



Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 4:00 P.M. Vigil
Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday and Friday
7:00 am

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

(508) 478-0139

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Coordinators:

Amy Donahue and Andrew Tomaski

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATORS:

Janet Morganelli, Ph. D. - Tara Ridolfi, M. Ed. -
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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.

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

December 9—December 15

Mon.	7:00 a.m.	For All Our Parishioners
Tues.	7:00 a.m.	Dorothy Moro by her daughter
Wed.	7:00 a.m.	Peter Curran by the family, Jessica, Jon & Kathy
Fri.	7:00 a.m.	Rosa Mele by Tom & Lucy Bellantuoni
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Mario Pedroli, Sr. and Jr. by the family
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Nate Grillo by Pasqua & family
	10:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Cocimano, Valastro, Conforto & DeSantis families by the family



Angela LaFon
Susan Giampietro
Linda Morcone
Marilyn Hefferan
Jacquelyn McVey



We welcome into our Community of Faith
Griffin Ralph Woodbury

We ask that you pray for them and their family. May God continue to shower them with his love.



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 in the baskets provided at each entrance. We wish to **Thank** all our parishioners for their continued support.



Saturday, December 14th, Grade Level Retreats will be held in the Parish Center for children in grades 1 and 3.

Grade 1— from 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Grades 3—from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Please contact ccdoffice@sacredheartmilford.org for more information and to register your child(ren) for these fun, faith-filled events.

Sunday, December 15th, The year 2 Confirmation class “The Eucharist: Heart of the Church’s Life” will be held from **12:30—2:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center for all 10th grade students.

Monday, December 16th, 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.

You're Invited!

SOLEMN VESPERS FOR CHRIST THE KING
and the THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Robert Blake, Director of Liturgical Music, has composed and compiled music for the celebration of Solemn Vespers for the Third Sunday of Advent, **December 15th** at **4:00 p.m.** in our main church.

These services are part of the prayers of the universal Church and are a fitting way to conclude the liturgical calendar year as well as to prepare spiritually for the Solemnity of the Incarnation of Christ. We invite our parishioners families, friends and visitors to these two evenings of prayer and reflection.



December 8, 12019

Service Music

Entrance: The Advent of Our King (57)

Preparation: On Jordan’s Bank (61)

Communion: Creator of the Stars of Night (71)

Recessional: People, Look East (40)

BULLETIN NOTICES
FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON

Bulletin articles for **December 29th** **MUST** be in the office no later than **Wednesday, December 18th**.

Bulletin articles for **January 5th**, **MUST** be in the office no later than **December 23rd**.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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 31,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and Religious order priests who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church. The sad reality is that only 23 of the 547 religious institutes throughout the country are adequately funded to care for their elderly and infirm members who have served God and the Church. Like many American religious communities they face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare. 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 on this weekend.



HOMEBOUND:

We ask that you let us know of any homebound parishioners who would appreciate the Eucharist brought to them. It is not infrequent when we visit someone in the hospital that we are told they have been homebound for a number of years. Occasionally families say they never thought of asking someone to bring Communion to them. Please call the rectory at (508) 634-5435 if you or a family member are not able to get to Mass and would be grateful to receive the Holy Eucharist.



WELCOME!!! We are happy that you are with us today to celebrate your thanks for the gift of Christ in your heart!! If you are a visitor, we hope that you have a prayerful time with our parish family. If you are new to our parish or haven't been with us for a while, we welcome you with open arms. If you have not yet registered as a parishioner, we hope that you will take a minute to complete a registration form and either send it to the rectory or drop it into the collection basket.



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.



GIVING TREES

The Giving Tree is placed in the sanctuary of the upper church with gift tags containing this year's requests. Please take a tag, purchase the gift, attach the tag to the unwrapped gift and return it under the tree no later than this weekend DECEMBER 7th and 8th. It would be appreciated if you would provide a Christmas bag or wrapping paper with your gift. When purchasing gift cards please include the activation receipt with the card. 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.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that we have a PRAYER INTENTION BASKET located in the vestibule in the Chapel of the Holy Spouses, Mary and Joseph? Paper and pens are available for you to write out your particular prayer request (no names please), and each morning, Monday through Friday, your intention is prayed for by our Rosary Prayer Group after the 7:00 AM Mass. During the months and also the First Friday devotions the petitions are burned and new intentions are collected for the following month. If you have a special need to be prayed for please stop by the Chapel or call the rectory (508)-634-5435 and they will pass it on to Deacon Pat.

Parish Financials	
Monthly Income (Oct.).....	\$ 32,958.33
Ordinary Expenses: (Oct.).....	\$ 36,714.56
Thank you for your continued support each week	

DECEMBER 8, 2019

*Check
THIS OUT!*

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Valencia Council 80 Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their "International Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest before Christmas, for boys and girls from **ages 5 through 14**, with the assistance of our CCD teachers. The contest is designed to encourage children to use their creativity and imagination, with the hope they will come to a deeper understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas. The posters are judged on clarity of theme, delivery of message and overall effectiveness. All participants receive participation certificates. The winners of each age group, **5-7, 8-10, and 11-14** receive \$25.00 Amazon gift cards. All entries are due not later than **Sunday December 22, 2019**.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word program has proven extremely successful and is enjoyed by over 20 children each time it is offered. We are in need of a volunteer or volunteers interested in helping coordinate and plan this enriching program. No prior teaching experience is necessary and you do not need to have a child in the religious education program to volunteer. Please contact Amy Donahue in the Religious Education Office at **(508)478-0139** if interested.

Please do not leave your bulletins in the pews. Take them home with you for easy reference during the week.

IMPORTANT!

LEAVING MESSAGES ON THE VOICE MAIL

When leaving names and telephone numbers on the **RECTORY VOICE MAIL**, please speak slowly and distinctly. Many times we are unable to properly get the names and telephone numbers of the callers because they speak so quickly. One should keep in mind that the secretary or pastor has to write down the information in order to call back. **Thank you!!!**

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