

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 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

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Coordinators:

Amy Donahue and Andrew Tomaski

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATORS:

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Tricia Ridolfi, M. Ed.

MILFORD CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

(508) 473-7303

Marie Sciretta, Principal

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Evangelization Commission of the Parish Pastoral Council asks all our parishioners to participate in the **Lenten/Easter Drive** for the Daily Bread Food Pantry. The daily reflection booklet will be distributed during all services on Ash Wednesday. The booklets have a purple cross on the inside cover requesting a particular item. These items can be brought to church and put in any donation box at the entrances. The drive concludes on **Palm Sunday, March 20th.**

Reconciliation

Sacrament of Penance

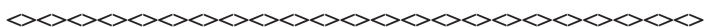
Every **Tuesday night from 7 to 8 PM** the Sacrament of Penance will be offered to individuals in the **Upper Church**. One of the teachings of the Church is that all Catholics are to confess their sins at least once a year. The Lenten Season is the perfect time for Catholics to make themselves right with God. Take this time offered to you. Also during this hour the Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for anyone who wishes to make a visit or spend time in the REAL PRESENCE of Jesus.

The Sacrament of Penance is also offered each Saturday all year long from 3 to 3:30PM in the upper church or by appointment at the rectory during business hours, 8 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday – Friday.

All of these opportunities are offered to assist you on your journey through Lent leading to the celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. The Church is handicapped accessible via the elevator between the school and church buildings. **All are welcome .**



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



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.**



Stations of the Cross

Every **Friday** during Lent at **7:00 PM** the Stations of the Cross will be held in the **Upper Church.** This is a wonderful **Lenten** opportunity for families to set this time apart each week from their busy schedules to gather in prayer and meditate on the last footsteps of Jesus as He journeyed toward Calvary to suffer and die on the Cross for our sins. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament concludes the devotion.



DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry collection items for the month of **February** are **ramen noodles, instant oatmeal cereal and baked beans.** 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.



Special Collection

The Collection for the Church in Latin America

Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean face many challenges when it comes to sharing their faith, yet a light always shines through and hope arises. Projects like youth and young adult ministry programs, as well as catechesis programs, empower the faithful of Latin America to deepen their faith and share it with each other and the world. Please be generous in this Appeal which will be taken up at all Masses **the weekend of February 13th and 14th** to help strengthen the Church at home. Please respond to the theme "Share your Faith" by supporting the Special collection for the Church in Latin America. Please place your envelope in with the regular collection.

Parish Financials

Parish Support:.....1/31/16.....\$ 10,137.50
Average Wkly. Expenses (Dec.).....\$ 8,964.39

Thank you for your continued support each week

Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy
Facts and Information

This Holy Year of Mercy is a time for us to see with the eyes of mercy. Pope Francis has often challenged us to overcome our indifference to the poor and suffering in our world. The Year of Mercy offers the antidote to indifference by helping us to recognize the needs of those around us and to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. When we see with the eyes of mercy, we open the doors of our hearts.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

- to feed the hungry;
- to give drink to the thirsty;
- to clothe the naked;
- to shelter the homeless;
- to visit the sick;
- to visit the imprisoned;
- to bury the dead.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

- to instruct the ignorant;
- to counsel the doubtful;
- to admonish sinners;
- to bear wrongs patiently;
- to forgive offenses willingly;
- to comfort the afflicted;
- to pray for the living and the dead.

The Jubilee Indulgence

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy was issued by Pope Francis on December 8, 2015, ending on November 20, 2016. Prior to this our Holy Father, Pope Francis, attached a plenary (full) indulgence to the faithful on the occasion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. In order to receive the plenary indulgence certain conditions are required:

1. Visiting the Cathedral of a Diocese or a designated church of pilgrimage to enter its "holy door".
2. Sacramentally confess one's sins.
3. Participation in the celebration and reception of the most Holy Eucharist with a post-communion reflection on Mercy.
4. Pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, the Pope.
5. Doing one of the corporal works of mercy.

What is a plenary indulgence?

It is a remission before God of the temporal punishment for sin, the guilt of which is already forgiven, which a properly disposed member of the Christian faithful obtains under certain and definite conditions. (Canon 992).

The conditions for its full effects are outlined by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in the previous paragraph.

Our parish family of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Milford, has been designated as one of the pilgrimage church sites in the Diocese of Worcester.