



*Saint Margaret Parish
Saugus ~ North Revere, Massachusetts
February 26, 2006*

*Our mission is to foster the spiritual growth of our Parishioners,
to reach out to the community, and to spread the Word of God.*

*"...Likewise, no one
pours new wine into
old wineskins. Otherwise,
the wine will burst the skins,
and both the wine and the
skins are ruined. Rather,
new wine is poured
into fresh wineskins."*

Mark 2:22

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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

Father George E. Morin, Pastor

Mid-week Assistance Father Donald Skerry, SVD

Weekend Assistance Father Lawrence Wetterholm



Religious Education

*Lord, we want to know you, to love you
and to serve you.*

Grades 1 to 6 are on Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. at the Belmonte Middle School. Following the February School vacation, classes will resume on March 5.

Grades 7 & 8 meets monthly. The next monthly meeting will be Friday, March 3, 2006 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation Year I (usually 9th Graders though not exclusively) (Catholic High School Students are exempt) have class on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Next Wednesday, March 1 is Ash Wednesday. Students are to attend Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation Date and Time: Bishop Walter Edyvean will be in our Parish on March 5, 2006 at 12 Noon to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation Rehearsal and Confessions will be on Thursday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Training for Lectors: At Mass on Sunday there is always a need for more Lectors—men and women and young adults who will not only read but proclaim the Word of God. There are two training sessions planned for new lectors on Tuesdays, March 7 and March 14 in the Parish Hall. For information and to register please call rectory at 781-233-1040.

The Annual Catholic Men's Conference is scheduled for March 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Boston Convention Center. We hope to have a group of men from the Parish attend this very uplifting and inspiring conference. Fathers and sons (high school age and older) are especially encouraged to attend. Last call for what will be a memorable day.

The more we depend on God, the more dependable God is.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: On Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. you are invited to come and spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Life is hectic and we are all busy. We have the perfect antidote: come and rest and bring all your hearts desires to the Lord present in the Eucharist. ***We urge you and invite you to consider making this part of your Lenten observance.***



"Escape from your everyday business for a while...

Enter you mind's inner chamber.

Shut out everything but God

and say with your whole heart...

*'Lord, my god teach me to seek you, and
when I seek you, show yourself to me.'*"

Saint Anselm

The Sacrament of Baptism: We welcome into God's family these beautiful children baptized last Sunday in our Parish: Olivia Megan Rocino, child of Michael and Michelle; Haley Ann Willis, child of Richard and Stacey; Brandon Michael Silva, child of Michael and Natasha; and, Alexis Yvonne Nunez, child of Edilberto and Tammi. Our congratulations to the parents of these children and to their families.

Hospice Care Needs Volunteers to support families in our community: Hospice provides companionship to patients, respite time for family members, or help with errands. Volunteers are men and women who come from diverse backgrounds and range in age from 20 to 80 years. Their common bond is a desire to share their time and compassion with others. No previous experience necessary. The next training session will begin April 4 at 41 Montevale Avenue in Stoneham. For information call Lisa at 781-279-4100.

The Living Rosary Pilgrimage will be at Saint James Church, 156 Federal Street, Salem on Friday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. Parking Lot is on Bridge Street.

Mass Intentions

Lucille Hayes	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(2/25)
Ralph & Elena Vietri	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(2/25)
David Malonson	Memorial Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(2/26)
Olga & Nicola Pellino & Antonio Picozzi	Memorial Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(2/26)
Luigi Barbera	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Monday	(2/27)
Doris & Joseph Gurski	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(3/4)
Mary Landry & Louise Day	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(3/4)
Robert Turcotte	1st Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(3/5)
Bernard Furlong	1st Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(3/5)
Confirmation Mass		12 Noon Sunday	(3/5)



Ash Wednesday—March 1: Masses will be at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. & there will be a Service at 4:00 p.m. The blessed ashes will be distributed at each of the above. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent, a season of renewal and repentance through acts of penance and self-denial, is a time when we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. At Easter we renew our Baptismal promises which call us to renounce Satan and all his works and his empty promises and to reaffirm our faith, love and service of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and to continue living that faith in the community of believers, the Church. May we support and pray for each other to have a faith enriching season of Lent.

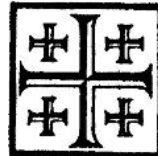
Weekday Mass during Lent: Join us Monday through Friday for the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Daily Mass can truly be an enriching experience of grace: the daily scriptures and the opportunity to receive the Lord in the Eucharist.

Stations of the Cross: Join us on the Friday evenings of Lent at 7:00 p.m. for the Stations of the Cross. The Stations are rooted in the Gospel accounts of the suffering and death of the Lord. Come and reflect on what the Lord in his great love has done for us.



Let's Celebrate Mardi Gras: On Tuesday, February 28 join us beginning at 6:30 p.m. for a Parish Family Mardi Gras Celebration. We are planning a "Pot Luck" Supper, Games for the children and a concluding Prayer Service in preparation for Lent which begins the next day (Ash Wednesday is March 1). For the Prayer Service we need you to return the Palms you received in Church last Palm Sunday. These will be burned and used at our Ash Wednesday Masses and Service. Sign up now by calling the rectory at 781-233-1040. For information call Corinne at 781-231-7995.

