



My Beloved Son

This is my beloved Son, with whom
I am well pleased; listen to Him.
Matthew 17:5

***SAINT MARGARET PARISH
SAUGUS - NORTH REVERE, MASSACHUSETTS
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 17, 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)

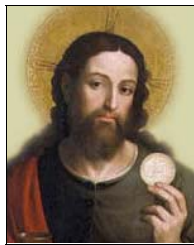
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 ~ 3:45 p.m. and by appointment

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



Daily Mass during Lent: Join us each morning, Monday through Friday for the 9:00 a.m. Mass. There is no better way to prepare for Easter than to hear the Word of God each day in the context of the Holy Eucharist. Don't come alone!

Invite a friend.

Ecumenical Lenten Services: Come together with members of other Saugus Churches on each Sunday evening of Lent at 7:00 p.m. for what is a wonderful Saugus tradition. Good music, preaching and fellowship are what these evenings are about. **All welcome.**

February 17: East Saugus Methodist, Fr. John Mulloy, preaching.

February 24: St. Margaret, Rev. Kay Connor, preaching.

March 2: Cliftondale Congregational Church, Rev. Jackie Clement, preaching.

March 9: First Congregational (Saugus Center), Rev. Steve Perry, preaching

In Addition to the above, join us for **Good Friday, March 21**, Breakheart Reservation walk & worship at 10:30 a.m. and,

Easter Sunrise Service, March 23, at 6:00 a.m. at the Saugus Iron Works; speaker is Rev. Joel Hubbard

Religious Education

Grades 1 through 6: Winter school vacation—classes will resume on March 2.

Grades 7 & 8: The next Class Grade 7 & 8 students is Friday, April 4, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Many 7th and 8th Grade Students will be participating in Snow CAMPS on March 7, 8 & 9.

Grade 9 Students: Winter school vacation—classes resume on March 2.

Grade 10 Students and Sponsors will have their next class on March 2, 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.

Stations of the Cross: A most appropriate Lenten Devotion are the Stations of the Cross. During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Join us on February 15, 22, 29, March 7 and 14.

Ecumenical Lenten Service: On Sunday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m. we are hosting the Lenten Service. In order to provide a collation for those in attendance, we need your help. Please let us know if you can bake or provide some type of food for the fellowship that follows the service. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

Joseph Sartan	35th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(2/16)
Martha & Lawrence Melcher	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(2/16)
The People of the Parish		8:30 a.m. Sunday	(2/24)
Blanche Lavoie	Birthday Remembrance	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(2/17)
Louise DiBiccari	6th Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Monday	(2/18)
Doris & Joseph Gurski	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(2/23)
Jean Riley	2nd Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(2/23)
The People of the Parish		8:30 a.m. Sunday	(2/24)
Peter Frontiera	38th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(2/24)



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.

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 McMorrow**.

The Faithful Departed **Roy Recupero**

Carole Silva

The Sick **Karen Shirk - Ed Fallon**

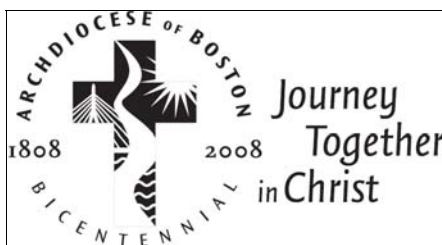
Marriage Intentions

Robert J. Casey & Elizabeth F. Ford
February 23, 2008



Join us for LIFT - Catholic worship for a new generation

- includes vibrant praise and worship music, dynamic, challenging speakers and Eucharistic Adoration. LIFT is for all ages - from young adults to adults to teens to entire families. Be with us Tuesday, February 19 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Fontbonne Academy, 930 Brook Road, Milton, MA as we welcome Bob Rice as our guest speaker. Directions and a downloadable flier, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on the website: www.liftedhigher.com. Come join in worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area.



