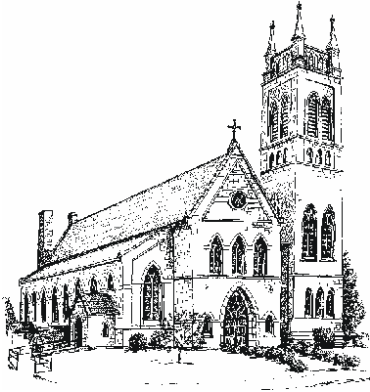


Saint Mary of the Assumption



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

**Thirtieth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
October 23, 2005**

Milford, Massachusetts

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

NO 4:00 PM MASS - SATURDAY OCTOBER 29

You can get more information online at: <http://www.stmarymilford.org/> OR CALL THE PARISH HOUSE AT 508-473-2000

***MARTYR'S MANSION COMING TO SAINT MARY'S
NEXT SUNDAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH***

What is Martyr's Mansion you say! It is a new and fun way to celebrate our Saints who died for their faith — and it's happening right here at Saint Mary's on Sunday, October 30th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come tour the halls of the Parish Center and listen to the saints' stories. Afterwards join us in the large hall for games and refreshments!!!! A fun-filled evening will be had by all!!! A \$2.00 donation grants you entrance into the mansion!! If you would like to help with this event, please call Sandy at 508-478-7440.

STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE

Over the past two years a group of very dedicated parishioners have been offering their substantial skills and time to develop strategies to enhance parishioner participation in parish life. Last weekend Jose Costa shared a sensitive and heartfelt "Witness Presentation" — his story of how God has touched his family, their gratefulness, and how they are sharing God's blessings. Last week you also received a pastoral report on the life of St. Mary's this past year and our goals for the coming year. Please take time to look it over. We welcome your questions and observations. This week you will be receiving a Stewardship table prayer card in the mail. I hope you will join us in praying this prayer in the coming weeks.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 22

4:00 pm...Karen (Swymer) Shanahan & Laura (Swymer) Clancy (Family)

Sunday, October 23

6:00 pm...Barbara McIsaac (Helen Bodruk)

Monday, October 24

9:00 am...Jose & Emelia Dias (Daughter)

Tuesday, October 25

9:00 am...Rev. Henry G. Bowen (Anna Luibly)

Wednesday, October 26

9:00 am...Lou Lombardi (Family)

Thursday, October 27

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

Friday, October 28

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

Saturday, October 29

4:00 pm...For those who died during the month of September:

Ann "Terry" McLain, Mary Petrini, Robert M. Melin, Joseph Loando, MaryEllen Caldwell, Ruth Hayes

Sunday, October 30

6:00 pm...Fred J. Coffey (Family)

WEDDING

Saturday, October 29 – 2:00 p.m.

Flaviano Ferreira & Katherine McKee

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III Flaviano Ferreira & Katherine McGee

II Mark Wheeler & Holly Snyder

I Thomas Markland & Rachel Knox

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, October 23

8:45-10:15 am...First Reconciliation/Eucharist

9:00-10:15 am...Grades K & 1

10:30 am.....FAMILY MASS

4:15-5:45 pm...High School Starts

7:10-8:30 pm...High School Starts

Thursday, October 27

3:30-5:00 pm...Grades 3 & 4

Sunday, October 30

9:00-10:15 am...Grade 4

10:30-11:45 am...Grades 3,4,5,6

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The second of our three retreats for our young people making Confirmation in May is taking place on November 12th-13th, at Oakhurst Retreat Center in Whitinsville. Please keep our young people and adult leaders in your prayers.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD OFFERED AT 10:30 MASS

Our new children's liturgy of the word started last week 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!! **If you want to get involved in this exciting new ministry, call Sandy at 478-7440.**

FIFTH GRADE MASS

**NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 30TH,
AT 10:30 A.M.**

Our fifth grade students will be participating in our 10:30 a.m. Mass next weekend. Please come and support their efforts to make this a very special Mass. All children who are participating should meet at the back of the Church no later than 10:15 a.m. Thanks.

RECONCILIATION RETREAT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH 1:00-4:00 P.M.

The reconciliation retreat for our 2nd graders will be held on Saturday, November 19th, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Large Hall. This retreat is for the children only. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they are preparing for this Sacrament.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 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 ARE available AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH describing this new ministry. **We also could use more adults who are willing to help out on a monthly basis. If interested in helping, please call the RE Office at 508-478-7440.**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Allan Haigh, 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, 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, Sandra Stapleton, Mary L. Pate, Dotty 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

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 on 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 Saint Mary's Rectory at 508-473-2000 and leave your name and telephone number.

