

ST. MARY OF THE SACRED HEART

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 7th

4:00PM Lee and Farmer Families

Sunday, January 8th

9:30AM For the parishioners of St. Mary's and for Robert Joseph Cleary

11:30AM Clare McCarthy

Please pray for our parish sick and deceased

OFFERTORY

Many thanks for the **\$30,484.34** received in our Christmas Offertory. As always this offertory supports the Priest's Retirement Fund.

Your generosity is truly appreciated.

Even through these difficult times, you have given St. Mary's your support and love.

ST. MARY'S ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

Our St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree was such a wonderful success this Christmas. St. Mary's parishioners were so very generous giving not only to our own parishioners but also to Blessed Mother Teresa, St. Peter's and Holy Family Parish in Dorchester. Giving with Love is what Christmas is all about. Please know that you helped many families have a very Merry Christmas this year.

ST. MARY'S GRAND ANNUAL

As of December 15th, we have received **\$56,620.00**, from **217 families** for our Grand Annual. Our Goal is **\$100,000.00**. Please consider making your donation for our Grand Annual.

ST. MARY'S ONLINE GIVING

We ask that you please consider making your weekly donations online. St. Mary's relies on, and appreciates, your continued support throughout the entire year.

Contributions can be made easily using your credit card or bank account.

Online giving costs you nothing and proves many advantages to both you and St. Mary's.

For your convenience, Offertory slips are at the entrance of the church for parishioners who are making their weekly offertory by online giving.

www.stmaryshanover.com

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PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to our parish and have not registered or if you are on our mailing list but do not receive monthly envelopes and would like to, please call Margie Gallagher at 826-4303 to receive our registration form so you will receive our mailings.

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

ST MARY'S CALENDARS FOR 2012

St. Mary's has our own Calendar for 2012. This special calendar lists parish events, holydays of obligation and each month there are pictures of St. Mary's parish activities. These special calendars will make a great gift!!! Calendars are available for purchase at the parish office.

When you purchase a calendar for \$20.00 you will be entered in a monthly drawing of \$200.00

Your support is appreciated.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

O God of new beginnings and wonderful surprises,

thank you for the gift of a new year.

May it be a time of grace,
a time to grow in faith and love,
a time to renew our commitment
to following Your Son, Jesus.

May it be a year of blessings,
a time to cherish family and friends,
a time to renew our efforts at work,
and a time to embrace faith more fully.
Walk with us, please, in every day and every
hour of this New Year,
that the light of Christ might shine through

us,

inspite of our weaknesses and failings.
Above all, may we remember this year
that we are pilgrims on the sacred path to
You. Amen

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will sing on Sunday, January 8th at 9:30AM Mass. Please arrive for rehearsal at 8:30AM.

WHY CATHOLIC?

Have you ever been in a situation where you have been asked about your faith and been at a loss to explain why you believe what you believe? Catholics often face opportunities to share their faith with others, but lack the basic knowledge and confidence to do so.

Beginning in Lent 2012 our parish will participate in WHY CATHOLIC?

WHY CATHOLIC? offers a concrete approach to help adults deepen their Catholic faith and connect its teachings to their everyday lives. Using the Catechism of the Catholic Church, scriptural references, and reflection questions,

WHY CATHOLIC?

covers four pillars of Catholic faith; belief, sacraments, morality, and prayer.

WHY CATHOLIC? participants will meet in small community on a day of the week and at a time that works for their own schedule. For example; Lifeteen parents may meet while the teens are at Pizza & Prayer. Parents of school age children might opt to meet mornings while the kids are in school. We can accommodate your schedule.

For more information, please contact Ellen McDonough at (781) 826-4303 or emcdonough@stmaryshanover.com.

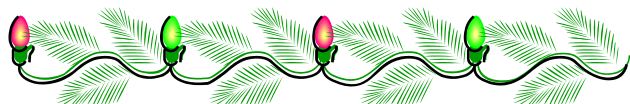
PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meetings continue after the 7:15PM Mass every Tuesday--even during this Christmas season. All are invited to attend.

For more information, please call Barbara Tobin at 826-4955.

RCIA

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith? Are you baptized Catholic but never educated in the faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation is the process of learning more and preparing for reception. For more information, please call Ellen McDonough at 781-826-4303.



JANUARY 1, 2012

BAPTISMS

Upcoming Baptisms will take place on:

Saturday, January 7th at 11:00AM

Sunday, January 15th after our 11:30AM Mass

Saturday, February 4th at 11:00AM

Sunday, February, 19th after our 11:30AM Mass

Saturday, March 3rd at 11:00AM

Sunday, March 18th after our 11:30AM Mass

Just a reminder, at least one Godparent must be a confirmed Catholic.

To schedule your child's Baptism, please call Margie Gallagher at the parish office at 781-826-4303

CUSHING MONTHLY MASS

The Cushing Monthly Mass will take place on

Thursday, January 19th at 11:00AM.

