

Saint Margaret Parish

“Blessed are you
who are poor,
for the
kingdom of
God
is yours.”

Luke 6:20

February 11, 2007
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 ~ 10:00 a.m.

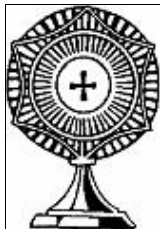
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 ~ 3:45 p.m. and by appointment

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Please join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for an hour of 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 hour. You deserve the peace and quiet that come from being in the presence of the Lord. Everyone is welcome. **Thank you for your patience and understanding during our recent Church painting/renovations which caused disruption of this weekly time of Adoration.**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 21, 2007). The blessing and distribution of ashes will take place at the following times:

9:00 a.m. Mass **12:15 p.m. Service**
4:00 p.m. Service **7:00 p.m. Mass**

Daily Mass during Lent - join us Monday through Friday for Morning Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome.

Stations of the Cross: On Friday evenings during Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to come. The Fridays of Lent are February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.



Religious Education Classes are as scheduled:

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

First Penance: Children preparing for First Communion will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, February 3 at 10:30 a.m. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as our little ones prepare for their first confessions.

Grades 7 & 8: Friday, March 2, 2007 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Saint Margaret Parish Hall.

Grade 9 (First Year Confirmation): Wednesdays, in the Parish Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Special Thanks to our Grade 5 boys and girls and to Corinne Riley, our 5th Grade Religious Education Teacher for their presentation and wonderful lesson on the Seven Super Sacraments last Sunday. In addition they sponsored a Bake Sale and hand decorated Crosses in order to raise funds for their Mission activity - helping the victims of Hurricane Katrina. We thank these young people for reminding us to help our brothers and sisters who are still very much in need of our assistance. They raised \$209.25. Our thanks to all who supported our young people.

Mass Intentions

Robert & Rita D'Agostino	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(2/10)
Lucien & Edwin Cherubin	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(2/10)
Angelo Carrado	Birthday Remembrance	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(2/11)
Blanche St. John Lavoie	Birthday Remembrance	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(2/11)
Mass of Confirmation with Bishop Francis X. Irwin		12 Noon Sunday	(2/11)
Joseph Sartan	34th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(2/17)
John Perullo	21st Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(2/17)
Louise DiBiccari	5th Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(2/18)
Dolly Pagliuso	22nd Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(2/18)



Marriage Intentions

Darrell Segee & Raquel Alvarez

United Parish Food Pantry Urgently Needs Your HELP NOW:

- We are fast running out of food and could use a couple of people and someone with a van, who are willing to go to Stop & Shop to buy food and get into the pantry.
- A couple of helpers and someone with a van are also needed to go to the Grater Boston Food Bank on the fourth Thursday of the month to pick up our USDA government food. It would be a shame if we could not get this free food .
- Someone is needed to sort our the food. This job can be done sometime during the following week.
- More volunteers are needed on Friday mornings beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Grand Annual Collection: To date 204 parish families have donated \$29,270.00 to the Grand Annual. Thank you very much. All donations to this collection are used totally for the benefit of St. Margaret Parish.

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:

**"Approaching God's Word"
A Lenten Bible Study**

The Bible is timeless and alive. Though written many centuries ago, Scripture has great significance for the contemporary Church and for individual believers seeking to deepen their relationship with the Lord. This Lenten Bible series will explore many important themes in Sacred Scripture, including:

- * Lessons from the Old Testament
- * God's salvation plan
- * Jesus and His message
- * The nature of discipleship
- * Praying with the Bible

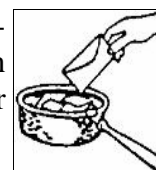
Whether you regularly read the Bible or desire to do so but have a difficult time even knowing where to begin, this course is for you. Please join us on Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 10:00 beginning February 24th. We'll be meeting downstairs in the Parish Hall at St. Margaret's Parish. All are welcome!

The instructor for this Bible series will be Steve Dalton, who has a Masters Degree in Religious Studies from Providence College.

Second Collections

Parish Monthly Collection February 10 & 11
Peter's Pence February 24 & 25

The Offertory Collection last Sunday was \$3,963.00 with 607 people in attendance. Thank you very much for your generosity to the Parish.



