

**Mass Intentions**

For the People of the Parish	Easter Vigil Mass	7:00 p.m. Saturday	(3/26)
George Catarius	19th Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(3/27)
Deceased Members Castiello, McCauley, Russo & Frontiera Families	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(3/27)	
Benefactors of Saint Margaret Parish	Easter Day Mass	11:30 a.m. Sunday	(3/27)
Paula Tomlinson	11th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(4/2)
Mildred & Walter Wormstead	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(4/2)
Margaret H. Sullivan	Memorial Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(4/3)
Jiulia Ciampa	1st Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(4/3)



**Women’s Day of Reflection:** Pope John Paul II proclaimed this year as the Year of the Holy Eucharist. In this regard, a Women’s Day of Reflection has been scheduled for Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gerrie Milgroom will be the facilitator for the day’s agenda. Don’t forget to bring your brown bag lunch. Goodies, coffee and tea will be provided. Mark your calendars now so that you will not miss out on an opportunity to discuss and reflect on the Holy Eucharist. If you plan to attend, please call Bev Gorman (781-233-8306) or the rectory so that we might get a count of how many women to expect.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** On Wednesday evenings 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.



*“Be still and know that I am God.”*



**First Holy Communion:** Our Parish will celebrate Holy Communion for 54 boys & girls on the Sundays of April (April 3, 10, 17 & 24) at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We pray that these young boys and girls and their families will grow in their relationship to Jesus who comes to them in the Holy Eucharist.



**Confirmation Year I:** Classes are on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This week Valerie Shippen will be with us presenting “Our Christian Mission.” As Baptized persons, our mission is to be an evangelizer, bringing the good news of Jesus to everyone we meet.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** is usually celebrated on the third Sunday of each month at 12 Noon. The Preparation Meeting prior to the Baptism of a child is every other month. Future Baptism Preparation meetings for parents & godparents are: April 7, June 2, August 4, October 6, 2005. These are held in the Parish Hall and begin at 7:00 p.m. Please call the Rectory (781-233-1040) to register.

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Archbishop O’Malley invites couples celebrating a 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2005. A Mass will be held at the Cathedral on Sunday, April 10 at 11:00 a.m. Mass will include a renewal of vows for the anniversary couples. Relatives & friends are invited to join in the celebration. If you plan to attend, register through our Parish by calling 233-1040.

**Ministry to the Homebound:** Do you know someone who is not able to come to Mass but would appreciate receiving Holy Communion on a regular basis? If so, would you let us know by calling the Rectory (781-233-1040). Our Parish also has some wonderful Ministers of Holy Communion who would be glad to visit on a regular basis throughout the year.



**Pancake & Sausage Breakfast:** Saugus Knights of Columbus invite you to their annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on April 3rd from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon at the K of C Hall. \$10.00 per family, \$3.00 per person. Walter DiNardo, Chairman of the event.

**Stewardship:** Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus’ body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia!

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Masses: Saturday 4:00 & 5:30 - Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Monday through Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. and by request

Rev. George E. Morin, Pastor



**The Annual Saint Margaret Tea:** will be on Sunday afternoon, April 24 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Men and women are needed to host a table. If you are interested in serving as a host or hostedds please call the rectory at 781-233-1040.

**Is God calling you?** The Church needs you to serve the spiritual needs of God’s people. Is God calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you call Fr. Oscar Pratt at 617-746-5949.

*“Let your light shine before men so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.” Matthew 5:16*



**United parish Food Pantry:** Our monthly collection of food is the second weekend of each month (April 9 & 10). Thanks to those who are so faithful in bringing a food donation each month. If you are free on Friday mornings, volunteers are needed. Call Carol Cashman at 781-558-1092 to volunteer. The Pantry operates on Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Cliftdale Congregational Church.

**In gratitude:** The Parish is grateful for and additional \$50.00 received in memory of Bernard Furlong and \$75.00 received in memory of Edith Anderson. We are grateful to their families and loved one who have designated Saint Margaret’s as the recipient of memorial gifts in memory of their loved ones. Thank you.

**Operation Rice Bowl:** Rice Bowls are now due. Please return as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Grand Annual Collection:** Sincere thanks to those who have given and to those who continue to give to this year’s Grand Annual Collection. To date \$31,795.00 has been received. Every dollar raised in the Grand Annual benefits the Parish. As we continue with needed repairs to Parish property, we rely on your generosity. Thank you.



**The Offertory Collection** last Sunday was \$3,590.00. Thank you for your generosity to the needs of your 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:

**Dear Friends:** Let me take this opportunity to wish you a Blessed Easter. I am grateful to be your Pastor and for the many wonderful examples of goodness and generosity I have witnessed over the years. The unselfish dedication of so many people working throughout the year in many capacities is such a source of inspiration. I am very grateful to those who serve as liturgical ministers serving at Mass as readers, ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, musicians and choir members, the youth, adult and contemporary groups, and ushers; to those who bring holy communion to the elderly in their homes, nursing care facilities or the hospital; to our Rosary groups, to our Parish Pastoral Council, to the catechists, discussion facilitators, monitors and helpers in the Religious Education Program; to the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for all they do throughout the year; to those who are part of our ‘kitchen team’ cooking and serving for one of our wonderful breakfasts or other Parish events; to those who have organized or helped for one of our fundraising activities such as the Penny Sale, the Auction, the Yard Sale, the Annual Tea or the Christmas Stroll; to those who keep the Church and the grounds clean, to those who shovel the snow or cut the grass or rake the leaves; to those whose generosity throughout the year pay the bills and enable us to make improvements to our Church; to our Stewardship Committee which recruits good people for all of the above and affirms them for their goodness and kindness. This worship and these many works we do together for the good of the Parish and the glory of God are the ‘glue’ that keeps us together and build us up as the people of God. On a personal note, I thank you for all the support and prayers received during these challenging times. And I thank you for the cards, gifts and foods that I have received. I am humbled by your thoughtfulness and kindness. Thank you and Blessed Easter!

*Fr. George*

**Empty Tomb** by Fr. Jeffrey Day — Several years ago, I was on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to see firsthand the places where Jesus lived, ministered, died and rose. One of the places I visited was the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which houses the tomb of Christ. When I returned from the pilgrimage, I was surprised by the number of people who asked me if I saw Jesus’ body when I visited the tomb! This bothered me, especially considering Christians were the ones doing the asking. The Resurrection defines us as Christians. If Jesus is not risen, then there is no point to Easter or to worshipping Christ. Of course I didn’t see Jesus’ body. His tomb remains empty, just as it was empty that first Easter Sunday when Peter and John saw the burial cloths rolled up in a corner. Peter and John didn’t understand how it was possible for Jesus to be alive, but they believed. Some 2000 years later, it is still hard to understand. I don’t think that those who asked me about seeing Jesus’ body were consciously trying to deny the Resurrection. Their question probably was based on their experience of going to a funeral home and viewing the body of the deceased. But instead of seeing a dead body, when we come to Mass, we see and taste the living Body of Christ!

**He is risen!**

