

Journey OF Faith

**Saint Margaret Parish
Saugus & No. Revere, MA**

**Blessed Sacrament Parish
Saugus, MA**

March 14, 2010

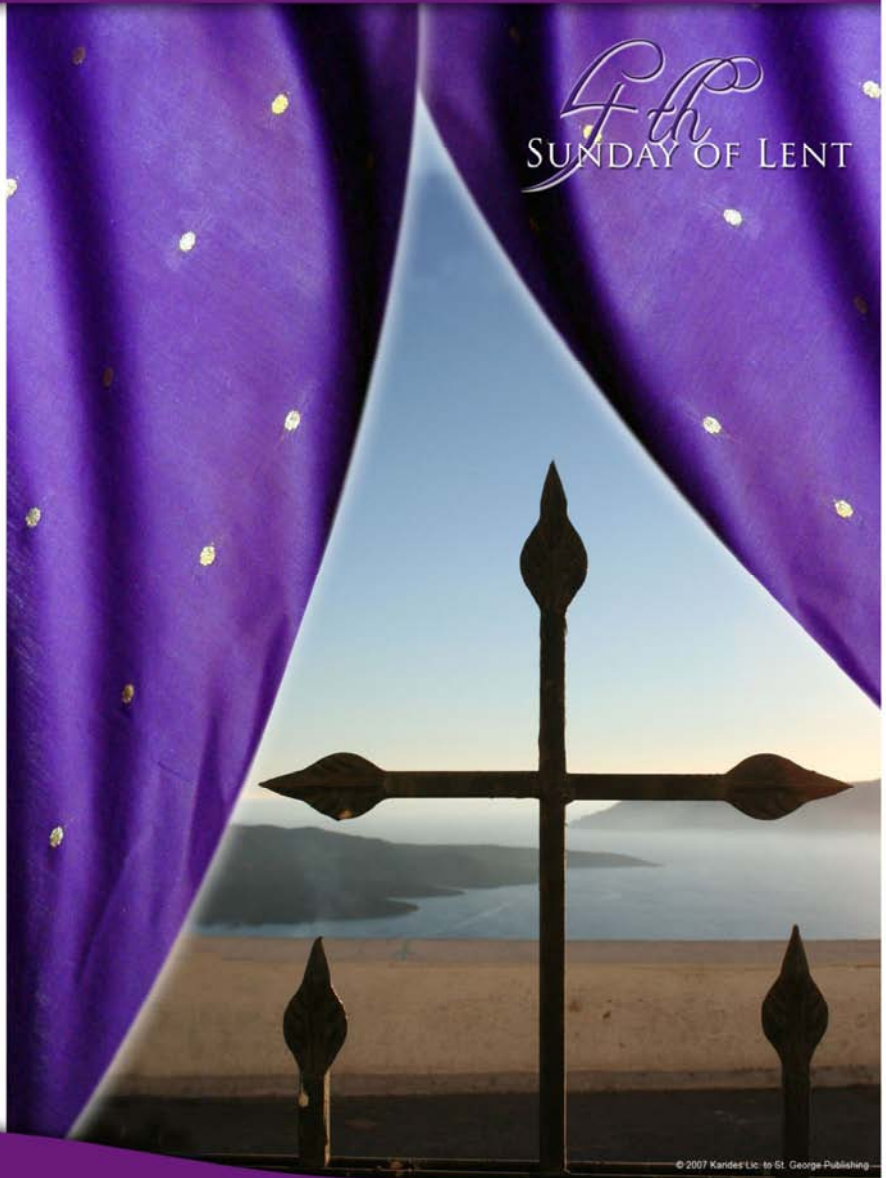
In Word & Deed

Has there ever been a time when we did not need forgiveness? Haven't we all gotten a little off course—with God, with our family, or with our friends—at one time or another? Isn't there always someone who we should forgive? Here are a few thoughts about forgiveness, inspired by the Prodigal Son and his brother.