Lent: Pray Fast Give Alms



Cursillo: We are please to announce that four women of the Parish are experiencing Cursillo this weekend at the Salvatorian Center in Methuen, MA. Please keep Dawn Hunt, Kim Primo, Hazel Hartigan and Yvonne Maillet in your thoughts and prayers. Exactly what is a Cursillo? (Pronounced: Cur-see-yo). The full name is Cursillo de Christiandad, meaning "Short course in Christianity." The Cursillo movement started in Spain in 1949, under its founder Bishop Juan Hervas. The Cursillo gives those who make it a new understanding of basic Christian truths and the desire to serve the Church. From Thursday evening to Sunday evening, priests and lay people live and work together to gain a deep, permanent, living awareness of the treasure and responsibility of their faith. They come with many questions and some apprehension. They leave full of joyful enthusiasm as brothers and sisters in Christ, determined to extend the kingdom of Christ. Perhaps you would like to experience this wonderful gift for yourself or someone you know. Speak with Father George or one of the many people of the Parish who have shared this experience. They would be glad to sponsor you.

Mass times: Away from home? Go to www.masstimes.org for information about Mass schedules, maps and directions wherever you may be.

The Cold and Flu Season is here! Common sense should be used regarding the Sign of Peace during this time of the year. People with active colds can offer the Sign of Peace verbally with a nod and a smile. Some things are best not shared!

Scripture for the Week of February 26, 2006

26	SUN	Hos 2:16b, 17b, 21-22/2 Cor 3:1b-6/Mk 2:18-22
27	Mon	1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27
28	Tue	1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31
1	Wed	Jl 2:12-18/ 2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
2	Thu	Dt 30:15-20/ Lk 9:22-25
3	Fri	Is 58:1-9a/ Mt 9:14-15
4	Sat	Is 58:9b-14/ Lk 5:27-32
5	SUN	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Who is the Son of Man? Jesus calls himself the "Son of Man" in the Gospel for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (see Mark 2:10). What does that mean? The term appears more than 100 times in Scripture, often as another way of saying "man" or "human" (see Numbers 23:19; Psalm 8:4). But Jesus is referring to the prophet Daniel's mysterious vision of "one like a son of man." In Daniel's vision, the son of man travels on the clouds of heaven and is presented before God. He receives from God "an everlasting dominion" and "nations and peoples of every language serve him" (see Daniel 7:13-14). The Son of Man is the king of heaven and earth, as Jesus makes clear. The son has authority to forgive sins (see Mark 2:10), is Lord of the Sabbath (see Mark 2:28), and will judge people according to their deeds (see John 5:27; Matthew 25:31). As the Son of Man, Jesus is enthroned in heaven, seated at the right of the Father - as He promised He would be (see Mark 14:62; Acts 7:56).

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Drug Awareness Strategy Forum: In January the Saugus Youth and Recreation Association in cooperation with the Clergy Association held a hugely successful town forum to raise awareness of the serious drug problems afflicting Saugus youth. As people left the meeting many wondered, "*What can I do?*" At this next meeting we want to address that most important question. We will consider specific strategies on how to combat this epidemic. People from the Saugus community will be gathering together for the purpose of brainstorming courses of action. This working event will take place on **Monday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belmonte Middle School auditorium, located on Dow Street.** Resources and appraising plans of response to the drug situation will be the two-fold agenda. According to Youth and Recreation official Greg Nickolas, "The problem isn't going to go away unless we start talking about it openly." All are welcome to attend this meeting.

The Parish Annual Report is just about complete and will be mailed to all registered Parish families in the very near future. After reading the report, if you have questions, comments or concerns, I will be available on Thursday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Second Collection

Peter's Pence March 4 & 5

Parish Monthly Collection March 11 & 12

The Offertory Collection last Sunday was \$3,202.00. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to the Parish.



SACRAMENT OF *Anointing* of the Sick

In the Letter of St. James we find the question, "Is there anyone sick among you?"

The response is that the sick are to call the priests of the Church who are to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. This Sacrament is not to be looked upon as the "Last Rites" but as a powerful instrument of God's healing and strength. Therefore, prior to surgery or when diagnosed with or living with a serious illness avail yourself of this gift. On the First Friday of March (March 3) this Sacrament will be offered following the 9:00 a.m. Mass (unless there is a funeral) or at any time at your convenience. Call the Rectory to make arrangements.



ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY *By Dr. Scott Hahn*

With the Bridegroom

Today's Readings draw on an ancient biblical theme - the image of God as divine bridegroom of His beloved Israel, and the covenant as a divine-human wedding pact (see Isaiah 61:10; 62:4-5). In the First Reading, God, speaking through the prophet Hosea, recalls Israel's exodus and sojourn in the wilderness as a time of betrothal in which He spoke to their heart and they responded in love (see Deuteronomy 7:6-8). He promises a new day when He will again take His bride to the desert. On that day, He vows, despite Israel's adultery, its faithlessness to the covenant (see Jeremiah 2:20; 3:8), He will wed His bride forever. He vows to make a new covenant (see Hosea 2:20) and, using a term of marital intimacy, promises that Israel shall "know" the Lord (see Genesis 4:1). This tradition is behind Jesus' description of himself as "the bridegroom" in today's Gospel. At the time, "bridegroom" was not a term that Israelites used to describe their expected Messiah. So Jesus, again, as in all the Gospel texts in recent weeks, is being revealed as God (see John 2:1-12; 3:29; Matthew 22:1-14; 25:1-13). In His mercy, He has redeemed our lives from the destruction of sin, as we sing in today's Psalm. This is the new covenant that Paul speaks of in today's Epistle - written not on stone tablets as the old covenant law was, but on our hearts (see Jeremiah 31:31). Today's readings remind us that we have been betrothed to Christ in baptism (see 2 Corinthians 11:2), cleansed by the bath of water and the word and called to remain holy and without blemish (see Ephesians 5:25-27) until the heavenly wedding feast of the end of time (see Revelation 19:7-9). We anticipate that feast in each Mass, drinking the wine of the new covenant made in His blood (Zechariah 9:16-17; Isaiah 25:6; Luke 22:20).

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