

March 24, 2024  
Our Lady of Hope &  
Saint Paul Parishes



Palm Sunday

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest! - Mark 11:9-10

## OUR LADY OF HOPE / SAINT PAUL DIRECTORY

### OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH

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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.

**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.

### SAINT PAUL PARISH

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

### PARISH STAFF

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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, March 23

4:00 pm Vigil— Weekend Mass (OLOH)



### Palm Sunday, March 24

7:30 am— Parishioners (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am— Mary Jo Driscoll (SP)

11:15am— Margaret Molloy (OLOH)

### Monday, March 25

9:00 am— Weekday Mass (OLOH)

### Tuesday, March 26

9:00 am —Justin Bilello (OLOH)

### Wednesday, March 27 No Daily Mass

### Holy Thursday, March 28

7:00 pm — Mass of the Lord's Supper (SP)

### Good Friday, March 29

3:00 pm—Stations of the Cross (OLOH)

7:00 pm — Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (SP)

### Holy Saturday, March 30

7:00 pm Vigil— Flower Intentions (OLOH)

### Easter Sunday, March 31

7:30 am— Angela Molloy (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am— Easter Mass (SP)

11:15am— Flower Intentions (OLOH)



**Please contact the parish office to schedule a Mass intention for your deceased loved one.**

## CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2024 Catholic Appeal officially launched here in our parishes 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 2024 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](http://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.

Our Lady of Hope Parish Goal for 2024 is \$40,000.  
St. Paul Parish Goal for 2024 is \$37,600  
*Additional Catholic Appeal envelopes at the entrances of the church.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### WE ASK PARISHIONERS TO PRAY...

† For all those who are sick, especially Kevin Donovan, Nancy Bianchi, Kathy Esfahanian, Cameron Cyr, Kathy Bartlett, Blanche Zak, 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 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](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.

# Holy Week Schedule

## **March 23-24 – Palm Sunday Masses**

**Saturday, 4:00pm Vigil—Our Lady of Hope**

**Sunday, 7:30 am & 9:30 am—St. Paul**

**Sunday, 11:15am – Our Lady of Hope**

## **March 28—Holy Thursday**

**7:00pm Mass at Saint Paul**

## **March 29 – Good Friday**

**Stations of the Cross**

**3:00pm — Our Lady of Hope**

**Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**

**7:00pm —St. Paul**

## **March 30 – Holy Saturday**

**Easter Vigil Mass**

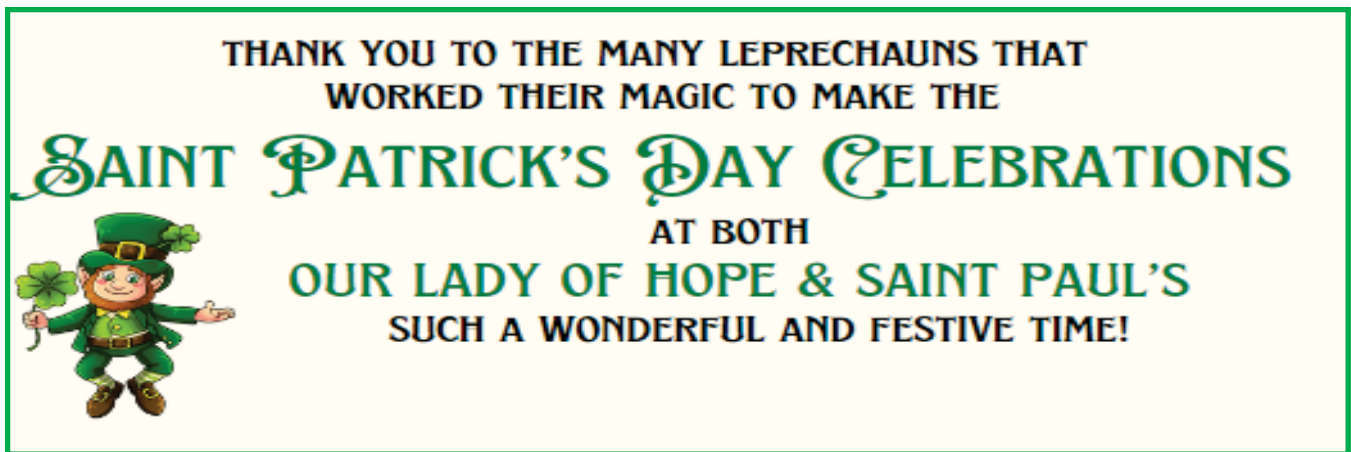
**7:00 pm— Our Lady of Hope**

## **March 31– Easter Sunday Masses**

**7:30am & 9:30am – Saint Paul**

**11:15am – Our Lady of Hope**







## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

**March 29—GOOD FRIDAY -  
SUPPORT OF THE HOLY LAND SHRINES**

**MARCH 30-31—EASTER  
CLERGY HEALTH & RETIREMENT TRUST**

## KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS GIFT TO PARISHES

Special Thank you to the Ipswich Knights of Columbus Council 498 who generously donated to both parishes new Stations of the Cross booklets.



