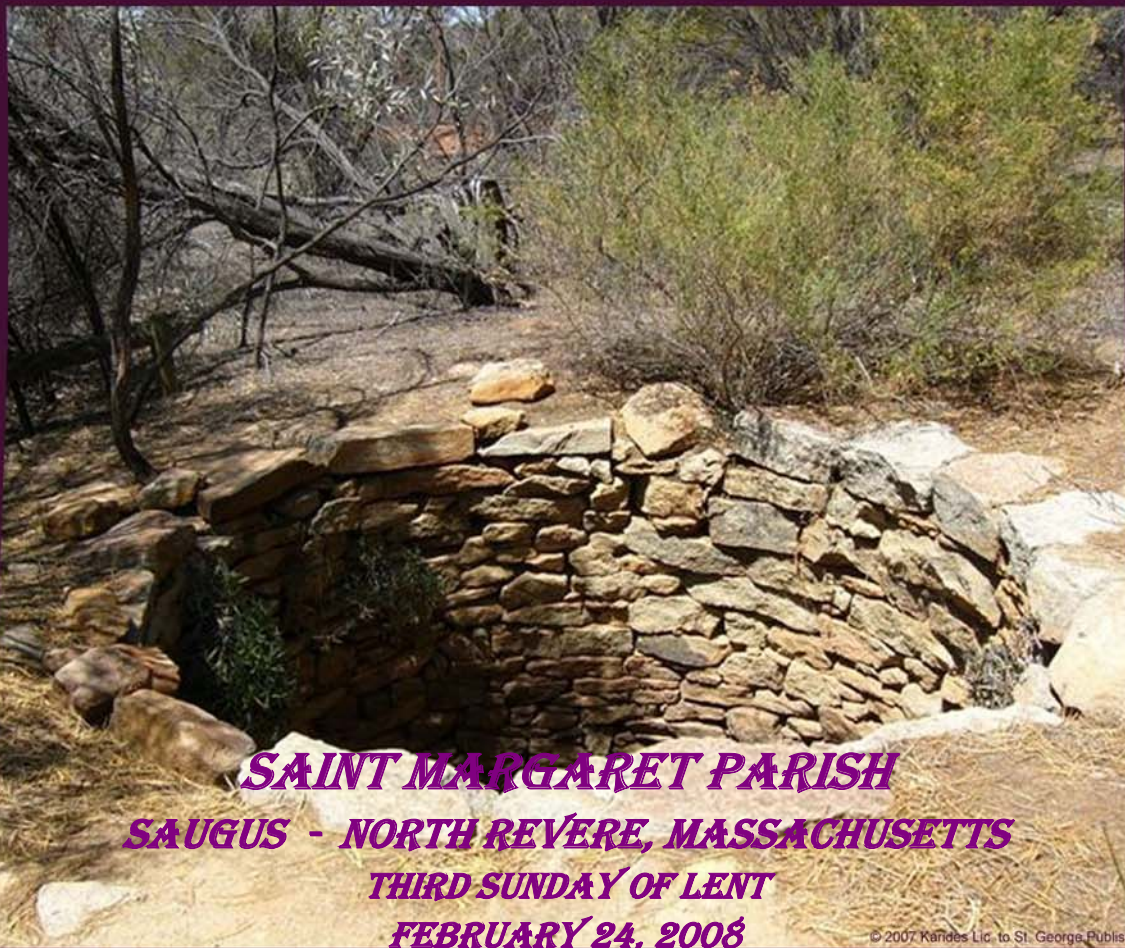




..but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst.
Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring
of water welling up to eternal life. John 4:14

Eternal Life



SAINT MARGARET PARISH
SAUGUS - NORTH REVERE, MASSACHUSETTS
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
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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)

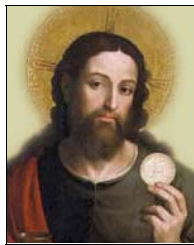
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 ~ 3:45 p.m. and by appointment

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: 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 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 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.

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. (next Mass is March 2)

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 29, March 7 and 14.

Ecumenical Lenten Service: We will be hosting the Ecumenical Service this evening at 7:00 p.m. Needless to say, we need you to be present to offer a warm welcome and hospitality to our guests from the other churches of our community.

