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## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

Dear Beloved of God,

Having announced my retirement, I find myself thinking more and more about how being retired will play out for my wife and I in our waning years. Unless some unexpected catastrophe befalls me and/or Jean, I think we will be okay for years to come and be able to stay in our home for a long time. To live out our lives in our own homes surrounded by family is the hope of most of us. But the reality is that there are many, including some who are our loved ones, who do not, who will not, have that assurance. Recently in his State of the Union address, President Biden talked about the need for caregiver support and increased resources to ensure that aging and older adults can age in place, in their homes. We all have known and currently know older adults who are medically fragile and been forced into nursing homes who would otherwise have been able to stay in their homes if the support and services needed were available to them. Providing these services would honor the inherent dignity and worth of millions of seniors by affording them the opportunity to live out their lives in their homes.

It's always a bit comical to me to see the outbursts from members of Congress when something is said that doesn't align with their way of thinking. In his address, the President spoke with a tone of hope for our government, for our country, and for our future despite the moans from his opposition. He reassured us that he saw Americans who are struggling and he "gets it." Touching on the theme of possibility, the President repeatedly stated that "we need to finish the job," which should serve as a reminder to we who are people of faith that we take seriously our scriptural values and do what we must to advocate for a just society because "faith without works is dead." As people of faith we believe that God has always been with us as we have faced the realities of the past and will continue to be our hope for the future. Living as "One Nation, Under God," we have an obligation to one another, and particularly to the aged and the most vulnerable among us, to follow the Godly path that leads us towards a shared peace, a shared prosperity and security.

*Blessings and Peace,*

*Pastor Steve*

## Weekly Lectionary for March 2023

Lent Year A	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Second Sunday in Lent <b>March 5, 2023</b>	<u>Genesis 12:1-4a</u>	<u>Psalm 121</u>	<u>Romans 4:1-5, 13-17</u>	<u>John 3:1-17</u> or <u>Matthew 17:1-9</u>
Third Sunday in Lent <b>March 12, 2023</b>	<u>Exodus 17:1-7</u>	<u>Psalm 95</u>	<u>Romans 5:1-11</u>	<u>John 4:5-42</u>
Fourth Sunday in Lent <b>March 19, 2023</b>	<u>1 Samuel 16:1-13</u>	<u>Psalm 23</u>	<u>Ephesians 5:8-14</u>	<u>John 9:1-41</u>
Annunciation of the Lord <b>March 25, 2023</b>	<u>Isaiah 7:10-14</u>	<u>Psalm 45</u> or <u>Psalm 40:5-10</u>	<u>Hebrews 10:4-10</u>	<u>Luke 1:26-38</u>
Fifth Sunday in Lent <b>March 26, 2023</b>	<u>Ezekiel 37:1-14</u>	<u>Psalm 130</u>	<u>Romans 8:6-11</u>	<u>John 11:1-45</u>



**HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY!!**  
**WISH A HAPPY BIRTHDAY WITH A SMILE, A CALL**  
**OR A CARD TO OUR MARCH BIRTHDAY FOLKS!**



Kevin Murphy  
 Karen Grillo  
 Robert Bassett  
 Carson Jacobs  
 Karen Christie  
 Mallory Jacobs

James Mackay  
 Angela Carey  
 Cheryl Baldwin Shaw  
 Pat Murphy  
 Kindred Joy Sparks

Robert Rheault  
 Carrie Hallett MacLean  
 Joan Kirby  
 Laura Hallett  
 Robert Sparks

Houghs Neck Historical Series  
 Sponsored by the Seaside Social Club  
**Thursday, March 2, 2023, 7:00 pm**  
 Houghs Neck Congregational Church  
 310 Manet Ave., Quincy

### The History of Nut Island



Nut Island is a fascinating piece of land at the northeastern tip of Houghs Neck. Originally four acres – now 17 – this small, former island has significance far beyond its size. Did you know that in 1793 the town of Quincy ordered that a driftway for cattle should be built at Nut Island so that cattle could be driven to the island for forage? Did you know that between 1840 and 1883 thousands of heavy ordinance pieces were tested at Nut Island? Did you know that between 1885 and 1903 18 large ships were broken up for parts at Nut Island? This talk explores the many activities that have taken place at Nut Island.

## SEASIDE SOCIAL CLUB

Tuesday, March 14, 2023



The Seaside Social Club will meet on March 14 at 7:00 p.m. to learn about the history of some traditional Irish foods such as colcannon, coddle, boxty and Tayto sandwiches. Learn how to make a moist and tender Irish Bread. You may even get to take home a wee loaf. Members will conduct their business meeting at 6:30 on the lower level of the Houghs Neck Congregational Church at 310 Manet Ave. The program at 7:00 is free and open to the public.

## CHILI COOK-OFF GREAT SUCCESS!

February 4th, 2023. It was a cold, blistery day. The M. Alicia Corea Hall, filled with the aroma of chili, was bustling with friends catching up with each other and sampling the 18 homemade chilis. Competition was intense. In the end, there could only be one first place winner and that was Kevin Gomez! Runners up were Kim Craig (2nd place) and Elisa Roberts (3rd place). Other entrants included: Bill Dahlgren, Monclair Mike's, Tom Hawes, Kevin and Adrian Craig, Kelli and Megan Stirling, Kathy Houten, Maryann Brooks, Carly Edmonds, Cameron Jacobs, Dan Jacobs, Boy Scout Troup 6 Patrols (Minutemen, US Salem, Senior Greenbar, White Phoenix and Night Knights)

Raffle winners were: Barbara Gould (\$300); Patty DeCosta (\$200); Elaine Gibbons (\$100); Michelle Paul, Carly Edmonds, Shirley Pearson (Quincy Sun); Priscilla Last (Fratelli's); Ricky Gould, Pam Craig (Coops); Jim Mackay, Ralph Freeman (Fowler House); Lucille Norman (The Fours); David Jacobs (Burke's Seafood); Robert Sparks, Maureen Mazrimas (Hancock Tavern); Nancy Jacobs (Bay Pointe Waterfront Restaurant certificate); David DiBona (Off the Hook)

The event raised approximately \$6,200 for the Church. Many thanks to all who helped with this success!