Youth Activities

Junior HIGH Happening: Parents! Are you looking for a high-energy, fun-filled, spiritual growth experience for you 7th/8th grader? If so, this is it!!! **SNOWCAMPS 2007** will be held on the weekend of **March 2 - 4, 2007** at Camp Brookwoods in Alton, NH. Youths from throughout the archdiocese will be participating in what could very well be the best weekend of their lives! Sign-up now as space for SNOWCAMPS is limited and will sell out. For application and information contact Andrea at smym06@yahoo.com



The 7th Annual Saint Margaret Gourmet Dinner is

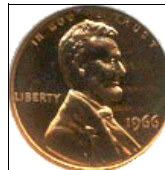
scheduled for Saturday evening, February 17 from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The theme is "Mardi Gras" and three chefs will feature specialties of the "Big Easy". Chef Jason Monahan will prepare "Shrimp and Scallop Etouffee" (Gulf shrimp and native scallops in a savory brown sauce with a vegetable trinity over fresh cooked pasta) - Chef Edward Infantino will present "Fillet of Smothered Beef" (Cajun rubbed beef with a mushroom, garlic and sherry wine sauce served with a savory potato au gratin, ratatouille variety of fresh and seasonal sautéed vegetables) - Chef Kevin Brady will feature "New Orleans Style Jambalaya" (Fresh chicken, andouille sausage and assorted vegetables served over fluffy rice). The dessert offering is Bananas Foster served over fresh crepes. The complete menu is available and tickets are now on sale at \$36.00 per person.

The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on the 3rd Sunday each month at 12:00 Noon. Prior to Baptism Parents & Godparents must attend a Preparation Meeting which is usually held on the 1st Thursday every other month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Meetings are as scheduled: Feb. 1, Apr. 12 (Holy Thursday is Apr. 5), June 7, Aug. 2, Oct. 4, & Dec. 6. Call to register (781-233-1040).



CYO Basketball: In a wonderful collaborative effort involving the youth of both St. Margaret & Blessed Sacrament Parishes, we have four teams (3 boy's teams and 1 girl's team) involved in the CYO youth basketball league. Thanks to Anne Marie Glowacz and Earl Reed we are able to offer this program to our youth. All are welcome to cheer our teams on at the Saugus High School Gym on Sunday afternoons beginning at 12:15 p.m.

The Little Sisters of the Poor: Sister Patricia is very grateful to all those who responded so generously to her appeal last weekend on behalf of their ministry to the elderly poor. Your generosity resulted in \$2,407.04 in contributions to the Little Sisters of the Poor. Thank you very much and please take the time to read Sister Patricia's letter with is posted on the Bulletin Board in the vestibule of the Church.



Saint Margaret Penny Sale: Yes, we are having our annual Penny Sale on Saturday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. In order to make the Penny Sale successful, we need your help. We need of at least 200 new (not used) items (just about anything will do except alcoholic beverages or tobacco products). Items, as mentioned, should be new and have a value of at least \$5.00. An of course save the date, March 24, and plan on attending the Penny Sale. The more people present—the more fun the event.

Ecumenical Lenten Services: For many years we've been having evening Lenten worship services at one another's churches, giving the community an opportunity to pray and worship together. All are welcome. Services begin at 7:00 p.m.

