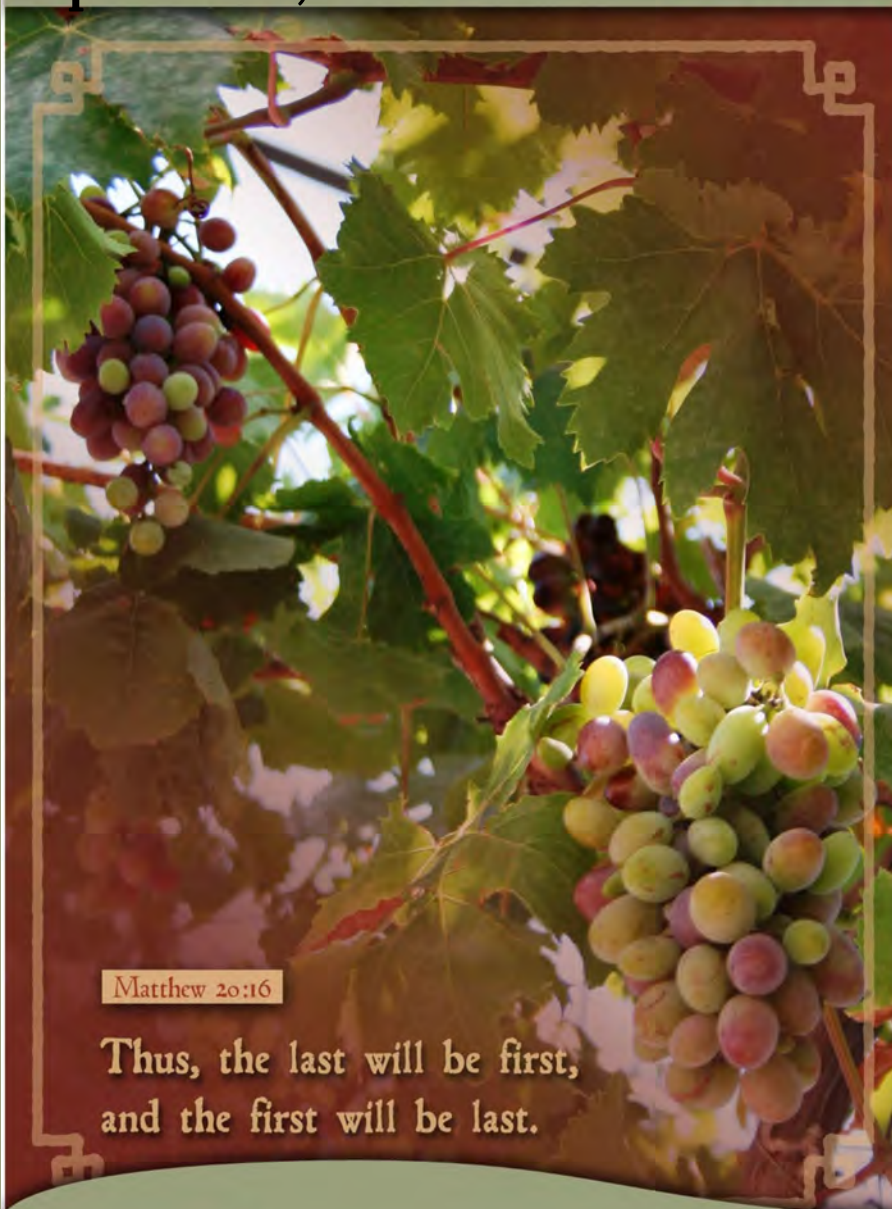


Journey OF Faith

September 24, 2023

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Matthew 20:16

Thus, the last will be first,
and the first will be last.

In Word & Deed

When the long time pastor of our parish died, many people remembered him as a generous man. Story after story was told of how much he helped families, supplying food, cars, clothes, jobs and tuition in their time of need. He came from a wealthy family and he used his own money to make a difference in the lives of parishioners, neighbors and those who came knocking at the door. More importantly, he gave his time and a listening ear. People felt understood and renewed and it was this gift that made a difference.

