

Journey OF Faith

**Saint Margaret Parish
Saugus & No. Revere, MA**

**Blessed Sacrament Parish
Saugus, MA**

February 7, 2010

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In Word & Deed

Who really makes a difference in our lives? We could create a list and for most of us, the list would be quite impressive. Many people have influenced us, helped us or taught us so that we can succeed. No one does it alone and everyone has something to offer. From the youngest to the oldest, the poorest to richest, we all can make a difference in the lives of others.

This is especially true in the life of the Church. Mary, in particular, has the unique call to be the mother of Jesus. Her acceptance of God's word and her trust in Him have inspired people throughout history to trust in God, to have faith and allow the Holy Spirit to use them to accomplish the work God had in mind.

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All who have faith in Christ and are baptized have an obligation to deepen and broaden the community life of their parishes. Some pastoral roles are specifically defined, filled by priests, deacons, religious or laity. But even these roles exist to enable all parishioners to work toward this building of community.

The Parish: A People, A Mission, A Structure-USCCB

Scripture Readings

Sunday	February 7
Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 Lk 5:1-11	■
Monday	February 8
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56	■
Tuesday	February 9
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13	■
Wednesday	February 10
1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23	■
Thursday	February 11
1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30	■
Friday	February 12
1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37	■
Saturday	February 13
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10	■
Sunday	February 14
Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26	■

FAMILY LIFE:

TO WALK AS ONE

Mitch Albom's book, *The Five People You Meet In Heaven*, is a story about a man who dies and on his way to heaven, meets five people who played a significant role in his life. The role they played is not always obvious, so he has to ask some questions to discover how these people influenced his life.

There are many people who influence our lives. Some we have met and others remain in obscurity. Think of the many people over the years who worked for your parish or school, who shaped the company you work for, or planned the community you live in. Think of your teachers, babysitters, coaches and Scout leaders. We all

benefit from those who work for the welfare of others.



It is not always possible to go back and say thanks. We can pray for them and ask the Lord to reward their goodness. We can also pass on the kindness we have received to someone else. What you can't pay back, you can pay forward. Do something good for those who will come after you and encourage them to do the same. Continue the good work that blessed your life by doing some good for others.

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Age is not only the revealer of the infinite: It is the very means of penetrating into it.

Charles Morice



In Word & Deed

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The Apostles, too, lived lives of faith that converted the world and made disciples of all nations. They did not have much, but what they had, they used to teach and spread the good news.

Each person has a role to play. By word and witness, by work and by

prayer, we preach the Gospel and encourage others to grow in faith and holiness. We may not even be aware of how we influence others, but our example can be powerful and persuasive. In the hands of God, the smallest thing can produce big results.

~James Gaffney



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FEBRUARY 2010

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Saugus

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	2 nd Collection Peter's Pence Confessions 3:00pm
7. 2 nd Collection Peter's Pence Rel. Ed. Classes Gr. 3 after 9:00am Mass	K of C Mtg. 8:00pm	10.	11.	12. Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30-5:15 pm Rel. Ed. Classes at St. Margaret Gr. 7 7:00-9:00pm A.A. 8 to 9:30pm	13. Confessions 3:00pm	
8. St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 7:00-9:00pm	9. Baptism Class 7:00pm Ministry of St. Stephen Mtg. 7:00-9:00pm ARISE Leaders Mtg. 7:00pm K of C Mtg. 8:00pm	17. <u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u> 6:45am Mass Blessed Sacrament 9:00am Mass St. Margaret 4:00pm Service St. Margaret 7:00pm Mass Blessed Sacrament	18.	19. Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30-5:15 pm Stations of the Cross St. Margaret 7:00pm A.A. 8 to 9:30pm	20. 2 nd Collection Renovation Fund Confessions 3:00pm	
14. No Rel. Ed. Classes BAPTISMS 2:00pm	16. Parish Council Mtg. at 7:00-9:30pm K of C Mtg. 8:00pm	24.	25.	26. Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30-5:15 pm Stations of the Cross St. Margaret 7:00pm Rel. Ed. Classes at St. Margaret Gr. 8 7:00-9:00pm A.A. 8 to 9:30pm	27. Confessions 3:00pm	
21. 2 nd Collection Renovation Fund No Rel. Ed. Classes	22. St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 7:00-9:00pm	23. Finance Council 7:00-8:30pm K of C Mtg. Dinner 6:00 pm Mtg. 8:00pm				
28. Rel. Ed. Classes Gr. 1-6 (10:15-11:15am) CPPI 4:15-5:30pm FOOD DRIVE						

