

ST. MARY OF THE SACRED HEART

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 6th

4:00PM Summer Stacy

Sunday, March 7th

7:30AM Marie Campbell

9:30AM For the parishioners of St. Mary's and for Eugene Connolly, Laurie-Ann Gillis, Garrett Horlbeck, and Jay Warren Queeney

11:30AM Bob, Peg and Robert Kelliher

6:00PM Elizabeth Mueller

Thursday, March 11th

7:30AM Mary Ellen Cignarella

Saturday, March 13th

4:00PM Catherine and Donald Gunn

Sunday, March 14th

9:30AM For the Parishioners of St. Mary's and for Janet Mulhern, Jack Emord and Olivia George

11:30AM Nihill and Copell Families

Please pray for our parish sick and deceased

OFFERTORY

Many thanks for the **\$12,449.89** received in our offertory for the week of February 28th

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.

ST. MARY'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

As a Lenten practice this year, you may wish to help the St. Vincent de Paul Society by donating gift cards to grocery stores or a gift of money. Foregoing one meal out and donating that amount would truly help someone.

Please bring your donation to Margie Gallagher in the Parish Center.

For information, please call 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.

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.

HANOVER

PARISH INCREASE OFFERTORY PROGRAM

BEGINS This weekend, our Pastor, Father Chris is speaking at each of the masses to announce the beginning of a new and important Parish Increase Offertory Program intended to strengthen the life of our faith community. This program is aimed at each and every Catholic who is registered and worshipping at this Church.

All parishioners will be asked to participate by considering an increase in their weekly Sunday offertory. In this, we are asking fellow parishioners to reflect on their role as Stewards in the parish. Whatever amount you will be able to increase in your contribution will help us greatly. We encourage all parishioners to support the parish through the offertory envelope system, be registered and consider electronic giving as a form of support.

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 used at all.

FAST----Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. **Good Friday, April 2nd -----is a day of fasting.** On this day, 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

Stations of the Cross are prayed **at 12:00 Noon each Friday during Lent, except Good Friday.** A simple lunch follows in the LifeHouse.

LEARNING FORGIVENESS:A LENTEN STUDY

The Hanover Clergy Association continues its 6 week program this **Wednesday, March 10th** from 7:15-8:30 PM, at St. Andrew's Church. The Series focuses on forgiveness and spiritual preparation for the great celebration of Easter. All are welcome.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

On all the Wednesdays of Lent 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.

LENTEN FILM SERIES

The St. Mary's Lenten Film Series is Back! Broaden your perspectives on the Lenten journey with a viewing and discussion of contemporary movies. Our second film "Fireproof" will be shown on Friday, March 12th. This is an uplifting story of a married couple facing the challenges of married life. The film shows the power of God's saving grace. 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.

FESTIVAL CHOIR

Festival Choir will continue preparations for the Triduum next Wednesday, March 17th at 7:00PM in the LifeHouse. Please call Ellen McDonough at 826-4303.

LIVING WAY OF THE CROSS

Rehearsals for the Living Way of the Cross will be Wednesday, March 17, 24 and 31 from 6-7 PM in the Life House. Children in grades 3-8 are invited to participate. Costumes are provided.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1st

7:15PM Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2nd

3:00PM Living Way of the Cross
7:15PM Liturgy of Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3rd

3:00-4:00PM Confessions
8:00PM Easter Vigil and Mass
Gather at 7:45PM for Service of Light (Vigil fulfills Sunday obligation)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4th

7:00AM 8:15AM 9:30AM
11:30AM and 6:00PM

MARCH 7, 2010

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 of 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.

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 10th 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. For more information, please call Margie Gallagher at 826-4303.

BAPTISMS

Upcoming Baptisms will take place on:

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

Saturday, April 10th at 11:00AM

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

Saturday, May 15th at 11:00AM and

Sunday, May 16th after our 11:30AM Mass

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

PRAYER GROUP

Do you know that we have a 7:15PM Mass every Tuesday??? It is especially convenient during Lent. After Mass, our Prayer Group meets for praise, song, scripture and intercessory prayer. Beat the winter blahs!! All are welcome!

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Sponsored by The Friends of Knights of Columbus Special Needs Prom Committee along with The Pembroke Country Club and Fasano's Catering - Saturday, March 20th from 2-7PM, Pembroke Country Club. All proceeds to benefit Special Needs Prom and upcoming events. Adults \$20; 11-16 yrs \$10; 10 yrs and under - Free. For tickets, more information and reserved seating contact Kevin McKenna 781-826-9166.

LIFETEEN/ EDGE NEWS

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Week of March 7th, 2010

All 1st through 8th Graders interested in participating in the Lip Sync need to pass in an application by Wednesday.

PIZZA AND PRAYER

Monday, March 8th, 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 – 8:00pm**
ALL 9th – 12th GRADERS ARE WELCOME!

Homework Days this week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions being heard in the upper church beginning at 6:30pm and ending at 8:00pm.

Open LifeHouse This Friday, March 12th we will have Open LifeHouse from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All High School students are welcome. Please join us.

EDGE meets next Sunday March 14th, from 4:30 to 5:55. It will end right before Lifeteen Mass.

Passion Play Practice Schedule

Mon Mar 8th, after Pizza and Prayer – 7:30-8:30 pm

Read through

Mon Mar 15th, after Pizza and Prayer – 7:30-8:30pm

Read through with parts

Sun Mar 21st, after Lifeteen Mass – 7:30–8:30 pm

Rehearsal

Mon March 22nd, after Pizza and Prayer – 7:30-8:30pm

Rehearsal as Needed

Christian Skate Night CANCELLED.

Puttin' on the Hits 2010

On Friday March 19, 2010 Lifeteen will be sponsoring a Lip-Sync in the Parish Center. This event is open to all 1st through 8th Grade students. Performances can be as an individual, a duet, or as a group. All acts will be judged on Lip-Sync, Originality, and Appearance. Grab an Application Form and turn it in with a \$10.00 application fee no later than Wednesday, March 10 to Neal or Mrs. Gallagher.

Lifeteen Dream Team will once again play Cardinal Cushing in a game of pick-up basketball. Next month we will change sports, and this is our last chance to get a victory in basketball.

Let's seize the opportunity!

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-

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

ROC 8th grade- March 7th @4:30pm - final class

Edge – March 14th & 28th @ 4:30pm

Second Graders:

The Third Week of Lent:

This week we place the elastic in our bag. Have your child explain to you the reason for the elastic.

March 2nd- Mrs. McDonough will be practicing the Music for First Eucharist

March 9th- Tour of the church and a special guest



Third, Fourth and Fifth grade Parents

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.

GET READY, GET SET, GO!!

This week we had each child put their name on a sneaker as their informal commitment to keep



their Lenten promise and **try** to change their hearts for Easter. We explained to the children that in the same way that we would train, exercise, and prepare to run a race, we prepare for Easter. One thing Jesus asks us to do is to love our enemies and pray for those who hurt us. This is a really tough **exercise**. To love our enemies and pray for those who hurt us may not be what we want to hear, but it is what Jesus asks of us. We can do it if we practice, and that is what Lent is for, to run toward God with all our heart.

Thought for the week: “Love your enemies and pray for those who hurt you.”

Matthew 5:43-48

Character Trait: Did you forgive this week?