

January 1, 2023

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God



And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.

Luke 2:19

PARISH SCHEDULE & DIRECTORY

RECTORY OFFICE

Monday—Friday 10:00 am—2:00 pm

ADDRESS: 1 Pineswamp Road
Ipswich, MA 01938

TELEPHONE: 978-356-3944

FAX: 978-356-9592

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and
Saturday 9:00 a.m.**

There is no daily Mass on Wednesday

GUIDE FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

The requirement for Masks has been lifted. However, for those who are not vaccinated or are more comfortable wearing a mask, please continue to. We also ask those who attend to social distance from those not in your household when possible.

If for any reason these directives and guidelines need to be increased by the CDC, we will update and post them to our website www.ipswichcatholics.org.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS 3:00—3:45 PM or by appointment.
Please wear a mask when in the confessional.

BAPTISM

If you are planning a baptism in the future, please call the rectory to make arrangements 978-356-3944.

MARRIAGE

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

RCIA & FAITH FORMATION

Questions regarding current, upcoming programs and/or sacramental programs available at our parish, please contact rectory at 978-356-3944.

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. Thank you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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For more information, contact the parish office.

Consider sharing your gifts and talents.

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

If you are new to Our Lady of Hope, please introduce yourself to Fr. Tom following Mass. To formally register with our parish, contact the rectory office at 978-356-3944.



Let the Priest know if you would like to use a hearing assist box before Mass. If you have any questions, please call the rectory at 978-356-3944.

Thank You

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 31

4:00pm—Eamonn L. McDonnell

Sunday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

9:00am—Weekend Mass

11:00am—Weekend Mass

Monday, January 2

9:00 am—Weekday Mass

Tuesday, January 3

9:00 am—Weekday

Wednesday, January 4

10:00 am—Funeral Mass for Patricia Manning

Thursday, January 5

9:00 am—Weekday Mass

Friday, January 6

9:00 am—John & June Miniter

Saturday, January 7

9:00 am—Weekday Mass

4:00pm—Weekend Mass

Sunday, January 8

9:00am—Weekend Mass

11:00am—Weekend Mass



PRAYER REQUESTS

WE ASK PARISHIONERS TO PRAY...

† For all those who are sick, especially Denise Polli, Gerrie O'Brien, Melissa Faino Palelli, Mikey Grover, Kyrsten Weber, Arline Thornell, Irene Stackpole, Connie Donovan, Connie, Christine & John Vallis, Maria Masse, Ed Manning, Lou Best, Patricia Foley, J. P. Quinn and Virginia Morin and all those infected with the Covid-19 virus.

† For the children attending our Faith Formation classes.

† For those who work on front line with Covid-19 virus

† For those who work and live in war-torn countries, especially in the Ukraine

† For Patricia Manning, Roland Poirier and all the deceased members of our parish

† For the safety and good health of all missionaries

† For all who serve our country in the Armed Forces

† For peace in our world, especially Ukraine.

† 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 rectory office. Names should be submitted by the individual or immediate family member.



GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

The 2022-2023, Grand Annual Collection is well underway. If you did not receive a letter, 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 \$90,894.64 in donations.

The Grand Annual is a vital collection for the financial needs of the Parish. The success of our Capital Campaign allowed us to meet the expenses which were incurred from all the renovations. 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.

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.

To contribute using online giving, simply visit our website: ipswichcatholics.org and follow the instructions. For assistance, call the rectory.

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 when preparing your will.

For more information contact Fr. Tom Keyes or call the rectory office at 978-356-3944 or email: rectory@ipswichcatholics.org



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

FUEL COLLECTION

The Fuel collection is a great help in funding the anticipated cost of the parish heat and utilities this winter. Thank you to all who have generously donated to this important fund \$7,905.00. The collection continues to be taken up during the month of January. Donations can be mailed, put on rectory porch or dropped in the weekend collection baskets. Again, thank you in advance for your continued generosity to this important collection that supports Our Lady of Hope Parish.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA—JANUARY 21-22

This collection supports 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.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

All volunteers who minister in the Archdiocese must attend the Protecting God's Children training and complete the Code of Conduct form. In addition, every year all current volunteers and new volunteers must complete a CORI Form. Our Lady of Hope has begun the process for CORI completion for all volunteers and forms are available at the exit of the hall. Contact the rectory office to verify your ID (driver's license or passport) once completed. There have been downsides to the Pandemic, but an upside has been online training sessions for the Protecting God's Children (Virtus) program. Which might be more convenient to those with busy schedules.