The Gospel parable of the owner hiring workmen is a model of generosity. The owner hires workers at different times of the day, yet pays each one equally, because wages are not just a luxury. For

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We can do no great things; only small things with great love.
• Blessed Teresa of Calcutta •



FAMILY LIFE:

TO WALK AS ONE



The seniors at the Catholic high school were required to do a certain number of community service hours. One project the fall sports teams had to do was to staff the soup kitchen on New Year's Day. Amid many objections about the early hour after being up so late and that it was still a school holiday, students still showed up and worked hard to prepare a cooked meal for several hundred people.

Waiting nervously, the students expected the stereotypical homeless man to show up. The seniors were shocked and even moved to tears when young families, well dressed senior citizens and even kids their own age showed up for dinner. They soon realized that poverty and hunger affect many people. Even more

surprising was the politeness and gratitude expressed by everyone who came. Students were clearly moved by the experience.

Later, as students shared their thoughts, one common theme emerged. As much as they may have given, the students thought they received more than they gave. They had a new sense of gratitude and appreciation for what they had and a determination to make a difference for those less fortunate. That's a New Year's resolution worth keeping any time of year.

-Jim Gaffney

In Word & Deed

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his workers, it means food on the table and a roof over a family's head. His generosity is not about money, but about respecting the dignity of the workers.

Generosity can be measured in many ways, and offered in many forms. Simply handing someone money might be generous; but giving time and attention is even more so. Such generosity can renew the spirit, create a bond, restore dignity and inspire hope. Give what counts and you too can make a difference.

-Jim Gaffney

"These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat."

He said to one of them in reply, "My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? (Or) am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?"

Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Matthew 20:12-16



OUR LADY OF HOPE / SAINT PAUL DIRECTORY

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Ipswich, MA 01938
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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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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 on of our parishes, contact the parish office or go online to register through our website.

PARISH STAFF

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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, September 23

4:00 pm Vigil—Jennie Cynkus (OLOH)

Sunday, September 24

7:30 am—Parishioners (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am—Beth Gerolamo Rebello (SP)

11:15am—Lisa Thibodeau Weber (OLOH)

Monday, September 25

9:00 am— Weekday Mass (OLOH)

Tuesday, September 26

9:00 am— Weekday Mass (OLOH)

Wednesday, September 27

No Daily Mass

Thursday, September 28

9:00 am—Maria & Michael Mikulewicz (SP)

Friday, September 29

9:00 am—Special Intention (SP)

Saturday, September 30

4:00 pm Vigil—Weekend Mass (OLOH)

Sunday, October 1

7:30 am—Parishioners (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am—Paul Nasipak (SP)

11:15am—Priscilla A. Spittle (OLOH)

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

WEEKEND DONATIONS/COLLECTIONS

We understand you will have questions about how Offertory donations and Special Collections will be handled. If you make an offering in 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.

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@ourladyofhope.org or call 978-500-6789.

PRAYER REQUESTS

WE ASK PARISHIONERS TO PRAY...

† For all those who are sick, especially Juliette 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 preparing for Confirmation in October

† For the all students and teachers.

† For those who work and live in war-torn countries, especially in the Ukraine

† 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

† For peace in our world, especially Ukraine

† For the unborn children

† For all those affected by natural disasters

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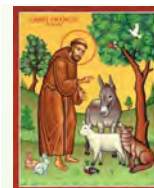
In order to keep our prayer list current, names will remain on the list for four weeks.

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



Our parishioner, Thomas Monahan is courageously entering the Marine Corp in the upcoming weeks to begin his training as he prepares to serve and protect our United States of America.

Thomas, we keep you in our thoughts and prayers and to his parents, Kristen and Phil, and to his siblings, Grace, Ryan and Caroline you are in our thoughts and prayers, as well.



THE BLESSING OF ANIMALS....

