

Our Lady of Hope
and
Saint Paul Parishes
March 3, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent



The disciples of Jesus recalled the words of the Scriptures,
Zeal for your house will consume me. John 2:17

OUR LADY OF HOPE / SAINT PAUL DIRECTORY

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH

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

WEBSITE: www.ourladysaintpaul.org
EMAIL: ourlady@ourladysaintpaul.org



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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY:

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

SUNDAY:

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

9:30 am: Saint Paul (SP)

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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

9:00 am: Monday & Tuesday (OLOH)

9:00 am: Thursday & Friday (SP)

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00—3:45 pm at Our Lady of Hope or by appointment at either church. Also, First Fridays of Month at St. Paul's following 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISM

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

MARRIAGE

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

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

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

WEBSITE: www.ourladysaintpaul.org
EMAIL: stpaul@ourladysaintpaul.org



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

PARISH STAFF

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SAINT PAUL: 978-468-3617

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Grades 6-8

Debra Brown dbrown@ourladysaintpaul.org

Grades 9-10

John Cusolito jcusolito@ourladysaintpaul.org

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 2**

4:00 pm Vigil— Gloria Fallon (OLOH)

Sunday, March 37:30 am— Weekend Mass (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am— Parishioners (SP)

11:15am— Weekend Mass (OLOH)

Monday, March 4

9:00 am— John & June Miniter (OLOH)

10:00 am— Funeral Mass for Elizabeth Pool

Tuesday, March 5

9:00 am —Weekday Mass (OLOH)

Wednesday, March 6 No Daily Mass**Thursday, March 7**

9:00 am — Annette Crowe (SP)

Friday, March 8

9:00 am — Weekday Mass (SP)

Saturday, March 9

4:00 pm Vigil— Frank Antonucci (OLOH)

Sunday, March 107:30 am— Parishioners (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am— Grace Arbury (SP)

11:15am— Weekend Mass (OLOH)

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2024 Catholic Appeal officially launches here in our parish and across the Archdiocese this weekend. 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.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS**WE ASK PARISHIONERS TO PRAY...**

† For all those who are sick, especially

Nancy Bianchi, Kathy Esfahanian, Amy Lombardo, 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 Elizabeth Pool 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

**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: ourladyofhope.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.

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH HAPPENINGS

Children's Liturgy Returns to OLH! (with donuts!)



Children's Liturgy returned at OLH for the first time in many years, and it was wonderful to be back! Thanks to all the children and families, Priscilla Foley who led the kids, and all of the elementary teachers and others who helped make it a beautiful morning, followed by a social time with donuts and coffee in the hall for the whole community!

Our next Children's Liturgy will be on March 17th (St. Patrick's Day), followed by the St. Patrick's social in the hall, to which all are welcome!



Walking with Jesus to Jerusalem this Lent!

Our Monday groups have begun, and we have a wonderful turnout-- so good, we've run out of books-- but Ascension offers ebooks, and it's not too late to join in!

Reach Elisa St. Clair to signup!

