

# Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

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Parish Founded 1905      Staffed by the Stigmatine Fathers

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## *PARISH STAFF*

Rev. Richard A. Scioli, C.S.S., Pastor

Deacon Pasquale G. Mussulli

Rev. Gregory J. Hoppough, C.S.S. (weekends)

## *LORD'S DAY MASSES*

Saturday      4:00 P.M. Vigil

Sunday        7:30, 9:00, 10:30 A.M.

## *WEEKDAY MASSES*

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

7:00 A.M.

## *SACRAMENT OF PENANCE*

Saturday      3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

## *SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM*

Second & Fourth Sunday    12:30 P.M.

## *RCIA and ADULT CONFIRMATION*

## *SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY*

One year prior notice required

## *MISSION STATEMENT*

Guided by the Spirit of God, the Roman Catholic parish family of Sacred Heart of Jesus celebrates a living faith in Jesus Christ. As a people of God we are committed to worship in the Eucharist, to prayer and to an awareness of the needs of local and global communities as the Gospel message instructs us. We direct our efforts to promote excellence in the Catholic tradition of education at all levels. We are diligent and responsible in maintaining sound financial and physical resources to meet current and future obligations. We strive to see the face of Jesus Christ in every person and to utilize the diversity of gifts present in our parish through collaborative ministries and apostolates.

## *RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE*

(508) 473-1036

email: [ccdoffice@sacredheartmilford.org](mailto:ccdoffice@sacredheartmilford.org)

Coordinators:

Amy Donahue and Andrew Tomaski

Janet Morganelli, Ph. D. -

Safe Environment Coordinator

for Parish and School

## *MILFORD CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL*

(508) 473-7303

Marie Sciretta, Principal

 **MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**

**August 25—August 31**

Mon.	7:00 a.m.	Eleanor DeMaria by the family
Tues.	7:00 a.m.	Lana Letourneau & Jake Gallerani by Anne Rando
Wed.	7:00 a.m.	Giuseppa Mirelli by the Arata family
Fri.	7:00 a.m.	Antoinette (Netta) Iannitelli by her husband
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Wanda Wall-Scarry by the family
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	For All Our Parishioners
	9:00 a.m.	Mary Ferrecchia
	10:30 a.m.	John Giacomuzzi, Jr. and John Giacomuzzi, III by the family



**Amelia Morte  
Margaret Carrabba  
Fanny Zampino  
Kathleen Luthman**



Our parish prayer shawl and rosary beads ministries will resume the fall season on Wednesday, September 3rd in the Chapel Room at 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested in either of these ministries please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number.



The purchase price for the right of burial in a lot at Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery will increase to **\$900.00 per grave beginning September 1, 2014.**



**DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY**

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry collection items for the month of **May are cake mixes and frosting.** If you wish to donate please bring the items to Mass and place them in the baskets provided at the entrances. We wish to thank all the members of our parish family who support the Daily Bread Food Pantry through their volunteer activity, financial donations and prayers.



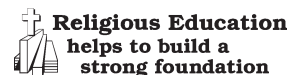
**PARTNERS IN CHARITY**

If you have not made a pledge, or given a gift to this charitable Appeal we ask that you please consider doing so. Supporting **Partners in Charity** is a meaningful way of expressing our gratitude to God for the many blessings he has bestowed on us. Thank you for this special consideration.



**MILFORD CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**POLAR EXPRESS** tickets will be on sale beginning **August 15th** at Milford Catholic Elementary School for the 4:30 pm POLAR EXPRESS train ride on **Sunday, November 30.** Please call the school at **508-473-7303** to purchase tickets for this one hour train ride from Hopedale to Upton and back. Passengers will hear the POLAR EXPRESS story performed by actors and receive hot cocoa and cookies. Tickets are \$36 per person and the supply is limited. Plan now to begin your celebration of the Christmas season on the Grafton & Upton Railroad's POLAR EXPRESS!



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION**

All family members of children **are responsible** for their religious education to enable them to grow in the faith of the church. All children in grades **1 through 10** should be registered for Religious Education. Registration forms are now available. Please open a registration form at **www.sacredheartmilford.org.**

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### **YOU CAN HELP BRING SOMEONE CLOSER TO CHRIST**

Do you know someone who is not baptized and may be interested in becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who is a baptized Christian of another denomination who might be interested in becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who was baptized a Catholic and was not educated in the Catholic faith and would like to move forward? Do you know someone who was baptized a Catholic, left the Catholic Church, and would like to return to the Church again? Do you know someone who was baptized a Catholic, made First Holy Communion and never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? If you know of anyone who falls into any one of these categories, please encourage them to call **Annette Packard, at 508-473-8992.** We are seeking candidates to take the first step in their conversion process called the INQUIRY portion of our **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** that will be starting around the end of September. During this period of inquiry and questioning interested persons may attend the sessions and ask questions and raise concerns about the Catholic Faith. All of us as followers of Jesus Christ have the responsibility of reaching out to all people and offering them the Good News that Jesus came to save us from our sins and give us eternal life.