If you will be volunteering and have not yet attended a training, the Child Advocacy office is now providing 'live' weekly PGC trainings on Zoom through Virtus throughout the summer. Just go to the usual Virtus.org, the 'Live Training' tab and Pre-register for an [upcoming live training session](#) – and you will find the schedule for adults to complete their PGC requirement with the Archdiocese of Boston via Zoom (Braintree).

You will also see other Live sessions being offered in person throughout the diocese, so if you prefer; you can attend in person at others listed too. If you register for a training, please let us know once completed and forward a copy of your completion certificate to the rectory office.



The children in our First Communion class participated in a Christmas pageant during the 9AM mass. We are so thankful to Diane Bostrom for organizing it and for all who volunteered and set up the social afterwards, especially Chelsea, Laura and Alicia. Thank you!

OUR LADY OF HOPE MEN'S GROUP

Our Lady of Hope Men's Group invites you to come join us Saturday mornings from 7:00 - 9:00 in the church hall, for light refreshments and Christian fellowship in an easy-going, informal atmosphere.

PARISH ROSARY GROUP

Praying the Rosary for those affected by abortion

Please join us every Tuesday at 7 PM in the upper Church 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.

VOCATIONS

Interested in learning how you can lend your talents to encouraging those men called to be holy priests? Want to explore vocational discernment, seminary life, and the life of seminarians and priests? Come see the new vocations website at www.vocationsboston.org and feel free to contact the Vocation Office by phone at 617-746-5949.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatele at 978-870-5646 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

Make a New Year's resolution to commit to your spouse to have the best relationship you can. So sign up to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience together:
Feb 3-5, 2023 in Huntington, NY
Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA
Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

FROM THE PASTOR



The Church and the world have celebrated the Nativity, the Birth of Christ, Christmas for over two thousand years. It has been celebrated in many ways throughout the centuries. The different cultures, the differing traditions, have really brought us what and how we celebrate in our own times. Like Life, it has continually changed and will change as time goes on. Many feel that my way of celebrating Christmas is the right way, your way is wrong. Often times this leads to disagreement, even conflict.

The often heard saying "Put Christ back into Christmas" is nice, but I think misunderstood. Where does it want us to put Christ back into? Into a simple greeting, into the name of a celebration, the name of a holiday weekend? Personally I think it is not into a word, Christmas. So where do we put Christ? Into your own life, into your own heart, into your own soul! It is putting Christ back into yourself! That is how we celebrate Christmas. Customs, cultures and traditions change and will change, but one unchangeable reality is Christ. That is what we celebrate.

Now that the "religious" part of this note is done let me talk about something coming in the New Year, Collaboration, the joining of Our Lady of Hope Parish in Ipswich with St. Paul Parish in Hamilton/Wenham. Why and When?

The decline of the number of priests and other religious in the Archdiocese, the lower number of people in the Parishes make it a question of reality! The joining of two or three Parishes into one Collaborative makes it stronger with strength to go forward in our present changing world.

You will be hearing more about the Collaborative in the coming months. But I do want to mention a few realities of the Collaborative process that is necessary.

When the process begins, the Pastor of the Parish is asked to resign. There will be a new Pastor and Team in the Collaborative. Remember! One Pastor for Our Lady of Hope and St Paul. Who that will be has not been determined. Any priest of the Archdiocese could apply for our Collaborative or one of the many others going through the same process. He will not be named until late March or April, so don't ask, we do not know.

I was asked, as were the other Pastors going through the Collaborative process, to offer my resignation as Pastor. I have done as the Archbishop requested, it will take effect on June 1, 2023. As for my future, it may be the time for me to retire, but that remains a personal decision in the future.

