

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

Deacon Pasquale G. Mussulli

Rev. Gregory J. Hoppough, C.S.S. (weekends)

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

Director of Liturgical Music, Robert W. Blake, Jr

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

December 12—December 18



Mon.	7:00 a.m.	For All Our Parishioners
Tues.	7:00 a.m.	Rosa Mele by Tom and Lucy Bellantuoni
Wed.	7:00 a.m.	Maria DiTolve by the family
Fri.	7:00 a.m.	Frank and Betty Feccia by the family
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Jennie Bonina & Richard Pedroli, Sr. by the family
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Jenny Oliveri by the family
	10:00 a.m.	Alex & Mary Anderson and Leon & Anna Zocchi by the family



Samuel Longo, Sr. **Rita Pessotti**
Eleanor Laronga




PARISH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016
BELL TOWER ROOM
AFTER THE 10:00 A.M. MASS
For reservations call (508) 634-5435

Coloring and face painting will be available
 (Under 2—free)—(3-12 yrs.—\$5.00)—(13 and
 adults—\$7.00).

Lunch includes: salad, pasta, meatballs, dessert,
 coffee and juice.

Please bring a gift with the child's name on it.
Reservation deadline is December 14th. You may
bring your camera for pictures with Santa.



Religious Education
 helps to build a
 strong foundation

Sunday, December 11th, the Year 2 Confirmation class "Made for the Mission" will be held in the Chapel Room from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for all 10th.

Monday, December 12th, 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 18th, the Year 1 Confirmation class "Who you are and Whose You Are" will be held in the Chapel of the Holy Spouses, Mary and Joseph from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for all 9th grade students and any 10th grade make up students



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 33,000 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, 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 the regular collection.**



SERVICE MUSIC
December 11 2016

- Entrance:** People, Look East **(195)**
Preparation: Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring **(465)**
Communion: I Received the Living God **(383)**
Recessional: The Advent of Our King **(189)**



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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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.**



**MILFORD CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Wednesday, December 14, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
(upper church)**

All classes (preschool to grade 6) and our chorus will participate.

IMPORTANT!

Bulletin Notice

All articles for our weekly church bulletin for December 25th **MUST** be in the office no later than **Wednesday, December 14th** at 8:00 a.m. Articles for the bulletin **WILL NOT** be taken over the phone. Typed or printed articles should be **“bulletin ready”**. Our office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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**.



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 each entrance. 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.

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.

IMPORTANT!

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.



"The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom." As we await the coming of the Lord, let us rejoice and encourage our marriages to bloom by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are **January 20-22, 2017** in Duxbury, MA and **March 17-19, 2017** in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.org.

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

Parish Financials

Parish Support:.....12/04/16.....\$16,689.83

Average Wkly. Expenses (Nov).....\$ 8,948.22

Thank you for your continued support each week

DECEMBER 11, 2016



Valencia Council 80 of the Knights of Columbus would like to cordially invite all members, potential new members and their guests to a council sponsored Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 17th** in the Bell Tower Room, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. The party will start with a Social hour from 6:00-7:00 p.m. followed by dinner.

**Check
THIS OUT!**

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 facilitated 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. Our 2017 dates are: Men's **February 9-12th** & **June 22-25th** ; Women's **May 18-21st** & **October 12-15th**. All weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Carolyn Galgano at angels3cma@gmail.com. or call (508)-847-7005 or Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com.



SHUT-INS: If you are aware of an elderly or disabled parishioner, presently homebound, who would like to receive the Eucharist at home, please call rectory at **(508) 634-5435** so that we can make arrangements.



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.

We encourage all Altar Servers, Lectors and Ministers of the Eucharist to kindly get a replacement if you find that you are unable to fulfill your scheduled weekend obligation.