

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Then, they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." (Mk 1:21-22)



Our Lady of Hope & Saint Paul Parishes
January 28, 2024

OUR LADY OF HOPE / SAINT PAUL DIRECTORY

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH

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

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

SAINT PAUL PARISH

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

WEBSITE: www.ourladysaintpaul.org

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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY:

4:00 pm: Our Lady of Hope (OLOH)

SUNDAY:

7:30 am: Saint Paul (SP) ~ No Music

9:30 am: Saint Paul (SP)

11:15 am: Our Lady of Hope (OLOH)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

9:00 am: Monday & Tuesday (OLOH)

9:00 am: Thursday & Friday (SP)

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS 3:00—3:45 PM at Our Lady of Hope or by appointment at either church.

BAPTISM

If you are planning a baptism in the future, please call the parish office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE

If you are an engaged couple, please call Fr. Brogan *directly* at least 6 months prior to the intended date.

PASTORAL VISITATION: The Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick can be brought to our parishioners confined to their homes.

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.

PARISH STAFF

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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, January 27

4:00 pm Vigil— Joan Looby (OLOH)

Sunday, January 28

7:30 am— Weekend Mass (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am— Parishioners (SP)

11:15am— Weekend Mass (OLOH)

Monday, January 29

9:00 am— Special Intention (OLOH)

Tuesday, January 30

9:00 am —Anthony DiBello (OLOH)

Wednesday, January 31 No Daily Mass

Thursday, February 1

9:00 am — Weekday Mass (SP)

Friday, February 2

9:00 am — Weekday Mass (SP)

Saturday, February 3

4:00 pm Vigil— Assunta DiMaggio (OLOH)

Sunday, February 4

7:30 am— Parishioners (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am— Kathy Butman (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. This collection will continue to be taken up during the month of January & February. 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 \$87,849.00 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

WE ASK PARISHIONERS TO PRAY...

† For all those who are sick, especially Cameron Cyr, 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. Quinn and all those infected with the Covid-19 virus

† For all our parishioners who are sick, homebound and those confined to nursing facilities and hospital

† For the all students and teachers.

† For peace in our world, especially in the Ukraine and Middle East

† For Bernard Roach 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 2nd Lt. Thomas Monahan and Air Force 2nd Lt. Will Hogan

† For the unborn children

† For all those affected by natural disasters

PLEASE NOTE: In order to keep our prayer list current, names will remain on the list for four weeks.

Please resubmit by contacting the parish office. Names should be submitted by the individual or immediate family member.



ONLINE GIVING

We offer this convenience to our parishioners and visitors. Online giving is an easy and secure way to make contributions to support our parish. You may contribute using direct withdrawals (ACH) or credit cards. Visa, MasterCard and American Express are all accepted.

SAINT PAUL

If you prefer the convenience of giving your donation online, please call the parish office or enroll online at: <https://churchofsaintpaul.churchgiving.com/>

Parish envelopes for your weekly donation allows us to keep a record for your tax purposes. If you would like to receive weekly envelopes, please call the parish office.

OUR LADY OF HOPE

To contribute using online giving, simply visit our website: 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



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 FRIDAY COFFEE AT ST. PAUL'S

Following the second Friday Daily 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS WEEKEND, JANUARY 28

Coffee & Doughnuts

Please join us for coffee & doughnuts in the church hall following the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, January 28

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."



We are bringing back for the first time since COVID, the Shrove Tuesday Pancake "Breakfast-for-Dinner" hosted by our EDGE Students in the church hall at St. Paul's!



Join together with your parish family 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 13 from 6:00 until 7:30 pm.**

The Pancake "Breakfast-for-Dinner" with pancakes, sausage and fruit medley and some fun games will be hosted & served by our EDGE Students, so we need your RSVP including Family Name, Contact info and Number Attending to Deb Brown at dbrown@ourladysaintpaul.org

STARTING FEBRUARY 3: 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
- Men and Women's winter hats
- Men's belts
- Backpacks, duffel bags

Specially marked boxes for your donations are at the church entrances. Together we can make this a huge success for Saint Francis House!

Studio Shine— business casual Items:

- Men's polo shirts, collared shirts and business casual shirts
- Women's button-down blouses (loose and fitted)
- Short sleeve and long sleeve tops
- Cardigans and sweaters
- Women's casual long sleeve blazers
- Men's slacks, dockers, and corduroy's
- Women's slack pants, skirts and business casual dresses
- Outerwear coats and jackets
- Belts and ties
- Women's jewelry
- Business casual walking shoes
- Reusable bags (in good condition)



Ultreya will be held Friday, February 2 at Our Lady of Hope in Ipswich.