- To forgive does not require that we forget. After all, if it were easy to forget, would we need to forgive?
- When you forgive, you free a person who is a prisoner of anger and hate. Then you realize that the person freed is you.
- Ordinary people have offered forgiveness in extraordinary circumstances. We can learn from their courage and example.
- Those who are the most difficult to forgive are often the ones who need it the most.
- Forgiveness brings peace, contentment, hope and calm.

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SUNDAY OF LENT



Lord, you brought me up from the nether world; you preserved me from among those going down into the pit.

-Psalm 30:4

Scripture Readings

Sunday March 14

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32, or, for Year A, 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday March 15

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday March 16

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday March 17

Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday March 18

Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday March 19

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday March 20

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday March 21

Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11, or, for Year A, Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



Cover us, Lord
with your mercy.

Be our protector
and keep us from the dangers with which our sin surrounds us.

Be our liberator
and set us free.

~Missal of Pius V



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FAMILY LIFE:

TO WALK AS ONE

There is a great scene in the movie version of Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol." After his time with the Christmas spirits, Scrooge goes to the home of his nephew Fred and approaches Fred's wife Emily, asking her, "Can you forgive a pig-headed old fool with no eyes to see and no ears to hear all these years?" It is the moment in the story when Scrooge is reunited with his family and discovers the meaning of Christmas he had denied for so many years.

There is a difference between saying I'm sorry and asking for forgiveness. The first is a moment of conversion when we recognize our sins and turn from them. It is the moment of regret and we acknowledge we are wrong. The second is asking for reconciliation,

something we cannot take for ourselves but which someone must give us.

When we sin, we need to correct our mistakes and make amends for the hurt we have caused. Being sorry for our sin does not guarantee reconciliation, and people may need time to reconcile. But we should ask for forgiveness and let others know we are truly sorry for our offenses. So when my words or actions hurt someone I love, I need to do all I can to repair our relationship, and to restore our love and trust. "Please forgive me" is a powerful step in the right direction.



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Give us, O God, the needs of the body,
Give us, O God, the needs of the soul;
Give us, O God, the healing balsam of the body,
Give us, O God, the healing balsam of the soul.

~CELTIC PRAYER



In Word & Deed

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- Be forgiving of others. They may be fighting a spiritual battle much larger than yours.
 - If you forgive others, God will forgive you.
 - If you knew the life of even your worst enemy, you would find sorrow, fear and suffering that would move you to forgive any and all hurts.
 - Understanding opens the door to forgiveness.
 - Ask for forgiveness as soon as you can. Waiting only makes the hurt grow stronger.
- Celebrate the healing and joy of those who are forgiven. One day, that party will be for you!

~James Gaffney

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Mass Times

Weekend Masses:

Saturday @ 4:00 pm

Sunday @ 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

Weekday Mass at Blessed Sacrament:

9:00 a.m. Thursday, Friday & Saturday

Weekend Masses:

Saturday @ 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm

Sunday @ 8:30 am & 10:00 am

Weekday Mass at Saint Margaret:

9:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 pm to 3:45pm and by request

Rev. Felix Prior, O' Carm – Sunday Assistance
Deacon Francis M. Gaffney – Permanent Deacon
Martha G. Lecaroz – Parish Secretary
Donna Zinna – Religious Education -781 231 3699
Phyllis Bunnell - Music Director
Debora Pillsbury - Parish Housekeeper
Nicholas Raftelis – Buildings and Grounds

Rev. Lawrence Wetherholm – Weekend Assistance
Rev. Vincent Cornejo – Weekend Assistance
Rev. Donald Skerry, SVD – Mid week Assistance
Ben DiScipio - Music Director

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Usually held on the second Sunday of the month.

Please call the Rectory to schedule

Usually held on the third Sunday of the month.

Please call the Rectory to schedule

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples planning to marry are encouraged to schedule more than one year in advance.

The Archdiocese requires at least six months notice.

Sick and Homebound

If you know someone in the parish who is sick or homebound and who would like to receive the Eucharist, please notify the rectory.

