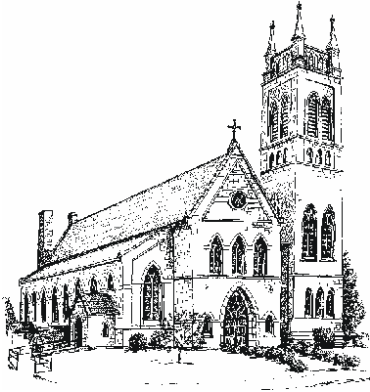


Saint Mary of the Assumption



*Igreja Santa Maria
Da Assunção
Iglesia Santa María De La Asunción*

**Thirteenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
June 26, 2005**

Milford, Massachusetts



**THE TOOTH FAIRY SCALE
UTILITIES**

Last week we saw how inflation has hit kids when it came to the tooth fairy. The twenty-five cents for an afternoon at the movies now costs over nine dollars. Even a five dollar tooth fairy gift only pays for half as much. The same principle applies to many other expenses. We do not have to go back a generation to see the impact on utilities for example.

**UTILITY COSTS UP 92.8 %
COLLECTIONS UP 4.5%
FROM 2001 TO 2005**



Over the past four years our utility costs (heat, light, water, electricity) have gone up from \$31,527.91 for the first three quarters of the year (September 2001 to June 2002) to \$60,796.66 for the same period this year. That is an increase of \$29, 268.70 or 92.8%. During that same period our Sunday collections rose from \$436,089.55 to \$456,773.01 or a mere 4.5%. The increase of income does not even cover this one item alone. People will often look at the total Sunday collection and it appears that from week to week things are going fine. But when you look back over a period of time you realize that that the “Tooth Fairy Syndrome” is really having its effect. Expenses are increasing **dramatically faster** than income.

As we said last week it has been a very hard year and St. Mary parish is struggling from the “Tooth Fairy Syndrome”. We all struggle with rising costs. But the parish depends completely on your support. In the coming weeks we will continue to explain in detail our financial dilemma. But for now we would ask you to begin thinking about your own care of the parish. Our habits of support tend to change very slowly and begrudgingly.



**HOW DO YOU STAND ON THE TOOTH FAIRY SCALE?
DOES WHAT YOU OFFER IN SUPPORT OF THE PARISH
REALLY MATCH UP TO WHAT PEOPLE GAVE A
GENERATION AGO?
GIVEN YOUR OWN CIRCUMSTANCES, WHAT IS FAIR
REASONABLE SUPPORT?**



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 25

4:00 pm...Roderick & Marcella St. Martin (Family)
And those who died during the month of May: Marie
Faessler, Mary Troy

Sunday, June 26

6:00 pm...Anne (Palumbo) Manella (Family)

Monday, June 27

9:00 am...Todd DePiero (Rachel Schram)

Tuesday, June 28

9:00 am...Souls in Purgatory (Antonio T. Pinto)

Wednesday, June 29

9:00 am ...Evelyn & Michael Clohessy (Family)

Thursday, June 30

9:00 am...Antonio Rodrigues & Family (Family)

Friday, July 1

9:00 am...Albano Morais & Teresa Morais (Family)

Saturday, July 2

4:00 pm...Mary Ann Gallagher (M/M Richard
Barnhart)

Sunday, July 3

6:00 pm...Chip Curtis (Ailine Curtis)

WEDDING

Saturday, July 2 – 5:30 p.m.
CarlosSousa&KatherineSpino

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III Carlos Sousa & Katherine Spino

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Saint Mary's is conducting Safe Environment Training on site for those who have not been through the training yet and wish to volunteer for any of our youth programs. It is an excellent opportunity for those who are thinking about volunteering for the upcoming Vacation Bible School and/or our Fall Religious Education programs! Upcoming dates for June and July are as follows:

Saturday, July 16 – 10:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and

Monday, July 18 – 7:00-9:15 p.m.

**All training sessions will be held in the
Community Room of the Parish Center.**

You are encouraged to register for a class to assure appropriate materials are available. To register, please contact Heather Buckley with your name, date of attendance and telephone number at either: 508-473-7432 or hasbuckley@yahoo.com.

FATHER MICHAEL LAVALLEE SAYS THANKS

Fr. Michael Lavallee expressed his heart-felt thanks for all the prayer and support given to him in his preparation and ordination to priesthood. He is so appreciative of the many thoughtful gifts and prayers given at the time of his ordination. He expressed special thanks to all who made his Mass of Thanksgiving and reception such a memorable and wonderful day.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND SUFFERING, ESPECIALLY: Cynthia Small, Mary Byron, Barbara McDonnell, Allison Fishlock, Donald Iadarola, Sue McCallum, Emilia Donahue, Ben Smith, Tina Steward, Nicholas Celozzi, Anthony Scafuto, James Ferguson, Manuel Lage, Carolyn Henkel, Tom Flynn, Peter Kantor, Samir Zaki, Joseph Glover, Jr., Bella Vilardo, Drew Iadarola, Bob Mairs, Mary Lou Thompson, Iris de la Rosa, MaryEllen Caldwell, Neil Chudzik, Stephen Piscitello, Josephine Bergantino, C.J. DiGiallonardo, Helen Bucchino, Joaquin Silva, Bob Renaghan, Meghan Hope, Josephine Basile. Meghan Hope, Sherry Horgan, Janet Parsekian, Catherine Lucier, Bill Donovan, Nancy Ahearn, Lori Tyler, Vinh Nguyen, Mary Stanley, Roseanne Kitchens. Please let us know when someone is acutely ill so that we can pray for them at Sunday Mass. We will continue to pray for all our sick family, friends and neighbors each day.

