

## ST. MARY OF THE SACRED HEART

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

4:00PM William H and James E Griffin, Jr. and Elizabeth Roberts---Month's Mind

#### Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

7:30AM Theresa Buffum and Mary Marshall Vasil  
9:30AM For the parishioners of St. Mary's  
11:30AM Charles Stearns and Lee and Farmer Families

#### Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:30AM Robert Parker  
9:30AM For the parishioners of St. Mary's and for Marie Campbell  
6:00PM Enid Mueller

*Please pray for our parish sick and deceased*

### OFFERTORY

Many thanks for the \$13,422.71 received in our offertory for the week of December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### GRAND ANNUAL

We have received \$77,095.00 from 289 families. We hope that parishioners will prayerfully consider supporting our Grand Annual.

All monies received from this special collection will stay here at St. Mary's.

### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

We hope that each of you had a wonderful Christmas Day in celebration of the birth of our savior. As a reminder, the Christmas Collection supports the retirement, healthcare and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. If you have not done so already and you wish to do so, you may include your completed Christmas Collection envelope in today's collection basket. Thank you for your continued generosity to the church.

### STEWARDSHIP

December 27, 2009 - Feast of the Holy Family

Good stewards use their talents and skills to take care of those with whom they have a close relationship. Our First Reading provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. As we head into 2010, think about how we measure up and can we do better?

For more information about stewardship at St. Mary's, please call Margie Gallagher at 781-826-4303.

**"JESUS IS  
THE REASON FOR THE SEASON"**

## HANOVER

Fr. Ted, Fr. Connor, Deacon Chris and I and the parish staff, extend to you our warmest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Holy New Year. Joy to the World, The Lord Has Come!!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS

A house so quiet, so humble,  
A CHILD beside her bed  
Her hands clasped tightly---time to pray,  
So she bowed her little head.

### Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Daddy said that you were near,  
And that you had a Birthday  
This time every year.

He told me how you listen to  
Every word we say,  
And that you hear us call,  
In the night---or in the day.

He explained how bad they hurt you  
And made you suffer so,  
But said you let them do it  
For girls like me---I know.

He told me about the manger they put you in  
I'd let you have my blanket  
If I was there---  
Back then.

He said that you were watching  
Everything we do---  
Him, Mommy, Granny,  
And our new baby, too.

I like what Daddy told me  
Of how you healed the lame  
And that you don't have to have  
Any wealth or fame.

He told me you were so awfully good,  
And then he made me cry---  
He said they nailed you to a cross,  
They wanted you to die.

And then he made me happy when he said  
You came back again.  
Daddy said *Christmas* is what we celebrate  
Because on that day you were born.

So I hope I'm not too late  
To wish you a Happy Birthday, Dear Jesus.  
Merry Christmas To All

## HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

### MUSIC MINISTRY

St. Mary's Music Ministry is always looking for experienced singers to join the choir at 9:30 and 11:30 Masses on the weekends.

Please contact Ellen McDonough at 781-826-4303.

### NEW TO OUR PARISH???

If you are new to our parish, or have never registered, please call Margie Gallagher, 826-4303, at the parish office to register so you will be on our parish list and will receive all of our mailings.

### ST. MARY'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Parishioners are asked throughout the Christmas Season to make donations to our Giving Tree to help those who could use our assistance.

During these difficult times, donations of money and gift certificates to Stop and Shop and Shaw's are needed the most.

Donations can be left in the basket by the Giving Tree or brought to the parish center, especially gifts of money.

For further information, please call Margie Gallagher 826-4303 at the parish office.

### PRAYER GROUP

Prayer Group will not meet on December 29<sup>th</sup>, however,

Mass will be celebrated at 7:15PM.

### CATHOLIC CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING

It's that time of year again!! Catholic TV will intersperse Advent and Christmas programming with their regular schedule throughout December. Then, all day Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and December 26, Catholic TV will become Christmas TV for 72 hours of non stop specials.

Join Father Reed, Jay Fadden and the whole Catholic TV staff for the best in Christmas programming. It's all for YOU!

Our own Father Chris and his mentor-turned sidekick Father Paul Rouse will entertain with GOING MY WAY" the week of December 28.

Times are Mondays at 11:00AM, Thursdays at 8:30PM, Saturdays at 2:30PM, Sundays at 1:30PM.

### RCIA

RCIA will resume Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Please pray for those who continue this journey of faith- Heather Curran, Barry Sladen, Cheryl Balchunas, Kim Benevides and Sarah McGillivray.

For more information re: RCIA, please contact Ellen McDonough at 826-4303.

## DECEMBER 27, 2009

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting is Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM and 7:15PM in the Life House. All are welcome. For more information, please call 826-2351.

### BAPTISMS

Upcoming Baptisms will take place on:

Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00AM and

Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> after our 11:30AM Mass

Please call the parish office, 826-4303, to schedule your child's Baptism.

### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The beautiful Christmas decorations were donated in memory of:

Anthony Acampora and Wilfred and Cecelia Turgeon

\*Glenn J. Allen \*Karl, Mary and Karleen Antonson

\*Russell Arlin, John, Mary, John, Thomas, William and Edward Barron, Robert Bethoney and Nora, Ann and James Early

\*Dr. Dan Bresnahan \*Caroline Burke \*Buono Family

\*Baby Celia Campbell and Daniel McLaughlin

\*Anna Capone

\*Cucchiara and Salamone Families and Chiara Lubich

\*Amanda Lynn DiGiovanna \*Gomes and Browne Families

\*Catherine and Donald Gunn, Patricia Baronas and Clara Swanson

\*William J. Hajjar, Jeff Isner MD and Agnes Koury

\*Gregory and Brian Kelley \*Kathanne Leary

\*George and Jay Luddy

\*Bill and Gael Migre

\*John and Rita Mulcahy, Robert E Roche, Robert J. Roche and Margaret Connolly

\*John Norris, Priscilla and Jonathan Barry

\*Peggy Oesterle, Teevens and McDonough Families

\*Mary Catherine Storey and Marie DeLuca

\*Swanson and Rodes Families

\*Jeanne and Joseph Vesey and Roland Marx, Sr.

### 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

## LIFETEEN/ EDGE NEWS

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Week of December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

HUGE Thanks to all the teens for all of your time and effort in service, you truly manifest the Christmas spirit.

-Gift Wrapping and Child Care

-Christmas Caroling

-Parking cars at Mass

-Teaching Religious Ed., Edge and R.O.C.

-Helping at 9:30 Mass

-Festival Choir

-Raking leaves

-Cleaning the LifeHouse

-Affirming each other

Among many other things that you do, along with always being here in our LifeHouse,

THANK YOU

### PIZZA AND PRAYER

Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009: 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!

No Homework Days this week. Enjoy your Vacation and spend time with family.

### Life Teen Ski Trip

There has been some confusion because of the All Night Ski Trip being hosted by O.N.E. The details for that trip are on the website.

**Lifeteen's annual Ski Trip to Sunday River will be leaving on Thursday February 18, 2009 and returning on Saturday February 20. There is a sign-up sheet in the LifeHouse, a deposit of \$100.00 is due by January 3, 2009.**

**The cost of the trip is \$265.00 with rentals, and \$225.00 without rentals. If you have any questions, or for more details, check out our website, [lifeteenhanover.com](http://lifeteenhanover.com).**

January calendars are out, be sure to grab one!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS K-5

Coordinators: Karen Gill & Maura Dowling

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*Merry Christmas*

### IMPORTANT DATES

**ROC 9<sup>th</sup> Grade** - December 27<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm

**Grade 1-5 –Classes resume January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Special Ed.** - January 3<sup>rd</sup> after 9:30 Mass

Ask your children what they learned about the symbols of Christmas this week.:

1. **The fir tree**- All its leaves point upward, reminding us that all our thoughts should turn toward heaven. The leaves, like God's love for us, never change.
2. **The candle**- The candle symbolizes that Jesus is the light of the world.
3. **The wreath**- The wreath is in a complete circle showing us that God's love for us is continuous.
4. **Santa**- He is the symbol of generosity and good will that we feel in the month of December.
5. **The present**- This is a symbol of God's most special gift to us- Jesus!
6. **The candy cane** – This piece of candy is shaped like a shepherd's hook reminding us that Jesus is the good shepherd who will always lead us in the right direction if we listen to him.
7. **The angel**- The angels were the ones who told us in song of the good news that Jesus was born.



**Remember: The Christmas tree is our reminder that our thoughts and eyes should be concentrated above on the real reason for the season not under the tree at the number of presents. JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!**

### Thought for the Week

“It came without ribbons,  
It came without tags,  
It came without packages, boxes or bags.  
Christmas can't be bought from a store....  
Maybe Christmas means a little bit more.”

Dr Seuss

## One Solitary Life

(Author Unknown Public Domain)

*He was born in an obscure village, a child of a peasant woman.  
He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty,  
Then became an itinerant preacher.  
He never wrote a book.  
He never held an office.  
He never did one thing that usually accompanies greatness.  
He had no credentials but Himself.  
While still a young man, public opinion turned against Him.  
His friends ran away.  
One denied Him.  
He went through the mockery of a trial.  
He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.  
His executioners gambled for His only piece of property - His coat.  
He was laid in a borrowed grave.  
Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone.  
Today He is the centerpiece of the human race.  
All the armies that ever marched,  
All the navies that ever sailed,  
All the parliaments that ever sat,  
And all the kings that ever reigned put together,  
have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as that  
One Solitary Life.*



We extend our deepest wishes for a Merry Christmas  
and a happy, healthy and holy New Year!  
If you have been away from the church, we invite you back.  
If you have been hurt, we hope to be a source of healing.  
If you have been touched by sorrow, we hope to bring you Joy.  
If you are in need, we hope to fill that need.  
We encourage you to become a part of our parish family and to contact us if we can be  
of assistance to you and to your family.  
God is Love! Let us Live in Love!