**MASS SCHEDULE: 9:00am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, (Coffee after 9:00am Mass each Thursday)
Saturday 4:00pm; Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am (Coffee after Mass)**



The Women's Conference will be Saturday, February 27, at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston (snow date is March 6, 2010). The conference will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The featured speakers will be Patti Mansfield, Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, Leah Darrow, and Sr. Olga of the Eucharist. The conference will also include confession, adoration, Mass with Cardinal Sean, and a great opportunity to gather with other Catholic women of faith. Tickets are \$20 (\$30 including lunch). Please sign-up at either Rectory with payment included to participate now! The Cathedral has limited seating so act soon. If there are 30 or more early registrants (by February 7) transportation (at an additional cost) will be arranged.

The Men's Conference will be Saturday, April 17, at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. It will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The conference will feature the team from EWTN's Crossing the Goals as speakers (Danny Abramowicz, Curtis Martin, Peter Herbeck and Brian Patrick.) The conference will also include confession, adoration, Mass with Cardinal Sean, and fun fellowship. Tickets are \$20 (\$30 including lunch). Please sign-up at either Rectory with payment included. The Cathedral has limited seating so act soon. Wouldn't it be great to have a sizeable number of men from the Saugus community participate in this annual event!



Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, is Wednesday, February 17. Ash Wednesday Masses and Services are as follows:

Mass w/Ashes 6:45 am Blessed Sacrament
Mass w/Ashes 9:00 am St. Margaret
Liturgy of the Word w/Ashes 4:00 pm St. Margaret
Mass w/Ashes 7:00 pm Blessed Sacrament



Lenten Preaching Series: The Saugus Clergy Association will once again sponsor the Sunday evening preaching series during the Lenten Season. Each Sunday evening of


Lent a service is held in a different house of worship throughout the community and the sermon is preached by a different member of our clergy. It is a wonderful Saugus tradition and speaks well of the ecumenical spirit we have in our community. Keep your Sunday evenings free and plan to join us this year. Specific details will follow soon.




ARISE Together In Christ: Season Four of ARISE is starting the week of February 14. What a terrific gift to

give yourself this Lent. Join an Arise Group! The theme for this Season is "*New Heart, New Spirit.*" Whether you have participated in the past or not, plan to do so now! We want you and we need you. Please return your sign-up sheet as soon as possible. Sign-up sheets are still available this weekend but act soon. Sign-up sheets are available at the entrances of the Churches - both at Saint Margaret's and at Blessed Sacrament. Return your completed sign-up sheet in the boxes marked "ARISE" or return them through the mail slots at the rectories or send them in by mail. Small groups will be formed soon and the plan is to get underway the week of February 14. Arise consists of 6 weekly small group meetings. Meet new people, share and deepen your faith, treat yourself to something very good this Lenten season. You'll be glad you did!

Mass Intentions at Blessed Sacrament

Margaret Agostini	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(2/6/10)	
Stefano Sanseverino	Memorial Mass	7:30 a.m. Sunday	(2/7/10)	
Souls In Purgatory		9:00 a.m. Sunday	(2/7/10)	
Ralph J. Catalano Sr.	Memorial Mass	10:30 a.m. Sunday	(2/7/10)	
James Liberato Jr.	1st Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Thursday	(2/11/10)	
Ralph Chick	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Friday	(2/12/10)	
Lucille Dubuque	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Saturday	(2/13/10)	
Frederick Quinland	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(2/13/10)	
Antonio Anzalone	Memorial Mass	7:30 a.m. Sunday	(2/14/10)	
Teddy Colbert & Deceased Family Members	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Sunday	(2/14/10)	
Angelina Frederico	Memorial Mass	10:30 a.m. Sunday	(2/14/10)	

