

**Our Lady of Hope
&
Saint Paul Parishes**



November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

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.

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.

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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 29**

4:00 pm Vigil — James Nikitas (OLOH)

Sunday, November 307:30 am — Parishioners (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am — Rosemary Corcoran (SP)

11:15 am — Dan Follansbee and Curtis Gerrish (OLOH)

Monday, December 1

9:00 am — Howard E. Dimitre—15th Anniversary (OLOH)

Tuesday, December 2

9:00 am — Weekday Mass (OLOH)

Wednesday, December 3 No Daily Mass**Thursday, December 4**

9:00 am — Weekday Mass (SP)

11:00 am — Funeral for Louise Cynkus

Friday, December 5

9:00 am — June & Anthony Passaretti, the Mulcahy Family and John Driscoll (SP)

Saturday, December 6

4:00 pm Vigil — William Cynkus—50th Anniversary (OLOH)

Sunday, December 77:30 am — Parishioners (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am — Lorretta & Thomas Galligan (SP)

11:15 am — Weekend Mass (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: 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.

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 virus 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, especially Louise Cynkus
- ✠ For the safety and good health of all missionaries
- ✠ For all who serve our country in the Armed Forces, especially Marine 1st Lt. Thomas Monahan and Air Force 1st 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

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Monday, December 8, 2025 is the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on December 8 at 9:00 am at Our Lady of Hope.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**OLOH FUEL COLLECTION**

The Fuel collection is a great help in funding the anticipated cost of the parish heat and utilities this winter. The collection will be taken up during the month of December. Letters are being mailed out on Monday, December 1. Donations can be mailed, put on rectory porch or dropped in the weekend collection baskets. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this important collection that supports Our Lady of Hope Parish.

DECEMBER 25—CHRISTMAS CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST

The collection at all the Christmas Masses will once again benefit the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the needs of our priests. Our priests are always there for us; they share Christ's good news, perform good works, and build communities of good faith. All are welcome to learn more and make a gift online at clergytrust.org. And don't forget to find the Trust on Facebook by searching "@ClergyTrust."

WELCOME BISHOP HENNESSEY!

We are happy to welcome Bishop Hennessey as celebrant at the Masses at Our Lady of Hope and Saint Paul's this weekend, the First Sunday of Advent.

Happy you are here Bishop Hennessey!



THE GIVING TREE

This year, our Giving Tree donations will be distributed locally to families in need within our community. In addition to supporting these families, donations will also be shared with the Acord Food Pantry in Hamilton and with St. Vincent de Paul in Ipswich. St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic organization that provides assistance to local families who are experiencing crisis.

We are asking that donations be in the form of **gift cards**, preferably from **Target, Walmart, Market Basket, or Stop & Shop**. Gift cards empower families to identify their most pressing needs and purchase what will best support their household.

A Christmas tree with donation tags is located at the entrances of both Our Lady of Hope and St. Paul's.

Please take a tag and return your gift card donation in the offertory basket by December 15th.

We are so grateful for your generosity and your willingness to help our neighbors in need.

As Jesus taught us in Matthew 25:35-40:

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

2026 CALENDARS

2026 Calendars are available at the doorways of the church of each parish and on the porch at OLH. Thank you to John Morris of Morris Funeral home for providing the calendars for our parishioners.

ACORD FOOD PANTRY



ACORD Food Pantry Holiday Breakfast Bags

The Holiday Breakfast Bag Program distribution occurs in December of each year- Acord Food Pantry distributes approximately 150 bags containing breakfast items for clients to enjoy during the holiday week.

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

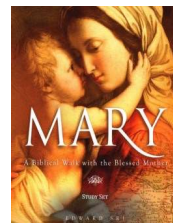
- 1 box or bag of pancake mix
- 1 bottle of syrup
- 2 quick breads or muffin mixes
- 1 jar of jam or jelly
- 1 can (or jar) of fruit cocktail or pineapple or mandarin oranges
- 1 small bottle of vegetable oil
- 1 package or can of ground coffee
- 1 box or can of hot cocoa
- Holiday napkins or plates

Last day donations will be collected is Sunday, December 14.

Any donation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much for your support!