*Check  
THIS OUT!*

### **Cultural Tour to Rome & Amalfi Coast** **March 19– March 28, 2015**

Join us as we tour the magnificent treasures of the Vatican and Classical Rome. Witness the breathtaking scenery of the Amalfi Coast. Discover the ruins of Pompeii, the Greek Temples in Paestum and visit the stunning hilltop village of Ravello! A Great trip at fabulous price! Book before October 20th and save \$250.00!! \$3,399.00 early booking—round trip air, 5 star hotels and 13 meals. Contact Marge Oliveri, Tour Group Leader at (508) 320-3498 or email at Faithful1111@aol.com.

**SHUT-INS:** If you are aware of an elderly or disabled parishioner, presently homebound, who would like to receive the Eucharist at home, please call the rectory at (508) 634-5435 so that we can make arrangements.

Women's Clubs

### **SACRED HEART OF JESUS CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE**

A Can and Bottle Drive will be held on **Saturday, September 20th** from **11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** in the municipal lot across from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Milford. "Redeemable" bottle and cans only, PLEASE. Proceeds to benefit Sacred Heart Women's Club Scholarship Fund.



### **Brown Bag Dinner Needs YOU**

The word is out that Sacred Heart is providing a nutritious meal on the **last Saturday of each month** to those in need in our community. For those of you who have already donated or volunteered, thank you. Our guests have been so appreciative of the meal and fellowship. They are bringing others with them, telling them "the food is good and they listen to you." Clearly, our parish community is making a difference. We invite all of you to be a part of this experience. There are many ways to help. Would you please consider making a financial donation; we use the money to buy food and supplies that are not donated. Lunch boxes are at all entrances of the church for your cash or grocery store gift cards. Any and all donations are appreciated. Consider this: if 200 people each contributed 25¢ that would be enough money to provide fresh fruit and vegetables or water and milk boxes for 40 guests. Every little bit helps. If you would like to volunteer to buy food/supplies or help make and/or serve sandwiches please contact **Lisa and Brian Blackwell at 508-244-0109; lnblackwell@gmail.com** or contact **Donnalee Shain at 508-478-3536; tomatt4@verizon.net** You can volunteer as little or as much as is comfortable for you. Volunteers arrive at 5:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Pine Street to prepare and set up and leave by 7:30 after clean up. If you know of anyone who would benefit from the Brown Bag Dinner please invite them to attend; doors for guests are open from **6 – 7 p.m.**

### **Parish Financials**

**Parish Support:.....8/17/14.....\$ 6,909.00**

**Average Wkly. Expenses (July) .....\$ 8,620.37**

**Thank you for your continued support each week**

**AUGUST 24, 2014**

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**TURN TO THE SAINTS**

**St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross – Edith Stein,**  
**Discalced Carmelite Nun, Martyr**

Edith Stein, brilliant writer, philosopher and Carmelite nun was born in 1891 in Germany of Jewish parents, she was the youngest of 11 children. Two years after her birth, her father passed away and her mother was left with a large family to raise and a business to run, there was little time to keep a living faith with her children. Edith, in her teen years, lost her faith in God and became an atheist. She was extraordinarily gifted and showed a great aptitude for learning. At the outbreak of WWI she had already completed her studies in philosophy at University and after the war, she resumed her higher studies earning a Doctorate in Philosophy. During these years, Edith Stein knew something was missing in her life and began to search for the 'truth'. One day while visiting at the home of friends, she read the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila; this was the revelation that changed her life forever. It led her to the 'truth' that she had long been seeking. On January 1, 1922 she was baptized in the Catholic Church. After her conversion she continued to write, lecture and teach at the Catholic University and became a well known and celebrated philosopher and author. Her writing filled 17 volumes – many translated into English. Edith was a woman of integrity and followed the truth wherever it lead her. She longed for peace. and solitude. The desire to offer herself to God for His people led her to apply for entrance into the Carmelite Order but her acceptance was delayed,. It is said that from the moment of her conversion she was aware that she belonged to Christ not only spiritually but also through blood. In 1933 Nazi persecutions broke out all over Germany and the Aryan Law of the Nazis made it impossible for her to continue to teach. She wrote in her letters: "If I can't go on here, then there are no longer any opportunities for me in Germany, I have become a stranger in the world." It was at this time that the Bishop agreed to accept her into the Carmelite Order. By 1938, anti-semitism of the Nazis became apparent to the entire world. Jewish people were being terrorized and their Synagogues destroyed. Sr. Teresa Benedicta was smuggled out of Germany and crossed the border into the Netherlands. In Aug. 1942 the Gestapo arrived at the convent and arrested her while she was in Chapel with the other sisters. This was in retaliation of the Bishop's letter against the deportation of the Jews and expulsion of Jewish children from the Catholic schools. The Sisters were attempting to rescue her but her response was: "Do not do it. Why should I be spared. If I cannot share the lot of my brothers and sisters, my life, in a certain sense is destroyed." Edith wrote: "I never knew that people could be like this, neither did I know that my brothers and sisters would have to suffer like this. Will God answer my prayers? He will certainly hear them in their distress". On Aug. 7, 1942, 987 Jews were deported to Auschwitz, two days later Sr. Teresa Benedicta, her sister Rosa and many others of her people were sent to the gas chambers to die. We can say that Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was indeed "Benedicta a Cruce" – blessed by the Cross. Pope John Paul II canonized her on Oct. 11, 1998.