

Journey OF Faith

July 16, 2023

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In Word & Deed

Under the huge oak tree in the yard, my 5-year-old niece was shocked to discover that the huge tree had begun as a small acorn, just like one of many she found on the ground. She could not believe that something so large began as something so small.

Crowds of people wanted to hear what Jesus had to say. When He taught, Jesus used parables to explain spiritual realities that are difficult to grasp. But their everyday experiences provided vivid images to explain things they could not see. Seed needs good soil to grow; so does the Word of God need good soil—us—for it to grow.

People will often express a desire to have greater faith or trust in God. Somehow more is better and even necessary for

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Fruit

But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Matthew 13:8-9

Faith

is a beam radiating from the face of God.

St. John Eudes

The seed sown on rich soil
is the one who hears the word
and understands it, who
indeed bears fruit and yields a
hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Matthew 13:23



FAMILY LIFE:

TO WALK AS ONE

When we were little kids, it was so exciting to go to the bank with our passbooks, hand in our money and see our savings grow--\$20, \$40, \$75 and then \$100!! As we reached each milestone, our desire to save grew and we learned a habit that would serve us our whole life. Passbooks were our report cards in the financial world!

Clergy and faithful alike often judge their life and their faith by the size of their accomplishments. Comments like "I never built a church or school" seem to nullify the thousands of baptisms, or weddings,



or visits to the sick. "I've never been in charge of something or done

anything great" does little justice to the hundreds of diapers changed, the

young minds formed, the zillion meals prepared, or the countless hours of counsel and consolation, neighborly concern or devotion to family, work and community. Great faith is measured by perseverance,

honesty, love and fidelity. It begins small and seems inconsequential. But it is the salt of the earth, giving life and flavor and sustenance to all who taste it. In spiritual things, don't let size fool you. One small thing is enough to change the whole world.

-Jim Gaffney

"A sower went out to sow..."

Some seed fell on the path...

Some fell on rocky ground...

Some seed fell among thorns...

**But some seed fell on rich soil,
and produced fruit, a hundred
or sixty or thirtyfold.**



Whoever has ears ought to hear."

In Word & Deed

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it to 'work.' Looking for ways to find more faith, people will overlook the fact that what they have is enough. Prayer, practice and patience will allow the seeds of faith to grow, becoming stronger and deeper each day. Then, one day we can say with Paul, that I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

-Jim Gaffney



PARISH SCHEDULE & DIRECTORY

RECTORY OFFICE

Monday—Friday 10:00 am—2:00 pm

ADDRESS: 1 Pineswamp Road
Ipswich, MA 01938

TELEPHONE: 978-356-3944

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New Collaborative Schedule Began July 1, 2023

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Our Lady)

**Sunday 7:30 a.m. *No Music* (St. Paul)
9:30 a.m. (St. Paul)**

11:15 a.m. (Our Lady)

WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday and Tuesday
9:00 a.m. (Our Lady)**

**Thursday and Friday
9:00 a.m. (St. Paul, 50 Union St. Hamilton)**

No Daily Mass on Wednesday or Saturday

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS 3:00—3:45 PM or by appointment
at Our Lady of Hope or St. Paul, Hamilton.

BAPTISM

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

MARRIAGE

If you are an engaged couple, please call Fr. Brogan
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.

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.**

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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. Brogan
following Mass. To formally register with
our parish, contact the rectory office or go
online to register through the website.



**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

NEW COLLABORATIVE WEEKEND SCHEDULE**Saturday, July 15**

4:00 pm Vigil—Patricia Hadden Dahill
(Our Lady)

Sunday, July 16

7:30am—Weekend Mass (**St. Paul**) *NO MUSIC*

9:30am—Weekend Mass (**St. Paul**)

11:15am—Stanislaw, Zofia, Piotr & Slawek
Banach (**Our Lady**)

Monday, July 17

9:00 am—Weekday Mass (Our Lady)

Tuesday, July 18

9:00 am—Weekday Mass (Our Lady)

10:00 am—Funeral Mass for
Carl Thomas Mattarocchia (Our Lady)

Wednesday, July 19

No Daily Mass

Thursday, July 20

9:00 a.m.—Weekday Mass (**St. Paul**)

Friday, July 21

9:00 a.m.—Weekday Mass (**St. Paul**)

Saturday, July 22

4:00 pm Vigil—Weekend Mass (Our Lady)

Sunday, July 23

7:30am—Weekend Mass (**St. Paul**) *NO MUSIC*

9:30am—Weekend Mass (**St. Paul**)

11:15am—Michael Lally (**Our Lady**)

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 St. Paul Parish when preparing your will.