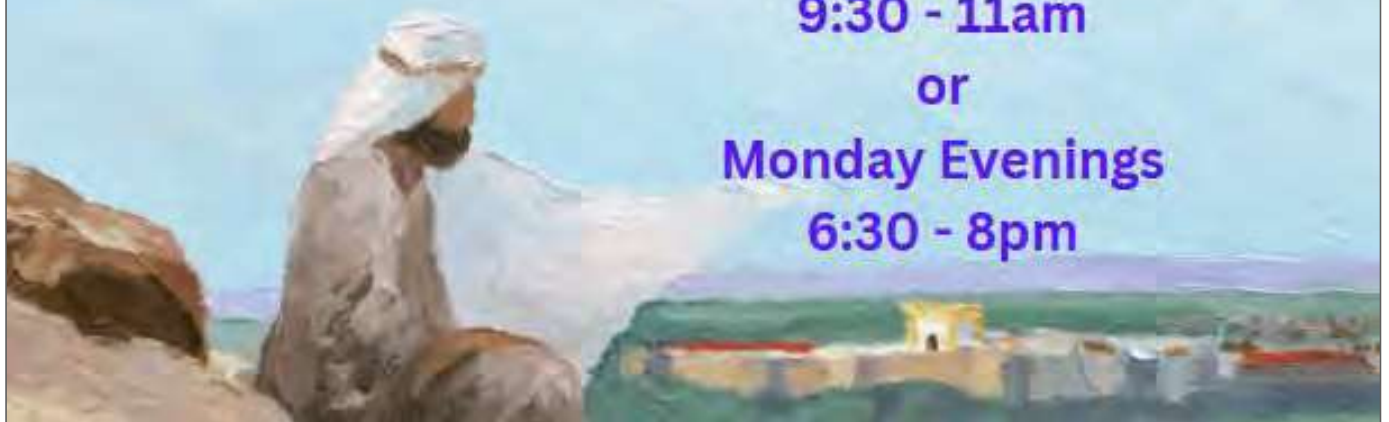
Lenten Monday Mornings

9:30 - 11am

or

Monday Evenings

6:30 - 8pm



SAINT PAUL PARISH HAPPENINGS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY **with Mrs. Monahan**

On March 17 Father Brogan will invite children to the altar for Children's Liturgy at the 9:30 Mass.

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS
Please join us for coffee & doughnuts in the church hall following the 9:30 Mass next weekend.
March 10, 2024

SECOND FRIDAY COFFEE AT ST. PAUL'S

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.

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."



Saint Patrick's Day Celebrations
Kick off your St. Patrick's Day with Mass and a celebration afterwards!!!

Sunday, March 17
Following the 9:30 Mass in St. Paul's Church Hall
& another celebration following the 11:15 Mass in Our Lady Hall

Be sure to wear your Green!

SAINT PAUL KNITTING MINISTRY

DID YOU KNOW... Our St. Paul's Knitting Ministry (consisting of 12 volunteer members) knit baptismal blankets which are gifted to parents during their child's baptism. The group also make blankets and hats which are then distributed to area hospitals to children in need of a **BIG, WARM HUG!** Last year, approximately 150 blankets and 140 baby hats were handed out.

The Knitting Ministry will hold a **RAFFLE** to help fund the purchase of materials for their ministry. **RAFFLE PRIZE** is a handmade, *reversible*, Cable Knit Blanket. **RAFFLE Ticket Price** is \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00 (**Check or Cash**). **Ticket Sales will be** on Sundays after the 7:30AM and 9:30AM Masses through Sunday, Mar. 17th, with the last ticket purchase ending after 7:30 AM Mass. **Tickets also available at St. Paul Parish Office, see Lucy.** **RAFFLE WINNER** will be drawn by Father Brogan on March 17th, after the 9:30 AM Mass, in the Church Hall.



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.

OLOH -EASTER FLOWERS

We will celebrate Easter on March 31, 2024. We will once again memorialize the flowers and plants used around the altar and sanctuary. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a deceased member of a particular family or in someone's memory please follow the process below:

Using a plain white envelope, write "Easter Flowers" on it. **Please print (clearly)** the name of the person, couple (mother/father) or the name of the family you want remembered on the outside of the envelope; or you may also include the names on a piece of paper inside the envelope. The donation request is **\$25.00 (or more if you desire)** per name, couple or family.

Flower request envelopes can be placed in the weekend collection basket, incoming mail bin on the rectory porch or mail them to: **Our Lady of Hope, 1 Pineswamp RD, Ipswich**

We will publish the names of all those in whose memory the flowers and plants are intended in our Easter Bulletin. The **deadline** to have your intentions printed in the Easter Bulletin will be **Wednesday, March 20, 2024**. This is due to early submission of bulletin for Holy Week. Thank you in advance.

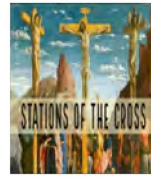
May these flowers assist us in our
"Alleluia to the Risen Lord"

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Corinthians 1:22-25: "Brothers & Sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified...For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." Ask Jesus for wisdom and strength in your marriage. He will give you all you need for a fulfilling lifegiving marriage. Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and learn how to listen better, communicate more, and love each other. You will be glad you did! You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

March 15-17, 2024 in Upton, MA
April 11-May 23, 2024 (virtual 3RE)
April 26-28, 2024 (non-residential weekend)
in Connecticut

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.wmea.org/>.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS**Lenten Stations of the Cross Fridays of Lent at St. Paul's**

Stations of the Cross will be held at **6:30pm on Friday evenings during Lent at St. Paul's, Hamilton.**

The Stations of the Cross devotion commemorates Jesus Christ's Passion and Death. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves along from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's Passion. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual follows along to the next station until all 14 are complete.


