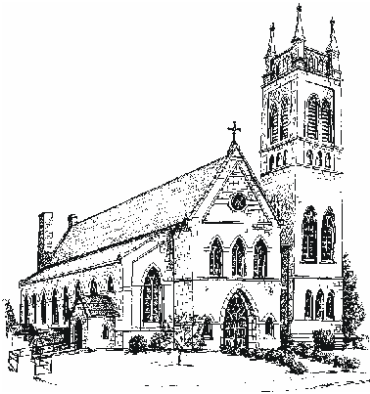


Saint Mary of the Assumption



*Igreja Santa Maria
Da Assunção*

Iglesia Santa María De La Asunción

**Twenty-second Sunday
In Ordinary Time
August 28, 2005**

Milford, Massachusetts

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Beginning on Wednesday, August 31st, we will be offering Eucharistic Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. We will close with Benediction. This is a means of increasing our devotion in the weeks leading up to our diocesan Eucharistic Congress to be held on October 28/29.

**SPECIAL MASS OF COMMISSIONING
FOR ALL CATECHISTS AND FAITH FORMATION LEADERS
SEPTEMBER 11TH - AT 10:30 A.M.**

We would like to invite all those who are involved in faith formation (i.e., Catechists/Aides, RCIA, RCIC, GOF/GIFT, etc.) in our parish to a special commissioning Mass on Sunday, September 11th, at 10:30 a.m. Please come with your family to celebrate Mass and receive God's blessings as we embark on a new season of faith formation for our parish family!!!

EVENING OF REFLECTION

.....for all Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Sextons.
All are invited on Thursday, September 29th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for an evening of adoration, reflection, and any questions you might have about your important liturgical ministry here at Saint Mary's.

**2005-2006 MINISTRY FAIR
COMING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH
A FUN-FILLED DAY
SEE THE BIG PICTURE
UNDER THE BIG TOP
FUN & GAMES
FOOD - ENTERTAINMENT**



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 27

4:00 pm... Lou Lombardi (Family)

Sunday, August 28

6:00 pm... Mario Oliveira (Family)

Monday, August 29

9:00 am... Grace Elizabeth Clemens (Dan & Carol Gonseorowski)

Tuesday, August 30

9:00 am... Helen & Donald Phillips (Family)

Wednesday, August 31

9:00 am ... Rose & Walter Herlihy (Family)

Thursday, September 1

9:00 am... Edna Malmquist (Family)

Friday, September 2

9:00 am... Candida Dias (Wife)

Saturday, September 3

4:00 pm... Domingos & Luiza Barosso & Manuel & Ana Claro & Families (Family)

Sunday, September 4

6:00 pm... Frank, Lena & Fred Coffey (Family)

WEDDING

Sunday, September 4 – 1:00 p.m.

Anthony Meo & Elizabeth Stansky

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I Angelo Guilanducci & Ana Fraga

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Saturday, September 10, 2005

10:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Religious Education season is right around the corner! Anyone volunteering with this wonderful ministry (as well as any other youth ministry) must attend a Safe Environment Training session. An on-site training session will be held for those who have not been through the training yet and wish to volunteer. This session will be held in the Community Room of the Parish Center. Please bring your driver's license (if available) for the CORI background check. You are encouraged to register for class to assure appropriate materials are available. To register, please contact Heather Buckley with your name and telephone number by calling 508-473-7432, or emailing hasbuckley@yahoo.com.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TO BE OFFERED TWICE EACH MONTH

Beginning in September, a group celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be offered twice each month (exception of December) on the second and fourth Sunday. Besides providing for smaller celebrations, this will also give our young families more flexibility in scheduling such an important family event.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND SUFFERING, ESPECIALLY:

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 Vilaro, Drew Iadarola, Bob Mairs, Mary Lou Thompson, Iris de la Rosa, MaryEllen Caldwell, Stephen Piscitello, Josephine Bergantino, C.J. DiGiallonardo, Helen Bucchino, Joaquin Silva, Bob Renaghan, Meghan Hope, Josephine Basile, Virginia McDonough, Sherry Horgan, Janet Parsekian, Catherine Lucier, Bill Donovan, Nancy Ahearn, Lori Tyler, C. Curran, Daniel Smith, Roseanne Kitchens, Tony Grillo, Ann McLain, Andrew Smith, Richard Stapleton. 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Eucharistic Ministers and Sextons call Pat Wagner (508-473-5074); Lectors call Chris Buckley (508-473-7432) and Altar Servers call Debra Laviolette (1-508-520-1297) with unavailable dates for October and November **no later than Wednesday, August 31st.**

FR. ZEKE VISITING FAMILY IN SPAIN

Fr. Zeke Munoz, who has been helping at St. Mary's since his retirement, is visiting his family in Spain from August 17th to September 24th. We wish him a safe journey.



“STEWARDSHIP MAILING TEAM” NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER THRU THE END OF OCTOBER, 2005

We are looking for “Mailing Team Members” for a [2] month period to do the various Stewardship mailings in the parish, such as letter stuffing, bulk mail separating, etc.

We’d also love to find someone who is knowledgeable with MS Excel in doing “Mail Merge” letters and working with Excel Databases. This would be on a volunteer basis. If you are interested, please call the Rectory at 508-473-2000.



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A SPIRITUAL HOME? YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

If you are new to Milford or just have not had the time to register in a parish, this is a wonderful opportunity to become a member of the St. Mary family. There are contact forms in the pews. You can fill one out and drop it in the collection basket and we will call you shortly. Or you can just call the parish house between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm any weekday and we will be glad lead you through the registration process.