For more information contact Fr. Brogan or call the rectory office or email.



PRAYER REQUESTS

WE ASK PARISHIONERS TO PRAY...

† For all those who are sick, especially Cathryn Lally, 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, Patricia Foley, J. P. Quinn and all those infected with the Covid-19 virus.

† For the all those graduating from High School and College and those who will be on summer break.

† 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 Jeffrey Turner and all the deceased member 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.

**DONATION FOR JULY 9, 2023**

OFFERTORY: \$4,129.00

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GENEROUSLY SUPPORT OUR PARISH.

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.

Saint Mary Magdalene

1ST CENTURY
FEAST DAY: JULY 22

Mary, from Magdala in Galilee, was a disciple of Jesus who used her resources, or wealth, to help support him and his followers. The Gospel of Luke identifies Mary as the woman from whom Jesus cast out seven demons. The Gospels record that she was present at his crucifixion and burial. In all four Gospels, Mary was the first witness to the Resurrection and carried that news to the others. Because of this, St. Augustine called her "apostola apostolorum," the apostle to the apostles. On June 3, 2016, Pope Francis raised her liturgical observance from a memorial to a feast—the same rank as the observances accorded to the apostles.



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A Note from the Pastor

I do not want to change it...

The above words are exactly what I said to Bishop Hennessey regarding the Mass Schedule upon learning that I would become one pastor for two parishes who were previously blessed with one pastor each.

It is one thing for a new pastor to change the paint on some of the walls in the rectory, it is an entirely different scenario for a new pastor to be called upon to immediately change the Sunday Mass Schedule.

Although I do not want to do it, I must as I explained in my previous notes regarding the Daily Mass Schedule changes.

Changing Mass times affects everyone, and I am keenly aware of this reality.

I am very grateful to all those who offered their comments and suggestions. Absolutely every variable was taken into consideration from parking to religious education to reinstating and developing opportunities to socialize after Masses to the ability for me to celebrate all of the Masses and attend to every other pastoral responsibility and the list goes on.

As we all know, the Mass is the source and summit of our lives as Catholics. We have no more important privilege and duty than the celebration of Mass as Christ commanded us to do "in remembrance of me."

Please God may our new schedule for Mass allow us to faithfully carry out our duties to the one who has given us everything and more, Jesus Christ, our love, our hope, our joy, and our peace in the face of every hideous thing that comes our way. He has loved us first and we faithfully love him, serve him, and follow him without end.

Please find below our new collaborative Sunday Mass Schedule.

Saturday

4:00 pm: Our Lady of Hope, Ipswich

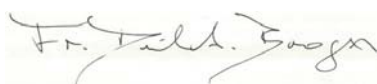
Sunday

7:30 am: (*No Music*) St. Paul, Hamilton

9:30 am: St. Paul, Hamilton

11:15 am: Our Lady of Hope, Ipswich

Thank you all for your kindness and understanding as we consolidate, build, and grow our future together.



WEEKEND DONATIONS/COLLECTIONS

As we move forward with our collaborative, and our new schedule of 4 weekend Masses between Our Lady of Hope and St. Paul; you may decide to attend Mass at either Church. We understand you will have questions about how Offertory donations will be handled. If you make an offering in 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 rectory office.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Below you will find a list of Parish Council members' email addresses.

As the Collaboration date with St. Paul's Parish nears, we want to make ourselves available. We are still learning ourselves, but feel free to speak with us after Mass or email us if you have any questions. We are here for all of you to help in any way we can.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Our Lady of Hope Parish Saint Vincent de Paul chapter continues to serve those in need in our community. Your generous contributions to the poor boxes at the exits of our church allow us to provide financial and spiritual assistance to our sisters and brothers in need. We also greatly benefit from the invaluable participation of parishioners active in this ministry. During the past month, we have continued to assist seniors struggling financially due to ill health, those experiencing short-term job loss, or other temporary setbacks. We see Christ in the face of those in need and respond to that need as Vincentians and parish members.