Mass Intentions at Saint Margaret

Helen Dillon	3rd Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(2/6/10)	
Pasquale & Fred DiFiore	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(2/6/10)	
Michael Cronin	12th Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(2/7/10)	
Blanche Lavoie	Birthday Remembrance	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(2/7/10)	
Cathy Grant	Happy Birthday	9:00 a.m. Monday	(2/8/10)	
Dennis Hansen	Birthday Remembrance	9:00 a.m. Tuesday	(2/9/10)	
Joseph Sartan	37th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(2/13/10)	
Willard Lindquist	Birthday Remembrance	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(2/14/10)	
George Harvey Jr..	3rd Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(2/14/10)	



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: **John Scott, Brian & Stephanie Howard, Kevin Howard, Lt.**

Maxwell Palumbo, Sgt. Paul J. Eaves, Pvt. Richard Boudreau, Cpl. Timothy Perkins, Cpl. Alison Perkins, Pvt. William Fitzgerald

Year of the Priest: Pray for Priests and vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate, the Religious Life

The Sick: Fr. James Field, Alexander Mossuto, Marie Guerrini, Thomas Kehoe, Kevin Riordan, Nancy Patti, Virginia Cieri, Lucille Voutour, Richard Bourque, Ronald Bourque, Rosemarie Goins, Joe Alden, Charles Regan, Georgina Reagan, Barbara Lewis, June Anderson, Rita Anzuoni, Denise Voutour, James Voutour, Jean Roli, Frank Palmer, Harry Pappas, Paul Egan

The Faithful Departed: Raymond Mahar, Irene Babine, Margaret Malone, Bresci DiBiccari,, Virginia Shaughnessy, Gregory McCarthy



The Sacrament of the Anointing of

the Sick: In the Letter of Saint James we find an important question: "Are there any among you who are sick?" Saint James also advises what should be done, namely, that "they should call for

the priests of the Church and have them pray over the sick anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord." This Anointing formerly called "Extreme Unction" or "The Last Rites," is not only intended for those near death but is for all the sick. We encourage you to request this sacrament when facing illness, prior to surgery or medical tests. Allow the Lord to come and comfort you and the prayer of the Church to strengthen you. This sacrament is a wonderful sign of the love of God and the healing grace of Jesus.

Daily Mass Schedule: The 9:00 a.m. morning Mass is at St. Margaret Church on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and at Blessed Sacrament Church on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The number of people attending daily Mass has been very uplifting. On January 14 there were 85 people at morning Mass. Thank you for your participation.

Blessed Sacrament Church Parking Lot: Last September, the principal part of the Parish Parking Lot (all the way to the helipad at the rear of the property) as well as the entrance and exit lanes were repaved at a cost of \$104,000.00. This was an expensive project, but it needed to be done for the safety of those who use our property. Also this cost, although expensive, was about half the price quoted just the year before. This lower cost was due to the drop in petroleum products and the general downturn in the economy. In late August we sent a letter to all registered Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament asking their help with this undertaking. To date \$47,523 has been donated. This is good, but as you can see, we have a long way to go.; therefore, in the near future, a reminder letter will be sent to all registered Parishioners from whom we have not heard . All that is collected will be used solely and entirely for Blessed Sacrament Parish. We pray for your generosity so that we can move on to other areas that need attention.

Second Collections

Blessed Sacrament Parish

Peter's Pence—February 6 & 7
Renovation Fund—February 20 & 21

Saint Margaret Parish

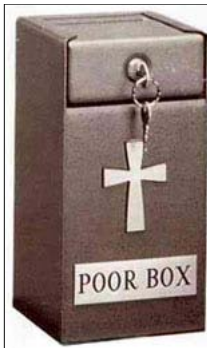
Peter's Pence - February 6 & 7
Parish Monthly - February 13 & 14

BLESSED SACRAMENT FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

The Offertory Collection last week was **\$4,101.14** with **192** envelopes. **\$5,032.92** was collected for the earthquake victims in Haiti. Attendance was **713**. Thank you for your generosity.

SAINT MARGARET FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

The Offertory Collection last week was **\$2661.00**. The Collection for Haiti was **\$4867.00**. Attendance at the weekend Masses was **460**. Thank you for your generosity.



Poor Boxes: As you enter or as you leave Church, please remember the Poor. Your donation placed in the Poor Boxes is the principal source of income for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Both Saint Margaret and Blessed Sacrament Parishes are blessed to each have a dedicated group of people who make up the membership of the S V de P Society. They are often called upon to help people of our community with food, clothing, utilities and shelter in emergency situations. Please help them in their works of charity.

