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Saint Mary of the Sacred Heart 392 Hanover St, Hanover



Saint Helen, Mother of the Emperor Constantine

383 Washington St, Norwell



Saint Thecla's Church 145 Washington St, Pembroke

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Vigil at St. Mary's (Hanover)

Sunday 8:00 a.m. at St. Thecla's (Pembroke)

10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's (Hanover) 11:30 a.m. at St. Helen's (Norwell)

6:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass at St. Mary's (Hanover)

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday Tuesday Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

9:00 a.m. at St. Mary's (Hanover)

9:00 a.m. at St. Mary's (Hanover)

9:00 a.m. at St. Helen's (Norwell)

9:00 a.m. at St. Helen's (Norwell)

9:00 a.m. at St. Thecla's (Pembroke)

Rev. Christopher J. Hickey, Pastor Rev. Joseph McCarthy, Parochial Vicar Rev. Bill Salmon, Retired Priest in Residence Deacon John Murray, Permanent Deacon Deacon Jim Thompson, Permanent Deacon Deacon Rick Ashburn, Permanent Deacon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday after 9 a.m. Daily Mass at St. Helen's Norwell

Penance:

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. at St. Mary's Hanover

Baptism:

Contact the parish office at (781) 826-4303

Marriage:

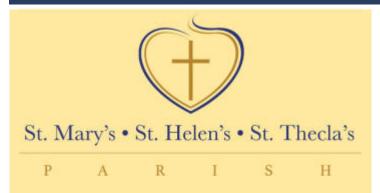
Couples should contact the parish office at (781) 826-4303 to schedule an appointment with a Priest or Pastoral Associate six months prior to the intended date of marriage.





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Mass Intentions for the Week

December

19

8 a.m. (St. Thecla's) Marjorie Kemmett, The Trojano & Fitzsimmons Families

10 a.m. (St. Mary's) Monique Campo

6 p.m. (St. Mary's) Matt Matthew, Sandy Matthew and Kristen Nali

Tues **21**

9 a.m. (St. Mary's) Katherine Peterson

Wed **22**

9 a.m. (St. Helen's) Patrick Fettuccia

sun **26** 8 a.m. (St. Thecla's) Lewis Melchin

10 a.m. (St. Mary's) Filippo Salamone, Letizia Salamone Reynolds

Please pray for our parish sick and deceased especially Venera Gately whose funeral Mass were celebrated during the week.

The St. Mary's, St. Helen's, & St. Thecla's Parish Office is open on Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m.

The Parish Office is located at St. Mary's Parish Center, 392 Hanover St (Route 139) in Hanover.

The St. Mary's, St. Helen's, St. Thecla's Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 24th for Christmas.

BULLETIN NOTICE DEADLINE

For entry in the bulletin, please submit your bulletin notice to Bulletin@holymothers.com by 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to the bulletin release (this deadline could change without notice on weeks with holidays). Submissions should include a short write-up along with contact information, dates, times, etc. We reserve the right to edit all submissions and cannot guarantee publication in the bulletin.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Collection

The Christmas Offertory goes to the annual Clergy Trust & Retirement Fund for health and retirement of priests in the Boston Archdiocese.

Thank you for supporting the health and well-being of our active and senior priests in good standing.

ONLINE GIVING & DIRECT WITHDRAWAL



Thank you to all those who have already registered for Online Giving and Direct Withdrawal. Online Giving is a great way to support our parish. You can register online at HolyMothers.WeShareOnline.org or by scanning the QR code image here with your

phone. Our financial obligations do not take a holiday, so online giving is especially helpful throughout the year when parishioners may be away for the holidays. If you have any questions or need help registering, please call us at (781) 826-4303 and we would be happy to assist you.

GREETERS WANTED

Greeters are needed each weekend at all three churches in our newly formed parish of Saint Mary's, Saint Helen's, Saint Thecla's.

A strong greeter ministry is key to reestablishing a spirit of hospitality as we continue to welcome back those who have been away due to the pandemic or indeed for any reason. Often, a smile and a warm "Hello" can do wonders for someone new to the parish, just visiting, or returning to the practice of the faith.

Greeters should 20 minutes early for Mass to greet people, pass out song sheets and assist people with any questions or special needs. As well as stay a few minutes after Mass to hand out bulletin and assist those with questions. It's simple and fun to meet your fellow parishioners!