A New Diocese, the First Bishop

by **Robert Johnson Lally, Archdiocesan Archivist & Records Manager**

In 1808, Boston was made a diocese, and Fr. Jean Louis Lefebvre de Cheverus, a refugee from the French Revolution who had been serving the area since 1796, was named Bishop. He was the right person at the right time to lead the new diocese. In spite of the tension between Catholics and Protestants,

Bishop Cheverus was well liked by both groups. He had earned respect with the work he did to care for people of all faiths during the 1798 yellow fever epidemic. He was at ease socially and seems to have been a natural diplomat. Over the next 15 years, Bishop Cheverus laid the groundwork for the future of the Diocese of Boston. He traveled extensively throughout the diocese, which at that time included all of New England. Through his missionary work he continued to build respect for the Catholic Church. He defended Catholicism and tried to break down the prejudice of the day. Under his leadership began the early institutional development of the diocese. He built St. Augustine Cemetery in South Boston. Up until that time, Catholics were buried alongside Protestants. On the cemetery grounds he built the second Catholic place of worship, the Seminary Chapel, in 1819. Bishop Cheverus was so well liked that, when he was recalled to France, Protestants joined with Catholics to petition King Louis XVIII to allow him to stay. But the king brought Cheverus back to France, where he was eventually elevated to cardinal.



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Keep those Shaw's and Star Market cash register receipts coming (also get them from relatives, neighbors and coworkers, etc.)! 50.06 was received this week bringing the total received thus far to \$879.68. Each week about \$5,000.00 in Cash Register Receipts are received. 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.



The Saugus Charter

Commission: In an attempt to receive input from the greatest number of citizens, members of the Charter Commission will be at St. Margaret's on Sunday, February 24

after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. They have a brief survey for those who might be interested.

Grand Annual Collection: Our thanks to those who have responded to our Grand Annual Collection. To date 187 Parish families have donated \$29,010. 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. A reminder letter was recently mailed to those who have not participated in the Grand Annual Collection as yet. It is our hope that with over 1400 registered households in the Parish we can improve our participation rate.

Second Collections

Peter's Pence - February 16 & 17



Offertory Collection: Last Sunday's collection was \$2,763.00 and the Parish Monthly Collection was \$1,888.00. Attendance at the weekend Masses was 551. Thank you for your generosity to the needs of the Parish.



**ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

Listen to Him

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Today's Gospel portrays Jesus as a new and greater Moses. Moses also took three companions up a mountain and on the seventh day was overshadowed by the shining cloud of God's presence. He too spoke with God and his face and clothing were made radiant in the encounter (see Exodus 24, 34). But in today's Lenten Liturgy, the Church wants us to look back past Moses. Indeed, we are asked to contemplate what today's Epistle calls God's "design...from before time began." With his promises to Abram in today's First Reading, God formed the people through whom He would reveal himself and bestow His blessings on all humanity. He later elevated these promises to eternal covenants and changed Abram's name to Abraham, promising that he would be father of a host of nations (see Genesis 17:5). In remembrance of His covenant with Abraham he raised up Moses (see Exodus 2:24; 3:8), and later swore an everlasting kingdom to David's sons (see Jeremiah 33:26). In Jesus' transfiguration today, He is revealed as the One through whom God fulfills his divine plan from of old. Not only a new Moses, Jesus is also the "beloved son" promised to Abraham and again to David (see Genesis 22:15-18; Psalm 2:7; Matthew 1:1). Moses foretold a prophet like him to whom Israel would listen (see Deuteronomy 18:15, 18) and Isaiah foretold an anointed servant in whom God would be well-pleased (see Isaiah 42:1). Jesus is this prophet and this servant, as the Voice on the mountain tells us today. By faith we have been made children of the covenant with Abraham (see Galatians 3:7-9; Acts 3:25). He calls us, too, to a holy life, to follow His Son to the heavenly homeland He has promised. We know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that we who hope in Him will be delivered from death. So like our father in faith, we go forth as the Lord directs us: "Listen to Him!"

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

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 Valentine Invitation: Would you like to live your life more deeply in the midst our hectic world? Lent offers an opportunity to hear in a fresh new way the loving and deeper invitations of Jesus to each of us. Learn how to recognize such invitations in a Biblical perspective. When? Where? Reserve four Thursday evenings beginning Valentine's day to listen to presentations (via DVD) by Rev. Ron Rolheiser, OMI whose captivating style brings a modern approach to spirituality to a new generation of seekers. He is the author of many best-selling spiritual books. His weekly column appears in Catholic newspapers around the world.

This Lenten Series will be facilitated by **Sr. Mary O'Rourke, CSJ** on **Thursdays, February 14, 21, 28 & March 6 at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

Don't pass up this invitation. Bring friends. Enrich your life and their lives this Lent. Registration forms can be found at the doors of the Church. Please return the forms to the rectory by Ash Wednesday, February 6.