*“Whatsoever you do to these least ones of mine,
you do for me.”
Matthew 25*

Operation Troop Support

Please remember our Troops this month: In February, we will be collecting crossword puzzle books, word searches, brain teaser, playing cards, and hand-held electronic games. There are collection baskets at both Blessed Sacrament Church and at Saint Margaret to receive your donations. Thank you for thinking of our Troops.

Come to the Sea: A Women's Weekend: Do you know a woman in her 20s, 30s, or 40s who is looking for time to be still and tap into her own sacred space? Now is the time to invite her to come to the sea for quiet listening, praying, and connection with other women.

MOUNT CARMEL VILLA, NAHANT, MA
March 5-7, 2010

The suggested age is between 20-40 years.

For more information call 617-746-2045 or email marytheresa.o'reilly@csjboston.org.

March 20, 2010 Golden Oldies Nite: Fun, food, music, etc. Watch the bulletin for further details. Sponsored by the Social Committee.

Saint Margaret Parish Religious Education:

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

Combined Religious Education Classes
Blessed Sacrament & Saint Margaret Parishes

Grades 7: Held monthly on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Saint Margaret Parish Hall - the next class is Friday, February 12 7-9 p.m.

Grade 8: Held monthly on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Saint Margaret Parish Hall. The next class is Friday, February 26 7-9 p.m.

Confirmation Year I: (usually Grade 9) meets on Sundays at 4:15 until 5:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. The remaining classes are scheduled for February 28, March 14, 21 and 28.

The March 19 CCD class for **both** 7th and 8th graders will be held at St. Margaret's church. **This will be the only class for March for these two grades. Both 7th and 8th grade must attend.** 7th graders to host refreshment gathering: please bring one dozen of a baked good. 8th grade Presentation of the Stations of the Cross.

Confirmation Year II:

Saint Margaret: Confirmation Rehearsal and Confessions will be Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. Confirmation will be administered on Sunday, February 28 at 12 Noon.

Blessed Sacrament: Confirmation Rehearsal and Confessions will be Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. Confirmation will be administered on Sunday, March 7 at 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

7th & 8th Grade Friday Night CCD: For safety reasons, all parents are asked to pick up their children from **Friday Night 7th & 8th grade CCD** at the **Jackson Street Parking Lot** where adults are on duty to chaperone all children until picked up. Please **pull in** to the lot to avoid a traffic jam and wait for your child to arrive. Thank you for your cooperation. When dropping children off, do so **only on the Church side of Lincoln Avenue**. For their safety, do not allow the children to cross Lincoln Avenue.

Blessed Sacrament Religious Education:

Religious Education Grade 1-6 Religious Education classes will meet this week from 10:15-11:15 at Saugus High School.

Today, Sunday, February 7 we welcome our **third grade students** to the 9:00AM Mass. Some of the students will be greeters at the entrances to the church at the 9:00AM Mass, and they will be offering prayer hearts that they made in class. Please pray for the intentions the children have named on their hearts. After Mass, the third graders and their parents will meet in the church hall for their class, with their teachers moderator. The class will conclude at 11:00.

February Vacation There will be no classes on the weekends of February 14 and February 21 because of the February school vacation. Classes resume on February 28th.



Baptism Preparation: In order to prepare for the Baptism of a child, parents and god-parents are to attend a Baptism Preparation Class.

At Blessed Sacrament, the next Preparation Class is on Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. Call the Rectory (781-233-2497) to register.

At Saint Margaret, the next Preparation Class is on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. Call the Rectory (781-233-1040) to register.

Palms: Please remember to return your palms from last year to burn to make the ashes for this year. Please return them to the church between Feb 12 and Feb 15, as Ash Wednesday is February 17.

Human Trafficking - Modern Day Slavery: Slavery, prostitution, selling of women and children and disgraceful working conditions, where people are treated as mere instruments of gain...poison human society...and debase their perpetrators. If you think or suspect that someone is a victim of human trafficking, call 888-3737-888. In the USA, there are an estimated 20,000 people who are trafficked yearly.

