

**Our Lady of Hope, Ipswich  
&  
Saint Paul, Hamilton-Wenham  
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 3, 2023**



*Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”*

*Mt. 16:24-25*

## 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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**EMAIL:** [rectory@ipswichcatholics.org](mailto:rectory@ipswichcatholics.org)



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

### SAINT PAUL PARISH

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South Hamilton, MA 01982  
978-468-2337**

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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.

#### OCIA(FORMERLY RCIA) & FAITH FORMATION

Questions regarding current, upcoming programs and/or sacramental programs available at our parish, 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 with our parish, contact the parish office or go online to register through the website.

### PARISH STAFF

**PASTOR: Fr. David A. Brogan**

**PRIEST IN RESIDENCE: Fr. John G. Kiley**

#### MUSIC MINISTER:

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#### BUSINESS MANAGER, OUR LADY OF HOPE:

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#### PARISH SECRETARY, SAINT PAUL:

Lucy Cronan 978-468-2337  
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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### OUR LADY OF HOPE:

**Kindergarten through Grade 11**

Elisa St. Clair 978-356-3944 EXT. 28  
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#### SAINT PAUL:

**Grades 1 through 5**

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**Grades 6-8**

Debra Brown, [spymnotes@gmail.com](mailto:spymnotes@gmail.com)

**Grades 9-10**

John Cusolito, [johncusolito@comcast.net](mailto:johncusolito@comcast.net)

### 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 2

4:00 pm Vigil—Weekend Mass (OLOH)

### Sunday, September 3

7:30 am—Robert Cronan (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am—Parishioners (SP)

11:15am—Christopher Santarelli (OLOH)

### Monday, September 4

9:00 am—Weekday Mass (OLOH)

### Tuesday, September 5

9:00 am—John & June Miniter  
(OLOH)



### Wednesday, September 6

**No Daily Mass**

### Thursday, September 7

9:00 am—Noema Raposa (SP)

### Friday, September 8

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

### Saturday, September 9

4:00 pm Vigil—O'Neill & Benedetto Families (OLOH)

### Sunday, September 10

7:30 am—Weekend Mass (SP) *NO MUSIC*

9:30 am—Parishioners (SP)

11:15am—Weekend Mass (OLOH)

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

## WEEKEND DONATIONS/COLLECTIONS

As we move forward with our collaborative, and our new schedule of 4 weekend Masses between Our Lady of Hope and St. Paul; you may decide to attend Mass at either Church. We understand you will have questions about how Offertory donations 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.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send our Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### WE ASK PARISHIONERS TO PRAY...

† For all those who are sick, especially Juliett 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 all those returning to school and going away to college

† 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

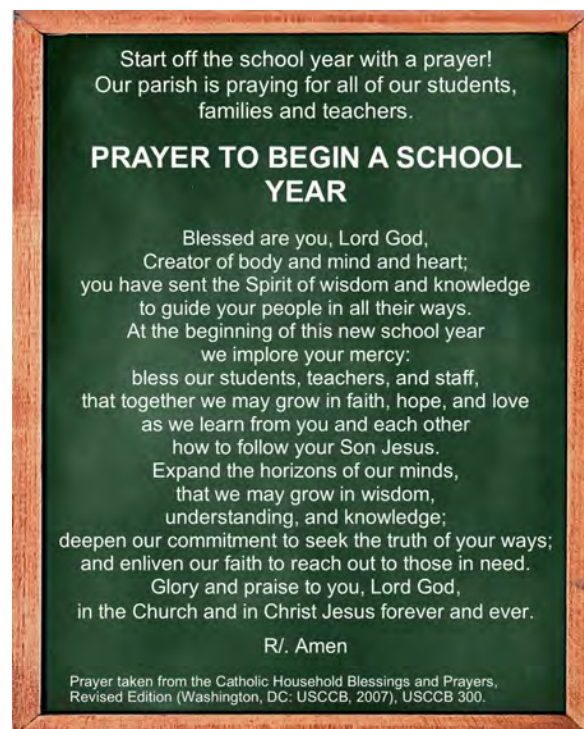
† For all those affected by natural disasters

### 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.*





## 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 began 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

## 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 [johnmaheripswich@gmail.com](mailto:johnmaheripswich@gmail.com) or call 978-500-6789.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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

Bonni Berkowitz, President | 617-549-2744  
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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.

**Bonni Berkowitz** [Berky000@gmail.com](mailto:Berky000@gmail.com)

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**Linda Murphy** [lmem@comcast.net](mailto:lmem@comcast.net)

**James Foley** [jamesfoley2233@gmail.com](mailto:jamesfoley2233@gmail.com)

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## 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 the call 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: [ipswichcatholics.org](https://ipswichcatholics.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.



Vincentsians 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 Vincentsians 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 Vincentsian 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://svdpipswich.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](http://www.ipswichcatholics.org):

**Elementary Faith Formation begins Sunday, October 15th!**

**Middle School EDGE begins Wednesday, October 11th!**

**High School (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>) 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 [elisastclair@ipswichcatholics.org](mailto:elisastclair@ipswichcatholics.org) or 978-356-3944.



## MISSIONARY CO=OP APPEAL

**September 9/10**

Fr. Sean McGillicuddy, C.Ss.R. will be preaching about his brother Pat's ministry in Brazil. Fr. Patrick McGillicuddy, also a Redemptorist priest, works with and for the street population in and around Curitiba, Brazil. He and those who work with him run a spiritual and social center, a fully accredited school, a learning center for adults, and a drug rehabilitation center. He will be asking for your prayers and any financial assistance, which you may be able to provide.

