

**Mass Intentions**

William Fleury	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(1/29)
Bryant Kimball	5th Anniversary	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(1/30)
Jeannette Porcella	Memorial Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(1/30)
Alfred Walker	4th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(2/5)
Marjorie Castiello	Birthday Remembrance	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(2/5)
Michael Cronin	7th Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(2/6)
Frank Mersicano	27th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(2/6)
Confirmation Mass with Bishop Francis X. Irwin		12:00 Noon Sunday	(2/6)



**Mass for the Faithful Departed:** Due to last Sunday's storm we have rescheduled the Mass for the Faithful Departed to Sunday, February 20 at 10:00 a.m. At that time we will remember all the faithful departed whose funerals were celebrated here at Saint Margaret's during the past year. This gives us an opportunity to pray for them and to welcome and give consolation to their families and loved ones. A collation will be served in the Parish Hall following the Mass and all are welcome.

**Lenten Renewal Mission:** Please keep the dates of February 13, 14, 15 & 16 open so that you can attend the Mission during Lent this year. Father Frank Sutman, O. P. will be our Mission Director and he will speak at all the weekend Mass on February 12 & 13. The Mission will begin on Sunday evening here at Saint Margaret's and continue on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. There will also be a Morning service on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday beginning with the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church. Plan on participating - let's fill the church!



**Ash Wednesday:** The Lenten begins on Ash Wednesday, which is February 9. Mass with the distribution of Ashes will be at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. There will also be a Service at 4:00 p.m.



**Penny Sale:** March 12 at 7:00 p.m. To make the Penny Sale successful we need your help. We need 200 new items with a value of at least \$5.00. Perhaps you received something for Christmas that you can't use. Perhaps it might make an ideal gift for someone to win at the Penny Sale! Bring it to the Rectory or when you come to Church. Thank you for your help.

**The Word Among Us:** Please take a copy of Lenten Issue of the Word Among Us magazine for your daily prayer and meditation throughout the days of Lent. Of special interest is the examination of conscience, "Grace in the Wilderness," as we prepare ourselves for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) during this Lenten season.

**Gourmet Dinner:** The 5th annual Gourmet Dinner will be on Saturday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. Menu and Tickets are now available after each Mass or at the rectory.

**Is God calling you?** The Church needs you to serve the spiritual needs of God's people. Is God calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you call Fr. Oscar Pratt at 617-746-5949.



**United parish Food Pantry:** Our monthly collection of food is the second weekend of each month (February 12 & 13). Thanks to those who are so faithful in bringing a food donation each month. If you are free on Friday mornings, volunteers are needed. Call Carol Cashman at 781-558-1092 to volunteer. The Pantry operates on Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Cliftondale Congregational Church.



**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:** In the Letter of St. James we find the question, "Is there anyone sick among you?" The response is that the sick are to call the priests of the Church who

are to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. This Sacrament is not to be looked upon as the "Last Rites" but as a powerful instrument of God's healing and strength. Therefore, prior to surgery or when diagnosed with or living with a serious illness avail yourself of this gift. On the First Friday of each month, (February 4) this Sacrament is offered following the 9:00 a.m. Mass or at any time at your convenience. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

**Common Sense during the Cold and Flu Season:** If a person has a cold or the flu and attends Mass, it would be better, for the good of others, not to shake hands, but rather choose another suitable gesture such as a nod of the head or a verbal exchange of peace. We value the significance of the sign of peace, but we also need to exercise prudence.

**Religious Education:** Classes for Grades 1 through 6 are held from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. at the Belmonte Middle School.



Grades 7 & 8 - next class is Friday, February 4 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



**Confirmation**

**Confirmation Year I:** Classes are on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Confirmation Year II:** Bishop Francis X. Irwin will preside at the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, February 6 at 12 Noon. Prior to Confirmation our young people and their sponsors will have a Confirmation rehearsal on Tuesday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. They will also celebrate the Sacrament of Penance at that time.

**First Penance:** Because of last Sunday's snowstorm we have changed the date for the reception for First Penance to Saturday, February 5 at 10:30 a.m. Pray for our young boys and girls and their parents as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. Following the reception of First Penance, the boys and girls and their families will celebrate a Peace Party in the Parish Hall - complete with 'make your own' ice cream Sunday!



**The Blessing of Throats:** The Feast of Saint Blaise is Thursday, February 3. After the 9:00 a.m. Mass we will offer the traditional Blessing of Throats. *"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may the Lord deliver you from all ailments of the throat and all other illness. Amen."*

**Grand Annual Collection:** Sincere thanks to those who have given to this year's Grand Annual Collection. To date \$29,870.00 has been received. It is our hope that a greater number of Parishioners will participate in this Grand Annual Collection. Every dollar raised in the Grand Annual benefits the Parish. As we continue with needed repairs to Parish property, we rely on your generosity. Thank you.

**Second Collections:**

February 5 & 6 Peter's Pence Collection  
 February 12 & 13 Parish Monthly Collection



**Offertory Collection:** The collection last Sunday was \$1,495.00 and the collection for the Church in Latin America was \$699.00. Thank you for your generosity to the needs of your Parish and of the Church universal.

**Catholic Elementary & High Schools:** We have received several requests from local Catholic



Schools to publish their 'Open House' and that they are now taking registrations for the next school year. Below is a list of local Catholic Elementary & High Schools and a phone number to call for more information. Immaculate Conception School, Malden, Medford—781-322-0129; Cheverus School, Malden—781-324-6584; Sacred Heart School, Lynn—781-592-7581; St. Mary School, Melrose—781-665-5037; Our Lady School, Lynnfield—781-599-4422; St. Patrick School, Stoneham—781-438-2593; St. Mary Junior High School & Senior High School, Lynn—781-595-7885; St. Joseph School, Wakefield—781-245-208. Malden Catholic High School—781-322-3098; Our Lady of Nazareth Academy, Wakefield—781-245-5210; Bishop Fenwick, Peabody—978-531-8200; St. John's Prep, Danvers—978-774-1050; Austin Prep, Reading—781-944-4900; Pope John XXIII, Everett—617-389-0240.

**Snow removal:** Is there someone who would be able to help us out with snow removal - using a snow blower? No shoveling involved. Please give Father George a call if you know of someone who could help.



**Kevin Baumann:** We continue to keep the "bucket" with fliers about Kevin in the vestibule of the Church. Whatever you can do is greatly appreciated. You may deposit your offering directly into the Kevin Baumann Medical Fund, account # 25005, tax number 04-692-9285, at the Saugus Federal Credit Union. Please pray for Kevin and his family.

**Kids and Grief Bereavement Group:** is beginning at the Malden Medical Center, 100 Hospital Road, Malden. Geared for children 8—13 yrs. who have suffered a loss. Held on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. There is no charge. Call Janet at Hospice (781-338-7903). There are also bereavement group for other ages. Call Jude for information 781-338-7861.

**Parish Offertory Envelopes:** We encourage the use of Parish Envelopes for your weekly donation to help support our Parish. If you wish to receive envelopes, please give us the following information:

**Name:**

**Address:**