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St. Margaret Parish—January 27, 2008

Saint Margaret Parish

Saugus ~ North Revere, Massachusetts

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Mass Schedule: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.

Saturday 4:00 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ 5:45 p.m. (when there is Confirmation Class)

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 ~ 3:45 p.m. and by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Father George E. Morin, Pastor

Mid-week Assistance Father Donald Skerry, SVD

Weekend Assistance Father Lawrence Wetterholm - Father Vincent Cornejo

Religious Education

Grades 1 through 6: Classes are held on Sundays, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. at the Belmonte Middle School.

Grades 7 & 8: The next Class Grade 7 & 8 students is Friday, February 1, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

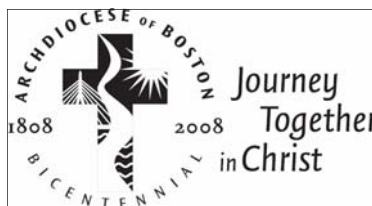
Grade 9 Students: Classes will resume on Sunday, January 13, at 4:15 p.m. until 5:45 p.m. After class they celebrate Holy Mass together.

Grade 10 Students and Sponsors will have their next class (to be announced), from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There is Mass for Students and Sponsors prior to class.

Mass at 5:45 p.m. On Sundays when there is Confirmation Class, there is a 5:45 p.m. Mass to which all are invited.

The Living Rosary Pilgrimage: will be on Sunday, February 10th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph parish, Lynn. Rev. James Gaudreau will lead the gathering in a Holy Hour and Benediction. All are welcome.

Journey Together in Christ: During the course of the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Boston, we hope to publish brief articles about the history of Catholics in Boston and in Massachusetts. Ours is a rich history and tradition.



Building the Church in Boston

By Robert J. Lally
Archdiocesan Archivist and Records Manager

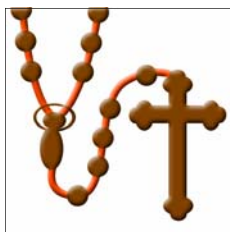
The next time you're downtown Boston, stroll over to 24 School Street, around the corner from the Borders Bookstore. There is a plaque on the wall indicating that this was the site of the first Catholic Church building in Boston. On November 2, 1788, the Abbé de la Poterie, a former French naval chaplain serving Boston, celebrated the city's first public Mass in a converted Huguenot chapel located here. He renamed the building Holy Cross Church. It had been eight years since the freedom to worship as a Catholic had been codified in the Massachusetts Constitution. By the turn of the century, Fr. Francis Anthony Matignon and his assistant, Fr. Jean Louis Lefebvre, both refugees from the French Revolution, were ministering to a growing Boston Catholic population. They determined a new church building was needed and raised the funds to build The Church of the Holy Cross. President John Adams was one of the financial contributors. Neither of the first two Holy Cross Churches is still standing. But they were the building blocks of what was to come.

Mass Intentions

Donald Butler	Birthday Remembrance	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(1/26)
Donald Clark	2nd Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(1/26)
Dorothy O'Brien	3rd Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(1/27)
Edward F. Davey	2nd Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Wednesday	(1/30)
Alfred Walker	7th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(2/2)
Ravagno/Olsen Families	Memorial Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(2/3)
Frank Mersicano	30th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(2/3)



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: On Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. join us for all or part of this time of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. At 7:00 p.m. those present participate in the recitation of the **Rosary.** Come, pray the



Rosary and stay for all or part of that special weekly time of prayer and adoration. You deserve the peace and quiet that come from being in the presence of the Lord. All are welcome.

The United Parish Food Pantry is at the Cliftondale Congregational Church, 50 Essex Street. On the second weekend of each month we collect food for the food pantry. (Please: check the expiration date.) Also needed are volunteers. If you are free on Friday mornings, you are needed. Drop by at 9:30 a.m. or call Carol Cashman at 781-558-1092 to volunteer. The Pantry operates Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. **Our next Food Collection Weekend is February 9 & 10, 2008.** Your donation of food is always needed, especially in the



Bicentennial Pilgrimage: Plan to mark the Bicentennial of the Archdiocese of Boston by coming together in prayer and fellowship with pilgrims from across the Archdiocese and from throughout the world at the **49th International**

Eucharistic Congress, June 18—24, 2008, in Quebec City, Canada. Pope Benedict has approved the theme of the congress: *“The Eucharist, God’s gift for the life of the world.”* He invites Catholics to converge on Quebec City to deepen their spiritual lives through the Eucharist. The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage will provide a comprehensive travel package specially for adult members of the Archdiocese as well as a package tailored to young adults - complete details will be forthcoming. For information contact Father Michael Drea at 617-479-5400 ext 12.

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Funeral Services for Paula Letourneau - Thank you all for your prayers and support during my niece Paula’s illness. Her funeral will be celebrated on Monday, January 28th, at 11:00 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church on Hawthorne Boulevard in Salem.