One Hundred Years of Scouting: All current and former scouts, scout leaders and their families are invited to join Cardinal Sean O'Malley for a special Mass celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. A commemorative patch will be available for the first 1,000 registered participants. Light refreshments will be served afterwards at Cathedral High School. Tours of the Cathedral will also be available before the Mass starting at 12:15 p.m. Advance registrations and donations are welcome and helpful, but are not required. For more information or to obtain a registration form, please visit www.oymboston.org or send an email to BSA100thMass@yahoo.com.



Volunteers Needed: The Companions to the Aging Program of Catholic Charities is

seeking male volunteers to assist in a home visitation program. We currently have a large number of unmatched male clients and thus especially are interested in recruiting male volunteers. If you have two hours a week to spare these elders would greatly benefit from a friendly visitor. Training and supervision is provided. Call Jean at 781-593-2312 for information.

PROJECT
RACHEL



Project Rachel: Healing the wound of abortion:

Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over a past abortion? Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the

pain of abortion. Project Rachel is offering three retreats this springtime: Sunday, February 28, Saturday, March 13 and Saturday, June 5. For information/registration for the date of your choice, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com



**ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Into the Deep

Simon Peter, the fisherman, is the first to be called personally by Jesus in Luke's Gospel. His calling resembles Isaiah's commissioning in the First Reading: Confronted with the holiness of the Lord, both Peter and Isaiah are overwhelmed by a sense of their sinfulness and inadequacy. Yet each experiences the Lord's forgiveness and is sent to preach the good news of His mercy to the world. No one is "fit to be called an apostle," Paul recognizes in today's Epistle. But by "the grace of God," even a persecutor of the Church - as Paul once was - can be lifted up for the Lord's service. In the Old Testament, humanity was unfit for the divine - no man could stand in God's presence and live (see Exodus 33:20). But in Jesus, we're made able to speak with Him face-to-face, taste His Word on our tongue. Today's scene from Isaiah is recalled in every Mass. Before reading the Gospel, the priest silently asks God to cleanse his lips that he might worthily proclaim His Word. God's Word comes to us as it came to Peter, Paul, Isaiah, and today's Psalmist - as a personal call to leave everything and follow Him, to surrender our weaknesses in order to be filled with His strength. Simon put out into deep waters even though, as a professional fisherman, he knew it would be foolhardy to expect to catch anything. In humbling himself before the Lord's command, he was exalted - his nets filled to overflowing; later, as Paul tells us, he will become the first to see the risen Lord. Jesus has made us worthy to receive Him in the company of angels in God's holy Temple. On our knees like Peter, with the humility of David in today's Psalm, we thank Him with all our hearts and join in the unending hymn that Isaiah heard around God's altar: "Holy, holy, holy." (see also Revelation 4:8).

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Catholic Schools

Archdiocese of Boston

Catholic Schools
Week: In the near future all Catholic

Schools will host an "Open House" inviting prospective students to come and see their school. For your information we have listed the names and phone numbers of the Catholic High Schools and Elementary Schools to which youths of our community attend. If you are interested, call soon and find out when they are having an Open House.

Catholic High Schools

Boston College High School	617-436-3900
Arlington Catholic High School	781-646-7770
Saint John's Prep, Danvers	978-774-1050
Pope John XXIII, Everett	617-389-0240
Saint Mary Sr & Jr High, Lynn	781-595-7885
Malden Catholic High School	781-322-3098
Bishop Fenwick High School, Peabody	978-587-8300
Austin Prep - Grades 6—12, Reading	781-944-4900

Catholic Elementary High Schools

Saint Mary's Danvers	978-774-0307
Sacred Heart, Lynn	781-592-7581
Saint Pius, Lynn	781-593-8292
Our Lady's Lynnfield	781-599-4422
Cheverus, Malden	781-324-6584
Saint Mary's, Melrose	781-665-5037
Saint John's Peabody	978-532-0444
Immaculate Conception, Revere	781-284-0519
Saint Patrick's, Stoneham	781-438-2593
Saint Joseph's, Wakefield	781-245-2081



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: On Wednesday evenings at Saint Margaret's 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.**

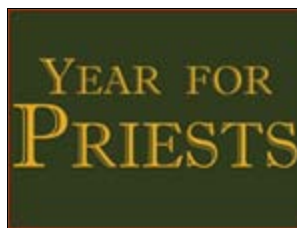
You deserve the peace and quiet that come from being in the presence of the Lord. What better way to prepare for Christmas than by giving yourself the gift of time.

