

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

*Blessed Sacrament Parish
Saugus, MA*

*The Third Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2009*

*Jesus answered and said
to them, "Destroy this temple
and in three days I will raise it up."*

John 2:19 (NAB)

Blessed Sacrament Parish

14 Summer Street Saugus, MA
Rectory Phone: 781 233 2497

Saint Margaret Parish

431 Lincoln Avenue Saugus & No. Revere, MA
Rectory Phone: 781 233 1040

Pastoral Team

Father George E. Morin & Father Daniel P. McCoy
frgeorge@parishmail.com frdanmccoy@yahoo.com

Mass Times

Weekend Masses:

Saturday @ 4:00 pm
Sunday @ 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

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Saturday @ 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm
Sunday @ 8:30 am & 10:00 am

Daily Mass: 9:00 am Monday through Saturday

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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

Rev. Lawrence Wetterholm – Weekend Assistance
Rev. Vincent Cornejo – Weekend Assistance
Rev. Donald Skerry, SVD – Mid week Assistance
Andrea Alberti - Youth Ministry
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

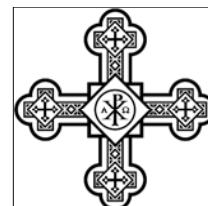
If you know someone in the parish who is sick or homebound and who would like to receive the Eucharist, please notify the rectory.

WELCOME! New Parishioners

Please introduce yourself to one another, as well as to the priest following Mass.
Also, please call the rectory to register. We want to know our parishioners and to serve your needs.

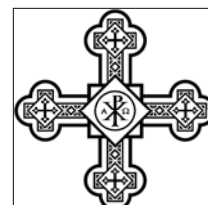
Mass Intentions at Blessed Sacrament

Florence Martino	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(3/14/09)
Willard (Mike) Austin	Memorial Mass	7:30 a.m. Sunday	(3/15/09)
John & Elenor Moscone	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Sunday	(3/15/09)
Roberta Brooks	Memorial Mass	10:30 a.m. Sunday	(3/15/09)
Helen & Paul Trunfio	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Monday	(3/16/09)
Edward P. Dunn	Birthday Remembrance	9:00 a.m. Tuesday	(3/17/09)
All Deceased Parishioners, Friends and Relatives		9:00 a.m. Wednesday	(3/18/09)
Frank "Bauer" Giannelli	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Friday	(3/20/09)
Mary Spinney	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Saturday	(3/21/09)
Loretta & Theodore Nadeau	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(3/21/09)
William W. Harrington	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Sunday	(3/22/09)
David F. Hunter	24th Anniversary Mass	10:30 a.m. Sunday	(3/22/09)
Confirmation Masses (1:00 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.) with Bishop Emilio Allué		Sunday	(3/22/09)



Mass Intentions at Saint Margaret

Patsy DeThomas	9th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(3/14/09)
Caroline Vernaci	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(3/14/09)
Donald J. Shea	15th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(3/15/09)
Ella Mae Williams	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Tuesday	(3/17/09)
Mary Piwowarski	Month's Mind Mass	9:00 a.m. Wednesday	(3/18/09)
Elenor Pelrine	10th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(3/21/09)
Rose & Pat Russo	2nd Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(3/21/09)
Pedro & Monica Alcala, Jose Valencia & Sofrina Cortes	Memorial Mass	10:00 Sunday	(3/22/09)



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, **Patrick McMorrow, Michael McMorrow, Joseph DePietro,**

John Scott, Brian & Stephanie Howard, and Kevin Howard, Timothy Perkins, and Alison Perkins, Lt. Maxwell Palumbo

The Sick Karen Shirk, Chris McMahan, Kathy Tozza, John Welsh, Lynda Mscisz, Father James Field, Father Thomas Nestor, Kayden Devine, Alexander Mossuto, Debbie Maher, Thomas Kehoe, Michael Doto, Kevin Riordan, Charlie Leonard, Fernand Morin

The Faithful Departed Michael Walton, Sheryl Mullan, Charles Moretti, Carmelina Mastrangelo



Scripture for the week of March 15, 2009

15	SUN	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
16	Mon	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
17	Tue	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
18	Wed	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
19	Thu	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
20	Fri	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
21	Sat	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
22	SUN	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

LIFT: Tuesday, March 24: If you are stressed out, super busy, having trouble getting into the Spirit of Lent, looking for a deeper connection with God, Lift is the opportunity for you! Bob Lesfnesky is an amazing speaker! Leave St. Margaret's Parking Lot at 6:00 p.m. Return approximately 10:00 p.m. Come and join us.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT
FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

Last Sunday's collection was **\$4,418** with **227** envelopes. An additional **\$607** was received from mail-in contributions. Attendance at Mass was **750** people.