We begin at 6:30 pm. Join us to pray, reflect, share, and sing. Laura Zapella from Methuen will be sharing her 4th day story. She serves as a hospice chaplain and is very active at St Basil Salvatorian Center in Methuen. Cursillistas and anyone interested in Cursillo are invited to attend.

Please contact Anne Girard @ 978.239.9854 with any questions.

CELEBRATION OF CONVALIDATION



Married couples desiring holy matrimony in the Catholic Church are invited to convalidate their marriage on World Marriage Sunday, February 11, 2024 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston at 3:00 PM

with Bishop Mark O'Connell as the celebrant.

A convalidation ceremony is an opportunity for couples married outside of the Church to enter into a marriage covenant in the Catholic tradition.

For more information, email Emily_Elliott@rcab.org or visit our registration page at <https://bit.ly/Convalidation>



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Join us at our Prospective Open House
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Saint Blaise

Saint Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast the church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers.

He is the patron saint of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading.

DIED 316
 FEAST DAY — FEBRUARY 3



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PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

All volunteers who minister in the Archdiocese must attend the Protecting God's Children and receive the Code of Conduct form. In addition, all current volunteers and new volunteers must complete a CORI Form. Those who need to follow this requirement are anyone who helps in building our church in any way. This 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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Deuteronomy 18:15-20: "Moses spoke to all the people, saying, a prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin, to him you shall listen." Let us listen to God and to one another. You can be a better listener with your spouse. Learn how to listen well and learn other tools by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You will be glad you did! You can find one by looking up WWME.org.

Some of the dates to sign up are:

February 8-March 21, 2024, Virtual (evenings twice a week)

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 Vatele at 978-870-5646 or <https://www.mema.org/>.



This collection supports will be taken on this weekend for the Church in Latin America (CLA). 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/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/latinamerica/index.cfm for more information.

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 &

Turkey • Healthy Snack Items •

100% Juice/Juice Boxes • Breakfast Cereal •

Hearty Soups • Canned Vegetables & Fruits

• Spaghetti Sauce • Macaroni & Cheese •

Rice, Noodles, & Pasta • Cake, Muffin &

Pancake Mix

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

COLLABORATIVE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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 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 call parish office to make arrangements.

ADULT CHOIR

Music Director John Maher is looking for choir members to sing at the 9:30am Mass at St Paul's on Sundays, or the 4pm Mass at Our Lady of Hope on Saturdays. Time commitment is minimal. Whether you have sung with a choir in the past or have never done it before, all are welcome! Reach out to John at jmaher@ourladystpaul.org 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 News:

"Blessed are the poor" is a call to action.

Our local chapter of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society is a collection of parishioners inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness, and building a more just world through personal relationships with and serving people in need. The Society of women and men join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. All are welcome to participate in this mission as we meet at 7 PM the first Monday night of every Month in the OHL parish hall.

Our SVDP chapter will, as we have for some time, provide Thanksgiving and Christmas greetings and assistance to those who have had sad and unforeseeable life circumstances befallen them here in our Ipswich/Hamilton/Wenham community. Your poor box donations allow us to provide such holiday assistance to families in financial distress, the elderly, the unemployed, and those with illness.

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-to-person 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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**WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 21
6:00 PM**

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Services begin with Adoration, confession, and the Rosary.
- The second hour we celebrate Mass.
- Following Mass, we offer sacrament of the sick and personal healing prayer with a member of our healing team.



DID YOU KNOW

We have adoration every day! Visit our website for times.

CONTACT US



TWICE MONTHLY

Healing Services are offered twice monthly: afternoon and evening. This is in addition to speakers who periodically come to offer healing gifts.



OUR HEALING TEAM

4-5 Priests (in Persona Christi) will be available to offer healing through Sacraments, grace, and prayer.



WHY COME

When we think of healing, often our first thought is physical healing from an illness, injury, or pain. People suffer in other ways who might benefit from the Healing Shrine as well.

Some examples are: mental health, anxiety, depression, addiction, insomnia, fear, finding peace from the loss of a loved one or a broken relationship; or spiritual healing from a broken relationship with God, from spiritual attacks, or living a faithless life.

We are here for you.



www.healingshrine.org



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The Presentation of the Lord



The Presentation in the Temple, Alvaro Pérez Portuguese, The Met Museum

“We too are called to welcome Jesus who comes to meet us. To encounter him: the God of life is to be encountered every day of our lives; not now and then, but every day. To follow Jesus is not a decision taken once and for all, it is a daily choice.” —Pope Francis, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2019

The Presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Savior—the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the “light of the nations” and the “glory of Israel,” but also “a sign that is spoken against.” The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ’s perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation of God has “prepared in the presence of all peoples” (CCC, no. 529).

World Day for Consecrated Life

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.



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