February 25 at Blessed Sacrament; speaker is Rev Nizzi Santos Digan

March 4 at First Congregational; speaker is Fr George Morin

March 11 at Clifondale Congregational; speaker TBA

March 18 at the Church of the Nazarene; speaker is 2LT Micah Baker, USAF

March 25 at Salvation Army; speaker is Rev David Afleck



**ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

Rich in Poverty By Dr. Scott Hahn

The blessings and woes we hear in today's Gospel mark the perfection of all the wisdom of the Old Testament. That wisdom is summed up with marvelous symmetry in today's First Reading and Psalm: Each declares that the righteous - those who hope in the Lord and delight in His Law - will prosper like a tree planted near living waters. The wicked, who put their "trust in human beings," are cursed to wither and die. Jesus is saying the same thing in the Gospel. The "rich" and "poor" are, for Him, more than members of literal economic classes. Their material state symbolizes their spiritual state. The rich are "the insolent" of today's Psalm, boasting of their self-sufficiency, the strength of their flesh, as Jeremiah says in the First Reading. The poor are the humble, who put all their hope and trust in the Lord. We've already seen today's dramatic imagery of reversal in Mary's "Magnificat." There, too, the rich are cast down while the hungry are filled and the lowly exalted (see Luke 1:45-55 also 16:19-31). That's the upside-down world of the Gospel: in poverty we gain spiritual treasure unimaginable; in suffering and even dying "on account of the Son of Man," we find everlasting life. The promises of the Old Testament were promises of power and prosperity - in the here and now. The promise of the New Covenant is joy and true freedom even amid the misery and toil of this life. But not only that. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we're to be pitied if our hope is "for this life only." The blessings of God mean that we'll laugh with the thanksgiving of captives released from exile (see Psalm 126:1-2), feast at the heavenly table of the Lord (see Psalm 107:3-9), "leap for joy" as John the Baptist leapt in His mother's womb (see Luke 6:23; 1:41,44), and rise with Christ, "the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep."

*A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology
www.SalvationHistory.com*

Marriage Preparation-Ministry to the Engaged

Blessed Sacrament and St. Margaret Parishes will sponsor a Marriage Preparation program on April 14/15, 2007. We are forming a team of married couples who are willing to take part in this very important and rewarding ministry. Couples are needed for various roles: hospitality, group facilitators, and presenters. We are seeking married couples of all ages and experiences - from couples married a year or two to those married many years - in order to provide a variety of marital and life experiences to present to the engaged couples. Please call Deacon Frank and Joanne Gaffney for more information at 781-233-3049.

Lenten Mission: Every year both our Parish and Blessed Sacrament Parish have come together for a Lenten Mission. This year is not exception. Please keep the dates open and plan to attend each evening at 7:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Church. Morning Mass during this Lenten Mission will be at Blessed Sacrament Church at 9:00 a.m. Our Lenten Mission speakers will be Nina Pension, Steve Dalton, Janie Korins and Father Oscar Pratt. More information and details will follow.

**Annual Vigil to remember victims of
domestic violence**



February 11th 7:00 pm
Unitarian Universalist Church,
corner of Main & Summer Streets

Sponsored by the
Saugus Clergy Association
and
Coalition against
Domestic Violence

If you choose one moment to explore your Catholic faith, make it the Catholic Men’s and Women’s Conference

- Inspirational speakers addressing real life issues and topics
- Chance to meet and discuss issues with like minded people
- A forum to bring focus to your spiritual life



Boston Catholic Men’s Conference – Please join many men from St. Margaret Parish who are attending the 3rd Annual Boston Catholic Men’s Conference on Saturday, March 17, 2007 at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center in South Boston. Speakers will include Carl Anderson (CEO and Chairman of the Knights of Columbus), Cardinal Peter Turkson (1st Cardinal ever from Ghana), Cardinal Sean O’Malley (Mass Celebrant), Martin Doman (popular contemporary Catholic Musician and Worship Leader) and The Landrys, Fr. Roger Landry (Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua, New Bedford), Scot Landry (Conference Founder and Secretary for Institutional Advancement of the Archdiocese of Boston). For more information, please contact Chuck or Anna Swain at 781-233-8442 or by email at enjoylifetoday@comcast.net or www.bostoncatholicmen.org, email info@bostoncatholicmen.org, phone 617-977-0916. Ticket price between 1/1/07 – 1/31/07 is \$30.00. Ticket price after 2/1/07 is \$40.00. St Margaret Parish will

provide transportation via a bus (if there are sufficient numbers).

Boston Catholic Women’s Conference – Please join many women from St. Margaret Parish who are attending the 2nd Annual Boston Catholic Women’s Conference on Sunday, March 18, 2007 from 8am-6pm at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center in South Boston. Speakers will include Immaculee Ilibagiza (Rwandan Holocaust survivor and Author of Left to Tell), Dana Scallon (Former Candidate for Irish President & Irish Singer), Johnnette Benkovic (Founder of Women of Grace & Living His Life Abundantly EWTN), Cardinal Sean O’Malley (Mass Celebrant) and others. For more information, please contact Chuck or Anna Swain at 781-233-8442 or by email at enjoylifetoday@comcast.net or visit www.bostoncatholicwomen.org, email info@bostoncatholicwomen.org, phone 617-977-0916. Ticket price between 1/1/07 – 1/31/07 is \$30.00. Ticket price after 2/1/07 is \$40.00. St Margaret Parish will provide transportation via a bus (if there are sufficient numbers).



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