### 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](mailto: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**



## SAINT PAUL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

 Register Now

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL BE STARTING SOON.  
Registration Forms can be found on the parish website: [churchofsaintpaul.net](http://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 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.

### New to Saint Paul's...

In May 2022 Saint Paul's celebrated its 100th year. There are two entrances to Saint Paul's: one on Union Street and one on Rust Street. We have handicap access at the Rust Street entrance (rear of front entrance) and there is an elevator. Our church was renovated in 1998 and changed from the traditional to the "modern" in the round to remind all of us that - we are the Church and the altar is our center. [We do not have a parking lot but there are some handicap parking spaces behind the rectory at the rear of the church.]

The baptismal font was moved to the center of the front entrance to remind each one of their baptism when they enter Saint Paul's. Over the altar is a "baldacchino" or canopy that symbolizes the place where the bridegroom (Jesus) meets the bride (the Church) and pledges his everlasting love. Our baldacchino was designed as a replica of one in a church in Rome.

The first two stained glass windows on either side of the larger part of the church are of Saint Paul (patron saint of Saint Paul's) and Saint Patrick (patron saint of the Archdiocese of Boston). The stained glass windows in the rear section include spiritual messages that are only revealed when the light hits the windows just right. The confessional is on the Rust Street side.

The only way to the restrooms is through the stairs located on the Rust Street side of the church leading down to the Church Hall. We also have a small chapel on the right side of the Rust Street side of the church. The design of the church is most challenging for our priests (celebrants), lectors and musicians who have to look all different ways. We hope that you will find this information for your first visit or your regular visits and please understand that we are all better together.

Dear fellow Parishioners,

We are pleased to provide you with the following summary of the Parish's financial results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023:

**Our Lady of Hope  
Ipswich, Massachusetts  
FY'2023 Annual Financial Summary**

	Year Ended 06/30/23		Year Ended 06/30/22		2023 Budget
<b>Total Revenue.....</b>	<b>\$ 518,146</b>		<b>\$ 341,481</b>		<b>\$ 387,400</b>
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>435,093</b>		<b>375,299</b>		<b>380,253</b>
<b>Over/(Under).....</b>	<b>\$ 83,053</b>		<b>\$ (33,819)</b>		<b>\$ 7,147</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Offerstory and Grand Annual.....	\$ 333,118	64%	\$ 235,687	69%	\$ 315,000
Religious education.....	13,587	3%	9,945	3%	12,000
Fundraising and Fuel Collection.....	18,633	4%	21,353	6%	20,000
Gifts, Bequests, and other.....	152,808	29%	74,496	22%	40,400
<b>Total Revenue.....</b>	<b>\$ 518,146</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 341,481</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 387,400</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>					
Salaries and wages.....	\$ 171,587	39%	\$ 140,222	37%	\$ 147,892
Employee benefits.....	37,306	9%	33,516	9%	31,697
Church and Rectory operating expenses.....	226,200	52%	201,561	54%	200,664
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$ 435,093</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 375,299</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 380,253</b>
<b>Capital expenditures not included above.....</b>	<b>\$ 6,011</b>		<b>\$ 166,202</b>		
<b>Year-End Cash Balances, of which \$260,765</b>					
<b>is restricted from the sale of the land.....</b>	<b>\$ 665,249</b>		<b>\$ 539,652</b>		

We're now just about 3 1/2 years into the "New Normal" under the COVID-19 pandemic and thankfully the financial condition of our Parish is staying on course. First, we received all of the money pledged to the Capital Campaign "**Renew My Church**" where we met our goal of raising \$350,000 to cover the upgrades to the Church – Thank you all very much!

Operationally, total revenues for the year were up about \$177,000 mainly from the Grand Annual collection, \$97,000, which we didn't ask for last year in light of the Capital Campaign, and from Gifts, Bequests, and other revenue in the amount of \$80,000 over last year. The Offerstory collections, religious education and the fuel collection in total were all within \$1,200 of what we collected last year.

Operating expenses were up from last year by about \$60,000; \$35,000 for salaries, wages, and benefits, and \$25,000 for Church and Rectory operating expenses. Most of the expense increases relate to us returning to full staffing and getting back to normal operationally. We've been saving money on the operating expenses during the pandemic these past few years. Many thanks to Father Tom and to Joanne for all their efforts in keeping things running smoothly during these trying times.

**Thanks be to GOD for continuing to bless our beautiful Parish and to all parishioners for your continued and generous support. Please note that the finances of the two Parishes in our new Collaboration will remain separate initially.**

Prayerfully submitted by the Parish Finance Council, along with Fr. David Brogan and Joanne DiNatale; Michael Nelligan, John Gahan, Connie Huff, Eamonn McDonnell, Dan Lobdell.





# Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*FEAST DAY—SEPTEMBER 8*



**T**he details of Mary's birth are unknown. Her parents, not mentioned in the Bible, are called Joachim and Anne in the apocryphal Gospel of James. This book claims that Joachim went into the desert to lament their childlessness and

learned in a vision or dream that he and Anne would have a daughter. Ancient traditions put Mary's birth in Nazareth or Jerusalem. The feast of her birth originated in the East; in the seventh century, Pope St. Sergius I ordered that it and three other Marian feasts,

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