**PARISH CENSUS HAS
BEGUN
HAVE YOU
RESPONDED YET??
New Member contact Forms
Available in the Pews**

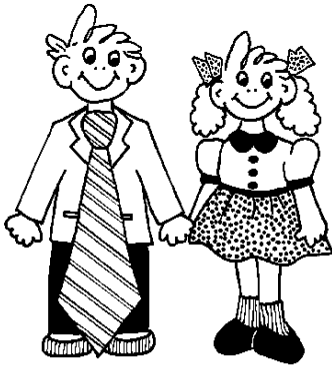
“LIGHTING THE WAY”

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents will be holding its 28th Annual National Conference in Boston – July 1-3 – with over 100 workshops. There will also be sharing sessions for siblings 9 and up. A Professional Day Seminar will be held on June 30 for Fire, Police, Medical, Educators, Funeral Directors and Clergy. For more information, please call Ed or Joan at 508-473-4239.



CHILDREN'S



CHURCH

SAINT MARY'S PLANS TO OFFER CHILDCARE THIS FALL

Saint Mary's is hoping to offer childcare during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass beginning in the Fall. Certified babysitters are needed in order to make this service to our young families successful. If you feel you are dedicated and qualified, please call the Religious Education Office at 508-478-7440.

NEW LITURGY OF THE WORD PROGRAM

Volunteers are needed for 'Liturgy of the Word', a new program for our young people that will be held during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Help is needed in many different capacities. Please call the Religious Education Office at 508-478-7440, if you would like more information.

**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM
JUNE 24TH TO JULY 10TH FOR
VACATION.**

CONFIRMATION 2006

The Religious Education Office has recently mailed Confirmation retreat packets to all those who might be eligible to be confirmed in 2006 (5 *high school classes completed by December*). If you do not receive a packet and you feel your child is eligible, please contact the Religious Education Office at 508-478-7440. If your child has completed two years in a Catholic high school and you have not already contacted the Religious Education Office, please do so and we will mail a packet to you.

Holy Hour for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

EVERY TUESDAY at the Fatima Shrine in Holliston, following the 1:00 p.m. Mass, there is a Holy Hour for the Holy Souls in Purgatory sponsored by the Helpers of the Holy Souls. Prayer packs are available,



PLEASE NOTE: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Sextons please call Pat Wagner at 508-473-5074 with unavailable dates for the months of August and September **no later than Thursday, July 7th.**

BUDGET 2004-2005

Total Collection 6/26/2005:

\$10,122.10

Parish Support:

\$ 9,110.10

PETER'S PENCE RECEIVES \$11,012.00 TITHE THIS WEEK FOR PETER'S PENCE

This past week our tithe of \$1,012.00 will be given as the first of two tithes for Peter's Pence to assist Pope Benedict XVI in his ministries for the needy around the world. Our tithe this week will be given as the second of two tithes for Peter's Pence. Your generosity makes a world of difference.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY 523 FAMILIES HAVE GIVEN \$73,790.00 GOAL IS TO REACH 600 DONORS YOUR GIFT IS IMPORTANT - IT IS NOT TOO LATE



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR IRISH FESTIVAL - AUGUST 13

The Friends of Old Saint Mary's Cemetery will be holding their 4th Irish Festival on Saturday, August 13, 2005 outdoors at the Portuguese Club Field on Water Street in Milford from Noon to 10:00 p.m. Right now volunteers of all ages are needed to help make this event possible. We can use people in all areas of the festival. Teenagers are needed to supervise children's events, and we are also in need of a face painter and two clowns (any age). Costumes will be supplied. Confirmation candidates are welcome. Also in need are sponsors, or individuals who would like to be a Friend of the Festival. You will be listed in our special Festival Newspaper going out to 58,000 homes. An event may be sponsored for \$100.00 or more, or be a Friend of the Festival for \$25.00 or more. All donations are tax-deductible. Proceeds go towards our on-going work of

restoration and towards our proposed Irish Famine Memorial. The Old Saint Mary's Cemetery is located on Hamilton Street in Milford, Mass. Our day features all kinds of great entertainment – *Step dancers, Ceili dancers, many children's events, Irish vendors, fried dough, ice cream* – food will be served all day by Mannion's Irish Restaurants of Quincy. A *Bake Your Best Scone Contest, a special appearance by the Boston Gaelic Column Police Bagpipe Band, a cultural tent with Irish authors and more!!!!* It's a wonderful celebration of Irish Culture that all are welcome to come and enjoy. If you would like to be a volunteer, sponsor or Friend of the Festival, please call 508-478-9087. Donations may be sent to the Friends of Old Saint Mary's Cemetery, c/o 78 West Street, Milford, MA.

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