The booklets will be used at both Churches on Fridays during Lent and on Good Friday at Our Lady of Hope.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Jeremiah 31:31-34: "The days are coming says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people." We have made a covenant in our marriage with God and with our spouse to love one another and to fulfill our vows. To nourish your sacrament, sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. Learn how to listen better, communicate more, and be a better couple. You will be glad you did! You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

April 11-May 23, 2024 (virtual 3RE)

June 21-June 23, 2024 in Huntington, NY

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 Vatelie at 978-870-5646 or <https://wwmema.org/>.

## PALM SUNDAY

Increase the faith of those who  
place their hope in you,  
and graciously hear the  
prayers of those who call  
on you, O God,  
that we, who today hold high  
these branches in our minds  
and hearts  
to hail Christ in his triumph,  
may bear fruit for you by good  
works accomplished in him.  
Who lives and reigns for ever  
and ever.  
R. Amen.



## A GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTION

On Good Friday, let us remember the Passion of Jesus Christ and his loving sacrifice for us on the Cross.

"It is love 'to the end' that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction. He knew and loved us all when he offered his life. Now 'the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.' No man, not even the holiest, was ever able to take on himself the sins of all men and offer himself as a sacrifice for all. The existence in Christ of the divine person of the Son, who at once surpasses and embraces all human persons and constitutes himself as the Head of all mankind, makes possible his redemptive sacrifice for all."

—Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 616

Lent is ending. The joy of Easter is almost here, but today we still must journey with the Cross. Many of us have chosen to sacrifice something during Lent. However, there are those in the world that do not have that choice; many struggle to put food on the table, give their children an education, take care of ailing parents, and much more. Through our own sacrifices, we stand in solidarity with those who struggle as we work to ease their suffering.

One thing we can take away from this Lent and from our encounter with the Passion of Christ is that at the heart of every sacrifice is love. When we freely sacrifice something during Lent, the goal is to do it for the love of God. How can we continue to lovingly sacrifice once Lent is over? One way is to pay attention to the people in your life, while another way is to stand in solidarity with those who suffer while working to ease their burden.



## LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



### How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

### Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit [uscbb.org](http://uscbb.org).

### Fasting

Ash Wednesday  
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

### Abstinence

Every Friday  
during Lent

Ages 14+



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## 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.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY March 24

#### COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS

**Please join us for coffee & doughnuts in the church hall following the 9:30 Mass this weekend.**  
**March 24, 2024**



By now you would have noticed our magnificent 9-foot cross in front of the church. We would like to thank Michael & Jayne O'Neill and Peggy & Mark Godin of Christ Church for donating the timbers, to Peter Wolczik for his time and considerable talent to construct and install the Cross, and to Anne Marie Cullen for the beautiful banners! Laudetur Iesus Christus! Praised be Jesus Christ! Fr. Brogan

### 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."

### EDGE PROGRAM —ST PAUL

Dear EDGE Families,

This semester of EDGE is one of our shortest due to the early date of Easter. While short - we try to make it impactful. We need your help with this one because students are asked to go to confession. Confession is offered at Our Lady of Hope every Saturday from 3:00-3:45 pm. The Carmelite Chapel at the Northshore mall has confession every weekday 11:00 am - 11:45 am and 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm; Saturdays 11:00 am - 11:45 am and 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm. Please try to have them attend before Easter.

While this Edge Night is focused on the Sacrament of Reconciliation once a year we have an EDGE night focused on miracles. A friend of mine loved this quote: There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle and the other is as though everything is a miracle Albert Einstein. We believe that God loves us, forgives us and is always giving his mercy to us. One definition of miracle is "an extraordinary event manifesting divine intervention in human affairs." Each year we watch (parts) of the video made by the Becker family in Pennsylvania about Kevin Becker's miraculous recovery from a traumatic brain injury where he was tended to by Blessed Pier Giorgio Frasseti. <https://youtu.be/qZk3ug-W4UY?si=Zr64EeAA91hsNYw6>

What Kevin says towards the end of the video is that his greatest take away is God's forgiveness. Our greatest take away can be the power of prayer - when so many are praying miracles do happen. EDGE students share with us miracles that they have witnessed - which is always amazing.