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.

CHEVRUS AWARD AT THE CATHEDRAL



Father David Brogan, Archbishop Henning, Mrs. Mary Maloney

Father Brogan and Mary Maloney of Our Lady of Hope Parish joined Archbishop Henning, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Boston along with nearly 1,000 attendees at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross for the presentation of the Chevrus Award. Mary was nominated by Father Brogan to receive this award in honor of outstanding service to the life of the parish of Our Lady of Hope.

Mrs. Betty Chagnon and Mrs. Theresa Zampell have also been awarded the Chevrus Award by Archbishop Henning for faithful service to the parish of Saint Paul. Father Brogan will present the Chevrus Award on behalf of the Archbishop to Mrs. Chagnon and Mrs. Zampell at a special Daily Mass on Friday, December 12th at 9:00 am at Saint Paul's. All are welcome to this Mass which will be followed by a reception in the lower hall of St. Paul's.

NEWLY RESTORED BAPTISMAL FONT

You will all be pleased to notice the newly restored baptismal font that now sits to the right of the sanctuary within Our Lady of Hope church. The two photos below are just a representation of the beauty of this font. It originally resided at St. John's Church, Swampscott and was ac-



quired many years ago by Our Lady's. It had been in storage for many years until I decided to have it reconfigured for our purposes. I had the red marble base separated from the font. The statue of St. Therese now sits atop this base. The green marble base was constructed out of remnants from the marble ambo that I had removed from the left side of the sanctuary and the entirety of the font had to be re-carved and a drainage system installed for cleaning purposes. This font had a long life of service in Swampscott and has now been resurrected to continue its original purpose of facilitating the baptisms of children and adults into the Life, Death and Resurrection of Christ. Our "new" baptismal font is just one more project completed within our parishes for the glory of God.



~ Father Brogan

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

We are off to a great beginning with \$47,499.00 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

Our Lady of Hope Parish
Ipswich, Massachusetts

ID#

Please prayerfully consider the following gifts this year:

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|---------------------------------|--|
| Pledge: | 2 Monthly Payments: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$350 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$175 per month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 per month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$750 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$375 per month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 per month |

☐ I have made my payment online at:
ourladystpaul.org

Gift Total: \$ _____

Enclosed Amount: \$ _____

Balance Due: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Our Lady of Hope Parish

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Christmas Flowers



The Season of Advent begins this Sunday, November 30, 2025. This year for our Christmas celebrations in the church we will be once again memorialize the flowers and plants used around the altar, the sanctuary and church in general. We will publish the names of all those in whose memory the flowers and plants are intentioned. We will also remember them at our Christmas Masses and celebrations. If you would like to memorialize church Christmas flowers or plants in someone's memory, or for deceased members of a particular family, please follow the process below:

Using a plain white envelope, write **Christmas 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.

Deadline to have your intentioned listed in Christmas Bulletin is December 15, 2025.

Flower requests envelope can be placed in the Sunday collection basket, in the incoming mail box on the rectory porch or mail to:

**Our Lady of Hope
1 Pineswamp RD
Ipswich, MA 01938**

May these flowers help us to praise Christ's birth, and help us to remember those who have gone before us...may their memory be present with us as we celebrate this Season of Birth and New Life!

SILENT AUCTION AT OUR LADY OF HOPE

Christmas Silent Auction



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 with 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 Quilt 1 & 2 will go to our St. Vincent de Paul for those in our community that are in need especially this Christmas and Donation for Quilt 3 will be used for the Religious Education to support the programs for the children in our parish

**Bid Forms will be on table in the
Front Entrance (Vestibule) at
Our Lady of Hope Church**

PARISH ROSARY GROUP

Join Us for the Rosary This Advent Season

One of the greatest gifts of being Catholic is knowing that the Mother of our Lord is our Mother too. Let us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, during this holy season of waiting. We celebrate the incarnation of "God with Us", drawing closer to our Holy Mother, and her Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus. You are invited to join our weekly Parish Rosary group for prayer, reflection, and community, as we meditate on the *Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious* mysteries of the Holy Rosary.



When: Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm.