WELCOME! New Parishioners

Please introduce yourself to one another, as well as to the priest following Mass.



The Men's Conference will be Saturday, April 17, at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. It will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The conference will feature the team from EWTN's Crossing the Goals as speakers (Danny Abramowicz, Curtis Martin, Peter Herbeck and Brian Patrick.) The conference will also include confession, adoration, Mass with Cardinal Sean, and fun fellowship. Tickets are \$20 (\$30 including lunch). Please sign-up at either Rectory with payment included. The Cathedral has limited seating so act soon. Wouldn't it be great to have a sizeable number of men from the Saugus community participate in this annual event!



Lenten Preaching Series: The Saugus Clergy Association will once again sponsor the Sunday evening preaching series during the Lenten Season. Each Sunday evening of Lent a service is held in a different house of worship throughout the community and the sermon is preached by a different member of our Saugus Clergy. It is a wonderful Saugus tradition and speaks well of the ecumenical spirit we have in our community. Refreshments and fellowship follow each service. Keep your Sunday evenings of Lent free and plan to join us this year. The schedule is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Time</u>
March 14	New Hope Assembly of God	Pastor Rick LeClair	7:00 p.m.
March 21	First Congregational UCC	Fr. George E. Morin	7:00 p.m.
April 2	Good Friday Breakheart Walk	All the Churches	10:30 a.m.
April 4	Iron Works Easter Sunday Sunrise Service	John Portwood	6:00 a.m.



Wednesday Evening Confessions Across the Archdiocese this Lent: On the Wednesdays of Lent (March 17, 24, 31) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. we will have Confessions at Blessed Sacrament and Saint Margaret's, together with all the Catholic parishes & chapels in the Archdiocese of Boston. This outreach is called "*The Light is On For You,*" and is an

effort to highlight the importance of the sacrament of Confession in the life of Catholics and to make it as easy as possible for every Catholic to come or to return to this great source of God's mercy and healing love. You are welcome to come here or to go to any other Catholic parish or chapel. The Archdiocese has set up a website, www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org with lots of great material and videos to help you prepare. Please make plans to come yourself and please invite others to take advantage of this great opportunity to be reconciled and begin anew your journey in faith this Lent.



Daily Mass during Lent: The 9:00 a.m. morning Mass is at St. Margaret's on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays and at Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays. Some mornings there are nearly 100 people in attendance. This is wonderful!



Stations of the Cross: Friday evenings during Lent at 7:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Church. All invited. Come and bring someone with you for this traditional Lenten devotion.

Mass Intentions at Blessed Sacrament

Willard "Mike" Austin	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(3/13/10)
Brian Thomas & Matthew Lawrence	Memorial Mass	7:30 a.m. Sunday	(3/14/10)
Richard Fama	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Sunday	(3/14/10)
Irene Shikles	Memorial Mass	10:30 a.m. Sunday	(3/14/10)
The Napier Family	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Thursday	(3/18/10)
Gerald F. Marzeotti Jr.	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Friday	(3/19/10)
Elmer Collier	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Saturday	(3/20/10)
Raymond Campo	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(3/20/10)
Florence Martino	Memorial Mass	7:30 a.m. Sunday	(3/21/10)
Margaret Kelly	4th Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Sunday	(3/21/10)
David F. Hunter	25th Anniversary Mass	10:30 a.m. Sunday	(3/21/10)



Mass Intentions at Saint Margaret

Caterina Barbera	4th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(3/13/10)
Roberta Brooks	4th Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(3/13/10)
Maria Gulino	16th Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(3/14/10)
Donald Shea	16th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(3/14/10)
Lucien & Edwin Cherubin	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Monday	(3/15/10)
Ella Mae Williams	14th Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Tuesday	(3/16/10)
Caroline Vernaci	Birthday Remembrance	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(3/20/10)
Rose & Edward Frizzell	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(3/20/10)
Sheryl Martin Mullen	1st Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(3/21/10)