We pray for Peace in the World, an end to war and terrorism, an end to world hunger, our men & women in the Armed Services, **Paul Eaves, Jason Carmody and Michael McMorro**w.

The Faithful Departed Paula Letourneau

The Sick Karen Shirk - Ed Fallon



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Keep those Shaw's and Star Market cash register receipts coming (also get them from relatives, neighbors and coworkers, etc.)! \$100.04 was received this week bringing the total received thus far to \$780.07. Each week about \$5,000.00 in Cash Register Receipts are received and sent to Shaw's. At present there are about 9 weeks worth of receipts for which we are awaiting remuneration (about \$450.00). We are certain that Shaw's will catch up! Therefore keep those Cash Register Receipts coming! A basket is provided in the front vestibule of the Church. The Parish will receive 1% of the total of those cash register receipts. Thank you.

One single grateful thought raised to heaven is the most perfect prayer..

Grand Annual Collection: Our thanks to those who have responded to our Grand Annual Collection. To date 156 Parish families have donated \$25,985.00. This Collection has made possible most of the improvements that have been made to our Church inside and out. Please allow us to continue improvements to the Parish property and programs through your generous response to the Grand Annual Collection. This week a reminder letter to those who have not participated in the Grand Annual Collection will be mailed. It is our hope that with over 1400 registered households in the Parish we can improve our participation rate.

Parish Offertory Envelopes: If you wish to receive envelopes, please return the following information:

Name:

Address:



"A Taste Of Italy" Parish Annual Dinner:

Make plans to come to our Annual Dinner on Saturday, February 16, 2008.

Menu and tickets will be available next weekend. Tickets are at \$30.00 per person.

14 Days of Christmas Calendar: Our Thanks to all who supported this fundraising effort. The Calendar Raffle concluded with the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6. Here is a complete list of all the winners and a report on expenses and profit realized through this raffle.

December 24	Robert LaVigueur	\$250.00
December 25	Lynda Garniss	\$500.00
December 26	Patricia King	\$100.00
December 27	Frances Perry	\$100.00
December 28	Carl Tedder	\$100.00
December 29	Steve Burke	\$100.00
December 30	Ken/Ruth Toomey	\$100.00
December 31	Ann Walker	\$250.00
January 1	Joanne Marks	\$500.00
January 2	Shannon Scotina	\$100.00
January 3	Heatha/Tony Schena	\$100.00
January 4	Danielle Morency	\$100.00
January 5	Evelyn Carabone	\$100.00
January 6	Sydney Cochrane	\$500.00

Income:	Calendars sold	\$8,140.00
Expenses:	Prizes	\$2,900.00
	State Tax	\$ 407.00
	Mailing	\$ 225.00
Profit for the Parish		\$4,608.00

Once again, our thanks to all who participated.

Second Collections

The Church in Latin America - January 26 & 27
 Parish Monthly Collection - February 9 & 10
 Peter's Pence - February 16 & 17

Offertory Collection: The Offertory Collection for the week of January 20th was \$3,079.00. Attendance at weekend Masses was 498. Thank you for your generosity.



ATTENTION ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS**Snow Camps March 7-9, 2008**

SNOW CAMPS APPLICATIONS are HERE!! Get one NOW and invite at least one friend to join all Saint Margaret's CAMPERS to Snow Camps - the best weekend of your life! The highly-concentrated experience is jam-packed with games, discussions, talks, singing, & lots of new & different, fun & crazy activities. Through it all your junior highers will see, hear, & sense that Christ loves them and wants them to know the joy of living life to the **FULLEST! Please: applications in by Feb. 1.**

FAMINE TEAM MEETINGS: 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24 2:45pm Be a part of something wonderful and join the Famine Team!! All ages welcome to lead our teens through 30 hours of prayer, fasting and experiencing poverty first hand...all the while raising conscientiousness and money to help those in need internationally and locally. You will save thousands of lives - and change your own FOREVER! The **Famine is set for Palm Sunday March 15th & 16th**



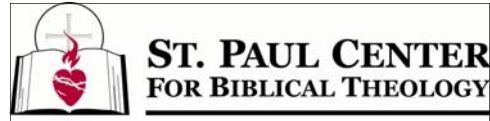
A Letter to Catholic TV Viewers, on behalf of Comcast Cable:

Thank you to those individuals who took time to write us to request expanded carriage of Catholic TV on Comcast Cable. We understand how passionate you feel about Catholic TV and the inspiration and comfort that this network provides to viewers on a daily basis.