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

Mass Intentions

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)
Mildred & Walter Wormstead	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(3/1)
Ralph & Elena Vietri	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(3/1)
Thomas & Sophie Sullivan	Memorial Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(3/2)
Steve Leonard	3rd Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(3/2)



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.

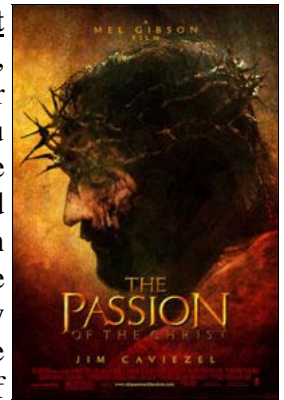
We pray for Peace in the World, an end to war and terrorism, an end to world hunger, our men & women in the Armed Services, **Paul Eaves, Jason Carmody** and **Michael McMorrow**.

The Faithful Departed **Rhonda Szymanski**

The Sick **Karen Shirk - Ed Fallon**

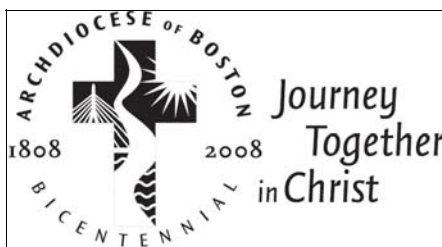
The Passion of the Christ

On Wednesday evening, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. (after Adoration) we welcome you to the Parish Hall where we will view the film produced and directed by Mel Gibson in 2004, "The Passion of the Christ." It is based primarily on biblical accounts of the arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus Christ, events commonly known as "The Passion." This is a movie about love, hope, faith, and forgiveness. Jesus died for all mankind, suffered for all of us. He is the Savior of the world. As we prepare for Holy Week, it is important that we not forget what exactly it is we are remembering and celebrating. "We adore you O Christ and we praise you because by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world."



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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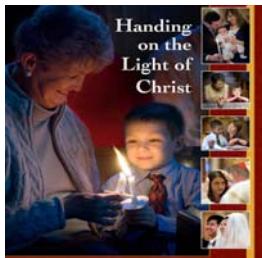
Keep those Shaw's and Star Market cash register receipts coming (also

get them from relatives, neighbors and coworkers, etc.)! \$199.95 was received this week bringing the total received thus far to \$1,079.63. A basket is provided in the front vestibule of the Church. The Parish receives 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.



Annual Catholic Appeal: Next weekend, will be Catholic Appeal Weekend in our Parish. God calls each one of us to share our gifts with others for the building up of his kingdom. Cardinal Seán is asking every Catholic household to participate in this year's 2008 Catholic Appeal, which funds the many programs and services of the Archdiocese of Boston. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our Parish - so your participation and support are critical. On Catholic Appeal Weekend, we will be showing a video message from Cardinal Seán and asking every Catholic household to make a pledge. Cardinal Seán thanks all families from our Parish that contributed \$21,482.00 to the 2007 Catholic Appeal.

This year, our participation target is to have 175 households participating, and our goal is \$20,500.00. If we exceed our goal, we will receive 25 percent of all funds raised above goal for use here in the Parish. Please know that your participation counts and that all gifts matter. We encourage you to take home an information packet from Mass this weekend so that you can prayerfully consider how you will participate. Those of you who gave to the Appeal last year should also receive a letter from Cardinal Seán. Please bring your completed pledge card and pledge envelopes to Church with you next weekend to place in the collection basket or mail it directly to the Archdiocese. Thank you.

A Taste Of Italy - Annual Gourmet Dinner

Our thanks to the 130 people who attended our 7th Annual Gourmet Dinner last Saturday evening. The meal was prepared by a wonderful Kitchen Crew under the direction of Jim Forgione. We thank Jim and for those who made up his team: Ed Infantino, Kim Schofield, Kevin Brady, Vinny Zinna, Paul LePine, Frank Pastorella and Ron Brennan. The hall was beautifully prepared and decorated by Carol Nadeau. And in addition to Carol, the meal was served by a terrific group including Lorraine Bates, Cheryl Myers, Patty Toscano, Liz Dellus, Samantha Dellus and Priscilla Sarat. After expenses, the dinner realized \$2,289.00 for the Parish. Thank you.

