

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 ~ 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. Classes resume today, March 5.

Grades 7 & 8 meets monthly. The next monthly meeting will be Friday, April 7, 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.

Confirmation Date and Time: Bishop Walter Edyvean will be here this Sunday, March 5 at 12 Noon to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep those being confirmed, their sponsors and families in your prayers.

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.



30 Hour Famine: On Good Friday, April 14 our young people will participate in a 30 hour famine designed to raise awareness of

world hunger and what can be done about it. For more information and involvement, call Andrea at 781-233-1040 or email andreaico3@yahoo.com

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

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 **WORD**
among us

The Word Among Us is a wonderful publication which contains the daily scripture readings and a daily reflection for the entire Lenten Season. We make them available to you for your personal daily prayer. Please take one and bring one along to someone who is not able to join us.

Lent: Pray Fast Give Alms

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

Mass Intentions

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)
Caterina Barbera	1st Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(3/11)
Joseph Landrigan	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(3/11)
Maria Gulino	12th Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(3/12)
Donald Shea	12th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(3/12)



Lent 2006 - Turn away from Sin and be faithful to the Gospel

Daily Mass is a 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. A most fitting Lenten practice – to hear the Word of God and receive Holy Communion daily during Lent.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays (March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7) at 7:00 p.m.

The Lenten Cross: During Lent we focus on the Cross of Jesus through which He has redeemed the world. To our Savior’s Cross we bring our own crosses. What are you asking God’s help with? What obstacles prevent you from growing in God’s grace? Enclosed is a small cross. You are asked to place your cross with its cares, burdens and obstacles to spiritual growth and attach it to our Lenten Cross. **Please write no names.** In this way we can unite our sufferings to those of Christ and we can offer our prayer support to our brothers and sisters in the Parish.

Ecumenical Services: We have a wonderful Ecumenical spirit in our Community. You are invited to participate in these Lenten on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. In addition to the Sunday evening services, you are invited to the Good Friday Service at Breakheart Reservation at 10:30 a.m. and to the Easter Sunrise Service at the Saugus Iron Works at 6:00 a.m. The schedule is as follows:

- March 5th—East Saugus United Methodist Church
- March 12th—Saugus Unitarian Universalist Church
- March 19th—St John’s Episcopal Church
- March 26th—St Margaret Church
- April 2nd—New Hope Assembly of God Church
- April 9th—Community Seder/Passover (location TBA)
- April 14th—Breakheart Good Friday Walk, 10:30 am
- April 16th—Easter Sunrise Service at the Saugus Ironworks, 6:00 am

Easter Flowers: If you wish to make a contribution in memory of a loved one toward our Easter plants and decorations, a special envelope is attached to this week’s bulletin. Names will be in the Easter Sunday bulletin—deadline is Palm Sunday April 9, 2006.

Observing Lent in our Catholic Tradition

Prayer: Jesus took time to pray and so must we. He spent forty days in prayer to be strengthened in his struggle against evil. So must we! Prayer can be as simple as talking to God at bedtime. Formal prayers (Our Father, Hail Mary, the Rosary, etc.) help us find words. The Mass is the perfect prayer of Jesus: his final prayer to the Father on Holy Thursday.

Fast: Jesus fasted in the desert to deepen his dependence on God and to become less dependent on pleasures. We depend a lot on things we like to make us happy. Fasting helps us to become more dependent on God and to hunger for his Word more than for bread. Catholics (those from 18 years to 60 years of age) are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fast days. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. Catholics (beginning at age 14) are called to abstinence on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On these days, meat may not be used at all.

Almsgiving: Jesus always reached out to those in need. He praised the widow who gave her all in the temple. We need to become less attached to money and goods and more generous with those in need. Lent is time for making sacrifices for others. Operation Rice Bowl is an opportunity for almsgiving.



Operation Rice Bowl:

The needs of the poor of the world are many. Operation Rice Bowl, sponsored by Catholic Relief Service, is an opportunity to pray,

fast and give alms to assist the poor of the world escape poverty and become self-sufficient. Rice Bowls are available in the Church at the beginning of Lent and are to be returned during Holy Week.

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 Sacrament of Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on the third Sunday each month at 12 Noon. The Preparation Meeting prior to the Baptism of a child is every other month. Baptism Preparation meetings for parents & godparents are scheduled for: April 6, June 1, August 3, October 5 and December 14, 2006. Held in the Parish Hall, they begin at 7:00 p.m. Please call the Rectory (781-233-1040) to register.

Scripture for the Week of March 5, 2006

5	SUN	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
6	Mon	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46
7	Tue	Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15
8	Wed	Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 11:29-32
9	Thu	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/ Mt 7:7-12
10	Fri	Ez 18:21-28/ Mt 5:20-26
11	Sat	Dt 26:16-19/ Mt 5:43-48
12	SUN	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

The Parish Annual Report was mailed to all registered Parishioners during this past week. 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 \$2,508.00. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to the Parish.



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

The New Creation

Lent bids us to return to the innocence of baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle. And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation (see Hosea 2:20; Isaiah 11:1-9). We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel. Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam - the beloved son of God (see Mark 1:11; Luke 3:38), living in harmony with the wild beasts (see Genesis 2:19-20), being served by angels (see Ezekiel 28:12-14). Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death (see Romans 5:12-14, 17-20), Jesus is victorious. This is the good news, the "gospel of God" that He proclaims. Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom. In the waters of baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son (see Colossians 1:13-14). We were made children of God, new creations (see 2 Corinthians 5:7; Galatians 4:3-7). But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness - a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-4, 9,13; Deuteronomy 8:2,16). We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Savior - the way and the truth we sing of in today's Psalm (see John 14:6). He feeds us with the bread of angels (see Psalm 78:25; Wisdom 16:20), and cleanses our consciences in the sacrament of reconciliation. As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows - to repent and believe the gospel.

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United Parish Food Pantry: Every month we collect food for our local food pantry (March 11th & 12th). The Food Pantry is located at the Clifondale Congregational Church, 50 Essex Street. If you are free on Friday mornings, volunteers are always needed. Drop by at 9:30 a.m. or call Carol Cashman at 781-558-1092 to volunteer. The Pantry operates on Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Please note the expiration date on the items you donate. Food that has gone beyond the expiration date cannot be given away and must be thrown out. Thank you for your cooperation. Because of the February 12 snow storm our food donations were down considerably. Would it be possible to 'double up' for the month of March? Thank you.

