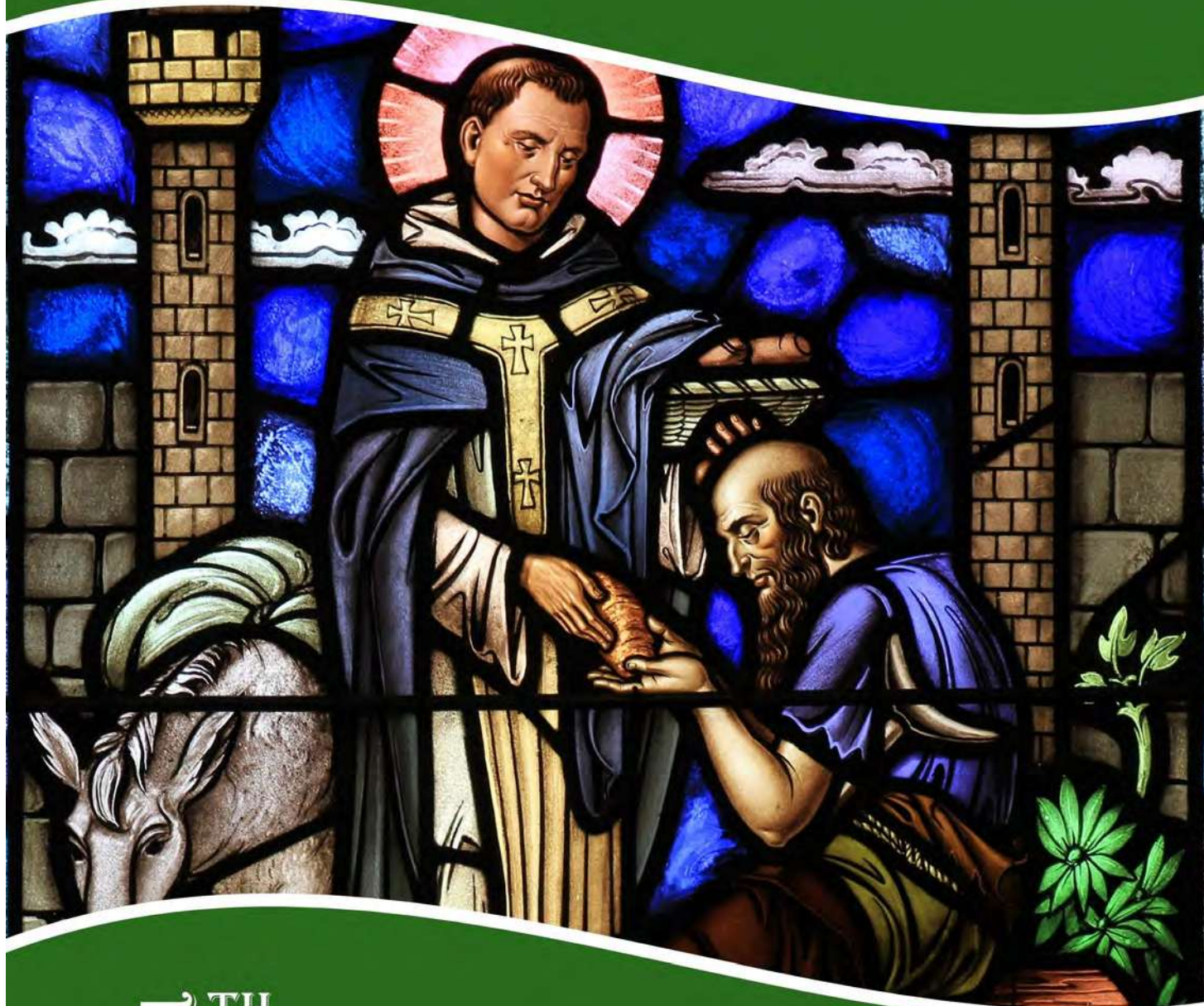


OUR LADY OF HOPE  
AND SAINT PAUL PARISHES  
FEBRUARY 8, 2026



5<sup>TH</sup>

SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

THE SIMILES OF SALT AND LIGHT

"You are the light of the world. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:14,16

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## SAINT PAUL PARISH

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

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EMAIL: [stpaul@ourladysaintpaul.org](mailto: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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KRISTEN MONAHAN, DIRECTOR

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**Coordinator of Faith Formation**

John Cusolito [jcusolito@ourladysaintpaul.org](mailto:jcusolito@ourladysaintpaul.org)

## 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 7**

4:00 pm Vigil — Elise McEvoy (OLOH)

**Sunday, February 8**7:30 am — Laurence Farrel (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am — Michael Batura (SP)

11:15 am — Richard McDonnell (OLOH)

**Monday, February 9**

9:00 am — John Conley (OLOH)

**Tuesday, February 10**

9:00 am — Weekday Mass (OLOH)

**Wednesday, February 11 No Daily Mass****Thursday, February 12**

9:00 am — Weekday Mass (STP)

**Friday, February 13**

9:00 am — Weekday Mass (SP)

**Saturday, February 14**

4:00 pm Vigil — Joan Looby (OLOH)

**Sunday, February 8**7:30 am — Parishioners (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am — Elise McEvoy (SP)

11:15 am — Jo Fay, Julie, Jaxon, Scarlett Smith (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](http://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 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, Denise Polli, Gerrie O'Brien, 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 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 January and February. 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.

