

Handing on the Light of Christ



*SAINT MARGARET PARISH
SAUGUS - NORTH REVERE, MASSACHUSETTS
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 2, 2008*



Every gift matters.

*Please fill out pledge cards
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2008 Catholic Appeal

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)

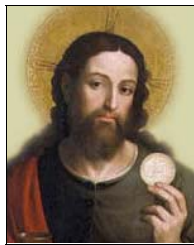
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 ~ 3:45 p.m. and by appointment

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: 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.

Wednesday, February 20 there were 52 people at morning Mass!

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

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

Stations of the Cross are an appropriate Lenten Devotion. Join us on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on March 7 and 14.

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)

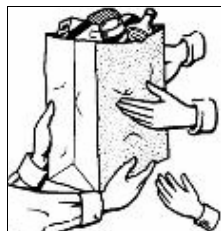
SACRAMENT OF *Reconciliation*

The children in our Religious Education Program will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, March 8: Grade 3 & 4 at 10:30 a.m. and Grades 5 & 6 at 12 Noon. For your convenience, families with children in both groups should select one time and come with all the children. This is also an excellent time for parents to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation - example is the best teacher.



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

get them from relatives, neighbors and coworkers, etc.)! \$49.09 was received this week bringing the total received thus far to \$1,128.72. 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 United Parish Food Pantry

is at the Cliftondale Congregational Church, 50 Essex Street. On the second weekend of each month we collect food for the food pantry. (Please: check the expiration date.) Volunteers are

also needed. If you are free on Friday mornings, you are needed. Drop by at 9:30 a.m. or call Carol Cashman (781-233-9460) to volunteer. The Pantry operates Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. **Our next Food Collection Weekend is March 8 & 9.** Your donation of food is always needed. Thank you for your generosity.

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. With additional gifts received this past week and after all expenses are paid, the dinner realized \$2,469.00 for the Parish. Thank you.

Second Collections

Parish Monthly Collection - March 8 & 9

***“Walk worthy of the Lord
and please Him in every way.”***

(Colossians 1:10)



The Saugus Charter Commission:

In an attempt to receive input from the greatest number of citizens, members of the Charter Commission seek your input. If you wish

you may respond to the following survey. The questionnaire is to address your general concerns about Saugus' form of government, and not about the people that are filling the current positions (whether elected or appointed). Again, if you wish we will return your responses to the Commission for you - place you return in the Sunday Collection Basket. The questions are as follows:

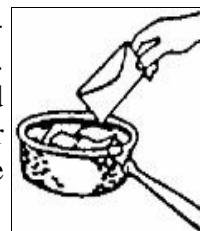
1. Are you satisfied with the current structure of the present town charter (which describes the processes within the town government)?
2. What would you like changed in the current form of government?
3. What would you like to stay the same in the current form of government?

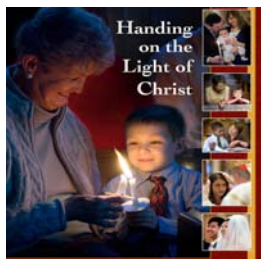
Thank you for taking the time to respond to this survey. Please provide your name and contact information if you want to be contacted by the Commission. Visit their website:

chartercomm@saugus-ma.gov

Grand Annual Collection: Our thanks to those who have responded to our Grand Annual Collection. To date 197 Parish families have donated \$30,254.00. 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.

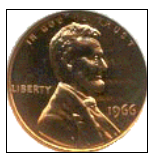
Offertory Collection: Last Sunday's collection was \$2,998.00. Attendance at the weekend Masses was 507. Thank you for your generosity to the needs of the Parish.





Annual Catholic Appeal:

This weekend, March 1 & 2, is 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.



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!"

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.

SMYM (Saint Margaret Youth Ministry) needs our Whole Parish Family!!! March is a busy month for SMYM! We need your prayers and support! Will you help us? Here is what we are doing...**COOKIE SALE** - Saturday, March 1st and Sunday March 2nd - Come buy a delicious cookie and help send our middle schoolers on an amazing retreat weekend called: **SNOW CAMPS** - Friday, March 7th through Sunday, March 9th - 20 of our parish middle schoolers will be traveling to NH for a retreat weekend! Please keep them in your prayers.

30-HOUR FAMINE - Saturday, March 15th and Sunday, March 16th - Our parish high schoolers will be fasting (no food!) for 30 hours as they raise money to help the poor and starving of our Church. Thank you for your prayers and support. We look forward to seeing you at the different parish events.

LIFT - AN ALL-PARISH EVENT SMYM is excited to sponsor LIFT on Saturday, March 15th from 8-10pm in the church. LIFT is an evening of new Christian music, an amazing talk by Fr. Matt Williams, and Adoration. LIFT is for all ages, and everyone is welcome and encouraged to come. Don't worry if you have never been before - you are given the words to the songs and it will be the first time for many people. The high schoolers hope that you will bring your friends and family.

PALM SUNDAY DONKEY PROCESSION

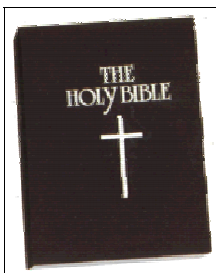
Everyone is invited to join in the donkey procession prior to the 10:00am Mass on Palm Sunday - March 16th. We gather at the church and pray at 9:15. See you then!



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.



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**, has 2 weeks remaining and will explore such topics as:

The Cost of Discipleship: No Cheap Grace Paul's Vision of the Church

The course meets Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. March 8 and March 15. NOTE: the March 8 session will be offered in the Parish Hall at St. Margaret's. The March 15 session will be offered in the Parish Hall at Blessed Sacrament. Please join us! And bring a friend! On these Saturday's Mass will be offered at 9:00 a.m. prior to the Scripture Study.

The next **Living Rosary Pilgrimage** will be Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Carmelite Sisters, 15 Mount Carmel Road in Danvers. Bishop Irwin will preside. All Welcome.

Two weeks ago 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: _____