#### MAIN IDEAS

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the seven sacraments instituted by Christ. It is one of the Sacraments of Healing, also known as Penance or Confession.
- When we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Christ Himself forgives our sins through the person of the priest, reconciling us with God and the Church.
- Regularly receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to avoid sin and temptation. In addition, obtaining the graces available through this sacrament helps us to live in greater harmony and charity with others.

#### SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

"But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the paralytic—"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." (Mark 2:10)

#### FAMILY REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What was your experience going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation?
- How did the examination of conscience better prepare you to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation?
- Schedule the next time your family will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Two more weeks of Lent and EDGE. On Easter Sunday the EDGE students host the Annual Easter Egg Roll for all the younger children. Most of our students once were those finding the eggs - so it is a rite of passage for them each Spring. We hope that you can attend.

Each week is for us a miracle that we can be together strengthening our faith to help us for our lifetime! Thank you for sending your children!

God Bless You, Debra and the Core Team

### SECOND FRIDAY COFFEE

Following the second Friday Daily Mass, coffee will be served in the St. Paul's church hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet with parishioners from St. Paul and Our Lady of Hope.



**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.

**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

**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](mailto: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**



## PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

## PARISH ROSARY GROUP -OUR LADY OF HOPE

Praying the Rosary for those affected by abortion

Please join us 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.**

## 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@ourladysaintpaul.org](mailto:jmaher@ourladysaintpaul.org) or call 978-500-6789.

## COLLABORATIVE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bonni Berkowitz (OLOH)	James Foley (OLOH)
Joanne Bialek (OLOH)	JoAnne Kelleher (OLOH)
Richard Bostrom (OLOH)	Linda Murphy (OLOH)
Diane Bostrom (OLOH)	Alana Mitchell (STP)
Pat Donahue (STP)	Phil Monahan (STP)
Stephen Dowd (STP)	Jim Moynihan (STP)
Martha Driscoll (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. attend. If you need help identifying them, ask someone at church to point them out to you.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

In the tradition of its founder, [Blessed Frédéric Ozanam](#), and patron, [St. Vincent de Paul](#), the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization inspired by Gospel values. We join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to neighbors in need.

As a reflection of the whole family of God, members, known as Vincentians, come together from every age, every race, and every income level and share our blessings of time, talent, and treasure with those who need help and hope. Organized locally, Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. We make no distinction in those we serve because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ.

Our local chapter of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society is a collection of parishioners inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness, and building a better world through personal relationships with and serving the people in need in our community. We join to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those in need and suffering. **We meet face-to-face with those seeking assistance, preferably in their home.** During these home visits, we bring hope, prayer, and financial resources to neighbors in need through assistance with rent, food, clothing, and other emergency needs.

Here are some recent examples of the help we have provided thanks to your generous Poor Box donations; we assisted a woman in a housing transition suffering from several health challenges with a week's stay at a local Inn. We've provided new mattress sets and sheets to a young family in need, and we have assisted a single mother and her son with a deposit for electricity as they return to Ipswich from Gloucester, hoping to find a better environment for their family life. We're assisting another single mother who has had to deal with the requirements of a special needs preschool child and, due to not being able to work full time, fell behind on her electric bills, and we've assisted a recently widowed senior with rental assistance while she deals with unexpected expenses.

We appreciate the opportunity to represent our two parishes in this work of charity that we do on behalf of all parishioners. We provide a person-to-person Christ-centered service that encompasses listening, empathizing, and bringing a prayerful approach to each encounter. We meet in the homes of each recipient, representing ourselves as members of our Hamilton/Ipswich/Wenham Catholic Community, seeking to bring support and the joy of Christ, non-judgmentally, to those in need.

Thank you again for thinking of those less fortunate and donating to the Poor Boxes on your way out of Our Lady of Hope Church. Please contact us if you know of anyone in Ipswich/Hamilton/Wenham who could benefit from a visit from your SVDP Society. Also, please visit our website for additional details: <https://svdpswipswich.blogspot.com/>

All are welcome to participate in this mission as we meet at 7 PM on the first Monday night of every month in the OLG parish hall.



**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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