The Blessing of the animals is observed and celebrated in commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) who is the patron saint of animals and the environment. He is also said to be a lover of all creatures by the Roman Catholic faith.

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi there will be a blessing of animals on the side lawn of Our Lady of Hope Parish on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 1:00p.m. All are welcome. It is a wonderful experience to see a variety of God's creatures participating in this blessing.

If you would like your pet blessed, please be on the lawn on the Linebrook Rd. side of the church at 1:00 p.m. Fr. Brogan will meet you there.

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH

All parishioners should receive a letter this week to kick-off the 2023-2024, Grand Annual Collection.

We are once again having this 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.

SAINT PAUL—SEVENFOLD

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IS
COMING THIS WEEK!

Letters to parishioners requesting your support of Saint Paul's will be arriving in your mailboxes this week. Please consider participating with an offertory commitment for the 2023-2024 year.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

September 30—October 1 Holy Father and Missionary Efforts

This collection supports the Holy Father's Peter's Pence and Missionary Efforts which provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. It also provides for support to Catholic University of America that educates priests and lay people for ministry and for the inner city parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston.

October 21-22 World Mission Sunday

This collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the Pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society. For more information visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

Ask the Lord to make your marriage even better. How? Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

October 16-November 6, 2023, Virtual 3RE (M/W evenings)
October 20-22, 2023 in Barre, Vermont (St. Monica/
St. Michael)

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 Vatable at 978-870-5646 or <https://www.mema.org/>.



FR. BROGAN'S INSTALLATION MASSES



As you all know, Fr. David Brogan has been appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Hope Parish and St. Paul Parish. We enthusiastically invite you to attend Fr. Brogan's Installation Masses & Receptions that will immediately follow each Mass. The dates and times are as follows:

Saturday, October 21st at Our Lady of Hope Parish

Pineswamp Road, Ipswich
4:00 pm Mass followed by Reception



Sunday, October 22nd at St. Paul Parish

50 Union Street, South Hamilton
9:30 am Mass followed by Reception

Lazarus Center for Healing Shrine

47 Butler Ave, Wakefield, MA

HEALING SERVICES IN OCTOBER

OCT. 6, 2023
(AFTERNOON)

Begins at 2:00 PM

OCT. 18, 2023
(EVENING)

Begins at 6:00 PM

- FIRST HOUR: Adoration, Confession, and Rosary
- SECOND HOUR: Holy Mass
- Following Mass - Sacrament of the Sick and opportunity for personal prayer with a member of the Healing Team

Our Healing Team:

Rev. Tom Reilly,

Rev. Jilson George, Rev. Vincent Gianni, Rev. Charles Hughs, Jurgen Lias, Rev. Michael Mbuwir, Rev. Ed Riley

Healing from: physical illness, mental health, anxiety, depression, addiction, dependence, insomnia, fear, injury, pain, loss of a loved one, healing from broken relationships, spiritual attacks

www.healingshrine.org/healing

Read the testimonies of healing on our website.

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY LAZARUS CENTER FOR HEALING SHRINE IN WAKEFIELD.

SUNDAYS at 6:15pm.

Catholic in Recovery provides healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery with a sacramental understanding of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected. For more information visit www.catholicinrecovery.com or email cireileenk@gmail.com.

Meetings are held on SUNDAYS at 6:15pm at the Lazarus Center for Healing Shrine (formerly St. Florence Parish) located at 47 Butler Avenue, Wakefield.

CORI WEEKEND OCTOBER 1 AT SAINT PAUL'S!

A parish representative will be available following both Masses to verify CORI forms for the 2023-2024 year. CORI forms will be emailed to all volunteers to fill out prior to arriving for Mass. The parish representative will be after Mass at the Union Street entrance. Additional CORI Forms will be available. Please be sure to bring a photo ID/driver's license to complete the verification process. Thank you!