Vincentians are called to holiness by striving to conform to Jesus, doing God's will, and devoting themselves to serving God's suffering and poor. Please consider joining us in our work and mission. We meet once a month in the parish hall, the first Monday evening of each month, where we pray and review the past month's efforts. Two Vincentians volunteer to be "on-call" each month. One can put as much or little into their participation as their schedules permit. Let these words from the Letter of St. James possibly stir you to participate in our Vincentian mission: "Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

Contact us for more information about becoming a member or if you know anyone who may benefit from our assistance, 978-992-6151

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

All volunteers who minister in the Archdiocese must attend the Protecting God's Children and complete the Code of Conduct form. In addition, every year all current volunteers and new volunteers must complete a CORI Form; which we will begin for the 2023-24 Year in July. Those who need to follow this requirement are anyone who helps in building our church in any way. This includes 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/>

- ● 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 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

OUR LADY OF HOPE MEN'S GROUP

Our Lady of Hope Men's Group invites you to come join us Saturday mornings from 7:15-8:30 am in the church hall, for light refreshments and Christian fellowship in an easy-going, informal atmosphere.

2023-2024 CORI'S HAS BEGUN.....

We are beginning the CORI process again. For those who have been helping during the pandemic and anyone interested in returning, we will have CORI forms available on the rectory porch, exit tables in church and in the sacristy for you to take home and complete. Once complete, we need to verify your ID (driver's license or passport) in person. Not to overload Fr. Brogan at Mass, please stop by rectory office and see Joanne DiNatale to verify ID.

All volunteers, includes anyone who help in service of their time and talent at Our Lady of Hope Parish, are required to complete a CORI form EACH fiscal year. In addition, you must have completed the Protecting God's Children (PGC) Program and Archdiocesan Code of Conduct. If you have not volunteered at Our Lady of Hope this past year, please call the rectory to receive these forms and read the notice below to register for the PGC training this summer. Thank you in advance for your help in this requirement and for all you do in helping us to be a vibrant parish.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS

During the summer months and with the Mass time changes we depend on our Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors to serve at Mass. Please sign up on the schedules posted in the Sacristy next time you attend Mass to be sure we always have enough servers.

We thank all the lectors, Eucharistic ministers and music ministry who faithfully serve.

For Parishioners who are interested in joining these important ministries, please call and let us know.

CATHOLIC TV BROADCASTS DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS

Cardinal Seán encourages Catholics to participate in the daily and Sunday Masses broadcast from the CatholicTV chapel, especially those who still cannot attend Mass in person.

Daily Mass airs live at 9:30am and is rebroadcast at 7pm and 11:30pm.

Sunday Masses air throughout the day at 10am, 4pm, 7pm, and 11:30pm.

Viewers can watch these Masses on demand at any time at www.WatchtheMass.com.

For more information about CatholicTV and where you can watch it, **CHANNEL 296 VERIZON AND 268 COMCAST** or visit <http://www.catholicTV.org/>

Our Lady of Hope Faith Formation 2023-24!

Hello again friends!

When it comes to our youth, the best thing that we can do as a parish is to support families as the primary religious educators of their children: we celebrate the Mass and sacraments, we accompany kids and their parents and encourage them to grow in love with God and the church, offer opportunities to learn about their faith, and try to foster encounters with Jesus through our programs and community life. I am blessed to know so many of you, but if we haven't yet met, I'm Elisa St. Clair, and I'll be directing our Religious Education and Faith Formation programs this year. But I'm only the lead learner — catechists are needed at every level to support one another and guide our kids through a year of learning and growing in faith.



In our Elementary program, it's currently a classroom style, where one or two teachers will have a small group of students. For Middle and High School, you'd be part of a team, helping to lead discussion and prayer in a small group, with the teaching done each week to the larger group. Catechists are needed at all levels, and the most important things you can bring are your love for God, and your love for our kids. What we most need are disciples — our youth need to see people who are living their faith, and who can share that faith with them.