If you are interested, please contact Ellen McDonough at 781-826-4303.emcdonough@holymothers.com

GET INVOLVED AT OUR PARISH!

Email info@holymothers.com or call us at (781) 826-4303 if you want to get involved in one of our dozens of Liturgical and Outreach Ministries at St. Mary's, St. Helen's, and St. Thecla's!

WELCOME TO

ST. MARY'S - ST. HELEN'S - ST. THECLA'S PARISH!

Have you registered as a parishioner? Are you new to the area? If you would like to become a registered parishioner and be added to our parish list, please contact the office at (781) 826-4303 to receive our registration form. You can also download the form online at HolyMothers.com.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FATHER CHRIS

Merry Christmas!

After consultation with the Parish Council and the blessing of the Archdiocese, it is with great joy this Christmas that we announce that St. Mary's property in Hanover will be the site of our new church.

We are very excited to begin the planning process for this endeavor in the new year. We know that it has been a long road, and we thank you for your patience. As we move forward, we pledge to keep you informed along the way.

On behalf of Father Joe, Father Bill, Father Mark, the Deacons, and our staff, thank you for your support. We wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a happy, holy, and healthy New Year!

In the joy of the birth of our Savior,

Father Chris



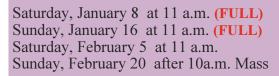
CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

Our Christmas Giving Trees will be up at all of our churches until Christmas. We encourage you to stop, take a tag, follow the instructions provided on the tag.

Please return your <u>unwrapped</u> gift (or monetary donation) with it's tag, back to the tree you took the tag from, or bring it to the Parish office in Hanover.

This is the last weekend to return your items for the Giving Tree. If you have any questions, please contact us at (781) 826-4303 or info@holymothers.com. Thank you for your generosity!

BAPTISMAL INFORMATION





Baptisms are usually scheduled for two days each month, but other dates may be available if you contact the parish office. The above listed baptisms are at St. Mary's in Hanover.

Please contact Colleen at the parish office at (781) 826-4303 to arrange a Baptism or if you have any questions. You can also email Colleen Mahoney at cmahoney@holymothers.com.



The Archdiocese of Boston has extended into 2022 the celebration of the Eucharist after a study found that many Catholics view the Eucharist as a mere symbol, not the real and true presence of the body and blood of Christ.

Quote of the Week

"JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man:

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh. "
Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays at St. Helen's (Norwell) From 9:30AM **until 7:00PM** during Advent

On Wednesday, December 29th Adoration hours will return to 9:30 AM until Noon

Fourth Sunday in Advent Stay Awake! Be Ready!

Are you prepared for Christmas? (No, we don't mean shopping)



We invite you to fully enter into this Advent Season with us. Please check out the Advent 2021 page on our website at https://holymothers.com/advent for daily reflections and Advent happenings.

Don't forget most of these resources are available year 'round. If you have started a good habit during Advent, keep it going!

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Our Parish has purchased a subscription to Augustine Institute's "Formed." Formed has literally hundreds of e-books, videos, podcasts and Catholic content for the whole family. The best part is that it is FREE and available to all parishioners.

Just register at formed.org as a Parishioner under St. Mary's, St. Helen's, St. Thecla's Parish. For more information, go to HolyMothers.com or Formed.org



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

(Friday, December 24th)

2:00 p.m. at St. Mary

3:00 p.m. at both St. Thecla & St. Helen

4:00 p.m. at St. Mary

5:00 p.m. at both St. Thecla & St. Helen

5:30 p.m. at St. Mary

Midnight at St. Mary

Christmas Day Masses

(Saturday, December 25th)

8:00 a.m. at St. Thecla

10:00 a.m. at St. Mary

11:30 a.m. at St. Helen

Sunday, December 26th will be regular Sunday Mass schedule at all churches



<u>Please note:</u> There will **not** be a Friday 9:00AM Mass on Christmas Eve nor a Saturday 4:00PM on Christmas Day.



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

All area Food Pantries could use your help in this time of increased demand. Please see the links to the local food pantries on our website www.holymothers.com .



