

OUR LADY OF HOPE AND SAINT PAUL PARISHES

JANUARY 11, 2026



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THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

And a voice came from the heavens, saying,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." *Matthew 3:17*

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

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South Hamilton, MA 01982
978-468-2337

WEBSITE: www.ourladysaintpaul.org
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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, January 10

4:00 pm Vigil — Deceased Members of Ipswich
Knights of Columbus (OLOH)

Sunday, January 11

7:30 am — Parishioners (SP) *NO MUSIC*
9:30 am — Weekend Mass (SP)
11:15 am — Patricia Kobuszewski (OLOH)

Monday, January 12

9:00 am — Weekday Mass (OLOH)

Tuesday, January 13

9:00 am — June & John Minter (OLOH)

Wednesday, January 14 No Daily Mass**Thursday, January 15**

9:00 am — Weekday Mass (STP)

Friday, January 16

9:00 am — Weekday Mass (SP)

Saturday, January 17

4:00 pm Vigil — Weekend Mass (OLOH)

Sunday, January 18

7:30 am — Parishioners (SP) *NO MUSIC*
9:30 am — Beth Ann Rebello (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: 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 Kate Wagner, Jim and Elaine Twitchell, 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 Ronald Baldinelli, Sr. and Peter Gray and all the deceased members of our parishes,
- † For the safety and good health of all missionaries
- † For all who serve our country in the Armed Forces, especially 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

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 months of December and January. Fuel Collection envelopes can be found at the exits of the church. 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.

JANUARY 24/25**CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION**

The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm for more information.

WINTER STORM CANCELLATIONS

When there is inclement weather, there is concern for the safety of parishioners and visiting priests traveling to our parishes and our ability to clear the parking lot and walkways to make them safe and free of snow/ice. When conditions are extreme and the Ipswich, & Hamilton-Wenham School system cancels classes, we will also follow this same decision and cancel celebrating daily Mass. In addition, when there are extreme conditions or roads are unsafe we will also post cancellations of parish events, religious education and weekend Masses on our website.

Step into a world of candlelight, music, and enchanting experiences.



**A Vivaldi & Mozart
Candlelight Experience
Saturday 14th February**

Church of Saint Paul

Hamilton, MA

Two Seatings

Saint Valentine's Day

6:00 PM & 8:00 PM

Tickets can be purchased through the Lumos Experiences website.



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 in Ipswich for providing the calendars for our parishioners.

PARISH ROSARY GROUP

Join Us to Pray the Rosary

One of the greatest gifts of being Catholic is knowing that the Mother of our Lord is our Mother too. 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!

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Please let us know if you would like a 2025 statement of the contributions you made with your weekly/monthly contribution envelopes, contact the parish office to request your statement. For those who have been making contributions through Online Giving, you are able to print a statement yourself when logged into your account. The Parishes are also able to issue contribution statements for donations that include those made through Online Giving. If you are not currently receiving envelopes and would like to, let us know.

ST. PAUL PARISH HAPPENINGS

SEVENFOLD Offertory Program

St. Paul parishioners are asked to please consider a yearly pledge to support the weekly offertory of the parish. Your commitment allows the parish to help meet its operational expenses and all its fiduciary responsibilities incumbent on a parish today.

Commitment cards can be found at the doorways of the church and can be returned via the offertory basket or by mail to the parish office.

There's so much happening at St. Paul's. Let us **TOGETHER** make **SEVENFOLD** a great success for the parish.

Thank you to parishioners who are newly-enrolled and to parishioners who renewed their commitment to participate in Sevenfold.

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.

This article was originally published in the Jan 2 edition of the H-W News.

Archdiocese honors two Hamilton sisters, aged 99 and 100

BY LILLY GLASS | H-W NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Lifelong Hamilton sisters Betty Chagnon, 99, and Theresa Zampell, 100, were recently presented with the Bishop Cheverus Medal in honor of their involvement at their local church.

The sisters were nominated for the award by Father David Brogan, pastor of Saint Paul's Parish in Hamilton.

"I wanted to nominate them because they speak to a solidity, a faithfulness, a fidelity,



Theresa Zampell, left, and Betty Chagnon, right, wearing their medals.

Photo courtesy of Gail Warner.

which is felt even in their absence," said Brogan. "They exhibit stability and strength, and they're very funny."

Every year, one third of the parishes of the Boston Archdiocese nominate one member to receive the award. The Boston Archdiocese website states "the criteria given to pastors is that the nominee should be a lay person who has served the parish well over an extended period of time and has done so in a quiet, unassuming and, perhaps unrecognized fashion."

"An exception was made for me here to nominate these two ladies," said Brogan. "Because as individually unique as they are, they really are a pair."