In this pursuit—more workers are ALWAYS needed in the vineyard of the Lord! So, please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to help minister to our youth, and reach me at elisastclair@ipswichcatholics.org, or at the parish office, 978-356-3944, extension 28.

Our registration is open, and if you, or a family you know, have been away from faith formation after the challenges of the past few years— it's not too late! It's never too late for God, and our kids need the community of other people of faith in our very challenging world. We need the church, and to be church with one another, gathered together with Christ, strengthened by the sacraments and the word of God, and supporting each other as we seek to raise children to know and love Jesus, and to know their purpose, their faith, and their identity as children of God.

All of our groups meet in the church hall. You can register online now, and more details and all of the calendars and class information will be posted soon (hopefully, by the time you are reading this :), at www.ipswichcatholics.org.

I'm looking forward to seeing your beautiful faces this year as we seek more deeply what it means to be disciples of Christ together!

- Elementary Faith Formation meets Sunday mornings at 10:10am
- Middle School EDGE meets from 6:45-8pm Wednesdays
- High School (9th & 10th) meets Sunday evenings from 6-7:30pm
- Confirmation for our 11th graders (who have completed 2 years of Confirmation Prep already) is Saturday, October 21st – and those families will receive their own calendar shortly!

On Saturday the 24th, we bid farewell to a friend and sister-in-Christ, Nancy Salah, who worked here at Our Lady of Hope (before that St. Joseph's) for almost 30 years (1988-2017) and served as a volunteer for even longer. A woman of great faith and love, she was dedicated to her husband Joe, her beautiful family, and many friends, and to the life of our parish and the people of this community, but most foundationally to Christ—and she was passionate about helping others to find Him too. Her faith informed her life, and the truly countless gatherings, retreats, prayers groups, youth programs, and adult events that she organized or participated in flowed from her deep conviction that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

We were blessed to know her, and blessed by her life and her ministry. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

In Loving Memory

NANCY JEAN SALAH

September 2, 1946 - June 18, 2023



There's not enough time or space to begin to recount all that Nancy did here in the parish and beyond—and you all know, better than I could ever say, who she was, and what she meant to so many and to the parish. Here are just a few quick memories I have to share, to join the many you surely all have yourselves (Top, L to R): Nancy with the Catholic Women's Club last summer (picture from Mary Maloney), Nancy always willing to show up in costume for our kids at VBS, (Bottom) Nancy and Joe when she received the Cheverus Award from the Archdiocese, one year's Box of Joy packing crew, and Nancy at the Bazaar Silent Auction. She was a lifelong mentor and a teacher from my youth, and I was blessed to work with her, and blessed to call her friend. — Elisa

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Congratulations to Anna Maher winner of this year's Ipswich Catholic Women's Club scholarship.

VOCATIONS

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



The 2023 Catholic Appeal officially launched here in our parish and across the Archdiocese. Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are asked to partner with one another to support their parish and the many outreach ministries by contributing to the Catholic Appeal. Many of you have received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your early support of the 2023 Appeal. We hope that you will respond to his invitation with a generous gift, knowing that each contribution transforms faith into action. You can make a gift by returning your pledge card or by making an online donation at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now.

For those who have already made a gift, thank you for your early support! The Appeal is a primary means by which we care for our brothers and sisters, and it all starts with YOU.



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

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.

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY MOVES TO LAZARUS CENTER FOR HEALING SHRINE IN WAKEFIELD.

SUNDAYS at 6:15pm.

Catholic in Recovery provides healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery with a sacramental understanding of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected. For more information visit www.catholicinrecovery.com or email cireileenk@gmail.com.

Meetings are held on SUNDAYS at 6:15pm at the Lazarus Center for Healing Shrine (formerly St. Florence Parish) located at 47 Butler Avenue, Wakefield.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let us share our faith and our love with our spouse. Let us show reconciliation by loving and forgiving our spouse's faults. To learn more and grow in your relationship, sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The dates are:

August 11-13, 2023 in Storrs, CT
August 25-27, 2023 in Vermont
September 22-24, 2023 in Huntington, NY
October 20-22, 2023 in Vermont

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.

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"Jesus Wept." John 11:35

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