We pray for Peace in the World, an end to war and terrorism, an end to world hunger, our men & women in the Armed Services: **John Scott, Brian & Stephanie Howard, Kevin Howard, Lt.**

Maxwell Palumbo, Sgt. Paul J. Eaves, Pvt. Richard Boudreau, Cpl. Timothy Perkins, Cpl. Alison Perkins, Pvt. William Fitzgerald, SSgt. Andrew Grato

Year of the Priest: Pray for Priests & vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate, the Religious Life

The Sick: Fr. James Field, Alexander Mossuto, Marie Guerrini, Thomas Kehoe, Kevin Riordan, Nancy Patti, Virginia Cieri, Lucille Voutour, Richard Bourque, Ronald Bourque, Rosemarie Goins, Joe Alden, Charles Regan, Georgina Reagan, Barbara Lewis, June Anderson, Rita Anzuoni, Denise Voutour, James Voutour, Jean Roli, Harry Pappas, Paul Egan, Tom Colbert

**The Faithful Departed: Lawrence D'Eon, Gen-
eroso Bernaldo, Helen Kilroy**

RCIA: During this time of Lent we ask your prayers for the adults from the Saugus Catholic Community who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist & Confirmation during this coming Easter Season. Please keep also in your prayers the members of our RCIA Team.



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: In the Letter of St. James we find the question: "Are there any among you who are sick?" St. James advises what should be done, namely, that "they should call for the priests of the Church and have them pray over the sick anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord." This Anointing formerly called "Extreme Unction" or "The Last Rites," is not only intended for those near death but is for all the sick. We encourage you to request this sacrament when facing illness, prior to surgery or medical tests. Allow the Lord to come and comfort you and the prayer of the Church to strengthen you. This sacrament is a powerful sign of the love of God and the healing grace of Jesus.

Golden Oldies Blessed Sacrament Presents: Golden Oldies Nite:

Join us on Saturday, March 20 for an evening of fun, food, music, etc. There will be music of the 40s, 50s, and 60s, along with Chinese food buffet, DJ, raffles, fun and games! Tickets are now available at \$20 per person. Contact Kathie Lanney at 781-231-0629, June Cieri at 781-231-1061, Lorraine DiMilla at 781-233-7541 or Lauraine Supino at 781-231-2818 for tickets. Sponsored by the Social Committee.

Sale of Handmade Cards: Debbie Maher, a parishioner at Blessed Sacrament, will be selling her handmade cards on Sunday, March 14 from 9:00 a.m. until the end of coffee hour. She will have Sacramental, Easter, Mother's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Wedding, Graduation, and Baby Cards. A major portion of the proceeds will be given to Blessed Sacrament. Please take this opportunity to purchase a beautiful, one-of-a-kind card for a special occasion. It would make a memorable gift for a child making first communion or confirmation.

Second Collections

Blessed Sacrament Parish

Renovation Fund—April 10 & 11

Saint Margaret Parish

Parish Monthly Collection - March 13 & 14

BLESSED SACRAMENT FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

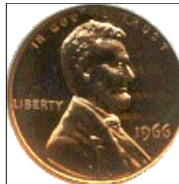
The Offertory Collection last week was **\$5,176** with **198** envelopes. Attendance was **1,510**. **\$1,094** was collected at the two Confirmation Masses. **\$3,086** was collected for the Renovation Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

SAINT MARGARET FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

The Offertory Collection last week was **\$3,725.00**. Attendance at the weekend Masses was **511**. Thank you for your generosity.



Please remember our Troops this month: March is "Bring a Soldier to the Movies" month. New and used DVD's and Videos, and Micro-Wave Popcorn. There are collection baskets at both Blessed Sacrament Church and at Saint Margaret to receive your donations. Thank you for thinking of our Troops.