The medal is named after Bishop Jean-Louis Madelain Lefebvre de Cheverus, the founding Bishop of Boston. Cheverus led the diocese from 1808 to 1824.

While the award is typically presented by the Archbishop at a ceremony in Boston, Chagnon and Zampell were not able to attend the ceremony at the cathedral. Instead, their family presented the two with the award and letters from the Archbishop.

"I was very happy for them," said Chagnon's daughter, Gail Warner. "They did give a lot to the church, and I was happy to see that rewarded."

"I was proud as can be," said Chagnon. "I thought it was wonderful."

"I was surprised," Zampell added.

The pair have attended The Church of Saint Paul since they were children.

The sisters used to be involved with recording donations to the church, while also

assisting with other tasks when needed.

"We did anything we were asked to do," said Chagnon.

The sisters are no longer able to attend Saint Paul's as often as they once did. Church members bring them to a service once a month.

"It's not easy to get them there because they're both in wheelchairs," said Warner. "But someone comes and takes them once a month. They really appreciate it because they both really miss it."

"What's noticeable about them is that [Chagnon and Zampell] are felt in their absence."

said Brogan. "When they are able to come to mass, the whole place really does light up because Betty and Theresa are back here. They just have such an impact on people's hearts and minds."



Cheverus Award Medal



Theresa Zampell's 1946 wedding at The Church of Saint Paul in Hamilton.

Photo courtesy of David Brogan

Warner said that Chagnon and Zampell's medals are pinned on bulletin boards in their rooms at a Topsheld-based nursing home. "We keep it in their room in sight so they can see them whenever they want."

Chagnon and Zampell expressed gratitude for the church and their family.

"Our kids are very good to us," said Chagnon. "We're family oriented."

"[The church] has always been very very good," said Zampell.



TRUTH IN CHRIST!

Our Lady of Hope & St. Paul Parishes



"Come Holy Spirit" (G6-8) - Classes will resume in February

- Confirmation students are busy selecting their sponsors, writing letters to the Bishop and preparing for this very special sacrament that they will receive in May



"LIVING GOD'S STORY" (G1-5)

GRADE 1: LUKE 12:22-25 - JESUS TELLS US NOT TO WORRY -
The children discussed their worries and ways to let them go, trusting God to help them.

GRADE 2: The children practiced for their First Penance. Discussing God's rules for us, the process of Confession and went up to the church to see the confessional.

GRADE 3 - MATTHEW 16:15-19 - JESUS GIVES US THE CHURCH - The children went up to the church and had a great time doing a "scavenger hunt" learning about different items in the church.

GRADE 4 - MARK 12:28-31 - THE GREAT COMMANDMENT - Jesus gave us the greatest commandments - to love God with all you are and to love your neighbor as yourself.

GRADE 5 - ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 9:1-19 - THE SPIRIT CHANGES US Learning about the dramatic conversion of Saul (later the Apostle Paul) the children examined their own faith journey..

Second graders at both parishes will make their First Penance this weekend!



Upcoming Children's liturgies and grade Masses (coffee & doughnuts to follow)

St. Paul's:

Jan 11, 9:30AM - GRADE 4 MASS
Feb 1, 9:30AM - Youth participation and children's liturgies

Our Lady of Hope:

Jan 11 & Feb 1, 11:15AM - Youth participation and children's liturgies

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH -GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

**Thank you to all the parishioners who have contributed to the Grand Annual.
We have received \$68,060 or 75% of our \$90,000 goal. If you have not
already donated to this important collection, please prayerfully consider a gift.**

<p><i>2025 Grand Annual Collection</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Lady of Hope Parish Ipswich, Massachusetts</p> <p>ID# _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Please make checks payable to: Our Lady of Hope Parish</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">854</p>	<p>Please prayerfully consider the following gifts this year:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> Pledge: <input type="checkbox"/> \$350 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$750 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> 2 Monthly Payments: <input type="checkbox"/> \$175 per month <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 per month <input type="checkbox"/> \$375 per month <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 per month </td> </tr> </table> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have made my payment online at: ourladysaintpaul.org</p> <p>Gift Total: \$ _____</p> <p>Enclosed Amount: \$ _____</p> <p>Balance Due: \$ _____</p>	Pledge: <input type="checkbox"/> \$350 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$750 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000	2 Monthly Payments: <input type="checkbox"/> \$175 per month <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 per month <input type="checkbox"/> \$375 per month <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 per month
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The Origin and Foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus

The Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist—are the foundations of the Christian life. “Baptism, the Eucharist, and the sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the ‘sacraments of Christian initiation,’ whose unity must be safeguarded” (CCC, no. 1285). We begin with our study of Baptism in this chapter and will treat the other two Sacraments in the following ones.

Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ. In accordance with the Lord’s will, it is necessary for salvation, as is the Church herself, which we enter by Baptism.—CCC, no. 1277

In his dialogue with Nicodemus, Jesus taught that Baptism was necessary for salvation. “No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit” (Jn 3:5). After his Resurrection, Jesus met with the eleven Apostles and gave them the commission to preach the Gospel and baptize, telling them, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mk 16:16). The word *baptism* in its origins is Greek and means “immersion” and “bath.” Immersion in water is a sign of death, and emersion out of the water means new life. To bathe in water is also to undergo cleansing. St. Paul sums up this truth when he says, “You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead” (Col 2:12).



The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. “He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake . . . to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water” (St. Gregory Nazianzen, *Liturgy of the Hours*, I, 634). Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin—Original and actual—and begin to live a new life with God.

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 James Foley | 978-360-2799

For more information, contact the parish office.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CLUB

The Catholic Women’s club recently celebrated their 100th Anniversary. Consider joining this wonderful group which gathers to enrich the faith community

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**

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)	James Foley (OLOH)
Joanne Bialek (OLOH)	JoAnne Kelleher (OLOH)
Diane Bostrom (OLOH)	Linda Murphy (OLOH)
Pat Donahue (STP)	Alana Mitchell (STP)
Stephen Dowd (STP)	Phil Monahan (STP)
Martha Driscoll (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.

REGISTERING FOR PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

All volunteers who minister in the Archdiocese must attend the Protecting God’s Children and receive the Code of Conduct form. In addition, all current volunteers and new volunteers must complete a CORI Form. Those who need to follow this requirement are anyone who helps in building our church in any way. This 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/](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

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

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.

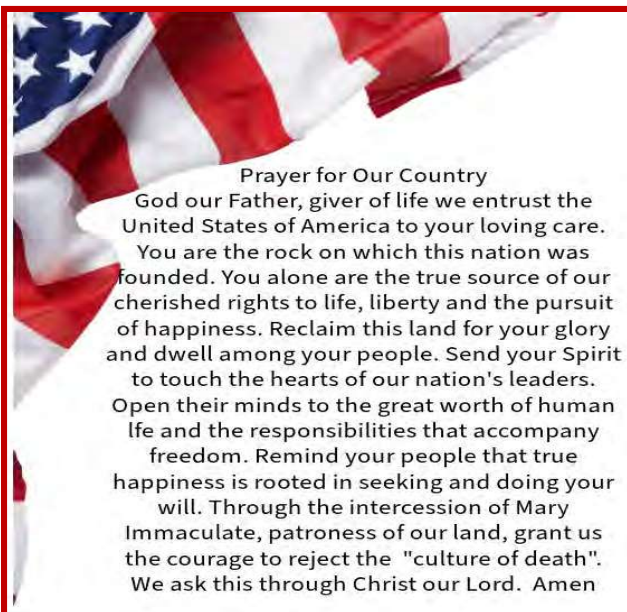
Our conference welcomes new members from Our Lady of Hope and St. Paul parishes to join us in serving those facing hardship. Membership is flexible—there are many ways to share your time and gifts. We meet on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Our Lady of Hope parish hall. Visit svdpipswich.blogspot.com or call 978-992-6151 to learn more. Your prayers, presence, and generosity make this mission possible. 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.

NORTH SHORE SACRED HARP GROUP

The North Shore Sacred Harp group will meet on **Sunday, January 18** 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 at gehowe@comcast.net



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

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.



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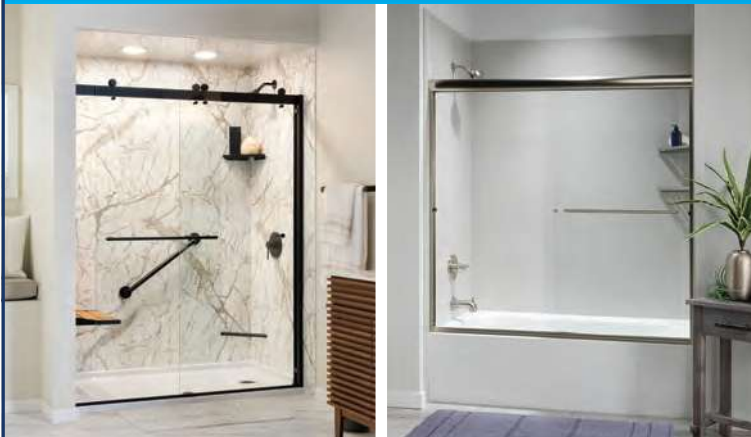
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