

## ST. MARY OF THE SACRED HEART

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

7:30AM John Chrusciel and

Sydney and Anna Garvey

9:30AM Parishioners of St Mary's, Baby Celia Campbell,

Joy Inglis, James Walsh, and Paul Swirbalus

11:30AM John Stephen Hayes

Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

7:30AM Marie and Timothy Lee and John J. Farmer

Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

7:30AM Kathleen Murphy and Matthew Cesare

Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

4:00PM Annie Harrington and Eleanor Reynolds

Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

7:30-AM Jack McCormick and Emma Hocking

9:30AM Parishioner of St. Mary's, Robert and

Alice LeBlanc, Roy Port and Marie Masse

11:30AM Joseph Catalano

6:00PM Jenna Atturio and Sandy Matthew

*Please pray for our parish sick and deceased and for Richard Chamberlin and William Cotter whose funerals were celebrated this week.*

### OFFERTORY

Many thanks for last week's offertory, in the amount of **\$13,183.47.** *Your support is truly appreciated.*

### GRAND ANNUAL

As of today, we have received **\$73,925.00** from **279 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

The upcoming Christmas Collection supports the retirement, healthcare and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. We encourage you to please give generously on behalf of the priests that have devoted their lives to faithfully serving God and the faithful of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.

### STEWARDSHIP

December 13, 2009 Third Sunday of Advent

"Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."  
(Lk 3:11) Today's Gospel provides an excellent blueprint for stewardship.

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

## HANOVER

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

Our St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree is set up in the hospitality area for parishioners to take a tag to purchase a gift certificate or a donation of money to help those who could use assistance for Christmas. 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 at the parish office. (826-4303)

### 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.

### ADVENT ADORATION/RECONCILIATION

Come spend an hour in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:15PM.**

There will be opportunity for confession.

### MONTH OF ALL SOULS

November has always been a month in which we remember our dead in a special way.

**Please remember and pray for:**

Linwood and Stella Jester, Toner Family, Szczuka Family and Elvira, John and James Jackson.

### PRAYER GROUP

Prayer Group will meet **Tuesday night, December 15<sup>th</sup> after our parish mass.**

They will not meet on **December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.** however, Mass will be celebrated at 7:15PM in the church.

### HEALING MASS

This month's Healing Service is in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe who is patroness of all the Americas. It is on **Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:15PM.** Father Augustin Anda will be the celebrant.

Many find these services a source of comfort, hope and strength. All are welcome.

For further information, please call Barbara Tobin at 781-826-4955.

### CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant will be **Wednesday, December 16 and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6-7 PM in the church.** The pageant is presented at 5:30 Mass. School age children are welcome to participate. Attendance is necessary at these 2 rehearsals. Costumes are provided Assistance is needed from parents. Please call Ellen McDonough for more information.

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

### RCIA

RCIA will come together on **Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** for our next meeting. 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 McDonoughat 826-4303.

### ADVENT LITURGY AND LUNCHEON SERIES

St. Mary's will present a series of Noon time liturgy and simple lunch for Advent on December 18<sup>th</sup>,

Please join us for prayer and song as we prepare for the coming of Christ in our hearts and in our homes.

### CUSHING MONTHLY MASS

The Cushing Monthly Mass will take place on **Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM.**

### BAPTISMS

Upcoming Baptisms will take place on:

Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> after our 11:30AM Mass

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

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

At least one Godparent has to be a confirmed Catholic.

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

### 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, please join them.

For more information, please call 826-2351.

### 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 weeks of December 14, 21 and 28. Times are Mondays at 11:00AM, Thursdays at 8:30PM, Saturdays at 2:30PM, Sundays at 1:30PM.

## DECEMBER 13, 2009

### CARDINALL CUSHING CHRISTMAS PARTY

Cardinal Cushing Christmas Party, Fundraiser and Holiday Celebration will take place on **Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 8-12PM** at the Harmond Club, Rockland. \$25.00 a couple/\$15.00 per person. Music by Fire Hazard. Proceeds will benefit those students that will not be going home for Christmas. For more information, call Steve MacDonald 781-635-4623.

### CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

*To your enemy, forgiveness.*

*To an opponent, tolerance.*

*To a friend, your heart.*

*To a customer, service.*

*To all, charity.*

*To every child, a good example.*

*To yourself, respect.*

## **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

### Christmas Eve

4:00PM,

5:30PM with Pageant,

7:00PM Concert

7:30PM Mass/Festival Choir  
Midnight Mass---Life Teen Band

### Christmas Day

9:30AM and 11:30AM

### 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:

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LIFETEEN/ EDGE NEWS  
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Phone: (781) 826-4059  
Week of December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

*Jesus is the reason for the season!*

Check out the website –  
[www.lifeteenhanover.com](http://www.lifeteenhanover.com)

PIZZA AND PRAYER

Monday, December 14<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!

Homework Days

Monday and Wednesday this week from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

EDGE meets next Sunday, December 20 from 4:30 pm to 5:55 pm

Edge Toy Drive for My Brothers Keeper – Please bring one unwrapped toy to our class on December 20 – all toys will be donated to families in need, just in time for Christmas.

**Christian Skate Night - Carousel Family Fun Center**, in Whitman from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
**Meet us there** if you can go. All are welcome!

**Game Night** – Hosted by your **SENIORS**, will be held next Friday night, beginning at 7:00 pm, followed by **'Elf,'** for your viewing pleasure.

**Christmas Caroling** – This Saturday from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m., followed by Open LifeHouse.

Upcoming Events:

- We'll need tons of help on Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm Mass, as well as 5:30 pm Mass. Then join us for Midnight Mass
- **Lifeteen Christmas Party** – Will be held on Sunday, December 27, after LifeTeen Mass

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS K-5

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Important Dates

ROC 8<sup>th</sup> Grade –December 13<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm  
Edge 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade –Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm  
ROC 9<sup>th</sup> Grade - December 27<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm

The Season of Advent is upon us.

As parents, we are always looking for suggestions as to how we can share the “true” meaning of this season with our children. With this in mind, each week leading up to Christmas we will be offering our suggestions. This week it is.....

Give a piece of straw or a piece of yellow yarn when you observe your son/daughter doing a kind deed or saying a kind word. Tell them to place this straw or yarn in your manger creating a “special” bed for Jesus. Remember, kindness can be contagious and the end result is always a positive one.

Kids in Church

Leaving during Mass  
Ideally, once we have come into church and found a seat, we should remain in the church and in a pew until after the priest has left the church.



**Great care should be taken not to leave or return during the Consecration (the Eucharistic prayer).** This is the most solemn part of the Mass and the prayers that are prayed at 9:30 Mass are geared toward the children to prepare them for the reception of the Eucharist.

If it becomes necessary to leave, i.e. to quiet a fussy child, you can continue to watch the Mass on closed circuit TV downstairs without distracting others. During Mass, children should not leave the main church and go to the restroom or the water bubbler unless it is an emergency. If you decide they do need to leave, they should be accompanied by an adult. Talk with your child before Mass and tell them they may not leave once you find a seat, and then stick to it. **Again, preparation before Mass makes all the difference.**

Thought for the Week

“Think of giving not as a duty but as a privilege”.

Rockefeller

**Character Trait:** Will you give up something for yourself, in order to help another?