

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

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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

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

TWENTY-THIRD 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 Catholic 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.



OPEN YEAR LONG ALUMNI CELEBRATION

Our Alumni Celebration of Catholic Education in Milford will begin with a **Mass at 10:30 am on September 28, 2014 at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish.** All are welcome to attend the Mass which will be followed by a tour of the original Saint Mary's Elementary School building. A presentation will be given on the preservation of this building by Consigli Construction Co. Inc. who disassembled it in 2005 and moved it to 72 Sumner Street where it became their headquarters. This magnificent granite building, built in 1897, is a part of our legacy of Catholic Education in Milford and holds a special place in the hearts of our alumni. It was once considered one of Preservation Massachusetts' Ten Most Endangered Buildings and we are fortunate that it has been so lovingly preserved for many years to come.



AN INVITATION TO A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On **Monday, September 8th,** the Church celebrates the Nativity of Mary, our loving and blessed Mother. The Gospel of St. John tells us that just before Jesus died on the cross He entrusted His mother, Mary, to His beloved disciple, John. Tradition tells us that this symbolic act entrusted Mary as mother to us all. What child would not honor their mother on her birthday? We at Sacred Heart will honor Mary on Monday with Mass at **7:00 a.m.** In the evening at **7:00 p.m.** we will honor her with the recitation of the Rosary followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. We will thank her for the many blessings she has granted to us over the past year and for her continued blessing upon our country. As her family, let us make this day special. **Bring the children** and together let us honor our heavenly mother who listens and watches over us daily. All activities will take place in the Chapel of the Holy Spouses, Mary and Joseph. Coffee and Birthday Cake will follow the evening devotion in the Chapel Room.

ARE YOU REGISTERED

Being a registered parish member is a help for such things as baptisms, weddings and religious education of children. It also assures that you are receiving the latest news about parish activities and programs. Registering in our parish is easy. Simply contact the rectory at **(508) 634-5435** and ask for a registration form. The form takes less than 5 minutes to fill out. When finished please return it to the rectory or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Forms may also be found at the entrances of the church.

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" bottles and cans only, PLEASE. Proceeds to benefit Sacred Heart Women's Club Scholarship Fund.

Parish Financials

Parish Support:.....8/31/14.....\$ 8,492.00

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

Thank you for your continued support each week

SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

TURN TO THE SAINTS

ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

FEAST DAY: SEPT. 23

The extraordinary life of this very remarkable and saintly man would fill volumes. Padre Pio was born in 1887 in southern Italy. He was a pious and fragile child and from the age of 9 suffered painful and often times crippling illnesses. At age 15, he entered the Capuchin Franciscan Friars and was ordained a Priest in 1910. He was assigned to the Monastery in the agricultural community of San Giovanni Rotondo (Foggia) where he remained for the next 52 years of his life. In 1918, at the age of 31, while in prayer before the crucifix, Padre Pio received the "Stigmata", the visible marks of the crucifixion. He is the first stigmatized Priest in the history of the church. His hands and feet were pierced with nail marks and a lance wound appeared on his side; the wounds of Jesus Christ crucified. The wounds were deep and bled which led to a loss of a cup of blood each day. Amazingly, no inflammation or infection was ever present. This man of suffering was completely devoted to prayer, the Holy Eucharist and the Blessed Mother. Miraculously, after WW1, he began to manifest spiritual gifts: healing, prophecy, bi-location (the ability to be in two places at the same time), speaking in different tongues, conversions, levitations, a fragrance that came from his wounds, a remarkable ability to 'read hearts' and through his intercession, numerous miracles of all kinds occurred. Awareness of this extraordinary man's holiness and suffering spread throughout the world and penitents flocked to his Masses and to his confessional. Through his gift to 'read hearts' he was able to recognize when someone was being dishonest in confession or perhaps forgot a serious sin. People were drawn to him knowing that he would guide them toward a spiritual life. Others wrote to him from all over the world seeking his counsel and healing prayers. It became obvious that his deeds and his accomplishments were far beyond the scope of the ordinary. In 1954, after 14 years of planning and under his personal supervision, a magnificent private hospital founded by Padre Pio was opened in San Giovanni Rotondo and given the name: Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (Home to Relieve Suffering). The hospital with its modern technology is one of the most efficient in Italy and Europe. Padre Pio died a holy death in 1968 at the age of 88. On the day of his death, the wounds disappeared. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II in Rome in June 2002 with over 500,000 people in attendance. It has been said that St. Pio's tomb at San Giovanni Rotondo is the most visited shrine in Europe. PRAY FOR US, ST. PIO.