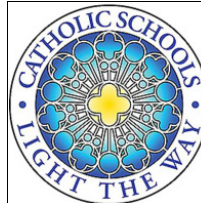


Annual Penny Sale: Yes, we are going to have our Annual Penny on **Saturday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m.** At this time we would appreciate your help! Needed are 200 new items with a value of \$5.00 or more (no alcohol or tobacco products). These will become the prizes at the Penny Sale! So, start bringing those needed prize items to the rectory—just leave them at the front entryway or to church—leave them in the vestibule. We need your help and thank you for your cooperation. And don't forget to save the date and come to the Penny Sale—it is a lot of fun and there are lots of laughs! **The intermission features Ice Cream Sundaes (free) for everyone there!**

"The best Penny Sale in Town!"

*I shall pass through this world but once.
Any good therefore that I can do,
or any kindness that I can show
to any human being, let me do it now.
Let me not defer it or neglect it,
for I shall not pass this way again.*

Stephen Grellet



Catholic Schools are planning for the Fall 2008. If you are interested in a Catholic School for your child, arrange a visit now! Below are listed Catholic Schools in our area.

Catholic Elementary Schools in our area

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

Catholic High Schools in our area

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



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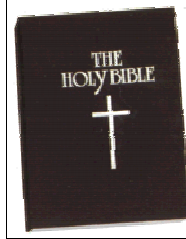
ferences: Keep these dates open: 2008 Men's Conference - Will be on Saturday April 19, 2008 at Boston College's Conte Forum and the 2008 Women's Conference - Will be on

either Friday evening April 18, 2008 or Sunday April 20, 2008 at Boston College's Conte Forum. **Tickets are now available.** We have purchased 20 tickets for the men's conference and 20 tickets for the women's conference. The cost for the women's tickets are \$20.00 each and \$10.00 for the bus transportation. The men's tickets are \$25.00 each. Lunch for men and a light dinner for women are available at a cost of \$10. We may need to pay before hand for the food. It is our hope that a good number of both men and women from our Parish and community will participate in these excellent conferences.



The Boston Bruins NHL Hockey team is promoting Faith and Family Night on March 4th, 2008. The ticket incentive is buy one get one free. If you are interested in purchasing tickets:

Call: Walter Zaykowski at 617-624-1979 or e-mail wzaykowski@bostonbruins.com. GAME: Florida Panthers vs. Boston Bruins March 4, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. at TD Banknorth Garden.



Our Brother, St. Paul: Apostle, Evangelist, Theologian, Mystic, & Martyr

Pope Benedict XVI has announced that from June 29, 2008, through June 29, 2009, the Church will celebrate the "*Year of St. Paul*" to mark the 2000th anniversary of the great saint's birth.

In anticipation, St. Margaret & Blessed Sacrament Parishes will jointly offer a special Lenten course on the life and ministry of this extraordinary man, who is often referred to as the "Apostle to the Gentiles." The course, taught by **Steve Dalton**, will run for 4 weeks and will explore such topics as:

Conversion: When Saul Became Paul

The Gospel As the "Power of God"

The Cost of Discipleship: No Cheap Grace

Paul's Vision of the Church

The course will meet on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. beginning February 23 and continuing through Saturday, March 15. NOTE: the first three sessions will be offered in the Parish Hall at St. Margaret's. The final session will be offered in the Parish Hall at Blessed Sacrament. Please join us! And bring a friend!

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.

Lenten Regulations on Fast and Abstinence

- Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years of age and older.
- Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
- The special Paschal fast and abstinence are observed on Good Friday and, where possible, on Holy Saturday. On these days, Christians prepare themselves by these disciplines in anticipation of the renewal of their baptismal commitment on Easter.

From its earliest days, the Church has urged the baptized and the catechumens to observe the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer as a preparation for the celebration of Easter. Failure to observe individual days of penance is not considered serious, but failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious.

During Lent, the Church encourages attendance at daily Mass, self-imposed times of fasting, and generosity to local, national, and worldwide programs of sharing.



