

Our Lady of Hope & Saint Paul Parishes

November 26, 2023



Christ the
King

OUR LADY OF HOPE / SAINT PAUL DIRECTORY

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH

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978-356-3944**

WEBSITE: www.ourladysaintpaul.org

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

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South Hamilton, MA 01982
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Elevator for Handicapped Access to the Saint Paul church is located in the rear of the building.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY:

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

SUNDAY:

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

9:30 am: Saint Paul (SP)

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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

9:00 am: Monday & Tuesday (OLOH)

9:00 am: Thursday & Friday (SP)

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

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

BAPTISM

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

MARRIAGE

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

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

RCIA & 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.

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Grades 9-10

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STAY UP TO DATE THROUGH EMAIL

When important information is sent to registered parishioners, it is conveyed through email. Please let us know when your email has changed.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please accompany your child downstairs to the church hall or to restrooms. For their safety, please be sure they are always accompanied by an adult family member. Child safety is everyone's responsibility. Thank you for your cooperation.



COLLABORATIVE MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 25

4:00 pm Vigil— Deceased Members of K of C—
Council 498 (OLOH)

Sunday, November 26

7:30 am— Weekend Mass (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am— Parishioners (SP)

11:15am—Mass for the Dead (OLOH)

Monday, November 27

9:00 am— Robert Young (OLOH)

Tuesday, November 28

9:00 am— Weekday Mass (OLOH)

Wednesday, November 29 No Daily Mass**Thursday, November 30**

9:00 am— Weekday Mass (SP)

Friday, December 1

9:00 am— June & Anthony Passaretti and
John Driscoll (SP)

Saturday, December 2

4:00 pm Vigil—Margaret E. Minter 75th Annv. (OLOH)

Sunday, December 3

7:30 am— Parishioners (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am— Frank & Therese Angelis and
Carole Mastendino (SP)

11:15am—James Nikitas (OLOH)

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

**Mass of Remembrance
11:15 AM Sunday, November 26**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them forever.

Brian Abbott	Charles Abbott
Richard Benirowski	Martha Bertocini
Roland E. Carroll	Barbara Carpenter
Joanne Castonguay	Marie Chmura
May Rose Cormier	Rose Crawford
John J. Dillon	Thelma Federico
Walter J. Fidrocki	Richard G. Foley
Wayne R. Gibbs	Arthur J. Grimes, III
Marie E. Keraghan	Laurien Levesque, Jr.
William Macullar	Patricia M. Manning
Richard Martel	Carl Thomas Mattarocchia
Kevin McElhinney	Evelyn Mistkowski
Virginia Morin	Janet Murawski
William O'Neill	Helen Parker
Roland J. Poirier	Marjorie Puccia
Gloria Rygielski	Nancy Salah
John Stackpole	Dorothy Surette
Janice Thoen	Jeffrey Turner
	James Wilson

This Mass remembers all who died and were buried from Our Lady of Hope Parish this past year from Nov. 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023

PRAYER REQUESTS

WE ASK PARISHIONERS TO PRAY...

† For all those who are sick, especially Ruth Butnan, Mathew Faino, Kim Donohoe, Mia Angelis, Philip Abodeely, Juilett Carlson, Cameron Gagnon, 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 all our parishioners who are sick, homebound and those confined to nursing facilities and hospital

† For the those who received Confirmation in October

† For the all students and teachers.

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

† For Daniel Follansbee, Linda Perkins, Linda Camire, Jennifer Wysocki O'Neil and Michael Jensen 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 Navy 2nd Lt. Thomas Monahan and Navy 2nd Lt. Will Hogan

† For the unborn children

† For all those affected by natural disasters

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

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



ONLINE GIVING

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

SAINT PAUL

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

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

OUR LADY OF HOPE

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

If you make an offering/donation to the collection basket at Mass with Parish (specific) contribution envelopes or put your donation in an envelope writing both Parish name and your name on the front, your donation will be transferred to that Church. Cash donations outside of an envelope will remain in the parish where you made your donation. If you have any questions, call the parish office.



GIVING TREE

Catholic Charities North objective for the Holiday Giving Tree is to share gifts with our neighbors that may otherwise go without. This year we hope you can help us fulfill our goal.

For the safety of volunteers, families, staff and our community, for our Holiday Giving Tree effort **we are asking for donations of store gift cards most preferably from Target, Walmart, and Market Basket and Stop & Shop** are also appreciated.

The Giving Tree can be found at the front door entrance of the church. *Please return gift cards by December 10th to allow time for them to be delivered to Catholic Charities for distribution to the many individuals and families that need them.*

We are thankful for the generous support of our neighbors.

