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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)

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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:

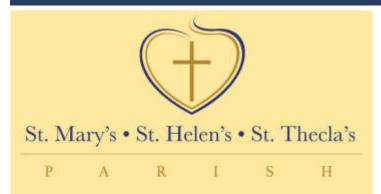
Couples should contact the parish office at (781) 826-4303 to schedule an appointment with a Priest or Pastoral Associate six months prior to the intended date of marriage.





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Mass Intentions for the Week

December/January

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

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

6 p.m. Andrew Julian

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9 a.m. (St. Mary's) Richard Lebedew

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9 a.m. (St. Thecla's) Robert Lancissi, Denis Sweeney

sun 7 8 a.m. (St. Thecla's) William Pomroy, Sr., Sandra Horvath

10 a.m. (St. Mary's) Mary Lou Skahan

11:30 a.m. (St. Helen's) William, Elizabeth & Jeffrey Hurley

Please pray for our parish sick and deceased especially William Koch 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.

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!

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.

Merry Christmas! December 25, 2021

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Maintenance Collection (January 1 & 2)

This monthly collection goes to support the maintenance all of St. Mary's, St. Helen's, St. Thecla's Parish facilities. All the money received remains right here in our parish and helps us to meet our bills and financial obligations.

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.

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

January 1, 2022 - New Year's Day Mary, The Mother of God Holy Day



We will celebrate a Saturday 9:00 a.m. Morning Mass at St. Mary's in Hanover.

2022 BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

Saturday, January 8 at 11 a.m. (FULL) Sunday, January 16 at 11 a.m. (FULL) Saturday, February 5 at 11 a.m. Sunday, February 20 after 10 a.m. Mass



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

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



CHRISTMAS GIVING - THANK YOU!



Thank you to all our generous parishioners for the loving way they supported our brothers and sisters in need this Christmas!!

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!

The St. Mary's, St. Helen's, St. Thecla's Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 31st for the New Year's Day holiday.

We wish you a safe and healthy New Year!



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

"So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. But I told you that although you have seen. you do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on he last day.

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day." *John 6: 32-40*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays at St. Helen's (Norwell) From 9:30AM until Noon *

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

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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

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.

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

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.

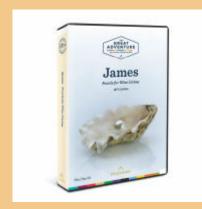
It is necessary for us to have this annual appeal, in addition to the offertory collections, in order to meet our various financial needs and obligations.

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

Merry Christmas! December 25, 2021

Bible Study is back!

St. Mary's, St. Helen's, St. Thecla's Parish will host a Catholic Bible Study from the Ascension Press "The Great Adventure" Series presented by Jeff Cavins.



James: Pearls for Wise Living

Monday Mornings in 2022 January 10th through May 23rd from 10 a.m to 11: 45 a.m. Saint Mary's Parish Center

We will meet 11 times over the course of the winter into spring with breaks in the schedule for school Vacations. Lent and holidays. Our course format includes a 50-60 minute video and group discussion.

We have ordered a limited number of participant workbooks that are available for purchase for our cost which is \$30. You do not have to buy the study guide but it is recommended as it also gives you online access to the videos at home for access outside of our meeting times. Whatever you choose to do, please register online on our website under Adult Faith Formation Bible Study so we can plan appropriately.

Participants should bring a Bible and a Catechism of the Catholic Church, if you have one. If you do not own a bible or Catechism, there is a link to both online at www.holymothers.com under Adult Bible Study.

Still have questions?

Please contact Patty Cockey at pcockey@holymothers.com or call Patty at 781-826-4303 ext. 239

HOPE FOR BOSTON'S HOMELESS

The John Curtis Free Library is now a donation drop off location for the organization Hope for Boston's Homeless. This group of volunteers travels to Boston monthly to distribute backpacks filled with clothing, toiletries, snacks and gift cards to individuals living without housing.

If you would like to donate any of the following items in the collection location in the library lobby, they are gladly accepted. You will help someone in need and brighten their day!

<u>Items most needed are:</u> Backpacks or duffel bags, Fleece throws, Seasonal clothing, new or slightly used (clean) including: Men and women sizes Medium and Large T-shirts, Shorts, Leggings, Underwear (new) Socks

Also needed are:

Refillable water bottles, Chap sticks, Deodorant Personal sized: Shampoos/conditioners/wipes/Soap bars Black pocket combs for men, Brushes for women

Snacks individually packaged: Peanuts or almonds
Granola bars, Peanut butter crackers
Sports drinks
McDonald's gift cards (\$5.00)

The library is located at 534 Hanover Street, Hanover, MA and donations can be made during normal library hours.

If you have any inquiries please contact:

judyannkelly@gmail.com.

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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

The Religious Education office is closed during school vacation.

Classes resume the week of January 3rd.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Jesus, When You Were Born (By Mary Flynn)

Jesus, when you were born
In Bethlehem long ago,
Did you mind being out in a stable
When there was no place else to go?

(Say a special prayer for those who are homeless)

And Jesus when you were born, Son of God, in a stable You lay, And the people didn't know who You were, Didn't come to You and PRAY.

(Share the love of Jesus with someone. Invite them to join you at Mass.)

But I wonder if I had been there, In Bethlehem looking at You, Would I have known in my heart who You were, Or would I have shut my door too? (Renew a friendship.-Put our anger aside and just say sorry.)

So, now Jesus I will promise, Because I know what to do, I know that You are Son of God, And I will open my heart up to You.

(Say a kind word, do a kind deed, be more like Jesus.)

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!

Knee Hockey Tournament: Wednesday at 7 p.m.

We will have a Knee Hockey Tournament this Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Invite a friend!

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.

Christmas Movie Series: Saturday from 7 to 10

Join us in the Life House for our final Christmas Movie
Night of the season on January 1 from 7 to 10!

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

8th Grade ROC January 9 at 5:15 Edge (6th & 7th Grade) January 23 at 5:15 9th Grade ROC January 30 at 5:15



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