Grand Annual Collection:

Our thanks to those who have responded to our Grand Annual Collection. To date 192 Parish families have donated \$29,485. 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

Parish Monthly Collection - March 8 & 9



Offertory Collection: Last Sunday's collection was \$3,616.00 and the Collection for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence) was \$890.00. Attendance at the weekend Masses was 534. Thank you for your generosity to the needs of the Parish.

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

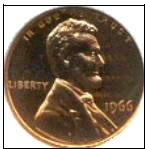
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30 Hour Famine: PLEASE help! On March 15 & 16, our teens will participate in a 30 Hour Famine. On Saturday, March 15, these teens will go into Boston to feed the homeless outside of Park Street Station. Beyond feeding the homeless we seek to be Christ to each one of them. As Christ has told us, "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me..." Please help support our teens and their mission, to bring Christ to others. We are asking for donations of any size. Specific items needed are: new socks, travel-size toothbrushes & toothpaste, travel-size baby wipes, deodorant, etc. Financial donations are also welcome. Baskets will be at the Church doors on March 8 & 9 to receive your donations. Thank you.

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? For the next three Thursday evenings (series started on Valentine's day) come and 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 21, 28 & March 6 at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**



Annual Penny Sale is scheduled for **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, keep bringing those needed prize items to the rectory—leave them at the front entryway or church vestibule. We need your help and thank you for your cooperation. And don't forget to come to the Penny Sale—it is a lot of fun and lots of laughs! **The intermission features Ice Cream Sundaes (free) for everyone there!**

"The best Penny Sale in Town!"



ARISE Together in Christ is a special spiritual renewal process developed by RE-NEW International to meet the pastoral needs of the Archdiocese of Boston's people and parishes. At the present time the Parish is in the process of forming a team of about 5 to 8 people to help implement the "Arise Together in Christ" process in our Parish. There is a training session for Parish Teams on Tuesday, February 26 at Saint Theresa Church in North Reading. If you are interested in bringing this valuable program to the Parishioners of our Parish, please let us know this weekend.

Striking the Rock by Dr. Scott Hahn

The Israelites' hearts were hardened by their hardships in the desert. Though they saw His mighty deeds, in their thirst they grumble and put God to the test in today's First Reading - a crisis point recalled also in today's Psalm. Jesus is thirsty too in today's Gospel. He thirsts for souls (see John 19:28). He longs to give the Samaritan woman the living waters that well up to eternal life. These waters couldn't be drawn from the well of Jacob, father of the Israelites and the Samaritans. But Jesus was something greater than Jacob (see Luke 11:31-32). The Samaritans were Israelites who escaped exile when Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom eight centuries before Christ (see 2 Kings 17:6, 24-41). They were despised for intermarrying with non-Israelites and worshipping at Mount Gerazim, not Jerusalem. But Jesus tells the woman that the "hour" of true worship is coming, when all will worship God in Spirit and truth. Jesus' "hour" is the "appointed time" that Paul speaks of in today's Epistle. It is the hour when the Rock of our salvation was struck on the Cross. Struck by the soldier's lance, living waters flowed out from our Rock (see John 19:34-37). These waters are the Holy Spirit (see John 7:38-39), the gift of God (see Hebrews 6:4). By the living waters the ancient enmities of Samaritans and Jews have been washed away, the dividing wall between Israel and the nations is broken down (see Ephesians 2:12-14, 18). Since His hour, all may drink of the Spirit in Baptism (see 1 Corinthians 12:13). In this Eucharist, the Lord now is in our midst - as He was at the Rock of Horeb and at the well of Jacob. In the "today" of our Liturgy, He calls us to believe: "I am He," come to pour out the love of God into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. How can we continue to worship as if we don't understand? How can our hearts remain hardened?

A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology

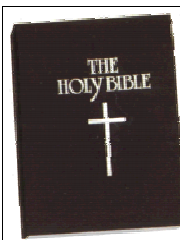


Men and Women Catholic Conferences:

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. **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 is promoting Faith & Family Night, March 4. Buy one ticket get one free. If interested call: Walter Zaykowski (617-624-1979). 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!

