

ST. MARY OF THE SACRED HEART

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday, March 2nd

7:30AM Enid Mueller

Thursday, March 4th

7:30AM Glenn J. Allen

Saturday, March 6th

4:00PM Sumner 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

*Please pray for our parish sick and deceased
especially for Paul Maddock whose funeral was
celebrated during the week.*

OFFERTORY

Many thanks for the **\$13,134.99** received in our
offertory for the week of February 14th and for the
\$3,585.00 received for Ash Wednesday.

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.

HANOVER

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.

INCREASED OFFERTORY APPEAL

Next weekend, Father Chris our Pastor, will be
addressing the entire parish regarding an Increased
Offertory Program to be conducted at St. Mary's
throughout Lent. This program has the support of both
our Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils.

Our goal is to enhance offertory contributions so the
parish can better meet its financial obligations. Other
parishes in our area that have conducted similar programs
have seen their weekly offertory collections increase
accordingly. This spring, dozens of other parishes across
the Archdiocese will be participating in the program too.

Each parish household will be receiving information
regarding the appeal throughout the month of March. All
registered parishioners will be asked to participate to the
best of their ability. Material will be made available by mail
and at Mass. Talks will be delivered from the pulpit and
information will be placed in the bulletin to provide
direction and convey results.

We realize that some families or individuals are on
fixed incomes or experiencing difficult financial times, but
we will be counting on the many, who are able, to make a
sacrifice and increase their regular weekly offering. In
addition to improving contributions we will encourage
parishioners to utilize the envelope system and consider
electronic giving as a way of support.

More information will be forthcoming as the program
is implemented. We appreciate the continued generosity
and support of all our parishioners and look forward to
strengthening our parish through this much needed
endeavor.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

On all the **Wednesday's 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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 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 mild and fruit juices 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.** A simple lunch follows in the LifeHouse.

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, continues **Wednesday, March 3rd** at St. Andrew's Church. All are welcome.

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.

FESTIVAL CHOIR

Festival Choir continues preparations for the Triduum. New members are welcome Wednesday evening at 7:00PM in the LifeHouse. Please call Ellen McDonough at 826-4303.

FEBRUARY 28, 2010

STEWARDSHIP February 28, 2010 - 2nd Sunday of Lent "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - (Gn 15:7) *Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we show our gratitude to God for the home He has given us? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our treasure to God? For more information about stewardship, please call Margie Gallagher at 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 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.

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.

EUCHARTIC MINISTERS TRAINING

There will be a training session for new Eucharistic Ministers this **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.

LIFETEEN/EDGE NEWS

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Phone: (781) 826-4059

Week of February 28th, 2010

Pick up a March Calendar!!

PIZZA AND PRAYER

Monday, March 1st, 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

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 6:30 PM and ending at 8:00 p.m.

GAME NIGHT/OPEN LIFEHOUSE

This Friday, March 5th we will have a Game Night/ Open LifeHouse from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

All High School students are welcome. Please join us, soda and refreshments will be served.

8th Grade R.O.C. meets next Sunday March 7th, from 4:30 to 5:55. It will end right before Lifeteen Mass.

LIFE NIGHT

There is a Life Night next Sunday following Lifeteen Mass.

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.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS K-5

Coordinators: Karen Gill & Maura Dowling

Secretary: Ellen Wencek

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Important Dates-

Edge – February 28th @ 4:30pm

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

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

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.

Second Graders: The Second Week of Lent

This week we place the seed in our bag to remind us that God's love constantly grows, and that we need to listen to God's word to help us.

GET READY, GET SET, GO!!

Lent in your home Have you and your kids begun to live Lent in your home yet? Think it's too late because you haven't yet started? If it is hard to convince them to do something more or give something up, perhaps do something as a family.

- What if you stop having meals out for the rest of Lent. Take the money you would have spent on those meals and have the kids help you do a shop for the food pantry.
- Say grace before meals if you don't already.
- Remember to be meatless on Fridays
- Make a special Lenten centerpiece for the table.
- Come to Adoration and Reconciliation as a family on a Wednesday evening. All churches in our cluster are participating. (but the prayerfulness & music will be the best here)

Thought for the week: "At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light."
Ephesians 5:8

Character Trait: Do you turn away from darkness (bad choices)? Do you make good choices?