Where: Our Lady of Hope, Ipswich (enter through the front doors on the right)



All are welcome — whether you pray the Rosary often or it's your first time!

Let's journey together in faith and peace this Advent.



TRUTH IN CHRIST!

Our Lady of Hope & St. Paul Parishes



"LIVING GOD'S STORY" (G1-5) - last week's lessons for the children focused on giving thanks



As we begin this season of hope and preparation, may our hearts be open to the light and peace Christ brings. Wishing everyone a blessed start to Advent!

GRADE 1: COLOSSIANS 3:15-17 - WE PRAY TO GOD - How to live a Christian life centered on peace and thankfulness - This was so appropriate last weekend as Thanksgiving was upon us!

GRADE 2: JOHN 10:1-18 - JESUS LOVES AND CARES FOR US - With their First Penance coming up, the students had a tour of the church and confessional.

GRADE 3 - 1 John 3:11, 16-18 - THE CHURCH IS ONE IN LOVE - They toured the church and explored the beautiful stained-glass windows, learning about the saints depicted in them.

GRADE 4 - EXODUS 12:21-23 - THE PASSEOVER LAMB - Learning about the first Passover, the children made the connection that Jesus is our Lamb of God, who offered the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. They reflected beautifully on how God's saving love is shown in both the Old and New Covenants.

GRADE 5 - ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1:4-5, 8 - THE SPIRIT FILLS US - Jesus' final instructions to his apostles before his Ascension, telling them to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to empower them to be his witnesses. They created skits based on the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

"COME HOLY SPIRIT" (G6-8)

GRADES 6-8 met Sunday for a viewing party of Pope Leo taking questions from American youth during the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indiana!



CELEBRATING ADVENT

Christmas caroling, Cards for nursing homes and The Giving Tree is up at both churches!! - please get donations in by Dec 15th

Children's Liturgies/Masses:

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

CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS!!!

OUR LADY OF HOPE: Dec 20th 4:00PM

ST. PAULS: Dec 21st 9:30AM

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

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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 Christmas Gathering and Yankee Swap (\$20 limit) & Raffle will be on Thursday, December 11th, at 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Hope Parish.

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 call the 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.



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.

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.

Chorus North Shore
presents

Requiem

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Fantasia on Christmas Carols

Ralph Vaughan Williams

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 7:00 PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2:00 PM

Beth Hagan-Haltmeier, soprano
Alexandra Dietrich, mezzo soprano
Thomas Smoker, tenor
Andrew Scoglio, baritone

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GENERAL ADMISSION \$28
SENIOR/STUDENT \$23

CHORUSNORTHSHORE.ORG

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 978-356-3944.

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." ~ 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 svdpipswich.blogspot.com or call 978-992-6151 to learn more.

Your prayers, presence, and generosity make this mission possible.

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.

NORTH SHORE SACRED HARP GROUP

The North Shore Sacred Harp group will meet on **Sunday, December 21** 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 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 gehewe@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.

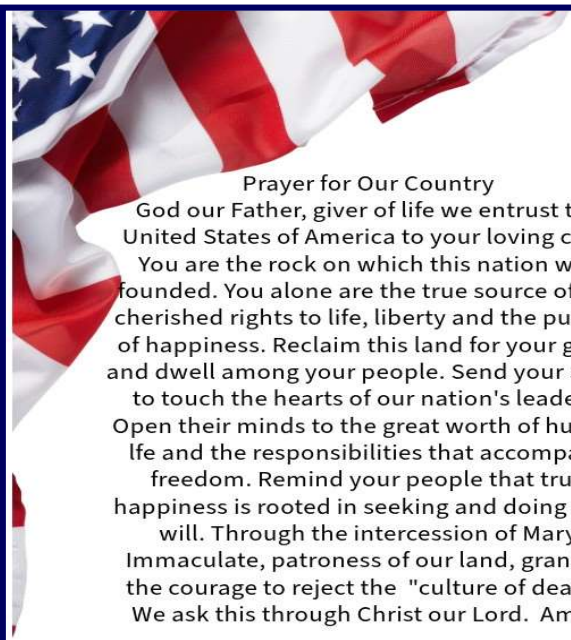
Most needed items at

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 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