INSIDE A CARE PACKAGE FOR THE HOMELESS



Operation Ziploc

Our PREP children and parishioners are invited to participate in Operation Ziploc, a program to help men, women and

children in a shelter. Participants are asked to **fill a gallon-sized baggie with toiletries/essentials** for a person in need, including everyday items that a man, woman or child would need in a shelter. We will start collecting them next weekend. *The deadline for Operation Ziploc is December 18.* Drop off bins will be located at both entrances to the church at St. Paul's. *Thank you.*

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS

Please join us for coffee and doughnuts in the church hall following the 9:30 Mass.

Sunday, December 10



SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

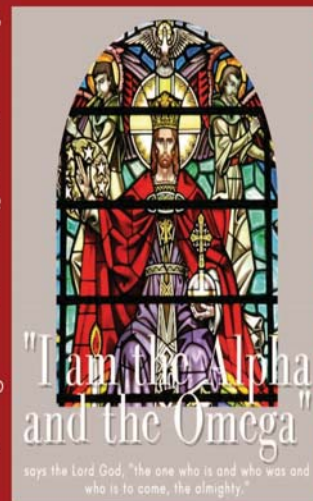
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust

Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic



Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and —while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind" (*Quas primas*, 7).

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public

life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

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PERMANENT RE-LOCATION OF THE TABERNACLE



The *tabernacle* is to be situated "in churches in a most worthy place with the greatest honor." The dignity, placing, and security of the Eucharistic tabernacle should foster adoration before the Lord really present in the

Blessed Sacrament of the altar.

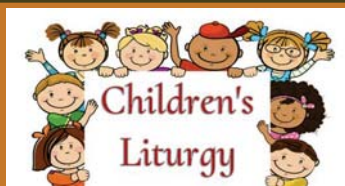
Catechism of the Catholic Church #1183

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.





Children's Liturgy of the Word

About twice a month,
beginning Sunday

November 19th, we will be doing a children's liturgy during the 9:30 am mass. It will be a little different than in years past. The children will be escorted downstairs before the First Reading by Mrs. Monahan. There they will have a children's liturgy including the First and Second Readings as well as the Gospel and a children's discussion afterwards. They will return upstairs to the church after the Homily for the remainder of mass. See the bulletin at the beginning of each month for the dates of the children's liturgy for that month. December dates are 12/3 and 12/17. We hope that the parents will encourage the children's participation (open to all ages but if under five, please have a parent attend as well) as this is a wonderful opportunity to enrich a child's faith.

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."

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AT ST. PAUL'S

Following the First Friday of the Month 9:00 Mass, coffee will be served in the church hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet with parishioners from St. Paul and Our Lady of Hope.

SEVENFOLD Offertory Program

- A big thank you to those who have responded and re/enrolled in St. Paul's **SEVENFOLD Offertory Program** for the coming year.
- For those we have not yet heard from, we ask you to please consider your **SEVENFOLD** participation and support through a yearly pledge to the weekly offertory support of the parish. Remember that every family is needed to make this a success.
- **SEVENFOLD** allows the parish to help meet its operational expenses and all its fiduciary responsibilities incumbent on a parish today.
- We especially invite our new families and parishioners who have not participated in the past to consider supporting their parish through **SEVENFOLD**.
- If you are in need of a **SEVENFOLD** packet which contains a Commitment Card, you can find them available at the doorways of the church.
- Let us **TOGETHER** make **SEVENFOLD** a great success for the parish.

Thank you for supporting your parish.

Edge Class Summary—Grades 6-8

Dear Edge Families,

This Edge Night focused on how the Eucharist changes our souls. We started by discussing the youth mass held last Sunday that included so many young people. Many students came in groups together, so that is something our EDGE students can do also. EDGE began with a game of creating inventions that cause an invisible transformation. A sampling of the inventions that our students came up with are extraordinary: (1) pixie dust added to water that makes you act with kindness; (2) glasses that make you see all good in others; (3) "truth fruit" taking one of these makes you speak with kindness; and a favorite (4) Fecke phone - a megaphone that sounds of trumpets and flute bringing joy (named after longtime Band teacher at HW).

We watched this video by Father Mike "How the Eucharist Changed My Life."

https://youtu.be/_yKi2OJ7oqE?si=bHzVtTphweWjfuFj

The teaching reminded us that we all need Jesus' saving power to deliver us from sin. We then had to think about responses that would make a selfless vs. selfish response. The selfless examples called on us to help family members, rather than do our own thing. What a reminder to all to think about helping another before doing the self centered act. We were all asked to take an opportunity to give a message of affirmation to someone who needs encouragement. When you receive the Eucharist, ask God to help you see one person in your life as God sees them.

FAMILY REFLECTION QUESTIONS

How can Jesus change your soul when you receive Him in the Eucharist?