We wanted to let you know that Comcast Cable and Catholic TV representatives are currently in discussion to determine how we might accomplish expanded carriage of the network. We thank you again for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,

Comcast Cable

**Perfect Offering** *By Dr. Scott Hahn*

Jesus speaks through the prophet Isaiah in today's First Reading. He tells us of the mission given to Him by the Father from the womb: "'You are My servant,' He said to Me." Servant and Son, our Lord was sent to lead a new exodus - to raise up the exiled tribes of Israel, to gather and restore them to God. More than that, He was to be a light to the nations, that God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (see Acts 13:46-47). Before the first exodus, a lamb was offered in sacrifice and its blood painted on the Israelites' door posts. The blood of the lamb identified their homes and the Lord "passed over" these in executing judgment on the Egyptians (see Exodus 12:1-23,27). In the new exodus, Jesus is the "Lamb of God," as John beholds Him in the Gospel today (see 1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19). Our Lord sings of this in today's Psalm. He has come, He says, to offer His body to do the will of God (see Hebrews 10:3-13). The sacrifices, oblations, holocausts, and sin-offerings given after the first exodus had no power to take away sins (see Hebrews 10:4). They were meant not to save but to teach (see Galatians 3:24). In offering these sacrifices, the people were to learn self-sacrifice - that they were made for worship, to offer themselves freely to God and to delight in His will. Only Jesus could make that perfect offering of himself. And through His sacrifice, He has given us ears open to obedience, made it possible for us to hear the Father's call to holiness, as Paul says in today's Epistle. He has made us children of God, baptized in the blood of the Lamb (see Revelation 7:14). And we are to join our sacrifice to His, to offer our bodies - our lives - as living sacrifices in the spiritual worship of the Mass (see Romans 12:1).

A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology

*The Mission of Saint Margaret Parish
is to foster the spiritual growth of our Parishioners,
to reach out to the community,
and to spread the Word of God.*



Immediate Preparation For Confirmation: If you are an adult who may never have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, we would welcome you to come forward at this time. Our RCIA team is here waiting to serve you! We meet on Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall of Saint Margaret Church. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered on Sunday, March 30 by His Eminence, Cardinal Sean O'Malley. Confirmation is the sacrament that leads Christians toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit - His actions, His gifts, and His biddings - in order to be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life. Confirmation is also required in becoming Godparent to a child or adult receiving Baptism. If you desire to prepare for this sacrament or know of someone who is interested please let Fr. George know. Attending meetings now will prepare you for the upcoming reception of the sacrament on March 30.



Town Census: The annual Town Census has been mailed to every household in the community. It is important to fill it out and return it to the Town Clerk's Office. The amount of state funding for many things is dependent on a full and accurate count of all residents. If you did not receive this form in the mail, call the Town Clerk at 781-231-4101.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed for Hospital Visitations: Melrose Wakefield Hospital depends on volunteer Eucharistic Ministers from its surrounding community parishes to bring communion to and have pastoral visitations with Catholic hospital patients. Mr. Bill Lucey, the Catholic Hospital Chaplain, is in need of Eucharistic Ministers to fill a few open slots in the schedule. If you are interested in getting involved in Hospital Ministry, please talk with Fr. George or Bev Gorman at (781) 233-8306.

"I was ill and you visited me."

*"Walk worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way."
(Colossians 1:10)*



Men and Women Catholic Conferences: Keep these dates open: 2008 Men's Conference - Will be on Saturday April 19, 2008 at Boston College's Conte Forum and the 2008 Women's Conference - Will be on either Friday evening April 18, 2008 or Sunday April 20, 2008 at Boston College's Conte Forum. It is our hope that a good number of both men and women from our Parish and community will participate in these excellent conferences. We hope to order a good number of tickets. If you are interested, let us know.

The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on the third Sunday each month at 12 Noon. There is a Preparation Meeting prior to the Baptism of a child which is held every other month. The next Preparation meetings for parents & godparents are on Thursday, February 7, April 3, June 5, August 7, October 2, December 4, 2008 in the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m. Please call the Rectory (781-233-1040) to register.



Catholic Schools are planning their Fall 2008 enrollment. Why not arrange a visit now.

Catholic Schools in our area
Elementary Schools

Immaculate Conception, Revere	781-284-0519
St. Mary, Danvers	978-774-0307
St. Patrick School, Stoneham	781-438-2593
Cheverus School, Malden	781-324-6584
Our Lady School, Lynnfield	781-599-4422
Sacred Heart School, Lynn	781-592-7581
St. Mary School, Melrose	781-665-5037
St. Joseph School, Wakefield	781-245-2081
St. Mary School, Winchester	781-729-5515
St. John School, Peabody	978-531-0444

High Schools

Malden Catholic High School, Malden	781-322-3098
St. Mary Jr/Sr High School, Lynn	781-595-7885
Nazareth Academy, Wakefield	781-245-5210
Bishop Fenwick, Peabody	978-531-8200
St. John's Prep, Danvers	978-774-1050
Austin Prep Jr/Sr High School, Reading	781-944-4900
Pope John XXIII, Everett	617-389-0240