CARDINAL O'MALLEY AND PRIESTS BEGIN CONSULTATION PROCESS ON PASTORAL PLANNING

On December 5th, Cardinal Sean O'Malley and the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Commission met with priests of the Archdiocese of Boston and with those serving in archdiocesan parishes to begin the consultation process regarding the next phase of Pastoral Planning in the archdiocese.

As part of their scope, the APPC has developed some principles and preliminary recommendations for strengthening the archdiocese's parish based ministries, evangelization efforts and parish staffing.

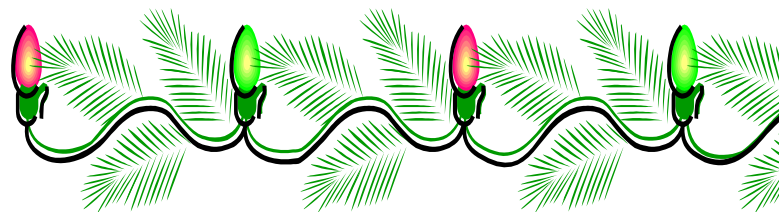
Further rounds of consultations with archdiocesan and parish leadership will be conducted over the next several months.

After receiving input from the consultations, the APPC will then prepare a final recommendation to Cardinal Sean for his decision.

We ask your prayers for this important process and invite you to review the planning material at www.2012Planning.org.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS DONATED IN MEMORY OF:

*Malachy McGrath
George Delorey*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS 1-5

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****New Office Hours:****

****11am – 5:30pm Monday thru Thursday.****

The office is closed during school vacation
Week of January 1st, 2012



Dates to Remember:

No Religious Ed. 12/26 – 1/2, Classes resume 1/3
1/8 – 3rd graders act out the Gospel at 9:30 Mass

Our New Year's Resolution - Put God and our Family First!

The New Year is a good time to reassess, to check our priorities and really look at where we are spending our most precious resource – our time. Do we make every effort to attend Mass together as a family? Are we eating dinner together as a family whenever we can? Are we saying grace? We need to pay attention to the things that are critical to our happiness and well being in life.

There is never enough time for all that we need to do, but when we look at our day, how much time did we spend un-necessarily with a time-stealer: the TV, Face book, Angry Birds, checking email every 2 seconds, texting? Now look at how much time you spent nurturing a relationship: with God, with your child, your spouse, a friend, your parents, your neighbor, your siblings, yourself.

Did you spend the bulk of your day on the important, or the unimportant? Like the song says, each of us is given 86,400 seconds every day. How will you spend yours? Will you be proud of how you spent your time, or disappointed once again. If you're not proud, no problem, God gives you another 86,400 seconds tomorrow to try again.

As you begin your new year, think about how you can nurture your relationships with God and with others. There will always be time to go to work, check email, or clean the house. Invest your time wisely; you and your family will reap the rewards.

Remember Christmas is a Season not a Day-
So continue to spread that Christmas Joy!

LIFETEEN/ EDGE NEWS

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Week of January 1, 2012

PIZZA AND PRAYER

Monday, January 2, 2012: Come and join your friends at LTH for a night of prayer and worship. After praying – pizza and soda will be served. **6:30 – 8:00 PM**
- ALL 9th – 12th GRADERS ARE WELCOME!

Homework Days

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Come by the Lifehouse to work on your homework with your friends or just hang out. A good time is guaranteed for all!

-LifeTeen Dream Team ASSEMBLE!-

On Saturday, January 14th, the LifeTeen Dream Team will travel to Cardinal Cushing for a basketball game. Let's work on those fundamentals!

R.O.C.

8th Grade ROC will meet on January 15th
9th Grade ROC will meet on January 29th

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Middle School Homework Days! **Every Thursday from 3-6**

EDGE

Edge will meet on January 8th and 22nd

ST. MARY'S 2012 CALENDARS

Have you purchased your 2012 calendar yet???
It's a great gift, monthly drawings of \$200.00.
See any of our teens to purchase one!!!!

There are many ways to find out what's going on at Lifeteen: check the bulletin, check us out on Facebook, come to Mass, or on our website:

www.lifeteenhanover.com

Merry Christmas From Heaven

*I still hear the songs
I still see the lights
I still feel your love
on cold wintry nights.*

*I still share your hopes
and all your cares
I'll even remind you
to please say all your prayers.*

*I just want to tell you
you still make me proud
You stand head and shoulders
above all the crowd.*

*Keep trying each moment
to stay in His grace
I came here before you
to help set your place.*

*You don't have to be
perfect all the time
He forgives you the slip
if you continue to climb.*

*To my family and friends
please be thankful today
I'm still close beside you
in a new special way.*

*I love you all dearly
now don't shed a tear
cause I'm spending my
Christmas with Jesus this year.*

SAINT MARY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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OUTREACH

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