

OUR LADY OF HOPE / SAINT PAUL DIRECTORY

Our LADY OF HOPE PARISH 1 Pineswamp Road Ipswich, MA 01938 978-356-3944

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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.

CONVALIDATION OF MARRIAGE

If you and your spouse desire holy matrimony in the Catholic Church, you are invited to convalidate your marriage. A Celebration of Convalidation is an opportunity for couples married outside of the Church to enter into the marriage covenants in the Catholic tradition. Please speak with Fr. Brogan or call the parish office for more information.

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 or John Cusolito at jcusolito@ourladysaintpaul.org

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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COLLABORATIVE FACEBOOK PAGE

Our Lady of Hope & St. Paul Parishes have a Facebook page! Like and follow for information, pictures and happenings in and around our parishes and communities. You can find us on Facebook by searching: Our Lady of Hope & St. Paul Parishes

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.



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.



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.

COLLABORATIVE MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 15

4:00 pm Vigil — Guiseppe Paglia (OLOH)

Sunday, November 16

7:30 am — Parishioners (SP) NO MUSIC

9:30 am — Remembrance Mass (SP)

11:15 am - William O'Neill (OLOH)

Monday, November 17

9:00 am — Weekday Mass (OLOH)

Tuesday, November 18

9:00 am — Anne-Marie Baney (OLOH)

Wednesday, November 19 No Daily Mass

Thursday, November 20

9:00 am — Richard W. Johnson (SP)

Friday, November 21

9:00 am — Healing Mass (SP)

Saturday, November 22

4:00 pm Vigil — Joan Looby (OLOH)

Sunday, November 23

7:30 am — Parishioners (SP) NO MUSIC

9:30 am — John Myers (SP)

11:15 am - Mass of Remembrance (OLOH)

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

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

WE ASK PARISHIONERS TO PRAY...

For all those who are sick, especially Lauren Upham, Denise Leslie, Patrick Wetson, Louis P. Geoffrion, Anthony Passaretti, Lydia Fothergill, Kevin Donovan, Nancy Bianchi, Cameron Cyr, Kim Donohoe, Mia Angelis, Cameron Gagnon, Cathryn Lally, Denise Polli, Gerrie O'Brien, Irene Stackpole, Connie Donovan, Patricia Foley, J. P. Quinn and all those infected with the viruses and other illnesses.

- † For all those returning to school and their teachers
- † For all our parishioners who are sick, homebound and those confined to nursing facilities and hospital
- † For all those affected by natural disasters
- † For peace in our world, especially in 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

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.



TO SCHEDULE A MASS FOR A LOVED ONE

Did you know that offering (scheduling) a Mass Intention is one of the Spiritual Acts of Mercy; and that scheduling the Mass not only benefits our loved ones, but we receive graces too? This has long been a sacred tradition for remembering and praying for our dead. In the month of November we will remember all those who have passed with a Mass of Remembrance.

Church of Saint Paul on November 16 at 9:30 am and Our Lady of Hope on November 23 at 11:15 am the Mass is offered for those who passed from our parishes November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025.

Many parishioners (Catholics) who follow this tradition throughout the year will have a Mass Intention offered at "Month-mind" (a month following a loved ones death), Anniversary of death, birthday and other significant dates in their loved ones life.

The Mass is the best prayer we can offer to God. That being said, Mass Intentions can also be for the living. Special Intentions for healing, thanksgiving and graces received.

For those who would like to schedule a Mass, please contact the rectory office where you would like Mass offered. The information is scheduled in our Parish calendar. We do request an offering of \$20 for weekday Masses and \$25 for weekend.

We also have Mass Cards should you want to offer a Mass Intention and give it to the family at the wake or funeral.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

November 22-23—Collection for Retired Religious Sisters Since 1988, the collection has provided needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service. For more information, please contact the Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637

ALL SOULS

November is traditionally the month of All Souls. As Roman Catholics, we believe that it is good to pray for and remember those who have gone before us. As a parish, we will be doing this in the following way. We will continue the custom of the "All Souls envelope"

...if you are on our envelope system you received an envelope in your October offertory packets. For those who do not receive parish envelopes and/or those who want specific prayers offered for your loved ones during the month, All Souls envelopes will be available at the doors of the church and on the rectory porch. To offer prayers for your loved one, please fill in the names of those you want remembered and return them in the offertory collection over the next few weekends. All of these names will be placed on the altar and be remembered at all the Masses during the month.



ACORD Food Pantry Thanksgiving Fixins Bags 2025

In 2025, Acord plans to distribute "fixins bags" to all their clients along with a turkey. They will be distributing approximately 150 bags full of the items below so that everyone can enjoy a special meal for Thanksgiving.

A basket will be located at the rear entrance of the church to collect any of the following items:

- 1 box of instant mashed potatoes or scalloped potatoes
- 1 jar or can of gravy
- 1 can/box of chicken broth
- 1 box of stuffing
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 can of corn
- 2 cans of green beans
- 1 can of fried onions (for green bean casserole)
- 1 can of cream of mushroom soup

(for green bean casserole)

- 1 package or can of ground coffee
- 1 dessert baking mix such as quick bread, brownies or cookies

Last day donations will be collected is Sunday, November 16.