How does receiving the Eucharist help us to become more selfless?

How can we as a family grow in our appreciation of the Eucharist?

This is our last week of EDGE for the Fall. We **do not need** snacks because we have so many generous families who brought snack all the other weeks! We do want to encourage you to go to Mass, go to Confession and pray together before meals and before bed. We are so blessed to spend this time with your children who all have faith that we can learn from. Try making some of their inventions at home!

God Bless You,

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

The 2023-2024, Grand Annual Collection is well underway. If you have not made your donation yet, there are extras on the exit tables of the Church and rectory porch. We are grateful to all who have already generously contributed to this important collection. As of this past weekend we have received \$69,945.00 in donations.

The Grand Annual is a vital collection for the financial needs of the Parish. The Grand Annual will help us to continue to take care of the additional costs of running the Parish and keeping up with necessary repairs.



THANK YOU OUR LADY OF HOPE! *Box of Joy 2023*

Thanks to all who participated to make this another wonderful year with Box of Joy! It's always so moving to know that not only will the kids who receive the boxes benefit, but that our kids, who are blessed in so many ways, get to see the value of giving what seem like very small things to them, which can make a big difference to those in need— and to discover the joy found in giving as Christ calls us. Thanks to all of our Faith Formation families, to the individuals and families who packed boxes, to the people who made donations of items and toward shipping, to the catechists and volunteers who helped put boxes together, and to the teens who helped carry and pack them for shipping! God bless to all, and hope to see you again next year!



123 BOXES ARE ON THEIR WAY FOR
KIDS IN NEED FROM ALL OF YOU!

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 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 "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

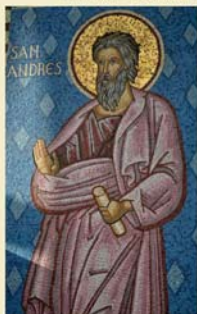
Saint Andrew the Apostle

FIRST CENTURY
FEAST DAY — NOVEMBER 30

In the synoptic Gospels, Andrew is a Galilean fisherman grouped with his brother, Peter, and with James and John in the inner circle of Apostles; in John's Gospel, he is the disciple of John the Baptist who is the first to follow Jesus and who brings his brother to the Lord. Many traditions about Andrew come from the apocryphal second-century Acts of Andrew, which depicts him as a zealous missionary in the Black Sea region who is crucified—tied to an x-shaped cross—by the Roman governor. Some early church historians also said he evangelized in Greece and Asia Minor. He is the patron saint of Scotland, Russia, Greece, and those who fish for a living.

“He was truly a man of faith and hope; and one day he heard John the Baptist proclaiming Jesus as “the Lamb of God” (Jn 1:36); so he was stirred, and with another unnamed disciple followed Jesus, the one whom John had called “the Lamb of God”. The Evangelist says that “they saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day...” (Jn 1: 37-39). Thus, Andrew enjoyed precious moments of intimacy with Jesus.”

—Pope Benedict XVI, General Audience, June 14, 2006

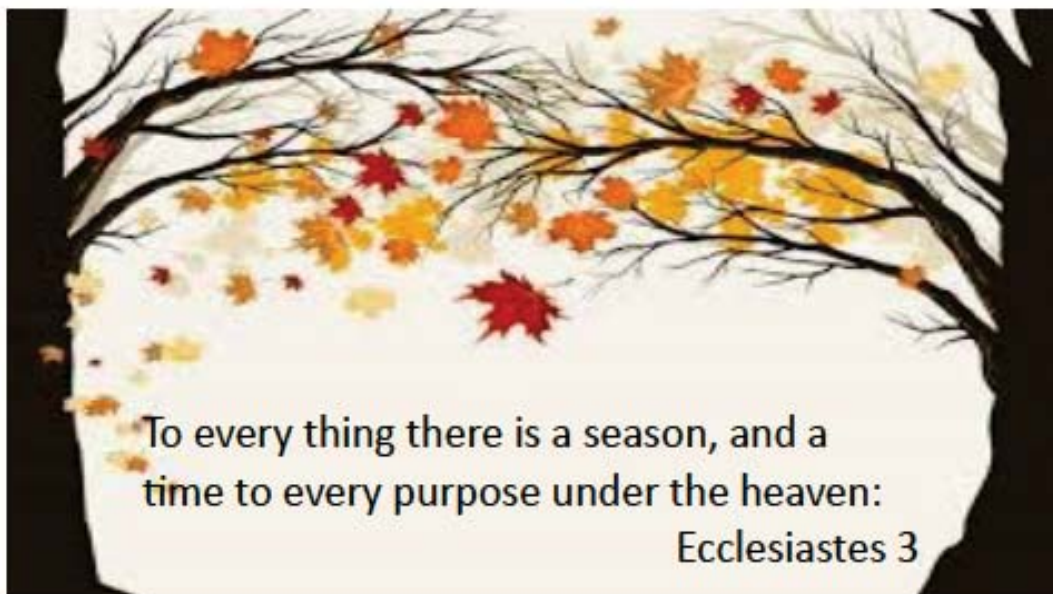


OLOH EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS

The schedule for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors needed at Mass are posted on the bulletin board in the Sacristy at Our Lady of Hope. We count on you to have adequate ministers each weekend Mass. If you plan on serving, please be sure to sign up ahead of the date you will serve. 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.

