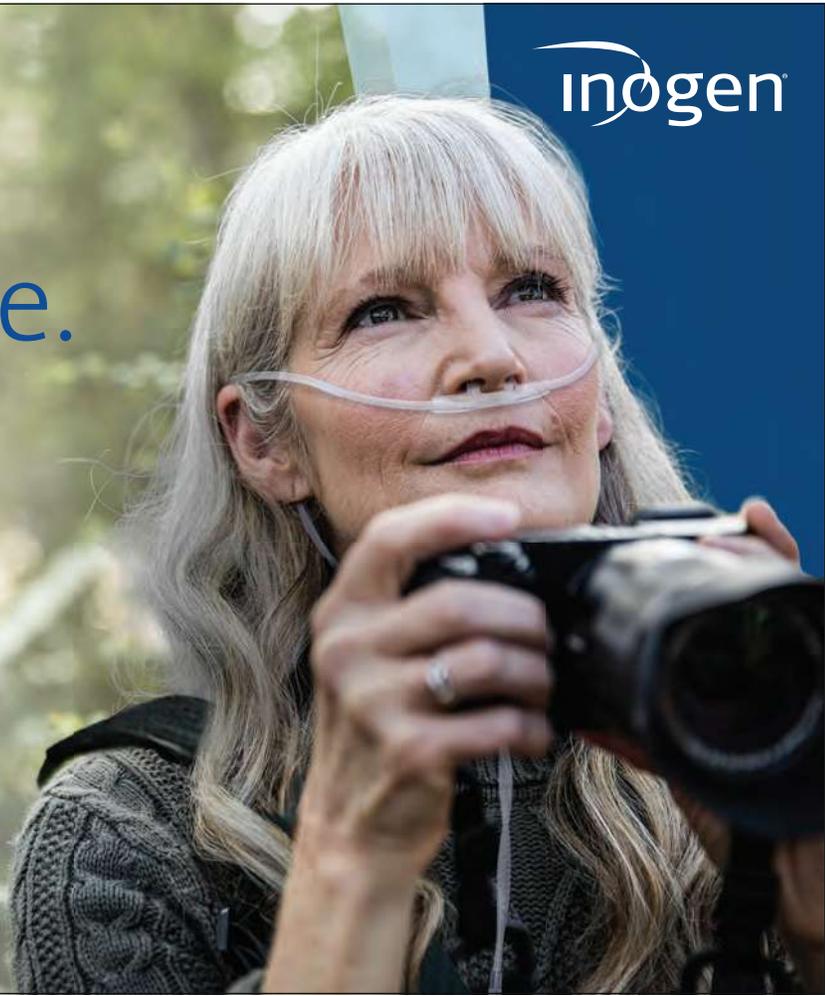
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