Saint Margaret Annual Penny Sale:

Our thanks to all who donated items for this year's Penny Sale and for all those who attended. Our thanks especially to Melita Davis for chairing this event again this year, to her daughter, Amara, to Ginny Mullen and to all the young people who helped deliver the prizes to the winners. The Penny Sale realized a profit of \$1,679.00 for the Parish. Thank you very much.



Cardinal Sean made a personal appeal to all Catholics of the Archdiocese of Boston last weekend as he launched the Annual Catholic Appeal. All registered Parishioners of both Blessed Sacrament Parish and Saint Margaret Parish received a request letter and pledge/donation card in the mail. If you did not receive one or if you are not a registered

Parishioner in either Parish, there are information packets at the doors of the Church. Please take one. As the Cardinal said, "**no gift is too small.**" Please support the work and the mission of the Church. In order to make the most of your contribution, many companies have "**matching gifts**" programs. A "matching gift" could double your contribution and help the Parish to arrive at its goal sooner. Enquire at your place of employment and get the necessary information and forms. As the Appeal proceeds we will keep you up to date with our progress. In the name of Cardinal Sean, we thank you for your generosity.

Saint Margaret Parish Religious Education:

Grades 1 through 6: Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. at the Belmonte Middle School.

Blessed Sacrament Religious Education:

Grades 1 through 6: Classes are held Sunday mornings at Saugus High School 10:15 a.m. until 11:15 a.m.

**Combined Religious Education Classes
Blessed Sacrament & Saint Margaret Parishes**

Grades 7: Held monthly on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Saint Margaret Parish Hall - the next class is Friday, March 19.

Grade 8: Held monthly on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Saint Margaret Parish Hall. The next class is Friday, March 19.

The March 19 Class for **both** 7th and 8th graders will be held at St. Margaret's Church. **This will be the only class for March for these two grades. Both 7th and 8th grade must attend.** 7th graders to host refreshment gathering; please bring one dozen of a baked good. 8th grade Presentation of the Stations of the Cross.

Confirmation Year I: (usually Grade 9) meets on Sundays at 4:15 until 5:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. The remaining classes are scheduled for March 14, 21 and 28.

Blessed Sacrament Parish Eucharistic Ministers'

Schedule: Copies of the March Eucharistic Ministers' Schedule are available in the Sacristy at Blessed Sacrament Church.

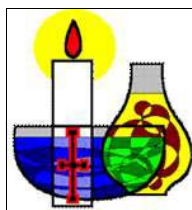
**Knight of Columbus Pancake**

Breakfast: The Saugus Knights of Columbus will hold a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, March 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 57 Appleton Street. Donation: \$15.00 per family; \$5.00 per person.



Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend, March 14. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead!

"Spring Ahead"



Baptism Preparation: In order to prepare for the Baptism of a child, parents and god-parents are to attend a Baptism Preparation Class.

At Blessed Sacrament, the next Preparation Class is on Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. Call the Rectory (781-233-2497) to register.

At Saint Margaret, the next Preparation Class is on Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. Call the Rectory (781-233-1040) to register.

Hunger for Justice - A Thirty Hour Famine: All High School Students are invited to participate in a Thirty Hour Famine on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, April 2 and 3. This is an opportunity to do your High School Community Service Hours and through the pledges you solicit, raise money for a Catholic Children's Hospital in Haiti and your local Saint Vincent de Paul Society. There will be an informational meeting for interested High School Students (and Parents who might have an hour or two to spare during the hours the famine is in progress) on Sunday afternoon, March 21 at 3:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. Andrea Alberti, former Youth Minister at Saint Margaret's is organizing this event which will be held at Saint Mary's High School in Lynn.

Needed for the Famine: People of both Blessed Sacrament Parish and Saint Margaret Parish are asked to support the Famine by donating small bottles of water, juice boxes, travel size toiletries, adult socks, granola bars, etc. Please bring your donation of above items to Church on Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday. Collection bins will be at both Churches. These items will be given to the homeless on Saturday, when the Famine Participants travel to Boston to feed the homeless. In addition, if you would like to sponsor a High School Student during the famine at \$.25, \$.50 or \$1.00 an hour, please let us know. Thank you for supporting our youth as they refrain from food to help the poor and the homeless.

