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Saint Mary of the Sacred Heart 392 Hanover St, Hanover



Saint Helen, Mother of the Emperor Constantine

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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

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:

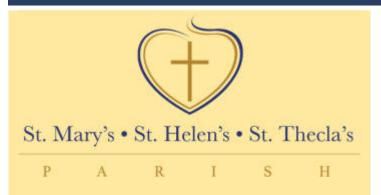
Couples should contact the parish office at (781) 826-4303 to schedule an appointment with a Priest or Pastoral Associate six months prior to the intended date of marriage.





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Mass Intentions for the Week

January 2022

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

10 a.m. (St. Mary's) Robert Simmons

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

FRI 7

9 a.m. (St. Thecla's) Edward Brue

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4 p.m. (St. Mary's) Mary & Manuel Vaz, The Lee and Farmer Families

Please pray for our parish sick and deceased especially William J. McDonough whose funeral Mass was 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.

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.

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.

THIS 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.

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!!

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 10a.m. Mass (FULL)

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 Mahonev at cmahoney@holymothers.com.

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

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The Men's Prayer Group has recently re-started and invites you to join them in their next meeting on Tuesday, January 11th at 7:15 p.m. at Saint Mary's Church. All men of the parish community are welcome. Please feel free to invite a friend! For more information, contact Deacon John Murray at jpmurray1225@gmail.com.

BAPTISMAL BLANKET MINISTRY

Looking for a way to volunteer from home? The Baptismal Blanket Ministry is looking for volunteers who knit or crochet to make Baptismal blankets for our beautiful babies as they enter our Church. What a blessing it is to be able to provide the baby and their parents with a very special handmade baby blanket.

Blankets should be 22 x 22 inches or 24 x 24 inches square in size and be pink, blue, or white in color. When dropping off blankets at the Parish Center, please include your name, phone number, and email address. Question can be directed to Ministry leader, Theresa Quinn at (617) 513-7624.

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.





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

Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever. Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home."

Luke 1: 46-56

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesdays at St. Helen's (Norwell) From 9:30AM until Noon

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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

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

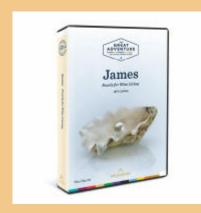
The Grand Annual letter has recently been mailed out. Thank you to all those families who have already donated to this year's Grand Annual Appeal.

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.

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.

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

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!

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

Remember Christmas is a season not a day so continue to share the love and joy with those around you.

Religious Education resumes on Thursday, January 3, 2021.



Like the three wise men,
We are here today to worship you, Jesus.
We have no gold,
but we give you our love.
We have no frankincense,
we give you our prayers.
We have no myrrh,
so we give you ourselves.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Thought for the week:

After Jesus was born, the wise men heard that a King had been born. They wanted to find the King so that they could worship and honor Him. As we know, the wise men did not have a map to guide them to Bethlehem, but they had something even better. God gave them a star to guide them. So the wise men followed the star and it led them right to Jesus. When they found Him, they gave Him gifts and bowed down and worshiped Him.

Today when we find ourselves searching for Jesus, all we need to do is listen closely to the message at Mass. The message, in essence, is our map and star that will us lead us to Him.

Gather with your family and take turns talking about the gifts that you have been given during the Christmas season. Make the conversation beyond the material gifts in order to consider the ones that nurture the heart and soul.

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 Days: Monday & Thursday from 3 to 6

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

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!

HELP WANTED: PARENT LIFE GUARD VOLUNTEERS!

We are always looking for some more parent volunteers to serve as "Life Guards" during Life Nights once or twice a month. We would love to have your help! For more information, please see Tim.

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

For more information about Life Teen, and to check out our full calendar of events, please visit LifeTeenSMASH.com!



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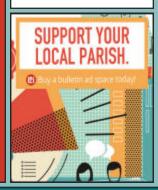
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