

## **ST. MARY OF THE SACRED HEART**

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

*Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>*

4:00PM Roy Port and Charles Forget

*Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>*

7:30AM Jack McCormick, Isabelle Colmar and Emma Hocking

9:30AM For the parishioners of St. Mary's and for Evelyn Doyon, Marie Campbell, Marion Scopa and Luciann Baker

11:30AM Annie Harrington

*6:00PM Sandy Matthew and John and Betty Driscoll*

*Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>*

7:30AM Nanda Moretti

Please pray for our parish sick and deceased

### **OFFERTORY**

Many thanks for the **\$15,258.03** received in our offertory for December 11, 2011

*Your generosity is truly appreciated.*

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a Second Collection this weekend for our Air Conditioner and Heating System. Your support would be appreciated.

### **CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST**

Next week, at all our Christmas Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit [WWW.CareFor Senior Priests.org](http://WWW.CareForSeniorPriests.org).

### **ST. MARY'S GRAND ANNUAL**

As of November 28th, we have received **\$47,910.00, from 197 families** for our Grand Annual. Our Goal is **\$100,000.00**. Please consider making your donation for our Grand Annual.

### **DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> ENVELOPES**

Parishioners received two envelopes for Christmas in their December Envelope Packets. This was done in error; we only use one envelope for Christmas. We apologize for this confusion.

### **CATHOLICTV**

It's that time of year again!! Catholic TV will intersperse Advent and Christmas programming with their regular schedule throughout December and especially from ***Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> until New Year's Eve.*** Then all day Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and December 26, Catholic TV will become Christmas TV for 72 hours of non-stop specials. Comcast Ch. 268, Verizon Ch. 296 or watch LIVE online at [www.CatholicTV.com](http://www.CatholicTV.com)

## **HANOVER, MA**

### **JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON**

### **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](http://www.stmaryshanover.com)

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

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.2012Planning.org).



## **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

### **Christmas Eve**

**4:00PM**

**5:30PM with Pageant**

**7:00PM Concert, 7:30 Mass**

**Midnight Mass---Life Teen Band**

### **Christmas Day**

**9:30AM and 11:30AM**

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **Don't Forget Jesus**

Christmas is a special time  
To reflect on Jesus Christ  
The wonder of His lowly birth  
Brings meaning to our lives  
There really is no other reason  
We celebrate this day  
The birth of God's precious son  
And the life He willingly gave  
But so much seems to distract us  
In the busy-ness of our lives  
We lose our focus in all the happenings  
Not knowing, we leave out Christ  
We lose sight of the true meaning  
As we endlessly rush about  
Trying to find that perfect gift  
Seems to cloud our Savior out  
We need to stop and reflect awhile  
Remembering our precious Lord  
His birth, His life and sacrifice  
And all that He stands for  
For though the world may celebrate  
It seems though for other reasons  
Lets keep in mind that Jesus Christ  
Is the true meaning of the season.

## **ST MARY'S CALENDAR FOR 2012**

St. Mary's will have our own Calendar for 2012. This special calendar will list parish events, holydays of obligation and each month there will be pictures of St. Mary's parish activities.

Parishioners will be able to purchase a calendar for \$20.00 and be entered in monthly drawings. This will make a great Christmas gift!!!

These special calendars will be available for purchase this weekend December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> after Masses and also at the parish office. Your support would be appreciated.

## **ST. MARY'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE**

This weekend is the last weekend for Parishioners to take a tag off our St. Mary's Giving Tree that is set up in the hospitality area to help those in need for Christmas.

We are not only helping families from our own parish but also families from Blessed Mother Teresa, St. Peter's and Holy Family Parish in Dorchester.

Please return your donations as soon as possible so we can deliver them to families before Christmas. Please do not wrap your gifts.

If you have any questions, please call Margie Gallagher 781-826-4303 at the parish office.

## **DECEMBER 18, 2011**

### **FESTIVAL CHOIR**

Festival Choir rehearsals will take place on Monday and Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM in the Church. The Festival Choir will present a concert at 7PM on Christmas Eve and sing at 7:30PM Mass. New voices are welcome.

### **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

On Wednesday, December 21st from 6:30–8:00PM there will be an Advent Penance Service in the church. Parishioners will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. "The Light is on for you!"

### **PAGEANT REHEARSAL**

Rehearsal for our annual Christmas Pageant will take place on Wednesday, December 21st at 5:45 PM- 7:00 PM in the church. School age children are invited to join in this simple celebration during the 5:30 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Please contact Ellen McDonough for more information.

### **BAPTISMS**

Upcoming Baptisms will take place on:

Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM

Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> after our 11:30AM Mass

Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM

Sunday, February, 19<sup>th</sup> after our 11:30AM Mass

Saturday, March 3rd at 11:00AM

Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 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

### **HOLIDAY DECORATION DONATION**

*(donations can be made throughout the Christmas Season)*

***If you would like to make a donation to our Christmas Decorations in memory of a loved one, please fill out this form and either mail it, drop it off at the parish office or you can put it in the offertory.***

***(envelopes in the hospitality area)***

***Please Print***

***In memory of***

***From***

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS 1-5

Coordinators: Karen Gill & Maura Dowling

Secretary: Ellen Wencek

[reled@stmaryshanover.com](mailto:reled@stmaryshanover.com)

Phone: 781- 826 -2351 Fax: 781- 829 - 9271

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

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

The office is closed on Fridays.