As we prepare to enter a New Year, 2023, I personally view all the above as a good thing. We always need new beginnings to give us strength and hope. Together we should continue to follow the example of Our Lady of Hope, trust in the Lord who leads us into the future.

Merry Christmas and Hopeful New Year!

Fr. Tom Keyes



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WHO SERVED PARISHES IN IPSWICH

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY ADVENT UPDATE

On Christmas Day, the angels tell the shepherds that the Messiah was born and where to find him. How and when are we told where to find Jesus? We believe that God reveals his divine presence every day in the smile of another, in someone's generous offer, in a plea for help, in the cry of the poor and oppressed, in the aging needing a listening heart, in the sick needing a consoling hand. Our vocation as Vincentians is to draw near to the poor and needy in our community and to strive to see the face of Jesus in those we serve. This is the essence of Vincentian spirituality.

We are grateful for the continued generosity of our Lady of Hope Parish members, who, through your poor box donations each week, provide us the means to serve the poor and needy of our community. We provided food and fuel assistance to 17 individuals and families this past Thanksgiving. These individuals and families represent our neighbors; the aged, recent immigrants, and those wrestling to stay on their financial feet through medical setbacks. We plan to do the same with God's grace and your financial support this Christmas season and throughout 2023.

The needs are great: over the past year, your contributions have allowed us to provide over \$2000 in rental assistance, \$3000 in utility assistance, and \$5000 in food assistance to the poor and needy in Ipswich. The Rising energy, housing, and food prices we are all experiencing are having a dramatically more significant impact on the poor among us. Your support in this Christmas season and year-long will allow us Vincentians to continue to personally present the face of Our Lady of Hope Parish charity to our immediate neighbors in need.

Please consider contributing whatever amount you can afford to our poor boxes. Please reflect if Christ is calling you in the new year to serve Jesus by participating with your fellow parishioners in our SVDP chapter here at our Lady of Hope Parish.

The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. The language of God at Christmas is one of love. The only gift we can offer our newborn Savior is our hearts, within which lie our wills. Aligning our will work ever more closely with God's will, at all times and in all circumstances, is the only gift we can offer our savior on Christmas day and throughout the year.



SPIRITUAL FITNESS

By Michael St. Pierre, Ed.D.

PRESENCE**Giving God Our Full Attention**

Have you ever had a conversation with someone and saw their eyes darting all around, paying attention to everything but you? Distraction is a reality for all of us. We want to be “in the moment,” but find it hard to do so.

Why is that?

We could pin the blame on social media or the 24/7 news cycle. We know the battle for our attention is fierce, and it is big business.

These external forces can also impact our interior lives, making us less focused when we pray. We may get to Mass a few minutes early and yet find it difficult to still our minds. We may pray the rosary and forget which bead we are on. We may find that, in a holy hour, a few minutes of silence feels like an eternity.

There is no question that distraction is something we all wrestle with in prayer. In the previous column, we discussed the first habit of prayerful people, which is Passion and Pursuit.

The second habit, Presence, answers the question, “How can I give my full attention to God when I pray?”

To be more fully present to God, you must carve out a regular time for daily prayer. Don't rely on willpower alone,

as it will wax and wane depending on your physical energy or the number of items on your plate. By adding a bit of intention to your daily prayer time, you will be able to train your mind and heart, telling both that “this is prayer time.” The rest of the day can wait. This habit can then be replicated at various times later in the day, recalling when you least expect it a word from Scripture or the awareness of God's presence.

Second, when you pray, share with God what's on your mind. Do this especially at the beginning of your prayer time. If it matters to you, it matters to God. Talk to the Lord about your anxieties and concerns. Simply hand them over to God, not withholding anything. This process gets these aspects of your life, albeit temporarily, off your mind so you can better pray with a sense of focus.

Finally, employ the power of a prayerful pause. Your prayer time may be filled with Bible reading, intercessory prayer or even the use of a journal. Give yourself permission to go slowly, daydream, look out the window and then gently return to prayer. Prayer is an experience of intimacy with God, of sharing your life with him.