Our Lady of Hope Parish
2023 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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2023 Grand Annual Collection

**Our Lady of Hope Parish
Ipswich, Massachusetts**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Email: _____

**Please make checks payable to:
Our Lady of Hope Parish**

Please prayerfully consider:

Pledge 2 Monthly Payments

<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000.00	\$500.00 per month
<input type="checkbox"/> \$500.00	\$250.00 per month
<input type="checkbox"/> \$350.00	\$175.00 per month
<input type="checkbox"/> Other \$	

Check One:

☐ Single Payment in Full
☐ Send Monthly Reminder Statements
☐ I have made my payment online at www.ourlady saintpaul.org

Gift Total:	\$
Enclosed Amount:	\$
Balance Due:	\$

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

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, December 8, 2023 is the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It is a Holy Day. Mass will be celebrated on December 8 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul and 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

Ezekiel 34:11, 15-16: "Thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back" Come back to God! Give your heart to your spouse. Love your spouse always. Give your spouse a gift by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are: January 26-28, 2024 in Derby Line, VT February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY March 15-17, 2024 in Upton, MA

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

**Christ the King**

In a recent poll, many Christians of all denominations wanted to get more out of faith and were not quite sure how to accomplish that. They sometimes felt a disconnect between what they believed and how they lived. It wasn't that they were aware of sin as much as they wanted to have a more meaningful connection between church and life.

Jesus taught that we are to love God and love our neighbor as our self. Spirituality, then, is who we are in relationship to God and to others. To connect church and life, we need two things: we need to pray and worship God in a community of faith and we have to have a concrete expression of faith; we have to be different because we believe. Faith is more than an idea; it is a way of life that brings God's grace to everyday situations.

The Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy are examples of making the connection. They are specific ways to lend a hand, to express faith in God, and to recognize the value and dignity of each person. In practicing the Works of Mercy, we strengthen our faith and get so much more than we give.

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

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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.***

COLLABORATIVE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

MEN'S GROUP AT OUR LADY OF HOPE

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

KNITTING MINISTRY—TIME CHANGE



St. Paul's Knitting Ministry knits baptismal blankets for St. Paul's and baby blankets and hats for Project Linus which are donated to local hospitals. If you knit, crochet or quilt and would like to join us, we meet

generally on **the first Saturday of the month from 1PM to 3PM in the Church hall.**

HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is homebound and wishes to receive Holy Communion, please call parish office to make arrangements.

ADULT CHOIR

Music Director John Maher is looking for choir members to sing at the 9:30am Mass at St Paul's on Sundays, or the 4pm Mass at Our Lady of Hope on Saturdays. Time commitment is minimal. Whether you have sung with a choir in the past or have never done it before, all are welcome! Reach out to John at jmaher@ourladystpaul.org or call 978-500-6789.

SVDP Holiday News:

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

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

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

Pre-Covid, we delivered holiday meals each Thanksgiving and Christmas. Still, since then, we have collaborated with other people of goodwill and referred those in need of meals to the many wonderful agencies in our area that focus specifically on food distribution to those in need. We have instead focused on providing modest financial support that may help make the Holiday more blessed, allowing for the purchase of diapers, clothes, or appropriate gifts for the children. As is our custom, we honor one of the core values that the Society holds sacred, that friendship, a person-to-person service that encompasses listening, is critical. We hand deliver our gifts to each recipient, representing ourselves as members of our Catholic Community seeking to bring material support and the joy of Christ to those most in need during what is a very joyous time for most of us.

Thank you again for thinking of those less fortunate during this and all seasons and donating to the Poor Boxes on your way out of Our Lady of Hope Church. Please get in touch with us if you have a family or individual in Ipswich/Hamilton/Wenham who could benefit from a visit from your SVDP Society this holiday season. Also, please visit our website for additional details:
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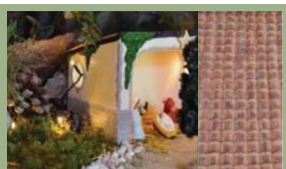
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