Week of December 18, 2011

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



**No Religious Education Classes**  
**12/16 – 1/2, Classes resume 1/3**

### Cold and Flu Season is coming

Could you please be a substitute in your child's class?  
Let us know in the Religious Ed. office and fill out a CORI form.

### Home school materials are ready

You can pick up Mon – Thurs 11am – 5:30pm

### Dates to Remember:

12-18-11 9<sup>th</sup> Grade ROC

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### Thought for the Week: Fourth Sunday of Advent



What did my child learn this week?

The Christmas star is an important symbol of the Christmas season. This week some of the children were given a star eraser, others made a star ornament.

- ❖ The star traditionally is placed on top of the Christmas tree. This is a reminder that on Christmas morning we want them to look “up” not “under” the Christmas tree.
- ❖ If we follow the star, Jesus will always lead us in the right direction.
- ❖ For those who received an eraser, it reminds us that Jesus realizes that we all make mistakes but He will always forgive us and give us another chance.

**“Jesus is the Reason for the Season!”**

## **LIFETEEN/ EDGE NEWS**

**[mhabeeb@stmaryshanover.com](mailto:mhabeeb@stmaryshanover.com)**

**[www.lifeteenhanover.com](http://www.lifeteenhanover.com)**

**Phone:(781) 826-4059**

**Week of December 18, 2011**

### **PIZZA AND PRAYER**

**Monday, December 19, 2011:** 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 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **-La Salette Christmas Shrine-**

On Saturday, December 23 at 3:00 PM, LTH will be heading down to the Christmas Shrine at La Salette to see it decorated with millions of lights. Don't miss your chance to see a beautiful tribute to our Lord.

Please sign up in the LifeHouse ASAP to hold your spot!

### **R.O.C.**

9<sup>th</sup> Grade ROC will meet on the 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Meaning of Christmas

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

### **Middle School Homework Days!**

**Every Thursday from 3-6**

### **Save the Date:**

Middle School Pizza and Prayer will be held on Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30. Don't miss your opportunity to pray with friends and have some delicious food.

**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](http://www.lifeteenhanover.com)**



## **THE CATHOLIC GREAT ADVENTURE CONTINUES!**

**The 8 part Introduction to the Bible Timeline,  
“A Quick Journey Through the Bible”  
will be repeated beginning  
Thursday, January 5, 2012  
9:30-11:00 AM and 6:30-8:00 PM  
in the Parish Center.**

Those who just participated in the  
Introduction to the Bible Timeline,  
“A Quick Journey Through the Bible”  
will continue with an in depth study of the  
Bible Time Line  
Mondays at 9:30-11:00 AM and 6:30- 8:00 PM  
Beginning January 9, 2012 in the Parish Center.

**REGISTRATION will be after Masses on the weekends of  
December 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and January 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012.  
Come join us to find out where you fit in this Good Book,  
good plot- the Living Story of Salvation History!**

**For more information,  
please call Mary Kuhn at (781) 878 0835.**

## THIRD EDITION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

### HOW ARE WE DOING?

Last Sunday we began using the Third Edition of the Roman Missal. Some people were caught by surprise and most of us were a little tongue-tied.

Fr. Chris reminds us that we will make mistakes but that in time we will come to pray the responses as one voice.

The new responses will be used at all Masses including Sundays, Funeral Liturgies, Weddings, Confirmation, First Communion, etc. It is our desire to reach as many people as possible to help them to first understand the importance and meaning of the new words and to then fulfill our role as people who enter into “full, active, conscious participation” in the liturgy.

It may be helpful to arrive a few minutes earlier than usual for prayer and to spend time with the responses. Concentrate on just one new response each week. Familiarity with the text encourages prayerful response.

### Where can I find more information about the Third Edition of the Roman Missal?

#### For those with internet access:

[www.rcab.org](http://www.rcab.org)

The Archdiocesan website has the text and sung chant of the New Roman Missal.

Go to the website above.

When the page opens scroll down on the right hand side to

New Roman Missal and click on MORE.

When the page opens you will be able to listen to the chants, download a printable guide and read information from Fr. Jonathan Gaspar, Director of Divine Worship in the Archdiocese of Boston

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website has recently been updated.

Go to the website and click on Roman Missal 3rd Edition: Same Mass, New Words.

#### Resources at a glance-

##### Online Resources

[www.usccb.org/romanmissal](http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal) - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

[www.bostoncatholic.org/newromanmissal](http://www.bostoncatholic.org/newromanmissal) - Archdiocese of Boston Worship Office

[www.icelweb.com](http://www.icelweb.com) - International Commission on English in the Liturgy

#### PRINT RESOURCES

##### Available in the parish

**Understanding the Revised Mass Texts** (Liturgy Training Publications)

**Lifting Up Our Hearts**, *Praying with the Third Edition of the Roman Missal*

(A six session, small community focused on the changes in text)

**Laminated pew cards**

**Bulletin Information**