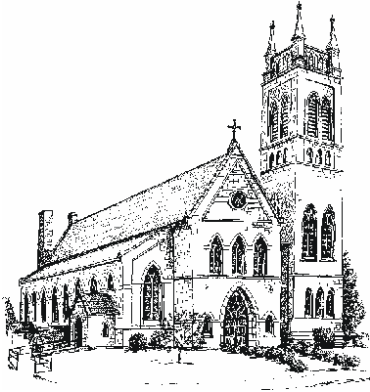


Saint Mary of the Assumption



Igreja Santa Maria

Da Assunção

Iglesia Santa María De La Asunción

**Twenty-fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
September 11, 2005**

Milford, Massachusetts

**SPECIAL MASS OF COMMISSIONING TODAY
FOR ALL CATECHISTS AND FAITH FORMATION LEADERS**

We would like to recognize and thank all those who are involved in faith formation (i.e., Catechists/Aides, RCIA, RCIC, GOF/GIFT, etc.) in our parish in a special commissioning Mass today, at 10:30 a.m. We welcome your families to celebrate Mass and receive God's blessings as we embark on a new season of faith formation for our parish family!!! Join us after Mass for pastries and coffee in the large hall!!!

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



BABYSITTING STARTS SEPTEMBER 18TH - 10:30 A.M. MASS!!!

We are happy to be offering babysitting for our families with young children this year (babies through age 3). The babysitting room will be located off the large hall near the back parking lot. Flyers will soon be available describing this new ministry. In order to get an idea of how many families might be interested in this service, we have placed forms in the vestibule of the church. Please stop by and indicate ages of the children who might use this service. If you have any questions regarding babysitting, please call our Coordinator, **Mary Beth Knief at 508-634-8258.**

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS / REFRESHER
TRAINING SATURDAY**

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 10

4:00 pm...Robert Bowen (Family)

Sunday, September 11

6:00 pm...Marie Patch (Husband)

Monday, September 12

9:00 am...Anthony, Sr., & Nicholas Celozzi (Family)

Tuesday, September 13

9:00 am...Lisa & John Cristino (Family)

Wednesday, September 14

9:00 am ...Daniel T. DaCosta (Wife)

Thursday, September 15

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

Friday, September 16

9:00 am...Justo Munoz (Bernice Gallerani & Barbara VanAlstine)

Saturday, September 17

4:00 pm...Thomas A. Seaver (Family)

Sunday, September 18

6:00 pm...Susan Mespelli (John & Paula Cassidy)

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III Angelo Guilanducci & Ana Fraga
I Michael Yadgodzinski & Beth Wolfe
I James Quinn & Katie Lynch

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Tuesday, September 13

6:15-8:30 pm...Grades 5 & 6 (Large Hall)

Wednesday, September 14

6:45-9:00 pm...Grades 7 & 8 (Large Hall)

Thursday, September 15

3:30-4:45 pm...Grade 3

3:30-5:00 pm...Grade 4

Sunday, September 18

9:00-10:15 am...Grades K & 1 (Meet in Large Hall)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Closed

Tuesday & Thursday – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Friday – By appointment only

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every 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 28/29th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR

3RD, 4TH, 5TH-8TH GRADE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are still in need of some enthusiastic and dedicated adults and teens for our Religious Education classes that are willing to share their faith and help with the spiritual growth of our young children.

We need 1 teacher each for Grade 3,
and 2 for Grade 4

These grades meet on

Thursday afternoons at 3:30 p.m.

For the assemblies: we need 1 leader each for
Grades 5 & 6 that meet on

Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.,

and 1 leader each 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.

FIRST CONFIRMATION

RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 17/18TH

The first of three Confirmation retreats will take place the weekend of September 17/18th at Oakhurst Retreat Center in Whitinsville. Please keep our young people and leaders in your prayers as they begin the process of preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring.

HOME STUDY PARENT

MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPT. 15TH

There will be a brief home study parent meeting on Thursday, September 15th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Parents will receive their materials at this time.

Please call the Religious Education Office at 508-478-7440, if you cannot attend this meeting.



Be a Good Steward

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, Andrew Smith, Richard Stapleton, Tony Grillo. 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.

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TO BE OFFERED TWICE EACH MONTH

Beginning in September, a group celebration of this Sacrament will be offered twice each month (except 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.

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.



Our Church Family

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Join us for Monte Carlo Night to benefit Milford Catholic Elementary School. This grand event will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. and is hosted and sponsored in part by Clarke Distribution, 393 Fortune Boulevard, Milford. Tickets are \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 per couple (this includes appetizers and 5 beer/wine coupons per person. For tickets and information, please call Jill Fotiades at 508-482-9274 or email at jfotiades@clarkecorp.com.



LOTS OF FOOD—INEXPENSIVE
*hot dogs, soda, chips, cotton candy,
popcorn*

LOTS OF GAMES FOR THE KIDS
Face painting

*Games with prizes i.e. bean bag toss,
fish game, knock over the pins etc.*

*1:00 pm-Organized games, i.e.
sack races, wheelbarrow,
egg toss, three legged race*

SATURDAY Sept 24, 2004

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on the Parish Grounds

Why was St. Mary of the Assumption chosen as one of the five outstanding Catholic Parishes in all of Massachusetts? Find out for Yourself. Join us for a Fun Day to Celebrate the incredible richness and diversity of our special parish family. Did you know that St. Mary has over 85 ministries, programs, services and events. This is a chance for you to have a fun day and learn about your parish. Don't be shy. Come join us for a truly great day.



To Learn more about all the individual Ministries, Programs and Events offered through St. Mary Parish, go to our web page and click **MINISTRIES, PROGRAMS & EVENTS**.

You can also personally express your interest on-line by clicking on **INFO & SIGNUP** at the bottom of each ministry page. Just fill in the form and press send.

<http://www.stmarymilford.org/>

Following Jesus

**Becoming
a Disciple**



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Becoming a Disciple Generations of Faith Registration Next Weekend

**Next Weekend, September 17th and 18th
We will be taking registrations for our first
Generations of Faith session of the season.**

The session date is October 2nd at 11:30 a.m.

**Our theme for this year is “Following Jesus”.
The first session on October 2nd, is called
“Becoming a Disciple”. Here we will look at the
first apostles, their call, their answer and what
lessons we can draw for ourselves as disciples
today. (We’re not supposed to say too much ahead
of time about the drama, the art, the music, the
meal, the awesome activities and something a little
fishy going on. So we won’t.) The session begins
with a meal at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday and runs
about 2 1/2 hours including meal time.**

Please Note:

**Even if you have registered for religious education
and paid for your Generations of Faith session,
you are still required to register for each session
you plan to attend so we can order
your meals and supplies.**

**The suggested meal contribution of \$5.00 per
person can be paid at registration or at the door on
October 2nd**

BUDGET 2004-2005

Total Collection 9/4/2005:	\$11,640.21
Parish Support:	\$10,476.21

CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA SERVICES RECEIVES \$1,164.00

HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF

TITHE THIS WEEK AGAIN FOR HURRICANE RELIEF

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

This past week our tithe of \$1,164.00 will be given as the first of two tithes to help Catholic Charities USA to care for those struggling with the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. We will also pass the basket a second time at all Masses this weekend. Our tithe this week will again be given to help with hurricane Katrina relief efforts.. 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