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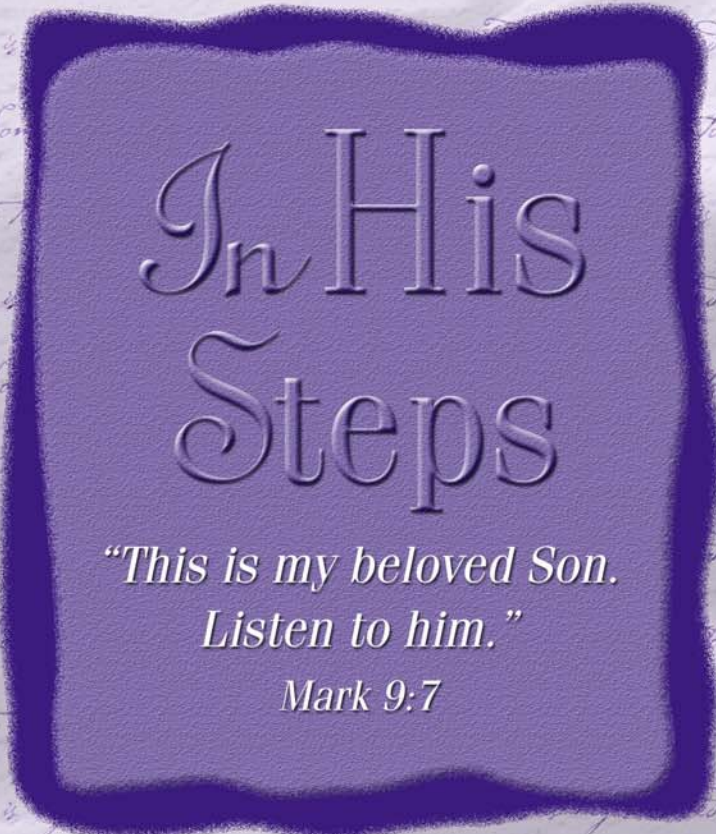
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In His Steps

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Mark 9:7

Saint Margaret Parish

Saugus ~ North Revere, Massachusetts

The Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 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.**

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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.

The Sacrament of Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on the third Sunday each month at 12 Noon. (For the month of April, Baptism will be celebrated on April 23rd.) 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.



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

Jessie Recuperero: Last Sunday at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston Archbishop Sean welcomed many of the "elect" from throughout the Archdiocese. One of these elect is our own Jessie Recuperero. As a Catechumen of the Catholic Church she now awaits Baptism in our Church at the Easter Vigil this year. We keep Jessie in our prayers during these final weeks of preparation.

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.



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.

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

Mass Intentions

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| 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) |
| Ella Mae Williams | 10th Anniversary Mass | 9:00 a.m. Friday | (3/17) |
| Ralph Pittore | 6th Anniversary Mass | 4:00 p.m. Saturday | (3/18) |
| Patsy DeThomas | 6th Anniversary Mass | 5:30 p.m. Saturday | (3/18) |
| Michael & Marie Buonopane | 9th Anniversary Mass | 8:30 a.m. Sunday | (3/19) |
| Peter Frontiera, Sr. | 36th Anniversary Mass | 10:00 a.m. Sunday | (3/19) |

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

Daily Mass is at 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 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 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—St Margaret Church
- 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 available at Church doors. 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. Archbishop Sean has given the faithful of the Archdiocese an exception from fast and abstinence on Friday, March 17 the feast of Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Boston.

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.

Attention: Parents of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion: The third and final meeting for Parents with young children preparing for First Holy Communion will take place on Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. Meetings will be held in the Parish Hall.



The DaVinci Code: Our joint Parish Adventure during this Lenten Season will be different from past years! On March 27, 28, 29 & 30 (Monday through Thursday) at Blessed Sacrament Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. each evening, Mr. Bernie Swain will help us to sort out fact from fiction from the best selling novel and soon to be released motion picture, The DaVinci Code. We hope that you will come and bring along friends, family members and neighbors in what we are sure will be four very informative sessions. Here are the questions the program will be built around.

Question #1: What's the Story? Did Jesus marry Mary Magdalene? Did she bear their child? After Jesus' ascension, did she flee to southern France, where her descendants merged with the royal Merovingian dynasty? Does their royal bloodline continue today among families in France, England, or Scotland who are descendants of Jesus?

Question #2: Should We Believe this Story?

Question #3: So How Do We Tell Fact from Fiction?

Question #4: Was Jesus Married?

Question #5 Have We Been Deceived about Mary Magdalene?

Question #6: Did the church destroy Gospels?

Question #7: Did the Church systematically suppress "the Sacred Feminine"?

Question #8 Have secret societies preserved secret documents about Christianity's secret, lost history?

Question #9: What about Leonard Da Vinci? Did he leave clues to the "Lost History" in his art?

Question #10: Is the whole story baseless?

Question #11: In the end, does any of this matter?

Question #12: Why has this book made such a stir?

Kevin Baumann: We continue to keep the "bucket" with fliers about Kevin in the vestibule of the Church. Whatever you can do is greatly appreciated. You may deposit your offering directly into the Kevin Baumann Medical Fund, account # 25005, tax number 04-692-9285, at the Saugus Federal Credit Union. Please pray for Kevin and his family.

Second Collection

Parish Monthly Collection March 11 & 12
Catholic Relief Services March 25 & 26



The Offertory Collection last Sunday was \$4,211.00 and the Peter's Pence Collection was \$863.00. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to the Parish and to the collection to the Holy Father for his charitable works.



Penny Sale: Yes, we are having a Penny Sale this year on Saturday, April 22 beginning at 7:00 p.m. We are grateful to Melita Davis and her daughters, Amara and Deanna for saying 'yes' to chairing the Penny Sale once again this year. All we need now is your help. We are looking for 200 **new items** with a value of \$5.00 or more. Leave your gift items at the rectory front entry or bring them to Church with you when you come. Remember: no alcohol or tobacco products. Thank you and keep the date April 22 free so that you can come to the Penny Sale!



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Bonds Loosed

The Lenten season continues with another story of testing. Last Sunday, we heard the trial of Jesus in the desert. In this week's First Reading, we hear of how Abraham was put to the test. The Church has always read this story as a sign of God's love for the world in giving His only begotten son. In today's Epistle, Paul uses exact words drawn from this story to describe how God, like Abraham, did not withhold His only Son, but handed Him over for us on the cross (see Romans 8:32; Genesis 22:12,16). In the Gospel today, too, we hear another echo. Jesus is called God's "beloved Son" - as Isaac is described as Abraham's beloved firstborn son. These readings are given to us in Lent to reveal Christ's identity and to strengthen us in the face of our afflictions. Jesus is shown to be the true son that Abraham rejoiced to see (see Matthew 1:1; John 8:56). In His transfiguration, He is revealed to be the "prophet like Moses" foretold by God - raised from among their own kinsmen, speaking with God's own authority (see Deuteronomy 18:15,19). Like Moses, He climbs the mountain with three named friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud (see Exodus 24:1,9,15). He is the one prophesied to come after Elijah's return (see Sirach 48:9-10; Malachi 3:1,23-24). And, as He discloses to the apostles, He is the Son of Man sent to suffer and die for our sins (see Isaiah 53:3). As we sing in today's Psalm, Jesus believed in the face of His afflictions, and God loosed Him from the bonds of death (see Psalm 116:3). His rising should give us the courage to face our trials, to offer ourselves totally to the Father - as He did, as Abraham and Isaac did. Freed from death by His death, we come to this Mass to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and to renew our vows - as His servants and faithful ones.

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