Our Church Family

UPDATING OUR CENSUS SECOND TRY

We had an excellent response to our first attempt at updating our census. More than 3,200 parishioners responded to the mailing. But we still have a long way to go. Our records contain over 7000 parishioners and it is critical that we are able to confirm their membership in Saint Mary’s Parish.

In the past few weeks a second letter was sent to all those who have not yet responded. We really do hope to hear from you soon. As decisions are made for the distribution of Priests to various parishes in the future, accurate census information will be required. Pastoral planning requires that we have accurate information on which to use our limited resources. There are also simple, inexpensive ways to keep in touch with our parish family if we have accurate contact information. We do hope to hear from you very soon.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 3RD, 4TH, 5TH-8TH GRADE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THIS FALL!!!!

When religious education classes begin next month, we will need some enthusiastic and dedicated adults and teens that are willing to share their faith and help with the spiritual growth of our young children.

We need 2 teachers each for Grades 3 & 4 that meet on Thursday afternoons at 3:30 p.m.

For the assemblies: we need 2 leaders for Grades 5 & 6 that meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and 2 leaders for Grades 7 & 8 that meet on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The assembly process meets twice a month only.

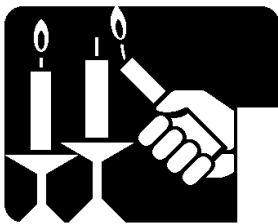
If you are feeling the call to become involved this year, please contact Sandy at 508-478-7440.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT PARENT MEETING SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH

There will be an important Confirmation retreat parent meeting this **Sunday, August 28th, at 7:15 p.m. in the large hall of the Parish Center.** Our retreat leaders will give a brief overview of the retreat and will be happy to answer any concerns or questions. Confirmation candidates do not need to attend this meeting.

IMPORTANT CATECHIST MEETING FOR GRADES 1-4 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31ST

Catechists and aides who are helping form the faith of our young children in Grades 1-4 will be having a training session on **Wednesday, August 31st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.** A representative from the company is coming to demonstrate and guide us in using our new curriculum – *"Finding God"*. Please make every effort to attend this important training session!!



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

For all those who are interested in becoming an altar server – (*grades 4 and up*) – you are invited to attend a training session to be held on **Saturday, September 17th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Upper Church.** All current servers are invited to attend this session as a good refresher course.

SACRED HEART WOMEN'S GROUP

WELCOME: The Women's Club of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Milford, would like to invite you to join them in their monthly meetings and other functions that they hold during the year. These meetings are held in the Bell Tower Room on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from September to December, then from March to May, ending with a Mass and Communion Breakfast. Anyone wishing to join may call the Parish Rectory at 508-634-5435 and leave your name and phone number with Carol Drew, or you may attend their first meeting of the new season on September 20th, at 7:30 p.m. The September and March meetings begin with a Mass in the Chapel for all deceased members. It is a wonderful time to come and meet new friends.

BUDGET 2004-2005

Total Collection 8/21/2005:	\$ 9,805.36
Parish Support:	\$ 8,825.36

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL RECEIVES \$ 980.00

**TITHE THIS WEEK FOR HAITIAN CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIPS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HAS ALREADY RAISED \$1,125.00 FOR
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NINE CHILDREN**

This past week our tithe of \$980.00 will be given to our own Saint Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need in Milford. Our tithe this week will be given for scholarships for children in Haiti. Each donation of \$125.00 will provide school, including meals for one child. So far our Vacation Bible School has raised enough to provide NINE children with scholarships.. Your generosity makes a world of difference.

LEGACY THANK YOU BRUNCH MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!

To thank those who have so generously given to our *Legacy 150 Campaign*, Saint Mary of the Assumption would like to invite you to a "Thank You Brunch" to be held on Sunday, October 16th , following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Since calendars fill up so fast with all our busy schedules, we wanted to give you a heads up so you can mark it down now! Please look for a personal invitation and bulletin reminders closer to the date. Until then, thank you very much for your generosity.

Masses: Saturday 4:00 (English) 7:30 PM (Brazilian-chapel)

Sunday, 8:00 (English), 9:15 (Portuguese), 10:30 (English), 11:00 AM (Spanish-chapel) & 6:00 PM (English)

Daily Mass at 9:00 AM with Adoration and Benediction on First Fridays

Miraculous Medal Novena: 1st Monday at 7:00 pm (in lower Church)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm or by personal appointment

Baptisms: Second and Fourth Sunday of each Month

Parish should be contacted prior to the choosing of Godparents. Parents are expected to attend an evening of reflection before the Baptism. Marriages: Couples planning to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony should contact the parish twelve months before the proposed wedding date.

We welcome all newcomers to our parish and invite you to register as members of our community. Please call the Parish House (473-2000) during the week. We look forward to meeting you.

PASTOR: Reverend Michael G. Foley

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Reverend Kevin Hartford

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Sister Theresa Lucier, SP

DEACON: George O'Connor

RELIGIOUS ED COORDINATOR: Sandra Piwko MCES PRINCIPAL: Sr. Roberta Salah, S.S.J.

COORDINATOR OF FAITH FORMATION: Robert Daly

ADMINISTRATOR: Steven Jubin

COORDINATOR OF MUSIC: Robert Blake, Jr.

Parish House: 27 Pearl Street (508) 473-2000

Parish Center: 17 Winter Street (508) 478-7440

Catholic Elementary School: 11 East Main Street (508) 473-7303

Portuguese and Spanish Apostolate: (508) 473-2000