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

All volunteers who minister in the Archdiocese must attend the Protecting God's Children and complete the Code of Conduct form. In addition, every year all current volunteers and new volunteers must complete a CORI Form; we have begun the 2023-24 Process. 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

2023-2024 CORI PROCESS

For those who volunteer at Our Lady of Hope and Saint Paul the 2024 CORI forms are available on the rectory porch, exit tables in church and in the sacristy for you to take home and complete. Once completed, we need to verify your ID (driver's license or passport) in person. Not to overload Fr. Brogan at Mass, please stop by parish office to have Joanne DiNatale or Lucy Cronan to verify your picture ID.

Volunteers include anyone who help in service of their time and talent at Our Lady of Hope and Saint Paul.

Volunteers are required to complete a CORI form EACH fiscal year. In addition, you must have completed the Protecting God's Children (PGC) Program and Archdiocesan Code of Conduct. If you are interested in volunteering, and have not volunteered during this past year; please call the rectory to receive a blue form and read the notice to register for the PGC training.

Thank you in advance for your help in this requirement and for all you do in helping us to be a vibrant parish.

Thinking of becoming Catholic? Already Catholic, but never confirmed?

Many Catholics rediscover or reconnect with their faith as adults, and many people decide to convert to Catholicism from another faith, or from no faith background at all. If you (or someone you know) are a Catholic who was Baptized and received First Communion, but was never confirmed and would like to be, this year, **Adult Confirmations will be held in local parishes, and ours at Our Lady of Hope and St. Paul's are on the weekend of October 21st & 22nd. Preparation for adult Confirmation will consist of four weekly gatherings, time & day to be determined by what works best for those who participate.**



For anyone who has not received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Communion, and



Confirmation), and who would like to become Catholic, **the program called the O.C.I.A. (formerly the R.C.I.A.), or Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, will run from the fall through Pentecost, and those people will be received into the church at the Easter Vigil. Again, the specific time will be discussed among volunteers and participants, but the OCIA does meet on Sundays after a parish Mass.**

For more information on either of these, please reach Elisa St. Clair at Our Lady of Hope: all of her contact information can be found here in the bulletin. It is such a gift to grow in faith and relationship with Jesus and the community of the church over the course of our life, and that opportunity is always before us. If now is that time for you, reach out for more information, as programs will begin soon. God bless!

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

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MUSIC MINISTRIES

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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.*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (OLOH)

Below you will find a list of Parish Council members' email addresses.

We want to make ourselves available. We are still learning ourselves, but feel free to speak with us after Mass or email us if you have any questions. We are here for all of you to help in any way we can.

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Linda Murphy lmem@comcast.net

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Richard & Diane Bostrom dbbluejeans@aol.com

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



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 2PM to 4PM in the Church hall.

HOMEBOUND

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

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..

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

It has been a busy summer with our Saint Vincent de Paul chapter continuing to serve those in need in our newly combined parish community. Your generous contributions to the poor boxes at the exits of Our Lady of Hope Church allow us to provide financial and spiritual assistance to our sisters and brothers in need. We also greatly benefit from the invaluable participation of parishioners active in this ministry. This summer, we have continued to assist seniors struggling financially due to ill health or requiring assistance dealing with the extreme heat, families experiencing short-term job loss, or other temporary setbacks.



Vincents are a network of friends inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness, and building a more just world through personal relationships with and serving people in need. Please consider joining us in our work. We meet once a month in the OLH parish hall, the first Monday evening of each month, where we pray and review the past month's efforts. Two Vincents volunteer to be "on-call" each month. One can put as much or little into their participation as their schedules permit. True faith in Jesus Christ always produces good works. May the words from the Letter of St James stir you to participate in our Vincentian mission: For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Contact us for more information about becoming a member or if you know anyone who may benefit from our assistance, at 978-992-6151. Also, please visit our website for additional details <https://svdpswich.blogspot.com/>

OLH Middle & High School Faith Formation 2023-24

Fall is coming, and we're looking toward the beginning of Faith Formation for our elementary through high school groups! Here are our start dates, and full calendars and information can be found at www.ipswichcatholics.org:

Elementary Faith Formation begins Sunday, October 15th!

