

**Pastor: Reverend Paul Soper**

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**Parish Office:** Office hours: Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Parish Secretaries:**

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**Director of Religious Education**

John Hammel

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**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday :** 4:30 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00, 11:00 a.m.  
6:00 p.m.

**Spanish Mass:** Second Sunday of the month– 4:00p.m.

**Family Mass:** Second Sunday of the month– 11:00 a.m.

**Daily Mass:** Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri– 9:00a.m.

**Communion Prayer Service:**  
Wed. 9:00 a.m.

**Lay-led Prayer Service:**  
Friday, 7:30 p.m.

**Our Mission Statement**

St. Albert the Great Parish is a Catholic Christian community striving to understand the gospel message and is committed to applying this grace filled message to all facets of human and parish life. As a Eucharistic people, we share a commitment to worship together; to learn from each other; to serve one another; and to develop an understanding of our common and individual needs. As a Stewardship Parish, we encourage all members of our parish family to use their time, talent and treasure to further the goals of our commitment to the service of God’s people.

**Who Is St. Albert?**

St. Albert the Great, born in Lauingen, Germany, was known as the “teacher of everything there was to know”. His most famous student was St. Thomas Aquinas. He taught theology at the University of Paris, as well as setting up a house of studies for his order (Dominicans) in Cologne, Germany. It was here that his reputation as a scientist grew. St. Albert believed that all creation spoke of God and the tiniest piece of scientific knowledge taught us something about Him. St. Albert died an old man in Cologne on November 15, 1280. He was canonized in 1931 by Pope Pius XI.

**Welcome to  
St. Albert the Great Parish**

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Welcome to St. Albert the Great Parish. As a faith-filled, lay-involved parish community, governed by the light of the gospel, we are eager for you to know about us. We want to share with you the many ways God is working in our parish. Hopefully, you will find this brochure helpful in answering any questions you might have about our parish life and the many ministries and activities that support it. We are most grateful for our parishioners who give of their time and talents and look forward to having you join us.



## Our History

- October 31, 1950 Archbishop Cushing announced the formation of a new parish in Weymouth to be named St. Albert the Great. Rev. John Connors was to be the new pastor. He remained until 1973.
- Services were held in the Lakeview Bowling Alley for three years until the church building was completed.
- In 1973, Fr. Robert Bryson was named the new pastor. He remained at St. Albert's until 1994.
- Fr. Laurence Borges, former associate with Fr. Connors, returned to St. Albert's as pastor until 1999.
- Fr. John Nichols became the new pastor and remained until 2002.
- In 2002, Fr. Ron Coyne arrived at St. Albert's as pastor.
- As part of the Reconfiguration Process in the Archdiocese of Boston, St. Albert's received word that the parish would be closed in May 2004. The people of St. Albert's reacted to this news by refusing to leave the church and went into vigil for 10 months.
- With the help of Fr. Laurence Borges, the Archdiocese reopened our church in June 2005, and Fr. Borges returned to St. Albert's, as pastor.
- In February, 2009 Fr. Paul Soper became the pastor of St. Albert's.

## Parish Committees & Ministries

As a lay-involved parish, The Parish Council and Finance Committee work in collaboration with the Pastor to address the spiritual, financial and social needs of the parish. Other groups that minister to enhance parish life include:

### Adult Faith Formation

### Arise Program

### Church Decorating

### Color Guard

### Faith Sharing Group

### Family Activities

### Hospitality

### Lay-led Prayer Service

### Liturgy Committee

### Parish Health Ministry

### Protecting God's Children

### Puppet Ministry

### St. Vincent DePaul Society

### Social Activities

### Weymouth Young Adult Group

### Religious Education

Religious Education classes are held in the Parish Hall and Rectory Conference room. Registration for classes must be done each year. Registration forms can be obtained by calling the Director of Religious Education, John Hammel.

### Baptismal Ministry

Baptisms are usually performed on the first Sunday of the month. It is necessary to call the rectory and make an appointment for Baptism at least 3 weeks in advance.

### Family Masses

Family Masses are held on the second Sunday of each month. The Gospel message is acted out by the members of our Puppet Ministry. Members of our Religious Education classes are encouraged to participate in these liturgies.

### Prayer Service

Prayer service is held on Friday evening at 7:30, as well as a Communion Prayer Service each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. These are lay-led services.

### Hospitality

Food and conversation are offered following all Sunday masses in the Parish Hall, September through May. This provides an opportunity for new and old parishioners to gather for fellowship.