In his book, *The Five Habits of Prayerful People: A No-Excuses Guide to Strengthening Your Relationship with God* (Ave Maria Press), Mike St. Pierre gives practical tips to build up your prayer life – one day at a time.

Michael St. Pierre, Ed.D. is the executive director of the Catholic Campus Ministry Association, the founder of Nonprofit Productive and the author of *The Five Habits of Prayerful People: A No-Excuses Guide to Strengthening Your Relationship with God*.

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2023 LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Our parish will hold a Lenten Parish Mission with Sr. Briege McKenna and Fr. Pablo from Monday, March 27, through Thursday March 30. Sr. Briege is a renowned international speaker and has been instrumental in bring the love of Jesus and His healing presence into the lives of countless people. We are blessed to have her and Fr. Pablo coming to Our Lady of Hope. Further details will follow. For more info on Sr. Briege cf. www.sisterbriege.com

Summer of 2023:

Fr. John will be leading a pilgrimage to Ireland with **206 Tours** in the summer of 2023 from July 30 to August 8.

We will visit **Dublin**
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www.bostoncursillo.org

The Cursillo is a "little course in Christianity" that begins on a Thursday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. Each Cursillo is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church, in order that Christ's love and grace can be brought to every aspect of life. Fr Bill Murphy and Mary Ann McLaughlin will be the Spiritual Directors of upcoming weekends.

The Boston Cursillo Weekends will be held at The Notre Dame Spirituality Center 30 Jeffrey's Neck Rd, Ipswich MA 01938.

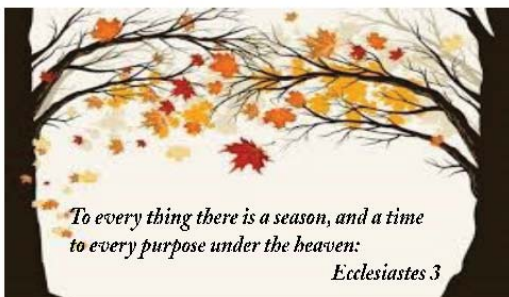
For more information call: Chris Graf 617-332-5548

The dates for the Cursillo Weekends are:

**Women's Weekend ~
February 9 – 12, 2023**

**Men's Weekend ~
March 23 -26, 2023**

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH
2022 GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION



*We have so much to be grateful for;
God has blessed us abundantly.*

If you have not yet made your gift to our Grand Annual Collection, please join your fellow parishioners and support your parish at this time.

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2022 Grand Annual Collection

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Inswich, Massachusetts**

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World Youth Day Lisbon – August 2023

Although the specific dates have not yet been confirmed by the Vatican, we know that the location for the next International World Youth Day Gathering is Lisbon, Portugal, and that it will be held in August of 2023.

The Archdiocese of Boston is once again partnering with Dube Travel to provide a pilgrimage opportunity for groups and individuals who want to attend. The pilgrimage that Dube Travel is offering includes a visit to the Fatima shrine and sites associated with the apparition of Our Lady whose Feast Day was celebrated on May 13th. Visit the website for the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima to learn more about the apparition and the shrine itself:

<https://www.fatima.pt/en>. To request to be added on future updates for World Youth Day Lisbon email: cdonoghue@rcab.org.



SCRAMBLER

Unscramble the words below

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2. ceeap_____
3. vaiors_____
4. glnea_____
5. seshderhp_____
6. teeelhhmb_____
7. agrnme_____
8. yoj_____
9. nderedop_____
10. sephjo_____

1. Mary 2. peace 3. Savior 4. joy 5. shepherds
6. Bethlehem 7. manger 8. joy 9. pondered 10. Joseph

WORDSEARCH

B	S	P	L	E	N	D	O	R	A	A	H
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Can you find and circle the words listed below?

SPLENDOR LIGHT HOLY
DARKNESS GLORY MARY
MYSTERY EARTH GOLD
APOSTLES MAGI HEROD
PEACE STAR GRACE



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Luke 2:16-21



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