**A BIG THANK YOU TO  
OUR 2023**



**SPONSORS**

Troop 6 Salutes  
Our Newest Eagle Scouts:

J.T. Malvesti  
Enzo Vallée

Congratulations!  
**Marty Gordon**

Be Safe, Stay Well  
and join us at HNCC on  
Sundays at 10:00 A.M.

**Gayle & Jim Mackay**

Thank you for your service to the people of  
Houghs Neck.  
Best wishes for 2023!

**Mayor Tom Koch**

Greetings to the  
"Church always  
in my heart."  
Blessings to all on your  
Lenten journey.

**Lois Zulauf**

In loving memory of my  
wonderful friend,  
Martha Chase.

from

**Shirley Harrington**

Wishing the Houghs Neck  
community and the at-large  
Quincy community the

Best in 2023!

**City Councilor  
Dave McCarthy**

**Bernie's General Store**  
Deli, Fried Foods,  
Subs, Lottery  
Now taking Credit Cards  
(617) 479-7441



**Restaurant & Pub**

Thank you to all our valued  
customers for supporting  
our business.

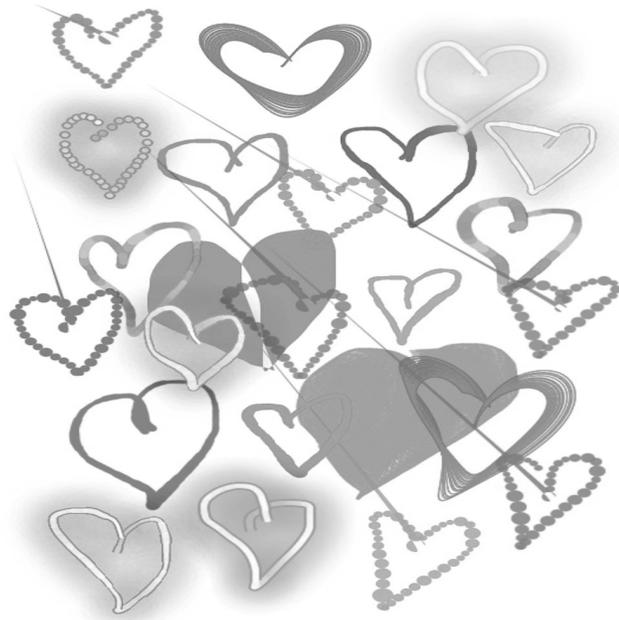
**JF Auto Care**

Congratulations on a  
successful Chili Cook-Off  
fundraiser.  
Wishing everyone the Best  
in 2023.

**State Representative  
Tackey Chan**

May the Houghs Neck Congregational Church continue to be a beacon of light to our community through sharing the Gospel of Jesus thru the Word and action.

**Ralph & Nancy Jacobs**



Gathering friends and  
Helping the community  
Spreads love all around

The Best to Houghs Neck residents and all Quincy residents in 2023!!

**City Councilor  
At-Large Nina Liang**

**Houghs Neck  
Package Store**  
located at  
1183 Sea Street  
Quincy, MA 02169  
We sell a variety of  
beverages, so  
come grab a drink!

Thank you to the following local businesses who supported the Chili Cook-Off with gift certificates for the amazing raffle:

**Fratelli's Bakery  
COOPS Bar and Grille  
Fowler House Cafe  
Hancock Tavern  
Burke's Seafood**

**Bay Pointe Waterfront Restaurant  
Quincy Sun (three subscriptions)  
The Fours  
Off the Hook**

**Manet Lunch**

Bar & Grill  
Dine-In and Takeout  
1099 Sea Street

## SPIRITUAL MESSAGES



### Living in Confidence

Scripture: It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.... or the Lord will be your confidence.... in the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence. Psalm 118:8: Proverbs 3:26: 14:26

Quote: God does not change, nor do the glories of His person and the salvation He engineered for us. God's promises are as dependable as He is. -Sheila Walsh

### In Good Hands

Scripture: And I give Them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. -John 10:28

Quote: Put your hand in the hand of the Man who stilled the waters. Put your hand in the hand of the Man who calmed the seas. -Gene MacLellan

### A Plan and a Purpose

Scripture: But as for you, you meant evil against men; but God meant it for good. In order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. -Genesis 50:20

Quote: Circumstances may appear to wreck our lives and God's plans, but God is not helpless amount the ruins. -Eric Liddell

### Be an Ambassador

Scripture: Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. -2 Corinthians 5:20

Quote: Let's try not to complicate evangelism. At its core, its very simple. Evangelism is sharing the Good News about Jesus Christ. -Thom Rainer

### Be a Prayer Warrior

Scripture: Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. -Ephesians 6:18 NLT

Quote: You are active as a prayer warrior the moment you put words to your heartfelt feelings and talk to God about them. Your heart will be deployed to wherever God sends you in prayer. -Stormie Omartian

## NOTES FROM NEAR AND FAR

The first month of the new year seemed to fly past me! I was saddened by the news of Pastor Steve's retirement but I understand the timing of it all. I will keep the Church in prayer as it gathers to set new goals for the future of HNCC.

You have my support always.

-Dannette Costas Carrion, Houston, TX

I am forever grateful for the Zoom Ministry. The blessings of the sermons, music and friendship set the tone for the day and week!

Thank you,

-Rose Costas, Milton, MA