Lenten Regulations on Fast and Abstinence: Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of Lent. The following fasting & abstinence regulations are observed:

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years of age and older.

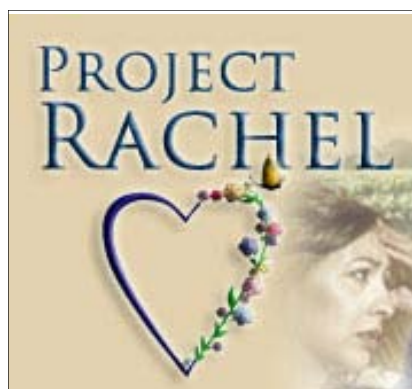
Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special Paschal fast and abstinence are observed on Good Friday and, where possible, on Holy Saturday. On these days, Christians prepare themselves by these disciplines in anticipation of the renewal of their baptismal commitment on Easter.

From its earliest days, the Church has urged the baptized and the catechumens to observe the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer as a preparation for the celebration of Easter. Failure to observe individual days of penance is not considered serious, but failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious. During Lent, the Church encourages attendance at daily Mass, self-imposed times of fasting, and generosity to local, national, and worldwide programs of sharing.

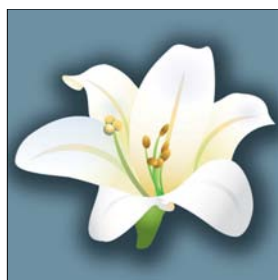
Andrew V. Zinna Memorial Fund Benefit: will be held Saturday, March 27, 2010, at the Saugus Knights of Columbus, 1 K of C Drive, Saugus, MA 01906 from 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each. There will be a cash bar, raffles, 50/50, silent auction, Italian Diner, Dancing with DJ Chuck of In the House Entertainment!! All proceeds will go to Easter Seals Camps, CAMPS (Christ As My Personal Savior), and a Scholarship for a Saugus High School Senior. Please email avzinnamemorial-fund@yahoo.com for more information.

4th Annual Holy Thursday Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of the Sorrows: Join us for a ½ day of prayer on April 1st, Holy Thursday and visit 7 Churches. Seven Churches would be *sequentially visited via Bus*. The Rosary, The Divine Mercy and one of Blessed Mother's prayers in honor of Her Seven Sorrows will be prayed in each church. **We will be in Medford, Malden and East Boston churches this year.** *Registration for badges and gift bags would begin at 5:30AM and continues until 6:00 AM.* Opening prayers are at 6:00AM **SHARP in St. Joseph's UPPER LEVEL Church 118 High Street in MEDFORD.** Please visit www.stjoesmedford.org for directions. **It is imperative that we follow our time schedule.** We have to return to St. Joseph's by 12 noon. **The cost is \$25.00 per person and is non-refundable.** Please call Sandi Arjune ON HER BUSINESS PHONE, Caribbean Tastes at 781-333-4800 between 12 noon and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday for more information. Applications for this pilgrimage are in your parish center or in your church. *This Pilgrimage was an overwhelming success last year. Seats were sold out last year accompanied with a waiting list. Our expected attendance is 100 people.* **Please apply early to reserve a seat.**



Project Rachel: **Healing the wound of abortion:** Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over a past abortion? Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic

Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. Project Rachel is offering one more retreat this springtime on Saturday, June 5. For information/registration for the date of your choice, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com



Easter Flower Memorials: We appreciate donations made in memory of loved ones to help defray the cost of Easter Flowers and Decorations. We ask that donations and names to be remembered on the Easter Flower List be submitted no later than Palm Sunday, March 28. Please print the names of loved ones clearly.

Catholic Schools

Archdiocese of Boston

Catholic Schools

Week: In the near future all Catholic

Schools will host an "Open House" inviting prospective students to come and see their school. For your information we have listed the names and phone numbers of the Catholic High Schools and Elementary Schools to which youths of our community attend. If you are interested, call soon and find out when they are having an "Open House."