Last weekend members of the Parish Pastoral Council read the following statement at the Masses at both Saint Margaret's & Blessed Sacrament. It is reprinted to keep you informed and to invite you to the meeting that will take place on Sunday, March 2 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall.

"Good (Evening) Morning. I'm __, and I serve on our parish's pastoral council. Over the past several years the councils of the two neighboring parishes—Blessed Sacrament and Saint Margaret—have regularly met together. I'm here today to report to you the results, so far, of those meetings and to seek your help. Early on, as you may know, we adopted two questions as our main agenda: First: How can the two parishes cooperate more closely with one another for more effective ministry? Second: What is our plan for the Saugus Catholic community when there will be only one priest available to serve it? More recently, the councils learned that the six-year term of office of both Father George Morin and Father John Mulloy will be completed in June and July. Father John Mulloy has decided it would be best for the parish and himself to move on to another assignment. For the same reasons, Father George Morin has asked to stay. After discussing a number of possibilities with the councils, the two priests have proposed to the Archbishop that a two-priest team ministry be formed which would include Father George Morin. These two priests would work together as co-pastors. They would be assigned to both parishes. Our discussions have seen two advantages of this plan: first, to continue to give us two priests; and second, to encourage more cooperation between the two parishes. I am pleased to say that last week Cardinal Seán approved our plan. This leads me to seek your help on several items. First, on behalf of the priests and the councils, I invite you to attend a discussion meeting on Sunday, March 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall. At this meeting we will welcome your input, answer your questions, and discuss ways we can work together. Thank you for your patience in listening to me. May these efforts lead us all to a deeper relationship with Christ Jesus and with one another. I hope to see you at the information meeting on **Sunday, March 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall.**"

Our teens need YOU!

We have the best teens around! What other kids would give up 30 hour of their life, a Saturday night, food, electronics, and their comfy bed to raise money for the hungry, serve the needy, and get closer to God?

Our teens are doing their part, but they need **YOUR** help too. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work". IF you could take on one task and someone else takes on one task, before we know it, the whole experience is even better than planned.

We need some responsible parent volunteers to take on the following tasks:

"Famine Activity" Help

- ACCOUNTANT**- Saturday March 15 7am -collect Pledge logs and money, create a tally sheet with all participants' totals. Pick up additional collections from weekend Masses (not the church's weekly collection, the teens will be collecting donations at Mass) and tally up final totals. Provide financial documentation of all donations/receipts etc.
- ADULT LEADERS** – Small Group Leaders-Saturday 15th - 7:00am. Participants will be broken down into groups of four to five. Small group leaders will be present throughout all 30 hours, meeting with small groups, assessing needs and sharing in the Famine experience.
- OVERNIGHT CENTURIANS**- Safety Officer! Saturday/Sunday March 15/16– 1:00am-7:00am Chaperone participants. Be available for any sick, tired, unhappy, or extra energetic teens. Be sure to maintain proper sleeping arrangements and stay awake! We'll even supply coffee!
- "BREAK-FAST" TEAM** – Sun March 16 - 8:00pm-12:00pm We will feed the teens after Palm Sunday Mass. We need you to coordinate food donations, shop, and organize the celebration meal. Usually pizza, soda, ice cream, etc....a party environment to end the fast and celebrate their success. Set up, clean up, and help celebrate!
- CLEAN UP TEAM**-Sunday, March 16 12-3pm help clean up Church lower hall. Remove all remaining cardboard, sweep floors, and replace tables and chairs for CCD classes.

"Behind the scenes" help

- MEDIA LIASON**-Willing to contact Newspapers: The Lynn Item, Advertiser, Pilot. When was the last time we had a GOOD teen story?
- SAM'S/COSTCO RUNNER**- Two trips to Costco, B.J.'s or Sam's for miscellaneous supplies a few weeks prior to the Famine.
- RECYCLE**-Assist in returning all cans on Monday March 17th.

Email us at smym06@yahoo.com or

Check which role you can perform and return this form to the St. Margaret's Rectory

Name _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____