Middle School EDGE begins Wednesday, October 11th!

High School (9th & 10th) begins Sunday, October 15th!

CATECHISTS ARE STILL NEEDED! Please consider how you can help.

In our Elementary program, it's currently a classroom style, where one or two teachers will have a small group of students. For Middle and High School, you'd be part of a team, helping to lead discussion and prayer in a small group, with the teaching done each week to the larger group.

Catechists are needed at all levels, and the most important things you can bring are your love for God, and your love for our kids. What we most need are disciples — our youth need to see people who are living their faith, and who can share that faith with them.

In this pursuit—**more workers are ALWAYS needed in the vineyard of the Lord!** So, please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to help minister to our youth, and reach me at estclair@ourladystpaul.org or 978-356-3944.



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.

VOCATIONS

Interested in learning how you can lend your talents to encouraging those men called to be holy priests? Want to explore vocational discernment, life, and the life of seminarians.

See the new vocations website www.vocationsboston.org feel free to contact the Vocation Office by phone at 617-746-5949.



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

SAINT PAUL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL BE STARTING SOON.

Registration Forms can be found on the parish website: churchofsaintpaul.net

Prep, Edge & Purpose Students, Parents, Teachers & Volunteers

Join us for the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 17th to celebrate Catechetical Sunday. It is a day to pray for the Church's mission to share Christ with all people. Please bless the upcoming religious education year with your prayers during this special Mass that the seeds of faith might grow deeply and broadly in the lives of our young people giving them meaning, purpose, and value as well as an eternal vision of happiness for which to live for the glory of God and the good of their souls.

Letter to EDGE (Grades 6-8) Parents
from Debra Brown, EDGE Director

Dear EDGE Families,

We hope that you are enjoying the last weeks of summer. This will be the last email to the full EDGE group. Starting next week, I will be sending more direct emails to those who have registered and/or to those who have not yet registered. St. Paul's EDGE program has been very successful helping middle school students get engaged in their faith with each other as role models. Each year we have leaders from eighth grade, seventh grade and six grade step us to lead groups and teams in our games, in our readings and in discussion. Some highlights of our program are (1) search for Mary in the Church (how many images can each group find); (2) annual tour of the Church and their chance to experience being an altar server; (3) adoration (although we do not use the Eucharist, students experience the entrance of the monstrance); (4) Fat Tuesday pancake dinner for the parish; (5) annual Saint Paul Easter Egg hunt (all eggs filled by Edge students) and many other special nights. This year will bring the special gift of students being able to meet and discuss their faith with Father Brogan! For years we have heard from parents that their students want to come to EDGE - and last year there were EDGE chats where students all encouraged each other to attend. The success of the program starts with families submitting their registrations and some stepping up to help as a CORE Team member. All you need to do is attend - we give you the class summary each night. Most CORE team members get so much out of EDGE for their own faith! So please submit your registration and pick your requested night: Tuesday or Wednesday. If we do not have enough registered it will be made into one night only. We will start at the end of September.

Our new mass schedule - Sunday at 7:30 am (no music) and 9:30 am (beautiful music) has been wonderful. Last Sunday our new music director John Mayer invited everyone to consider joining the newly formed choir that will start in a few weeks. Singing at mass is an amazing experience! Please submit your registrations.

God Bless you,
Debra



As a parish volunteer, it is mandatory that all **volunteers take a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training class.** This is a one-time obligation that must be fulfilled to volunteer for ministry work throughout the Archdiocese.

A **VIRTUS Training session will be offered on Sunday, September 24 at 5:00 PM.** Please see VIRTUS Registration Instructions of page 4 of the bulletin to pre-register for the session.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

Grade 1 Religious Education

GRADE 1 REGISTRATION...If you have a child entering Grade 1 in September, please let us know. In addition, if you have friends in your community or your neighborhood with 1st graders, please have them contact the parish office at: 978-468-2337 or send an email to: stpaul@ourladysaintpaul.org for Religious Education class information.



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