Monetary donations or grocery gift cards to any local supermarkets are especially welcome right now.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society assists families in our Parish throughout the year who are going through a difficult time. Monetary or grocery card donation, can be marked for "Saint Vincent de Paul" and put in the offertory basket or mail it to the office marked for Saint Vincent DePaul. For more information contact the office. Help a neighbor in need!

St. Mary's, St. Helen's, St. Thecla's Parish GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL

The Grand Annual letter has recently been mailed out. Thank you to all those families who have already donated to this year's Grand Annual Appeal.

It is necessary for us to have this annual appeal, in addition to the offertory collections, in order to meet our various financial needs and obligations.

Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Mary's, St. Helen's and St. Thecla's Parish in this very important way.

<u>January 1, 2022 New Year's Day</u> Mary, The Mother of God Holy Day

We will celebrate a Saturday 9:00AM Morning Mass at St. Mary's Church, however there will be NO 4:00PM Vigil Mass that day.

Sign up for Mass Notifications & Alerts

Our Mass cancellation policy is ... "No Classes-No Masses"

If public schools in any of our 3 Parish towns of Norwell, Pembroke or Hanover, cancel due to a town-wide emergency or weather event, we will <u>not</u> hold Daily Mass that day. If we are forced to cancel Mass due to snow, ice, power outages or any unexpected circumstances, we will post a notification to our website as soon as we are able.

Additionally any parishioners wishing to receive a text notification of cancellations or changes to Masses on their mobile phone can go to our homepage and sign-up for "Daily Mass Alerts."

If you are have questions or are unsure how to sign up, please email Patty Cockey at pcockey@holymothers.com or call (781) 826-4303 x 239 for help. Contact information will not be used for any other purpose and you can remove yourself from notifications anytime you wish to.

DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO A FULLER LIFE IN CHRIST?

Are you a baptized Catholic who has received First Holy Communion but has never been confirmed? You can be confirmed now as an adult. We can help!

Question about your faith and how you can become a Catholic?

For more information about sacramental preparation for adults, please contact Ellen McDonough at (781) 826-4303 or by email at emcdonough@holymothers.com

JOIN US IN MINISTRY!

Please consider this a formal invitation to join us in service within our one St. Mary's, St. Helen's, St. Thecla's Parish.

Please call or email the office with questions or review the brief descriptions on our ministry page at: https://holymothers.com/liturgical-ministries.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Grades 1 through 5)

Coordinators: Maura Dowling & Karen Gill Religious Education Office: (781) 826-2351 Email: reled@holymothers.com

GRADE 1-5 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT STAY AWAKE, BE READY!

The Fourth week of Advent...Love.

The greatest love given to us was born in a stable. As we enter the final week of Advent, our suggestion this week would be to 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. Ask your child 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.



Dear God, help us always to remember the reason that we wait, each year, in great anticipation for Christmas — not for presents but for the greatest gift of all, your Son. Amen

We would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas! Keep the spirit of Christmas alive in your hearts, words and actions!

LIFE TEEN SMASH

Youth Minister: Tim Habeeb – tim@lifeteensmash.com
Assistant Youth Minister: Derek Keough
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Pizza and Prayer: Monday from 6 to 8

Join your friends at Life Teen on Monday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. for prayer, worship, and fellowship. Following prayer, pizza and soda will be served.

ALL THOSE IN GRADES 8 TO 12 ARE WELCOME!

Homework Day: Monday from 3 to 6

We will have Homework Day in the Life House from 3 to 6 p.m. on Monday this week.

Christmas Movie Series: Thursday from 7 to 10

Join us in the Life House on "Christmas ADAM" (the night before Christmas EVE... Get it?!) for our third Christmas Movie Night of the season!

Life Teen Christmas Party & Yankee Swap Thursday, December 30 at 6 p.m.

We will have our annual Christmas Party and Yankee Swap on Thursday, December 30. Don't forget to wear a Christmas sweater and bring a \$20 wrapped gift.

Catholic Heart Workcamp: June 26 to July 1

The registration for Catholic Heart Workcamp is now available online at LifeTeenSMASH.com. We have a limited number of spots, so make sure you sign up soon!

Upcoming Edge & ROC Sessions

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December 19 at 5:15 January 9 at 5:15 January 23 at 5:15



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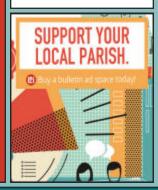
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