### CANDLELIGHT EVENING OF MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

Step into a world of candlelight,  
music, and enchanting experiences.



## A Vivaldi & Mozart Candlelight Experience Saturday 14th February

**Church of Saint Paul**  
Hamilton, MA

*Another performance has been added!*

**Three Seatings**

**Saint Valentine's Day**  
4:00 PM & 6:00 PM & 8:00 PM



Tickets can be purchased  
through the  
Lumos Experiences  
website.

### ST. PAUL PARISH HAPPENINGS

#### ST. FRANCIS HOUSE CLOTHING DRIVE

**Cleaning out closets? Please keep St. Francis House  
in mind! Kindly donate gently used clothing, such  
as:**

- Fresh Threads**—*regular everyday clothing*
- Men and Women's coats (bigger sizes preferred)
  - Men and Women's sneakers, shoes, boots (no high heels)
  - Men and Women's jeans, khakis, cargo pants
  - Men and Women's sweatshirts, hoodies
  - Men and Women's polos, long sleeve shirts
  - Men and Women's t-shirts, sweaters, cardigans
  - Men and Women's winter hats
  - Men and Women's belts
  - Backpacks, duffel bags, reuseable bags

**Specially marked box for your donation is at the rear  
entrance to St. Paul's. Together we can make this a huge  
success for Saint Francis House!**

#### 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.

#### Confirmation Registration Form



**All St. Paul Students  
receiving  
CONFIRMATION IN MAY 2026:**  
It is time to register.  
Registering for Confirmation  
is a two-step process.  
Scan both QR Codes here to  
complete the process.

#### Registration Fee:

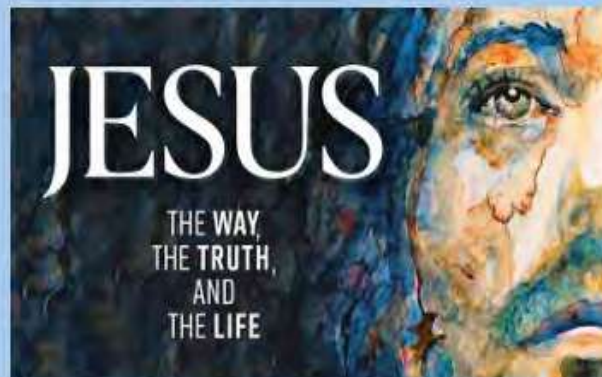




### **Jesus: The Way, the Truth, the Life Bible Study**

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 from Feb 16, 2026 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](mailto: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. Cost of used books is estimate only.  
Condition of the used books cannot be guaranteed. Books can take up to 1 month to arrive)



# TRUTH IN CHRIST!

*Our Lady of Hope & St. Paul Parishes*



## "LIVING GOD'S STORY" (G1-5)

**GRADE 1: L14 - EPHESIANS 4:1-6:** The children worked on a craft that depicted with a heart and outline of the hands how they can "Feel It, Show It and Speak It" teaching them Jesus's teaching to love, harmony and humble service.

**GRADE 2: L2 - JOHN 6:1-15:** Jesus uses a child's small gift of five loaves and two fish to feed thousands. No gift is too small, God provides abundantly, and we are called to share.

**GRADE 3: L14 - JAMES 2:14-17:** We are called to show love through kind actions, helping others, sharing, and charity.

**GRADE 4: L13 - DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9:** The family as the "domestic church," commanding parents to make the love of God the center of home life - to actively, daily instruct their children in the faith. Faith as a lifestyle.

**GRADE 5: L11 - JAMES 5:13-16:** Develop a daily relationship with God, rely on Him as a loving Father, Protector, and Healer.

## GRADES 6-8

The students were excited to start up classes again this week! They are busy helping to collect clothes for St. Frances and prepare for our Annual Pancake Dinner on **Tuesday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**! This semester, students are growing in their faith as they dive deeper into the life and teachings of Jesus.