"I will come to you in the silence..."



The United Parish Food Pantry is at the Cliftondale Congregational Church, 50 Essex Street. **On the last Sunday of each month Blessed Sacrament collects food for the food pantry. On the second Sunday of each month Saint**

Margaret collects food for the food pantry. Volunteers are also needed. If you are free on Friday mornings, you are needed. Drop by the Pantry at 9:00 a.m. or call Carol Cashman (781-233-9460) to volunteer. The Pantry is open Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **The next Food Collection Weekend for Blessed Sacrament is February 27 & 28. The next Food Collection Weekend for Saint Margaret is February 13 & 14.** Your donation of food is always needed. Kindly look at the expiration date on your food donation. Food items that have gone beyond the expiration date may not be given out. They can only be thrown out! Thank you for your cooperation, understanding and your generosity.



The Year of the Priest A Prayer for Priests

Dear Lord, We pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.



St. Margaret Annual Gourmet Dinner is coming soon on February 20!

Plan to attend and invite friends & relatives. The Menu & tickets (\$30.00 pp) are available. Call Saint Margaret's now - 781-233-1040.

Blessed Sacrament Christmas Gift Giving Wrap Up: Jesus' teachings are for us to help those in need on our journey here on Earth, and you certainly did.

More than 440 individuals were helped in the Christmas Program. As mentioned in a previous bulletin, 200 tags were taken from the Giving Tree; also much more than the items requested was donated. Thanks to your generosity, monetary gifts from the Blessed Sacrament parishioners and friends totaled \$5,835.

Many volunteer hours two weeks before the Saturday delivery date were put in by the elves helping with the sorting, wrapping and marking of gifts. Our "afghan lady" made her beautifully crocheted blankets. We want to also welcome three new women aboard this year and many members of the Saugus High Indoor Track Team. Great job.

Our heartfelt thanks also go out to ML and her staff at the Blessed Sacrament for taking all the requests and to the shoppers who painstakingly battled the Christmas rush, the GE Good Neighbor Fund, St. Vincent de Paul, and all of our drivers.

As stated in previous years, it is impossible to know the names of the donors who give gifts and toys, and are equally important as monetary gifts. So as not to slight anyone, we do not list monetary donations, but you know whether you have donated money, a toy or clothing items. All of you take a great part in this Christmas Program, and, without you, it could not be realized.

Seven families were "adopted" this year.

May the peace of the Baby Jesus continue to be with you and yours throughout the year.

Remember: THERE ARE MANY ANGELS ALL AROUND, BUT YOU CAN'T SEE THEIR HALOS, AND CLOTHES COVER THEIR WINGS.

St. Stephen's Ministry/Connie Tarantino 781-759-6228

Saint John the Baptist Parish Scrabble Tournament:

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. John the Baptist parish in Peabody is sponsoring their annual Scrabble Tournament on February 13, 2010. This is the twelfth year that the Tournament has welcomed players from all around the North Shore. The entrance fee is \$10 which includes the games and a light lunch. Registration is held in the lower Church hall, sidewalk entrance at 9:30 a.m. There are two games beginning at 10:00 a.m., lunch at noon, and the playoff game for the four highest scoring players shortly after 1:00 p.m. All ages are welcome to come and play, have fun, and, at the same time, support the work of the volunteers who aid in the work of the St. Vincent de Paul society and the many people who come for a helping hand. For further information, call Marie at 978-531-2896, or at the parish Mary at 978-531-0002, ext. 302.

Espousal Retreat House and Conference Center

Programs: The Espousal Retreat House and Conference Center, 554 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA 02452 will be hosting the following programs:
February 21: Healing Anxiety and Depression—Presenter: Dr. Joseph Coyle, Christian Psychologist
February 28: Dealing with the Stresses and Pressure in Life—Presenter: Fr. Bob Masciocchi, CSS
For further information for either one of these programs, please call 781-209-3120 or email espousaladmin@gamil.com.

Flag Memorial: The flag being flown for the month of February is in memory of all the unknown servicemen and women and for all veterans.