

ST. MARY OF THE SACRED HEART

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 20th

4:00PM Lorraine Coleman

Sunday, February 21st

7:30AM Norman Johnson and for

Jerome Kopitsky---Month's Mind

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

Jane McCormick, Ruth Moran, Richard Hurlburt,

James Hoke, Ann Canning and Peter McLeod

11:30AM Kenneth Donahue

Saturday, February 27th

4:00PM Manuel Vaz

Sunday, February 28th

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

Ronald Wozniak and William Sales

11:30AM Joseph Catalano

Please pray for our parish sick and deceased

OFFERTORY

Many thanks for the **\$11,627.79** received in our offertory for the week of February 14th.

GRAND ANNUAL

We have received **\$99,935.00** from **325 families** for our Grand Annual. 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.

SNOWSTORMS

When there is a snowstorm and school is cancelled in Hanover, there **will be no 7:30AM daily Mass.** It simply is not safe for parishioners to be on the roads. If there is an intention, it will be moved to the next available weekday Mass. Thanks for your understanding. Please remember that the front doors of our church are locked so we remind you to use the entrance at the hospitality area.

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

St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to be in need of funds to help those in need with food, fuel, gas, etc. Gift cards to Shaw's and Stop and Shop are most welcomed.

Please bring your donation to the Parish Secretary in the Parish Center.

Your support is truly appreciated. For further information, please call Margie Gallagher 826-4303.

HANOVER

LENTEN REGULATIONS

ABSTINENCE--Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be eaten at all.

Fast---Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash **Wednesday, February 17th and Good Friday, April 2nd -----are the days of fasting.** On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended.

Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self denial summed up in the Christian concept of "mortification."

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This year Stations of the Cross will be prayed **at 12:00 Noon each Friday during Lent, except Good Friday.** We are trying to reach out to those who don't drive in the evening and those who work in the area who may be able to come during their lunch hour. Volunteers are needed to help lead the Stations of the Cross (2 Lectors, a Cross Bearer and 2 Acolytes (candle bearers) each week and to provide a simple meal immediately following the Stations. Volunteers are also needed to set up and clean up. Please call Ellen McDonough.

LEARNING FORGIVENESS: A LENTEN STUDY

The Hanover Clergy Association will present a 6 week Series focused on forgiveness and spiritual preparation for the great celebration of Easter, from 7:15-8:30 PM, beginning Wednesday, February 24 at St. Andrew's Church. All are welcome.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

On all the Wednesdays of Lent starting February 24th from 6:30-8:00pm, St. Mary's and all the parishes and chapels of the Archdiocese of Boston will be open for individual confessions. Inviting Catholics to experience Christ's healing love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the major initiatives of Cardinal Seán and the Archdiocese this year.

The Archdiocese has set up a website, **www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org**, to help you prepare.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

LENTEN FILM SERIES

The St. Mary's Lenten Film Series is Back! March 5th and March 12th. Broaden your perspectives on the Lenten journey with a viewing and discussion of contemporary movies. Our first film will be "Scenes from a Parish" on Friday, March 5th. It's an inspiring, real life documentary of a Lawrence parish. You'll see how the parish faces the many urban challenges that confront them. We will begin with a light Lenten meal at 6:30PM followed by the film at 7:15PM. Questions? Call Joe Harrington at 617.429.5392.

STEWARDSHIP

February 21, 2010—1st Sunday of Lent

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (Dt 26:10) This simple line from the Old Testament presents us with two challenges. First, do we bring God our first fruits – the best that we have to offer? Second, do we remember that everything we have has been given to us by God? We brought nothing into this world and we can take nothing from it. So why not share our gifts and treasure while we are here? For more information about stewardship at St. Mary's, please call Margie Gallagher at 781-826-4303.

FEDERAL TAX GUIDELINES

Due to the recent changes in the Federal Tax Laws for charitable contributions, parishioners who itemize deductions on Schedule A of their tax returns will no longer be able to deduct contributions to the parish unless they maintain a bank record or received a written contribution statement from the parish.

Cash or personal check contributions that are not in parish envelopes cannot be traced by the parish and will not be included in the year-end contribution statement. To ensure tax deductibility for 2010 contributions to our parish, the following payment methods are recommended:

1. Use of parish envelopes provided to you by the parish.
2. Written check made payable to the parish.
3. Direct deposit from your bank account; or
4. Payroll deduction.

2009 STATEMENTS

Statements for 2009 donations are given out per request---If you want a statement of your 2009 donations, please call Gina 826-4303.

HEALING MASS

Healing Mass will take place on Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:15PM Mass. Father Anda will be the celebrant.

