

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

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PARISH STAFF

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

Deacon Pasquale G. Mussulli

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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
FOR THE WEEK**

March 14 — March 20


Mon.	7:00 a.m.	For All Our Parishioners
Tues.	7:00 a.m.	Palma DiFiore by her daughters
Wed.	7:00 a.m.	George & Mary Kearnan and their descendants, living and deceased by Deacon Pasquale G. Mussulli
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Antoinette (Netta) Iannitelli by her husband
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Anita Pedroli by the family
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Enrico Bellantuoni by Tom & Lucy Bellantuoni
	10:00 a.m.	Freeman, Hamel, O'Grady & Nutile families by the family



**Piotr Machalowski
Lucille DeMeo**

Join Us For Coffee, 
Donuts and Conversation

Members of the Ceremonial Team will host coffee and donuts this weekend 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**

**HOLY WEEK ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN
PALM SUNDAY**

Children in grades 1-6 are invited to participate in the Procession of the Palms at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Palm Sunday, March 20th. The children will sit in the pews in the right alcove. There will be a special Children's Liturgy of the Word offered during the Mass. Children who do not wish to participate in the Children's Liturgy should plan to rejoin their families after the Procession. All children will rejoin their families at the end of the Children's Liturgy.



Articles for our parish bulletin for **MARCH 27th** must be in the office **NO LATER** than **MARCH 17th.**
Please be considerate of these dates.



Parish Council

On **Monday, January 14th** there will be a Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Bell Tower Room at 7:00 pm. **All members are urged to attend.**



**Service Music
Sunday,
March 13, 2016**

Entrance: Organ Improvisation
Preparation: From the Depths We Cry to Thee **(250)**
Communion: Remember Your Love **(362)**
Recessional: Take Up Your Cross **(301)**



2016 PARTNERS in CHARITY APPEAL

Last weekend was our Parish Commitment Weekend for the *2016 Partners in Charity Appeal*. Thank you to those who made a gift and a special thank you for those who gave for the first time. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. We need the support of **all members** of Sacred Heart Parish if we are to be successful in reaching our goal of \$71,300. If you have not yet completed your pledge, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the rectory or in the collection basket. As Pope Francis recently shared, "The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." This our challenge. We are confident that, with God's help and yours, we will rise to it! If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope today. **Thank you!**



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry collection items for the month of **March** are **toilet paper, kleenex, paper towels and napkins**. 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.



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**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the WORD



The Children's Liturgy program is held on the **1st and 3rd Sundays** of the month at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. After the opening prayers, children in grades K-4 are invited to the **Chapel of the Holy Spouses, Mary and Joseph**. During the Children's Liturgy the children hear a children's version of the Scripture readings and learn about their meaning. The children return to their families in the upper church after the Universal Prayers. This program is a wonderful way for our younger children to experience God's Word in a way that is especially meaningful to them.



Milford Catholic Elementary School and Little Angels Preschool are presently accepting registrations for the **2016-2017 school year**. Located at 11 East Main St. in Milford, Milford Catholic Elementary School is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Milford Catholic offers full-time Kindergarten through Grade 6, as well as full and part-time three year old and four year old programs, providing a faith-based education with small class sizes and more personal attention for every student. Before and After School programs are available. When you send your children to Milford Catholic Elementary School you provide your child with a strong academic and spiritual foundation. Tour the school, meet the teachers, and see what makes our school so special. **Call (508) 473-7303 for more information.**



Special Collection

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

How have we responded to the gospel call to serve Jesus through the poor and venerable? It is for this reason that we join with parishes around the country in the **Annual Collection for Catholic Relief Services on THIS WEEKEND**. This collection, whose theme is "*Help Jesus in disguise*," reminds us that through your generosity, you can help ease the burdens of our brothers and sisters around the globe. In 2005, in war-torn Afghanistan, Aazar and Ali (name changed to protect their identify) lost their family due to their father's political affiliations. The boys, ten and eight years old, fled to Pakistan. They were separated and despite days of searching, Aazar could not find his younger brother. In 2012, he received a referral to be placed in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Unaccompanied Refugee Minor program, bringing him to the United States. Please be generous to this collection in your parish.

WOMEN'S club



The Sacred Heart Women's Club will meet on **Tuesday, March 15, at 7:00p.m.** in the Bell Tower Room. Chairpersons for this meeting are: Ann Yaz and Kathy Consigli. Their committee is asked to arrive by **6:00 p.m.** to help set-up. New members are welcome to join at this meeting. **A fun evening of trivia with prizes will be held.**

CEMETERY NOTICE

We ask that you take any **UNWANTED** decorations home with you for proper disposal. **PLEASE DO NOT DISCARD THEM ON CEMETERY GROUNDS.** Your cooperation is appreciated in order to maintain the beauty of the cemetery.



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:.....3/06/16.....\$ 15,434.33
Average Wkly. Expenses (Feb.).....\$ 9,195.48

Thank you for your continued support each week

MARCH 13, 2016



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.

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 amendment with the loving and merciful God. Take this time offered to you. During this hour the Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for anyone who wishes to make a visit or spend time before 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 a.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.



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. Lenten Meditation booklets have been distributed and 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.**