Any donation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much for your support!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SERVING HAMILTON-IPSWICH-WENHAM

Our Lady of Hope / St. Paul — St. Vincent de Paul Conference "I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me." \sim Matthew 25:35–36, 40

As Catholics, we are called to recognize Christ in the faces of those who struggle. Our faith is not only what we believe—it is what we do. The Gospel reminds us that caring for those in need is not optional; it is central to our discipleship.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP), founded in Paris in 1833, offers direct, personal assistance to neighbors in need —always with compassion, respect, and without judgment. The need in our own communities continues to grow. Families are choosing between rent and food, seniors struggle to stay warm, and neighbors face sudden hardship. When we serve them, we serve Christ Himself.

If you or someone you know needs help, please call 978-992-6151.

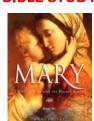
Our conference welcomes new members from Our Lady of Hope and St. Paul parishes to join us in serving those facing hardship. Membership is flexible—there are many ways to share your time and gifts.

We meet on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Our Lady of Hope parish hall. Visit sydpipswich blogspot.com or call 978-992-6151 to learn more.

Your prayers, presence, and generosity make this mission possible. Please consider helping the St. Vincent de Paul Society bring hope and relief to those who need it most.

Donations are urgently needed to support neighbors in Ipswich, Hamilton, and Wenham. Contributions may be made through the Poor Boxes at Our Lady of Hope Church or by placing checks made out to "SVDP Society" in the collection baskets at either parish.

BIBLE STUDY: A BIBLICAL WALK WITH MARY



9:30 AM-11AM
Monday mornings
at Our Lady of Hope, Ipswich
6:30 – 8 PM
Monday nights
at St Paul's, Hamilton

To join: Email wdkenyon@aol.com

ST. PAUL PARISH HAPPENINGS

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.

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.

SECOND & FOURTH FRIDAY COFFEE

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



The quilting group who meet in the OLOH Hall on Wednesday afternoons have generously donated 3 beautiful quilts to our Church. We will be holding a silent auction for them beginning on November 16 and selecting the highest bidder on December 14 in time for Christmas.

Each quilt has been valued and donations above the value are tax deductible as a gift to the church. The donations received to Quilts 1 & 2 will go to our St. Vincent de Paul, which benefits those in our community that are in need especially this Christmas. The Donation for Quilt 3 will be used for the Religious Education to support the children of our parish



OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

We are off to a great beginning with \$35,549.00 received toward our goal of \$90,000

If you have not already donated to this important collection, please prayerfully consider a gift.

The Grand Annual helps us to continue to take care of the additional costs of running the Parish and keeping up with necessary repairs. Please use the below form if you did not receive one in the mail or would like to contribute to this important collection.

2025 Grand Annual Collection	Please prayerfully consider the following gifts this year:	
Our Lady of Hope Parish Ipswich, Massachusetts	Pledge:	2 Monthly Payments:
	□ \$350	□ \$175 per month
	□ \$500	☐ \$250 per month
ID#	□ \$750	□ \$375 per month
	□ \$1000	☐ \$500 per month
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	Balance Due:	\$
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FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING

A SERIES DEVOTED TO LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS AND THEIR CATHOLIC ANSWERS

Interested in becoming Catholic? Exploring the church?

Already Catholic, and seeking to deepen in faith & grow in understanding?

This series is for you!

All are welcome to this shared program between Visitation Parish of Essex & Manchester, and Our Lady of Hope and Saint Paul Parishes of Ipswich and Hamilton.

These sessions will pose life's big questions...

Who am I? Why am I here? How do I live each day?

...and explore answers from the Catholic tradition.

Each session will consist of a lesson based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, followed by a time for Q&A & discussion.

The sessions will serve as the Inquiry phase for participants in the OCIA process, which will continue in Advent and run through Pentecost. Reach John Cusolito at jcusolito@ourladysaintpaul.org for more information if you are interested in joining with us in the OCIA to become Catholic.

October 30

Sacred Heart, Manchester
"Human Capacity for God"

November 6 St. Paul's, Hamilton

"God Meets Humanity"

November 13

"Our Response to God"

November 20

St. Paul's, Hamilton "Our Faith, the Creed"

For more information, email Elisa at reledshsj@comcast.net, or John at jcusolito@ourladysaintpaul.org

THURSDAYS • 6:30-8:30 • PARISH HALI

Sacred Heart, 62 School Street, Manchester-by-the-Sea (parking lot in rear of church) St. Paul's, 50 Union Street, Hamilton (abundant street parking around the church)



TRUTH IN CHRIST!



Our Lady of Hope & St. Paul Parishes

"Come Holy Spirit" (66-8)

- This past week the students at Our lady of Hope participated in the Mass as readers, ushers and bringing up
 the gilts. It was wonderful seeing them contribute in this way!
- We continue to encourage the children and families to come to Mass and celebrate the Eucharist together
 each week!



