

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

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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

Safe Environment Coordinators:

Janet Morganelli, Ph. D. -

Tara and Tricia Ridolfi

MILFORD CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

(508) 473-7303

Marie Sciretta, Principal



December 15 – December 21

Mon.	7:00 a.m.	Rosa Mele by Tom & Lucy Bellantuoni
Tues.	7:00 a.m.	Frank & Betty Feccia by the Family
Wed.	7:00 a.m.	Jim Todd by Anna Richard
Fri.	7:00 a.m.	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Mary & Tony Marino and June & Walter Watson by Aldo & Judy
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	All our Parishioners
	9:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Vincenzo Spallone & Nicola Bibbo Families by the Family
	10:30 a.m.	Frank Capuzziello by the Family



**Mary Cimmino
Robert Pereillo
Fred Tieuli**

MASS SCHEDULE REMINDER

The Sunday Mass schedule is changing to **8:00 a.m.** and **10:00 a.m.** on **January 4, 2015.**



DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry collection items for the month of **December are hot chocolate, coffee and tea.** 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.



Members of the **Altar Servers and Lectors Ministries** will host coffee and donuts **this Sunday**, in the Chapel Room after the 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. Masses. Come join your neighbors and share a little conversation and friendship.

We welcome new parishioners to the parish, and we ask you to register as soon as possible. If you move from the parish, or change address within the parish please notify the rectory at (508) 634-5435.



Special Collection

**SHARE IN
THE CARE**

RETIREMENT FUND for RELIGIOUS

This weekend our parish will be conducting the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This annual appeal benefits some 35,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and all who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church. Like many Americans religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare. Currently the average cost of care for religious past the age of 70 is \$39,000 per person. In 2013 alone the total cost to support elder religious was over 1.2 billion. Our Holy Father has announced that 2016 will be a Year of Consecrated Life. In anticipation of a year dedicated to supporting and promoting Religious vocations, let us share in the care of those who have given their lives in grateful service to God's people. Please help to support this collection. Many thanks for your continued support.



All articles for the **December 21st** bulletin **MUST BE** in the office by **Monday December 15th NO LATER than 8:00am.** Articles for the **December 28th** bulletin **MUST BE** in the office by **Monday December 22nd NO LATER than 8:00am.** All articles for the **January 4th** bulletin **MUST BE** in the office by **Monday 29th NO LATER than 8:00am.** Articles will not be taken over the phone. Email to bulletineditor@sacredheart.milford.org. **Thank you!!!**

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



CHRISTMAS NOVENA PRAYER

Make your own personal Christmas Novena to the Holy Infant in the Manger from on **December 16th** to **December 24th**. The Feast Day is December 25th, The Nativity of the Lord.

The Daily Prayer **O Adorable Infant Jesus, my Savior and my God. You Who are so good and Who has loved me so much! In this night in which You bestowed great Graces on so many souls, grant Your heavenly consolation on this poor soul of mine also. I ask of You the grace to love You always, from this day forward, with all my heart. Set me all on fire with Your Holy Love. I love You, O my God, Who has become a Babe for love of me. Never let me cease from loving You evermore. Dearest Jesus, our Lord and God, deign to grant me, during this joyful season of Your birth (mention Your request, now) if it be Your Holy Will. Amen (say One Our Father, One Hail Mary, and One Glory Be to the Father)**



Donations to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Human Services Fund to aid the needy in our community would be greatly appreciated. You may put your donation in the basket with your weekly collection and mark it Human Services. **We thank you for caring and sharing the joy of Christmas with others.**



An envelope for Christmas flowers is in your **December packet**. Please return it at anytime. If you are donating in memory of a loved one, please write the name (names) on the envelope.



The Milford Girl Scouts would like to thank the families of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish for their support of the **One Warm Coat Drive**. Through your generous support, we were able to collect 750 coats and distribute them to local families.



"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord." Are we taking time to put the way of the Lord in our marriage? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are January 23 - 25, 2015 and March 13 - 15, 2015. For more information call Jim and Elaine Richard at 1-800-710-WWME or visit www.wwme.org.

IMPORTANT!

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the church, and need a place to talk about your feeling of betrayal or hurt by the Church, call Frances Nugent, Victim Services Coordinator, Office for Healing and Prevention at (508) 929-4363. A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS the lonely and depressed, the hospitalized, the afflicted, the shut-ins, those in nursing homes, all those who need the support of our prayers, the souls who have no one to pray for them, and the souls in purgatory.

Retreat

The Xaverian Missionaries at Fatima Shrine are offering monthly MINI-RETREATS on themes of Consecrated Life and Mission Today. These retreats will take place at the Shrine on the **Second Sunday of each Month (except May 3rd)**. The retreat director will be Fr. Rocco Puopolo, s.x and the theme will be *"Mission Today: Look at what has changed in these few years."* For more information call 508 429 2144.

Parish Financials

Parish Support:..... 12/07/14.....\$ 14,662.50

Average Wkly. Expenses ((Nov.)\$ 7,921.75

Thank you for your continued support each week

DECEMBER 14, 2014



OUR ANNUAL PRO-LIFE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE ACTIVITY

Dear Parishioner:

Once again during this beautiful and blessed season of Christmas, we at the Sacred Heart of Jesus parish are pleased to sponsor OUR ANNUAL PRO-LIFE GIVING TREE. Through this initiative, we, as a parish family are presented with a unique opportunity to assist in providing for the needs of infants whose mothers have chosen life.

Each year, thanks to you, our generous and enthusiastic parishioners, the response to this initiative has been extraordinarily successful and we are most grateful. The recipient of the infant items is the Problem Pregnancy Agency in Worcester. This outstanding and tireless all volunteer agency's mission is to provide support services and counseling to women facing a crisis pregnancy by offering an alternative to abortion. The agency provides anything that a troubled, pregnant woman needs so she doesn't 'need' to abort her unborn baby.. the support services include housing, medical, clothing, legal and spiritual help! We are pleased to be among the many churches throughout the diocese to support this dedicated organizations by providing for the needs of the infant. It is through the support of caring church organization such as ours that Problem Pregnancy is able to continue its good work of saving many precious babies lives.

The PRO-LIFE GIVING TREE is located in the downstairs Chapel. Hanging from its branches are colorful Christmas "Tags" indicating a particular infant need that has been requested this year. Beginning this weekend, December 13/14, we invite you to take a 'Tag' from the tree, purchase the gift item and return the gift placing it under the tree UNWRAPPED with the 'Tag' attached. The tree will remain in the Chapel until the Feast of the Epiphany on January 4, 2015.

Your kindness and generosity toward this all important activity is sincerely appreciated. On behalf of the mothers who have 'chosen life" for their babies, our sincerest and heartfelt 'THANK YOU' for your outstanding support. May God Bless You abundantly.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICE. (THEY SERVE SO THAT WE CAN CELEBRATE OUR FREEDOM).

The rosary is prayed each weekday morning after the 7:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.