FAITH FACTS

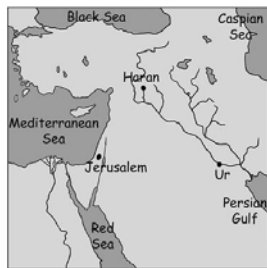
The reading from Genesis

Abram lived around 4,000 years ago (around 2,000 BC).

Abram's father had taken his family from a city called Ur to a city called Haran. Haran was in what is now southern Turkey. It was about six hundred miles from Ur. Abram's father died in Haran.

God called Abram to leave Haran and journey to Canaan, to the area we now call the Holy Land. The "great nation" that God promised would spring from Abram was the Jewish people.

God later changed Abram's name to "Abraham," as a sign and confirmation of his great destiny.



CODE - BREAKER!

The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence?

Here are two clues:
L = I, and H = E.

Crossword solution from last week



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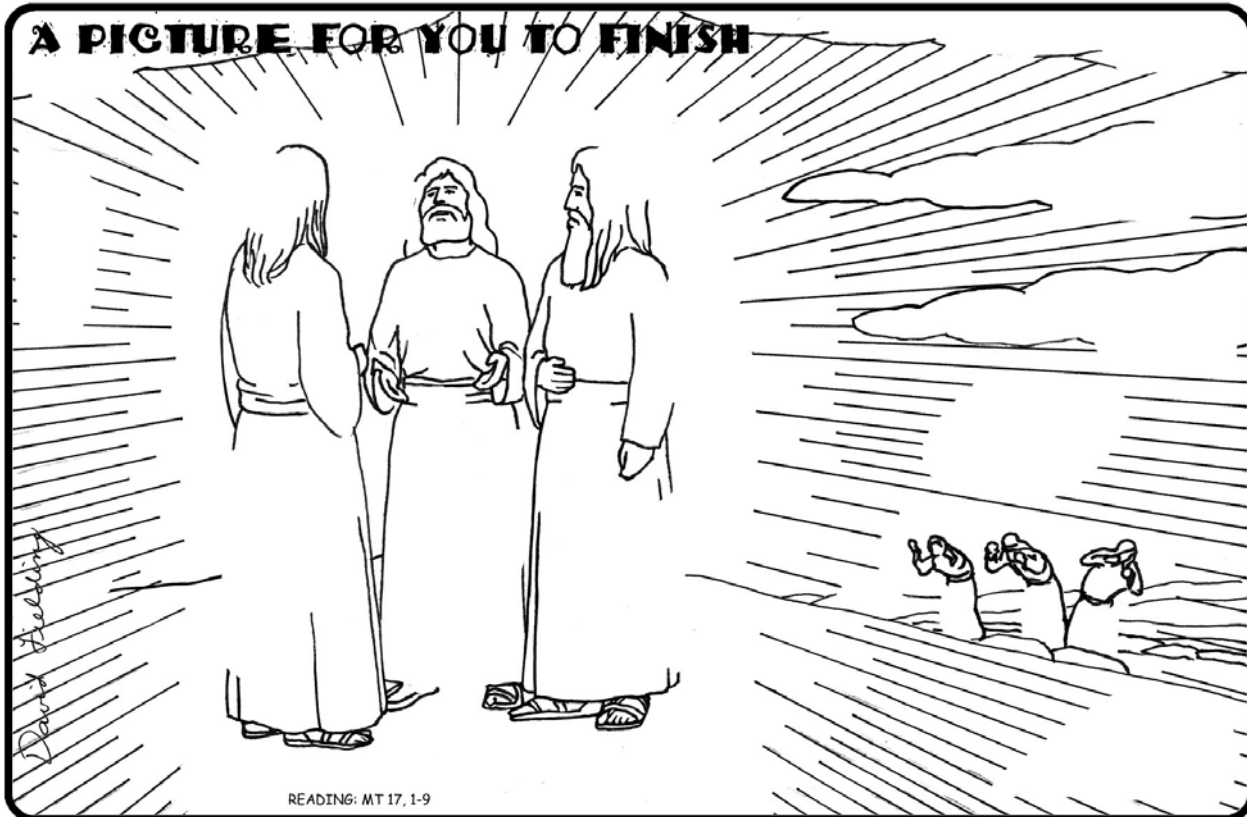
VRQ RQ ZKRP PB

IDYRU UHVWV

ANSWER

This is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests.

A PICTURE FOR YOU TO FINISH



David Healding

READING: MT 17, 1-9