"LIVING GOD'S STORY" (61-5)

The Children focused on the Creation of the world and our responsibility to take care of God's creation

Grade 1: GENESIS 1:26-31 - WE CARE FOR GOD'S ERFATURES - we are all created in the image of God which gives humans a unique dignity and purpose

Grade 2: EXODUS 19-16-20-17 - WE FOLLOW THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
God's covenant with Israel on Mt. Sinai and the giving of the Ten
Commandments

Grade 3 - PSALM 104:5-15 - WE CARE FOR THE EARTH Describes the creation of the Earth - children came up with ways to care for creation

Grade 4 - GENESIS 1:26-31 - WE PROMISE TO CARE FOR THE EARTH Caring for the Earth - they participated in a fun activity "Race to Responsibility" to enhance their understanding of our role in creation

Grade 5 - 1 GENESIS 1:1-2, 4 - WE PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT - God's creation of the world. The account presents a structured, intentional, and peaceful process of creation by the sole creator, God.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS WILL JOIN US SOON!



Children's liturgies are starting again at both Parishes Coffee & Doughnuts to follow Mass!

St. Paul's: December 7, 9:30AM - GRADE 5 MASS

Our lady of Hope & St. Paul's:

December 14 (9:30AM &

11:15AM) — Youth participation

and children's liturgies

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB JoAnne Kelleher, President | jkellehercwc@gmail.com SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL 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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

The Catholic Women's Club Harvest "International " Dinner & Silent Auction, is on Thursday November 13th at 6:30 at Our Lady of Hope parish. Cost: \$15 to support our scholarships. Contact Mary Maloney (maloneymk@verizon.net) to sign up to make something.

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.

HOMEBOUND

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

PARISH ROSARY GROUP



The Rosary Group has begun at Our Lady of Hope Parish on Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All are Welcome to join! (Please enter through the front right-hand doors of the

church.)

LENDING LIBRARY—SAINT PAUL & OLOH



There is a lending library of books located in the chapel at Saint Paul's Church, and in the Church Hall at Our Lady of Hope. On the shelves are books on various subjects from Catholicism to the Saints to Salvation History.

KNITTING MINISTRY AT SAINT PAUL



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.

VOLUNTEER REQUEST FOR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

JoAnne Kelleher has graciously volunteered to chair our Social Committee at Our Lady of Hope. This committee will be involved in organizing and hosting various parish events. Please consider joining this group to support our Parish coming together. For more information please contact JoAnne Kelleher at jkelleher@ourladysaintpaul.org or call the rectory office. Thank you.

COLLABORATIVE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bonni Berkowitz (OLOH) Joanne Bialek (OLOH) Diane Bostrom (OLOH) Pat Donahue (STP) Stephen Dowd (STP) Martha Driscoll (STP)

James Foley (OLOH) JoAnne Kelleher (OLOH) Linda Murphy (OLOH) Alana Mitchell (STP) Phil Monahan (STP) Jim Moynihan (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. If you need help identifying them, ask someone at church to point them out to you.



FLOWER COMMITTEE AT OUR LADY OF HOPE



We would like to expand our current Flower Committee at Our Lady of Hope Parish. The committee helps Fr. Brogan arrange the flowers and decorate the Church at Christmas and Easter. They also plant bulbs and flowers around the church and in the outdoor planters. If you are interested in joining, please contact

the parish office to join and for more information at 978-356



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.

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

An Invitation for Married Couples

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering a new sevenhour experience designed to deepen the spiritual connection between married couples called. "God Chose You For Me. It will take place Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. at St. Elizabeth Parish Pastoral Center, 181 Hubbard St., Ludlow, MA 01056. The experience will be led by Fr. Larry Brault of the Worcester Diocese, a married couple, and a surviving marital spouse. The experience is an exploration of matrimonial spirituality, rooted in the love shared between husband and wife - a reflection of God's presence. Couples will be guided in creating a personal couple prayer developed progressively through the day. This prayer will then serve as a daily spiritual practice. The \$100 cost includes materials, lunch, and refreshments. Couples may register online no later than November 30, 2025 at http:// wwmectw.org/enrichment.php

For more information contact Bob & Marie Lussier: (413) 224-1145 or R-M-Lussier@charter.net

NORTH SHORE SACRED HARP GROUP

The North Shore Sacred Harp group will meet on **Sunday, November 16th** in the lower church hall at Our Lady of Hope Church, from **2:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

Come join us as we meet in a square to sing hymns dating from the 18*-21*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



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

CATHOLIC BLESSING OF THE HOME

When Christ took flesh through the Blessed Virgin Mary, He made his home with us. Let us now pray that he will enter this home and bless it with his presence. May he always be here with you, share in your joys, comfort you in your sorrows. Inspired by his teachings and example, seek to make your new home before all else a dwelling place of love, diffusing far and wide the goodness of Christ.

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 ounded. 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 lfe 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

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