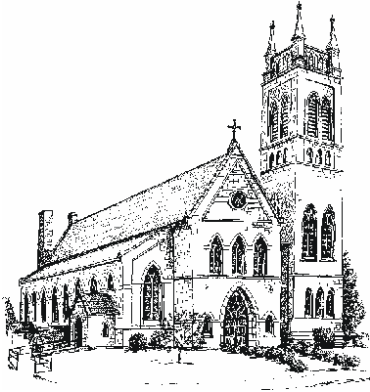


Saint Mary of the Assumption



Igreja Santa Maria

Da Assunção

Iglesia Santa María De La Asunción

Twenty-sixth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
September 25, 2005

Milford, Massachusetts

BECOMING A DISCIPLE - NEXT SUNDAY

Generations of Faith

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

**HURRICANE RELIEF
TOTALS \$14,541.88**

EVENING OF REFLECTION THURSDAY

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.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
STARTS THIS SUNDAY AT 10:30 MASS**

Our new children's liturgy of the word starts this Sunday, September 25th, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Children ages 4,5,6 can participate in this special liturgy just for children. KIDS come give it a try – *it's just for you!!!*



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 24

4:00 pm...For those who died in August: Beatriz Espinal, E. Helen Glennon, Edward Daley, Flora Kowalczyk, John Rice, Erminda Texeira,

Sunday, September 25

6:00 pm...Jean McManamon (John)

Monday, September 26

9:00 am...Victor & Mary Ram (Frank & Rita Nealon)

Tuesday, September 27

9:00 am...Teresa Morais (Husband)

Wednesday, September 28

9:00 am ...Mario Oliveira (Family)

Thursday, September 29

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

Friday, September 30

9:00 am...Abilio Sebastiao (Adelaide Henriques)

Saturday, October 1

4:00 pm...William & Dorothy Fitzpatrick (Family)

Sunday, October 2

6:00 pm...Horace & Rose Jones (Family)

WEDDING

Saturday, October 1 – 5:30 p.m.

Michael Yagodzinski & Beth Wolfe

Sunday, October 2 – 3:00 p.m.

James Quinn & Katie Lynch

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III Michael Yagodzinski & Beth Wolfe

III James Quinn & Katie Lynch

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, September 25

8:45-10:15 am...Grade 2 First Reconciliation

Preparation

(Parent Meeting too)

Thursday, September 29

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

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

Sunday, October 2

11:30 am-2:00 pm...GENERATIONS OF FAITH

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.

BABYSITTING STARTS AVAILABLE AT THE 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.**

Make Music a Part of Your Life

NEW CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED



Interested in singing in the Adult Choir? All who are interested are invited to join regardless of previous music experience. Those unable to make a full year's commitment are also encouraged to consider joining for a season. The Choir rehearses Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and sings twice a

month at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. All who are interested should see the Music Coordinator, Robert Blake, after Mass in the organ loft, or contact the Saint Mary's Rectory at 508-473-2000 and leave your name and telephone number.

LEGACY THANK YOU BRUNCH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

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.

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 Vilardo, 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, Catherine Lucier, Bill Donovan, Nancy Ahearn, Lori Tyler, C. Curran, Daniel Smith, Roseanne Kitchens, Andrew Smith, Richard Stapleton, Tony Grillo, Mary L. Pate, Sandra Stapleton, Dottie Belmore, Stephen Brown. 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.

MCES RAFFLE CALENDARS ON SALE NOW!

Families from Milford Catholic Elementary School are selling these October Raffle Calendars after all masses this weekend in the foyer of the church. This year's Raffle Calendar contains \$3,600 in ALL CASH PRIZES to be awarded each day in October. Most days in October we'll be giving away a \$100 prize, but on October 1st and 31st, the prize is \$250. And on October 15th, the prize is \$300!!

Each calendar costs \$10, and you can win up to 30 times! Profits from this fundraiser support all aspects of education at Milford Catholic. Thank you for supporting our school.



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.

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.

BUDGET 2004-2005

Total Collection 9/18/2005:	\$11,693.07
Parish Support:	\$10,524.07

**ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RECEIVES \$1,169.07
TITHE THIS WEEK FOR ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF TOTALS \$14,541.88**

This past week our tithe of \$1,206.00 will be given as the first of two tithes for the annual collection for Catholic Schools. Our tithe this week will be given as the second of two tithes for the annual collection for Catholic Schools. This collection is earmarked for our own Milford Catholic Elementary School. Your generosity makes a world of difference.

**EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS
DCU CENTER (CENTRUM) WORCESTER
OCTOBER 28 - 29**

Bus transportation available

See the registration form in today's bulletin. You can get more information online at:

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

The Milford/Hopedale cluster will be providing bus transportation on Saturday for those interested. Please let us know as soon as possible.

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