Catholic High Schools

Boston College High School	617-436-3900
Arlington Catholic High School	781-646-7770
Saint John's Prep, Danvers	978-774-1050
Pope John XXIII, Everett	617-389-0240
Saint Mary Sr & Jr High, Lynn	781-595-7885
Malden Catholic High School	781-322-3098
Bishop Fenwick High School, Peabody	978-587-8300
Austin Prep - Grades 6—12, Reading	781-944-4900

Catholic Elementary High Schools

Saint Mary's Danvers	978-774-0307
Sacred Heart, Lynn	781-592-7581
Saint Pius, Lynn	781-593-8292
Our Lady's, Lynnfield	781-599-4422
Cheverus, Malden	781-324-6584
Saint Mary's, Melrose	781-665-5037
Saint John's, Peabody	978-532-0444
Immaculate Conception, Revere	781-284-0519
Saint Patrick's, Stoneham	781-438-2593
Saint Joseph's, Wakefield	781-245-2081

SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY

Master of Arts in Ministry Program: The Church needs laity well educated in faith. There will be an open house for future students of the Master of Arts in Ministry Program on March 25, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. John's Seminary, 149 Washington Street, Brighton, MA. Visit the MAM Program. Listen to students and alumni panel discuss their academic and ministerial experiences. Ask questions about graduate studies and learn about scholarships. Apply for September admission. RSVP by calling 617-779-4101. For additional information visit www.sjs.edu.



The United Parish Food Pantry is at the Cliftondale Congregational Church, 50 Essex Street. **On the last Sunday of each month Blessed Sacrament collects food for the food pantry. On the second Sunday of each month Saint**

Margaret collects food for the food pantry. Volunteers are also needed. If you are free on Friday mornings, you are needed. Drop by the Pantry at 9:00 a.m. or call Carol Cashman (781-233-9460) to volunteer. The Pantry is open Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **The next Food Collection Weekend for Blessed Sacrament is March 27 & 28. The next Food Collection Weekend for Saint Margaret is March 13 & 14.** Your donation of food is always needed. Kindly look at the expiration date on your food donation. Food items that have gone beyond the expiration date may not be given out. They can only be thrown out! Thank you for your cooperation, understanding and your generosity.

Knights of Columbus

The John F. Kennedy assembly of the Knights of Columbus will sponsor an appreciation dinner/dance at the Boston Peabody Marriott Hotel on Friday, April 16, to honor veterans of the conflicts in the Middle East. We ask these veterans, or their friends, or their relatives to contact us. We will give the veterans 2 tickets to be our guests at this event. Please call: Larry Donovan - 781-233-0260 or Joe DeFranzo - 978-745-2958

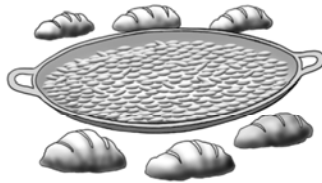


Pray for all who are participating in *Arise Together In Christ* during this Lenten Season.



FAITH FACTS

The reading from the Book of Joshua



The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for forty years after escaping from Egypt. During that time they fed on the miraculous bread, manna. When they entered the promised land, they had no more need of manna, and it ceased. The 'parched grain' referred to in the reading was probably grains of threshed wheat, roasted over a fire on an iron pan, while being stirred constantly. In biblical times, parched wheat was a common food. (Information on 'parched grain' taken from the International Standard Bible Encyclopedia.)

CODE - BREAKER!

The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence? Here are two clues: X = E and H = O.

Crossword solution from last week



PX BFIEHKX RHN HG

UXATEY HY VAKBLM, UX

KXVHGV BEXW MH ZHW.

ANSWER

reconciled to God.

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be

A PICTURE FOR YOU TO FINISH



GOSPEL: LUKE 3, 10-18

David Fielding