

ST. MARY OF THE SACRED HEART

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 and Anthony Petrucci

11:30AM Nihill and Copell Families

Wednesday, March 17th

7:30AM Mary and Michael Murphy and Zdzislaw Dziegielewski

Thursday, March 18th

7:30AM Helen Farmer and Family

Saturday, March 20th

4:00PM William Sheridan

Sunday, March 21st

7:30AM Roderick Silva, Jr.

9:30AM For the Parishioners of St. Mary's and for Irene and Anthony Lopes and Michael Walorz

11:30AM Charles Hopkins

Please pray for our parish sick and deceased, especially for Mary McCarthy whose funeral was celebrated during the week.

OFFERTORY

Many thanks for the **\$16,231.85** received in our offertory for the week of March 7th.

GRAND ANNUAL

We have received **\$100,035.00** from _____ 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.

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!

HANOVER

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAM CONTINUES

This weekend, fellow parishioners of St. Mary of the Sacred Heart Parish spoke at all masses regarding the Parish Increase Offertory Program that is currently underway. As Father Chris described last weekend, our parish requires an increase in its offertory to meet financial obligations and avoid the need to spend limited savings to meet expenses. All parishioners of St. Mary of the Sacred Heart Church are being asked to participate in this very important and vital program.

Next Weekend – March 20th & 21st is “Commitment Weekend” at all Masses! !!

Next weekend, March 20th & 21st is **Commitment Weekend** for our Parish Increase Offertory Program. All registered parish households will be receiving a special mailing prior to Commitment Weekend. The mailing will contain a detailed brochure and a **Commitment Card**. Please read through the material carefully. The literature tells our story. It will also ask that you reflect on your current level of giving and suggest ways to increase your contributions. The guidelines for giving printed in the brochure will help with this process.

Please fill-out the Commitment Card and place it in the enclosed return envelope. Bring the card with you to mass next weekend. During the Offertory Collection you will be asked to place it in the basket. If you do not receive the mailing or neglected to bring the card with you, materials will be available at church. You may also mail the card back to the parish or personally deliver it to the Parish Center Office.

Please consider a new increased weekly amount that is best for you and your family. A new level of weekly support should begin when the Commitment Card is returned. Please try to be as generous as you can and think of your sacrifice as an annual one that is paid each week as normal through the Sunday Offering.

It is important that all parishioners be registered and use offertory envelopes with regularity. Please be accountable and participate with other generous members of this faith community. Finally, please think about electronic giving as an option. The brochure will give instructions on this innovative and easy way to support your parish.

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

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

FOURTH 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 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 **Wed, March 17th** 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.

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 14, 2010

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.

FESTIVAL CHOIR

Festival Choir will continue preparations for the Triduum on **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.

SPRING FLING AND AUCTION

St. Mary's will be having a "**Spring Fling**" on **Saturday, April 10th.** There will be a meeting on **Wednesday March 17th at 7:15PM in the parish center for those interested in helping.**

There will be entertainment, four course dinner and auction. Tickets are \$30.00 each. Tables of 8 or 10 can be reserved with payment. You won't want to miss it!! New volunteers are always welcome. For more information, please call Margie Gallagher at 826-4303.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Our Spring Seminar is coming on **April 6th after the 7:15PM Mass.** Hundreds of people from the South Shore have made this seminar at St. Mary's. The Holy Spirit can be a powerful blessing in your daily life. With God, nothing is impossible (Luke 18:27). 781-826-4955.



EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation for the Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please fill out this form and put it in the offertory, mail it or drop it off at the parish center.

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

From _____

LIFETEEN/ EDGE NEWS

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Phone: (781) 826-4059

Week of March 14th, 2010

Join us this Fri, Mar 19, 6:30pm in Parish Center for 'Puttin' on the Hits,' the Lip Sync competition!

PIZZA AND PRAYER

Monday, March 15th, 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!

ADORATION at Pizza and Prayer this Monday.

HOMEWORK DAYS

Homework Days this week on Monday and Wednesday

"A LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU" Wednesdays thru Lent,

Matt Kimble will be singing. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions being heard in the upper church from 6:30 PM ~8:00PM.

9TH GRADE R.O.C.

9th Grade R.O.C. meets next Sunday March 21st, from 4:30 to 5:55. It will end right before Lifeteen Mass.

PASSION PLAY PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Monday March 15th, after Pizza and Prayer – 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Read through with parts

Sunday March 21st, after Lifeteen Mass – 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Rehearsal

Monday March 22nd, after Pizza and Prayer – 7:30pm -8:30pm
Rehearsal as Needed

Christian Skate Night CANCELLED. ☹

PUTTIN' ON THE HITS 2010 Fri. Mar 19 6:30pm

Lifeteen will be sponsoring a Lip-Sync in the Parish Center. Open to all Grade 1-8 students. Performances can be as an individual, a duet, or as a group. All acts will be judged on Lip-Sync, Originality, and Appearance.

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!

THERE IS LIFE NIGHT NEXT SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY-----2ND COLLECTION

This is a special collection for the youth in our parish. Your support would be appreciated.

Random Acts of Kindness

Sat, Mar 27 10a.m.-2p.m., meet in the LifeHouse.

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 – March 14th & 28th @ 4:30pm

ROC 9th grade- March 21st 4:30pm

Second Graders:

The Fourth Week of Lent:

This week we place the Lifesaver in our bag. Have your child explain to you the reason for the candy. Forgiveness could be the life saver you throw someone.

First Communion Photos

We will be sending home information in the next few weeks regarding First Communion Photos. They will be taken at the Church on the following afternoons.

Monday	April 12 th from 4-6pm
Wednesday	April 14 th from 4-6pm
Tuesday (vacation week)	April 20 th from 12- 4pm



Clothing Swap

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.

The Fourth Week of Lent

This week we will be talking about the prodigal son, and God's abundant forgiveness. This gives us a great opportunity to encourage you to attend adoration and penance on a Wednesday evening with your children. Many children have not received the sacrament of reconciliation since second grade. Perhaps you have not gone in a long time either. The setting is perfect for thoughtful prayer and heartfelt examination of conscience while in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. In the sacrament of Reconciliation, we are forgiven by God, through the priest, and the peace it brings is healing.

When we think of God's greatest commandment: to love one another as He loves us, forgiveness can be the first step toward loving someone more fully. Jesus loved us enough to die on the cross for us; do we love Him enough to ask for His forgiveness?

Thought for the week: Love one another as I have loved you

Character Trait: Do you forgive?

Make the first step to being more loving.