THE THEOLOGICAL
INSTITUTE
of SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY

**The Road to Calvary: A
Lenten Presentation by**
Dr. Anthony Coleman


Date:
Friday March 8th, at 6:30PM

Location:
Our Lady of the Assumption Church Hall,
758 Salem St. Lynnfield, MA.

RSVP for attendance by:
Monday, March 4th,
Email: jsano@ola-smg.org



Dr. Anthony Coleman,
Director of the Theological
Institute of Saint John's Seminary



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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

All women of faith are welcome to attend the Catholic Women's Club meeting **Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30** at Our Lady of Hope's Church Hall to enjoy Father John Kiley's presentation of his travels in Ireland and London.

NORTH SHORE SACRED HARP GROUP

The North Shore Sacred Harp group will next on **Sunday March 17th**, in the lower church hall at Our Lady of Hope Church, from **2:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

Come join us as we meet in a square to sing hymns dating from the 18th–21st century, in four part a capella harmony. No previous experience required. Loaner hymnals will be available. Free will offering to help defray building upkeep.

If you are curious about shape note music, we suggest googling "Sacred Harp" and watching a few YouTube videos, and/or exploring fasola.org, our national website. Our North Shore group has a presence on Facebook. For further details contact George Howe 978-356-3252 or gehowe@comcast.net

Saint Katharine Drexel

1858–1955

FEAST DAY: MARCH 3

The daughter of a wealthy Philadelphia banker, Katharine received marriage proposals but wanted to become a contemplative nun. After inheriting a fortune, she visited the Dakotas and witnessed American Indians' poverty, subsequently pleading with Pope Leo XIII to send them more missionaries. But he and others encouraged her to found a congregation to work among people of color. In 1891, she and thirteen companions became the first Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. For more than forty years, she led the order, using her fortune to establish numerous missions and schools for Native Americans and African Americans. Following a heart attack in 1935, which limited her missionary travel, she retired to a life of prayer. Canonized in 2000, she is the patron of home missions.



"Katharine Drexel is an excellent example of that practical charity and generous solidarity with the less fortunate which has long been the distinguishing mark of American Catholics. May her example help young people in particular to appreciate that no greater treasure can be found in this world than in following Christ with an undivided heart and in using generously the gifts we have received."

—St. John Paul II, Homily, October 1, 2000



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Lazarus Center for Healing Shrine

The Shroud of Turin

with Gilbert R. Lavoie, M.D.

March 6 • 6:00-8:00 PM

You are invited on a fascinating adventure to examine the Shroud of Turin, juxtaposing Dr. Lavoie's 40+ years of scientific findings with John's Gospel account of the death and Resurrection of Jesus. This story of the life of Jesus comes alive through relatable, real-world scientific witnesses who explore whether the image on the shroud is the work of human hands, a natural phenomenon, or a supernatural event.



SCHEDULE FOR THE EVENING

6:00 PM Mass

6:30 PM Dr. Gilbert Lavoie

7:30 PM Eucharist Healing Service

Dr. Gilbert R. Lavoie

Endorsed by

Scott Hahn and

Rev. Francis Hoffman, JCD,

CEO of Relevant Radio

www.healingshrine.org

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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.

Fasting

Ash Wednesday

Good Friday

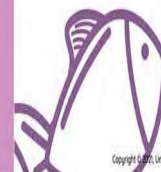
Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday

during Lent

Ages 14+



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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.



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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James McCarthy, President | 978-992-6151

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

James Foley | 978-360-2799

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

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@ourlady saintpaul.org or call 978-500-6789.

COLLABORATIVE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bonni Berkowitz	James Foley
Joanne Bialek	JoAnne Kelleher
Richard & Diane Bostrom	Linda Murphy
Pat Donahue	Alana Mitchell
Stephen Dowd	Phil Monahan
Martha Driscoll	Jim Moynihan

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://svdpipswich.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 OLH 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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