**MASSACHUSETTS MARRIAGE AMENDMENT
MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE
VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH
Please use one sheet for each name or family**

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

The next Parents' Night Out fundraiser, sponsored by the Tri-Parish Youth Ministry, will be held on **Friday, November 25, 2005, from 4:00-9:00 p.m. in the Bell Tower Room (top floor of Milford Catholic) at Sacred Heart Church in Milford** – and is open to all children age 4+. Pasta with sauce/butter will be served, along with a variety of drinks and snacks. Different toys and games will be available for the kids to use, and "Polar Express" (Rated G) will be shown. The children will also each be making gingerbread houses to bring home. There will be a Christmas Music sing-along for those who wish to participate. If you are interested in registering, or if you would like more information, please visit www.SacredHeartMilford.org/PNO, or call Vinnie Kiejzo at 508-331-7780 by **November 20, 2005**, to participate. **Limit to 40 children – will not accept walk-ins.**

MILFORD CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1000 CLUB

MCES has a few memberships to the 1000 Club available for the October 2005-June 2006 year. Each month a drawing occurs where the top prizes are \$1,000, \$500, \$300, and \$100, along with ten \$25 prizes, all for only \$30 for this half year. Don't miss the exciting opportunity to support our parish school. For more information, please call Kim Mejia at 508-634-9539.

PLEASE NOTE: Eucharistic Ministers and Sextons, please call Pat Wagner (508-473-5074); Lectors call Chris Buckley (508-473-7432); and Altar Servers call Debra Laviolette (528-520-1297) with unavailable dates for **December and January no later than November 1st**. Please keep in mind Christmas and New Year's.

WHAT DOES SAINT MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION OFFER ME AND MY FAMILY?

A COMMUNITY OF BEAUTY AND WONDER

There is little to compare with the aesthetic splendor of Saint Mary of the Assumption Church. In the midst of the ordinary, we find our own place of truly awesome beauty where ordinary people can feast on art and music.

A COMMUNITY OF GENTLENESS AND PEACE

In the midst of the frantic world of so many of our busy family and work lives, Saint Mary's provides a quiet, gentle place to come to pray and think and step aside awhile, a place of simple welcome and hospitality.

A COMMUNITY OF WISDOM AND LEARNING

We all need to continue to grow and understand the meaning of our lives and how to live more happily, at one with God, our world and ourselves. Our Saint Mary's family offers us assistance in this journey of growth and change.

A COMMUNITY OF CARE, COMPASSION AND HEALING

Whether you are hurt or poor, Saint Mary's offers a place of solace and assistance. From the tragedy of sudden, emergency family problems or long term needs St. Mary's provides a listening ear and a helping hand.

A COMMUNITY OF CELEBRATION AND HOPE

From the newly-married couple to the birth of our children, from the good-byes to a loved one who has died to the majestic experience of great holy feasts, Saint Mary's is a special place to celebrate with wonder the great passages of human life.

A COMMUNITY TO FIND AND PRAISE GOD

Above all Saint Mary's is a place to worship our God who created us in love and wishes to heal, forgive and strengthen us each day. Our God invites us to a new way of freedom and love as followers of Jesus Christ.

BUDGET 2004-2005

Total Collection 10/16/2005:	\$ 12,224.36
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 12,962.00
Parish Support:	\$ 11,002.87

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH RECEIVES \$2,363.00 TITHE THIS WEEK FOR SACRED HEART, HAITI

This past week our tithe of \$1,222.00 will be given as the second of two tithes for the Propagation of the Faith. Our tithe this week will be given to assist our twin parish, Sacred Heart in Haiti. They are in the process of putting a new roof on their church and our support is essential for that project. Your generosity makes a world of difference.

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

Besides our weekly accounting, the parish Finance Committee will present a monthly summary of our parish fiscal situation. We have two major Stewardship projects underway. The first is an extensive outreach to parishioners who do not use Stewardship envelopes or checks. The second is for those who are actively involved in accountable stewardship. With these two efforts we hope to reach our operational goals.

SEPTEMBER 2005 REPORT

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget Amt.</u>
Income:	\$69,274.00	\$97,666.00
Expense	\$78,733.00	\$84,014.00
Net Income	-\$9,459	

Amount Needed to Achieve Balanced Budget Each Week — \$12,964/Wk

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