



# 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:

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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  for the Week

August 17—August 23

Mon.	7:00 a.m.	For All Our Parishioners
Tues.	7:00 a.m.	Cynthia Ann Small by her goddaughter, Kerilyn Morales
Wed.	7:00 a.m.	the Byrne family by the family
Fri .	7:00 a.m.	Prospero & Giuseppina Cocimano by the family
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Wanda Wall-Scary by her daughter Michelle Messom
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Rosa Mele by Tom & Lucy Bellantuoni
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Nancy Walsh by the family



Anne Iacovelli



DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry collection items for the month of August are toilet tissue, paper towels and napkins. If you wish to donate please bring the item to Mass and place it 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.



MOVING

Please be sure to notify the rectory office at (508) 634-5435 if your address and/or telephone numbers change, or if you are moving out of town. We appreciate your help in keeping our parish records up to date.



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 this ministry may contact Mary Maffia at (508) 473-8041 or Barbara Iwanow at (508) 381-1089.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICE. (THEY SERVE SO THAT WE CAN CELEBRATE OUR FREEDOM).



We welcome into our Community of Faith Dominic Francis Canali Chayton John Lopes-Pantalone Celina Rae Julian

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



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.



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 parishioners, 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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER HAS GONE VIRTUAL**

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called Restore – Rekindle – Renew. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings **September 14 to October 26** from **7:00—9:30PM.**

Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God’s plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$50 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at (800)-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



**PRAYER**

Lord, I feel as though I am losing my grip and can barely hang on a moment longer. In desperation, I reach my hand to you. Grab me and pull me out of this mess! I give my life to you today again, every bit of it. I am yours. Please help me. Be my God. No longer will I build my life on shifting sand. You are my rock, and with your help, I will establish my life on your firm foundation. Deliver me from this pit, and I will praise you. I will tell of your great wonders. I will make known your wonderful ways, steadfast love, and unending power. Thank you! I know you hear me, and that you save the humble and contrite heart. Forgive me for my decisions, actions, and attitudes that got me to this place. I receive your forgiveness and power to change. And as I am forgiven, I forgive each person that has contributed to my temporary defeat, for my victory is at hand. You are here. Amen.

**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.

**AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY**

**Cards:** in memory of a loved-one living or deceased-for donations to the **Legacy of Faith Restoration fund.**

**Cards:** in memory of a deceased loved one for donations to our Human Services Fund which was established to aid the poor and needy in our community.

**Cards:** in memory of a deceased loved one to the Daily Bread Food Pantry to aid the hungry in our community.

**Mass Cards:** (offering \$10.00) requesting a Mass to be offered by the Stigmatine Community for the repose of the soul of a deceased person or the intentions of the living including healing and celebrations.

**Perpetual Enrollments:** (offering \$15.00) which enroll a deceased person in the Stigmatine Purgatorial Society. This enables the deceased to share 500 Masses offered by the Stigmatine Community each year of the society.



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 2020 dates are: Men’s – **September 10-13, 2020;** and Women’s- **October 22-25, 2020.** All Weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Pam Hamilton at (774).239-8909 [phamilton1284@gmail.com](mailto:phamilton1284@gmail.com) or Joan Laracy at 774.239.2474, [joanlaracy@yahoo.com](mailto:joanlaracy@yahoo.com).

<b>Parish Financials</b>	
Monthly Income (July).....	\$ 37,096.45
Expenses: (July).....	\$32,655.76
<b>Capital Expenditures: (asbestos removal, inspection, landscaping, sanitizing equipment)</b>	<b>\$4,496.00</b>
<b>Thank you for your continued support each week</b>	

***Sincerity in Prayer,  
Humility in Faith***

***Isiah 56:1, 6,7***

***Romans 11:13-15, 29-32***

***Mathew 15:21-28***

This Sunday we see a woman whose plight has been ongoing, and she seems to be at her wit's end with no answers on the horizon. She clearly loves her sick daughter, so this mother — a Canaanite who is not a part of the chosen people of Israel — attempts the unthinkable because she's run out of options. She humiliates herself with her desperate plea. Jesus himself seems not to respond at first, and the disciples consider her a nuisance and want her to leave so they can be about the rest of their day. Instead of becoming angry and stomping away or becoming bitter at the lack of assistance, she worships Jesus, despite what this would surely do to her reputation. This catches his attention, and a quick dialogue ensues. She knows the inherent tension between the Canaanites and the Israelites, but this does not deter her from seeking help from the only option left. In the end, her prayer is answered according to her desire. What a model of faith!!! So many of us are accustomed to prayers; we learned them when we were young. But our familiarity with prayers isn't always accompanied by a sincerity in our prayer. We rattle off words while our minds are onto the next task on our day's agenda. Our bodies are present, but our hearts haven't yet left the last moment of pleasure, concern, or anxiety. Our prayer life is fragmented because our need for help has been disconnected from our belief in Jesus' mission to save. Certainly, there are life circumstances that are graver than others that bring us to our knees faster; but that doesn't mean that kneeling in prayer — literally and metaphorically — is limited to the grave and dire situations. [St. John Chrysostom](#) remarks on the "earnestness of her prayer," and this catches the attention of Jesus in a new way. Jesus admires the tenacity of her faith, and then the miracle of her daughter's healing happens. As we review the flow of the text, this mother does not outright ask Jesus to heal her daughter, as it happens in other healing stories of the Gospels. This mother confesses her need for help with a situation.

**IMPORTANT!**

**Do not forget** to visit our parish website at [www.sacredheartmilford.org](http://www.sacredheartmilford.org). Check it out for our Sunday bulletin, Mass schedule, information about our church, our music, our religious education program, our activities and much more.