

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 8:00 and 10:00 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 Ridolfi, M. Ed.

Tricia Ridolfi, M. Ed.

MILFORD CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

(508) 473-7303

Marie Sciretta, Principal



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	7:00 a.m.	For All Our Parishioners
Tues.	7:00 a.m.	Pasqua & Donata DiLorenzo by their grandchildren
Wed.	7:00 a.m.	Frank & Betty Feccia by the family
Fri.	7:00 a.m.	Louis Mele by Leslie
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Jennie Bonina by her daughters
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Jenny Oliveri by the family
	10:00 a.m.	Antonio DiTolve by the family

December 14—December 20



**Robert Harris
Claire Marino
Felice Scafuto
Howard Harrigan, Jr.**



Articles for our parish bulletin for **DECEMBER 20th** must be in the office **NO LATER** than **DECEMBER 14th.**

Articles for the **December 27th.** Must be in the office no later than **December 18th.** Please be considerate of these dates.

Join Us For Coffee, ☕
Donuts and Conversation

Members of the Lectors and Altar Servers will host coffee and donuts on Sunday, December 20th in the Bell Tower Room after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Come join your neighbors and share a little friendship and conversation.

Religious Education
helps to build a
strong foundation

Monday, December 14th, Grade 2 students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in the Chapel of the Holy Spouses, Mary and Joseph at 4:00 p.m. **Please keep these children in your prayers.**

Sunday, December 20th, the Year 2 Confirmation class "Made for the Mission" will be held in the Chapel Room from 6:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m. for all 10th grade students.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND THE RELIGIOUS LIFE.

WOMEN'S club



The Sacred Heart Women's Club Scholarship Committee will be gift wrapping for donations at Barnes & Noble in Bellingham on Saturday, Dec. 19th from noon to 3 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 23rd from 6 until 9 p.m. If you intend to shop at Barnes & Noble for the Christmas holiday, we would love to see you there during the above times. Proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund.



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 collection benefits some 35,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and all who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church. Like many American religious communities they face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare. Currently the annual cost of care for a senior religious continues to rise each year, It can range from **\$50,000 to \$75,000** per year. Rising costs are compounded by the fact that more than 1 out of 3 members of religious communities are over the age of 80! This need is still great. Please give to those who have given a lifetime by donating to the Retirement for Religious and by praying for God's continued blessing on our elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. **Please place your envelope in with the regular collection.**

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Service Music Sunday, December 13, 2015

Entrance: People, Look East (195)
Preparation: Rejoice, the Lord Is King (308)
Communion: Whatsoever You Do (554)
Recessional: The Advent of Our King (189)



GIVING TREES

Please return the Giving Tree gifts to the rectory. It would be appreciated if you could provide a Christmas bag or wrapping paper with your gift. Thank you so much for your continued support!!!!



Donations to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Human Services Fund to aid the less fortunate 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 your support**



An envelope for Christmas Eve 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.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill, going to have surgery, depressed, in a nursing home or has lost a loved one please contact the rectory and a prayer shawl will be prepared. Anyone wishing to join may contact **Mary Maffia at (508) 473-8041** or **Barbara Iwanow at (508) 478-3397**.

Parish Financials

Parish Support:.....12/06/15.....\$ 15,217.33
Average Wkly. Expenses (Nov.).....\$ 9,628.22

Thank you for your continued support each week



How about making a Cursillo weekend?

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. Cursillo was brought from Spain to the United States in 1962. The weekend is conducted by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. What the presenters add to the talks is the witness of their own lives, their struggles and triumphs in Christ. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, great music, wonderful meals and so much more. The next men's Cursillo weekend is being held **December 17-20, 2015** at the Prindle Pond Conference Center in Charlton, MA. For additional information and/or an application, please contact: Carolyn Galgano at (508) 847-7005, email is angels3cma@gmail.com or Joan Laracy at (774) 239-2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com.



PRAYER FOR PEACE

Mary, Queen of Peace, save us all, who have so much trust in you, from wars, hatred, and oppression. Make us all learn to live in peace, and educate ourselves for peace, do what is demanded by justice and respect the rights of every person, so that peace may be firmly established. Amen. Pope John Paul II.



DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry collection items for the month of **December is 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.



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.

DECEMBER 13, 2015

CATECHISM 101

This is a weekly series on the Sacraments of the Eucharist. All questions and answers come from the COMPENDIUM Catechism of the Catholic Church; United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; 2006; pages 81-86.

274. What does the Eucharist represent in the life of the Church?

It is the source and summit of all Christian life. In the Eucharist, the sanctifying action of God in our regard and our worship of Him reaches the high point. It contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, Christ Himself, our Pasch. Communion with divine life and the unity of the People of God are both expressed and effected by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharistic celebration we are united already with the liturgy of heaven and we have a foretaste of eternal life.

275. What are the names for this sacrament?

The unfathomable riches of this sacrament are expressed in different names which evoke its various aspects. The most common names are: the Eucharist, Holy Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Breaking of the Bread, the Eucharistic Celebration, the Memorial of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord, the Holy Sacrifice, the Holy and Divine Liturgy, the Sacred Mysteries, the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Altar, and Holy Communion.

"O sweet Sacrament Most Holy, O sweet Sacrament Divine, All praise and all Thanksgiving be every moment Thine."

Prayer of St. Gaspar Bertoni, C.S.S. before the Blessed Sacrament.

The Diocese of Worcester Commission for Women

would like to welcome any woman interested in making a difference in our Church and society to come and visit one of its meetings. It strives to bond together the women of the Diocese through spiritual, educational, and social programs. Also each year, it studies pertinent books and discusses them during the meetings. At this time it is reading Pope Francis's "The Joy of the Gospel." All are welcome on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month at 7:00-8:30pm in the meeting room, at St. Mary's Church in Shrewsbury or email at www.WorcesterCommissionForWomen.org.