A 2<sup>nd</sup> grader's depiction of Jesus

## 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





**"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.

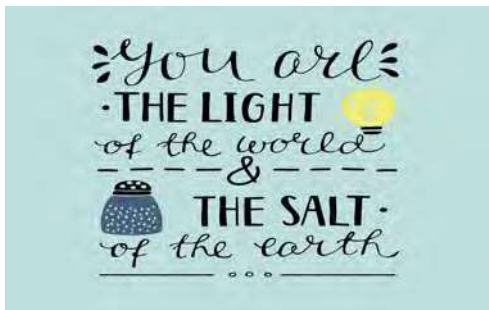
### Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matt: 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can be seasoned?." Attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter can add the seasonings needed for your relationship. Sign up and find out how. Jesus will strengthen you and guide your relationship to be even better.

### The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences are:

February 27-March 1, Huntington, NY  
March 13-15, 2026, South Burlington, VT

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 [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).



Upcoming Events at  
Our Lady of Hope and Saint Paul's  
Stations of the Cross  
followed by a light supper in the hall  
on Fridays in Lent

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Saint Patrick's Feasts  
Sunday, March 15  
After 9:30 & 11:15 Masses

Details with opportunities to get involved  
and participate will be forthcoming soon.



### 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

Once a year, Catholics in the Archdiocese are asked to join together to support their parish and the greater Church by contributing to the Catholic Appeal. Many of you have received a letter from Archbishop Henning inviting you to join him in offering early support to the 2026 Catholic

Appeal. We hope you will respond to his invitation with a generous gift, knowing that each contribution has a significant impact on the lives of thousands across the Archdiocese of Boston. You can make a gift by returning your pledge card or by making an online donation at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org).

*For those who have already made a gift, thank you!*

## PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

JoAnne Kelleher, President | jkellehercwc@gmail.com

### 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.**

## 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



church.)

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**

## 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.**

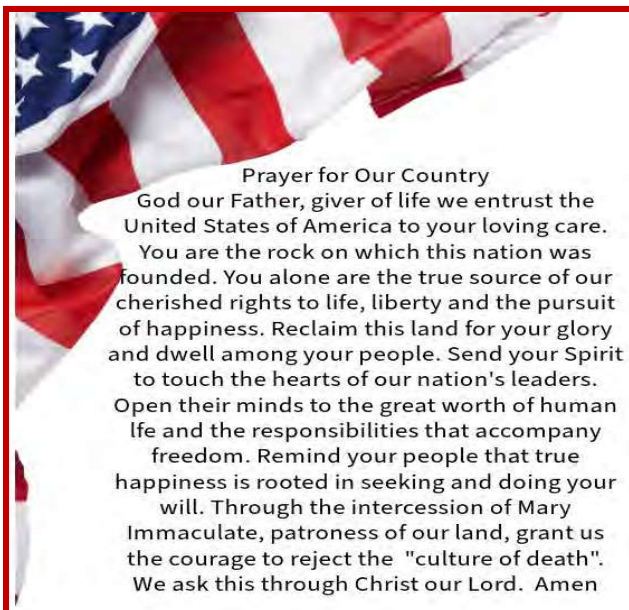
Our conference welcomes new members from Our Lady of Hope and St. Paul parishes to join us in serving those facing hardship. Membership is flexible—there are many ways to share your time and gifts. We meet on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Our Lady of Hope parish hall. Visit [svdpipswich.blogspot.com](http://svdpipswich.blogspot.com) 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, February 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 18<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://fasola.org), our national website. Our North Shore group has a presence on Facebook. For further details contact George Howe at [gehowe@comcast.net](mailto: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—NEWS RELEASE

### IPSWICH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CARROLLTON COUNCIL 498 RECEIVES TOP AWARD



**The Ipswich Knights of Columbus Carrollton Council 498 was awarded the distinction of Star Council, the international organization's top honor for local councils.**

The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of growing membership, promoting Knights of Columbus insurance benefits, sponsoring Catholic faith formation programs, and volunteering time through service-oriented activities.

The Ipswich Knights of Columbus was founded on March 18, 1900. The council has been a long-standing part of the Ipswich community. Presently the council, with 60 members, was honored by Massachusetts State Deputy Robert Schwarz in presenting the 2025 Star Council Award to Grand Knight James W. Foley at a ceremony held in Norwood, MA, in November 2025. Ipswich Council 498 was one of only 44 councils out of 215 active councils in Massachusetts that received this prestigious award. Grand Knight Foley would like to take this opportunity to thank all council officers and present members for their hard work and dedication during 2025.


Council 498 would also like to thank Father David Brogan, Pastor of Our Lady of Hope Church (Ipswich) and Saint Paul's Church (Hamilton) for his cooperation and assistance throughout the year.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See.

For more information on joining the Knights of Columbus contact Ipswich Grand Knight James W. Foley at 978-360-2799, or [Jamesfoley2233@gmail.com](mailto:Jamesfoley2233@gmail.com)

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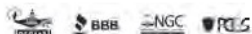
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