All are welcome to attend.

FESTIVAL CHOIR

Preparation for Holy Week begins Wednesday, February 24, 7-9 PM in the LifeHouse. New members are welcome! Please contact Ellen McDonough for more information.

FEBRUARY 21, 2010



IRISH NIGHT

We will be having an Irish Night on Saturday, February 27th from 7:30PM to 11:00PM here at our parish center. Come and sing and dance to the music of the Old Brigade Band. Tickets are \$20.00.

Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up and donations of Irish Bread and Hors d'oeuvres. Please call Kate Nichtern 781-878-1032 if you can help. Tables of 8 or 10 can be reserved with payment. Tickets are available at the parish office.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING

There will be a training session for new Eucharistic Ministers on Sunday, February 28th after our 11:30AM Mass. For more info, please call Henry Kozowyk at 848-5260.

DINNER EVENT AND AUCTION

St. Mary's will be having a Dinner Event and Auction on Saturday, April 10th. There will be a meeting on Wednesday March 3rd at 7:15PM in the parish center for those interested in helping. This will be a very special evening for our parishioners. You won't want to miss it.

New volunteers are always welcome.

BAPTISMS

Upcoming Baptisms will take place on:

Saturday, March 6th at 11:00AM

Sunday, March 21st after our 11:30AM Mass

Saturday, April 10th at 11:00AM

Sunday, April 18th after our 11L390AM Mass

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Easter ----- April 4th

*First Communions ----- May 1st and May 8th
at 10:30AM and 1:00PM*

Golf Tournament-----Monday, June 21st at 1:PM

SECRETARY WANTED for Sacred Heart Church, Weymouth/Braintree. Full job description and instructions to apply may be viewed online at www.BostonCatholic.org. Click on "Employment" at top.

BUSINESS MANAGER WANTED for Sacred Heart Church, Weymouth/Braintree. Full job description and instructions to apply may be viewed online at www.BostonCatholic.org. Click on "Employment" at top.

LIFETEEN/ EDGE NEWS

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Week of February 21st, 2010

The Bonanza Raffle drawing is this Saturday, you have less than a week to sell your tickets.

Wednesdays during Lent, 'A Light is on For You,'
Matt Kimble will be singing.

PIZZA AND PRAYER

Monday, February 22nd, 2010: 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 this week on Monday
Wednesday and Friday

MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

The LifeHouse Cinema will be open to all Middle School students next Friday February 26, 2010
from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

LIFETEEN DREAM TEAM

We will once again assemble the Lifeteen Dream Team for a pick-up basketball game at Cardinal Cushing. We will meet at St. Mary's at 10:00 a.m. this Saturday February 27, for a 10:30 a.m. tip off.

The game should be over by 12:00, at which time we will have a post-game press conference in the LifeHouse.

EDGE

EDGE meets next Sunday February 28 from 4:30 to 5:55. It will end right before Lifeteen Mass.

Check out our website for more information,
www.lifeteenhanover.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS K-5

Coordinators: Karen Gill & Maura Dowling

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Important Dates-

Sunday Family Program – February 21st 10:30am

Roc 9th Grade- February 21st @ 4:30pm

Edge – February 28th @ 4:30pm

Special Ed.-March 7th after the 9:30 Mass

Time to check the back of the closet!



We're beginning to collect gently used clothing for First Communion. We will take girls dresses, veils and shoes, as well as boy's suits, dress pants, blazers, shirts, ties and dress shoes. We will accept them immediately, and then in early April we will have a few days for people to come in and find clothes to fit their 2nd grader for First Communion. No money is exchanged.

Bring This Week's Gospel Home

Jesus is in the desert for 40 days, eating nothing. The devil chooses this time to tempt Jesus with food, fame and safety. Jesus is strong and refuses the devil each time, showing his obedience to God. We forget sometimes how hard these temptations must have been for Jesus. We face temptations every day, which we find hard to resist. If we ask Jesus for help, we know he understands how hard this is, and will help us.

Take time each day during Lent to pray for each other as they strive to obey God.

Ideas for Lent

Fast from fear; Feast on Faith

Fast from despair; Feast on hope.

Fast from depressing news; Feast on prayer.

Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger and worry; Feast on patience.

Fast from negative thinking; Feast on positive thinking.

Fast from bitterness; Feast on love and forgiveness.

Fast from words that wound; Feast on words that heal.

Fast from gravity; Feast on joy and humor.

Thought for the week:

"Lead us not into temptation." The Lord's Prayer

Character Trait:

Am I remembering to ask God for help every day?