SAINT MARGARET FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last Sunday's collection was **\$3,458** and the Parish Monthly Collection was **\$1,650**. Attendance at Mass was **846** people. (Over 350 people were at the Confirmation Mass.) Thank you for your generosity to the needs of the Parish and to the mission of the Church.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT
SECOND COLLECTIONS**

April 4 & 5 - Renovation
April 11 & 12 - Clergy Benefit Trust

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Grand Annual Collection: We are grateful to those who have generously contributed to this year's Grand Annual Collection. At Blessed Sacrament Parish \$43,970 has been received, and at Saint Margaret Parish \$26,830 has been received. All monies collected through the Grand Annual Collection are used entirely for the programs and property needs of each respective Parish. Thank you for your generosity. If you have not donated to the Grand Annual, may we suggest a gift to your Parish at this time. We appreciate your consideration.

Pancake



Breakfast

Pancake Breakfast: The Saugus Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, March 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 57 Appleton Street. Donations are \$5.00 per person and \$15.00 per family.



The Stations of the Cross: Join us on the Friday evenings of Lent for the Stations of the Cross at Blessed Sacrament Church at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.



Project Rachel: "Come to the Waters" Retreat: Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. Project Rachel will offer a "Come to the Waters" post abortion healing retreat on Saturday, March 21. For more information and registration, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com <mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com>. All calls are confidential.

Come to the Sea: A Women's Weekend: The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to join them on March 20 to 22, for a weekend of prayer at Mt. Carmel Villa in Nahant, MA. If you are looking for a weekend that allows time to tap into your own sacred space and longs for the new life of spring, this retreat is for you. Come to the Sea...for quiet, listening, and praying with other women on this Lenten journey. Suggested age is 25 to 40 years. For information, call Sr. Mary Theresa (617-746-2045) or email: marytheresa.o'reilly@csjboston.org



**The Feasts of Saint Joseph
and Saint Patrick**

You are invited to join us in Blessed Sacrament Church Hall

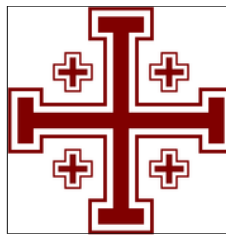
on Tuesday, March 17 immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Morning Mass

as we celebrate the feast days of Saint Joseph and Saint Patrick.

How about bringing something to share?

Lenten Regulations on Fast and Abstinence

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



Ecumenical Lenten Services

One of the great Saugus traditions is our Sunday evening Lenten Worship Services. These services give us an opportunity to worship with members of other Christian Churches here in Saugus and to

have fellowship with them. We encourage your attendance and want you to know that a strong Catholic presence is very important. The schedule is as follows: (Sunday evening services are at 7:00 p.m.)

March 15 at Cliftdale Congregational, 50 Essex Street, Pastor Joel Hubbard, preacher

March 22 at Blessed Sacrament, 14 Summer Street, ENS Matt Drayton, preacher. As the host, Blessed Sacrament will be providing refreshments. Any desserts, pastries, or other food items anyone would like to donate would be greatly appreciated. All help will also be appreciated!

April 10, Good Friday, Stations of the Cross at Breakheart Reservation at 10:30 a.m.

April 12, Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service at Saugus Iron Works, 6:00 a.m. with Father Dan McCoy, preaching.

Reminders

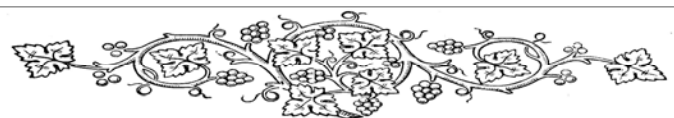


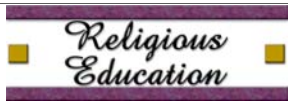
- Parents, accompany your children to the restrooms at all times. Why not make a visit before Mass begins to avoid disruption?
- As a courtesy to others, turn your cell phones off and other paging devices.

- Out of respect to the Sacrament we celebrate, as a courtesy to your fellow parishioners and the priest, and to give good example to our children and young people, please arrive for Mass on time and do not leave early.
- Out of respect for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, prepare for Mass in prayer and silent adoration. Save your conversations for after Mass.

Visit Seven Churches on Holy Thursday:

You are invited to a half day of prayer on April 9, Holy Thursday, beginning at 5:45 a.m. at Saint Joseph School Auditorium in Medford. Churches to be visited are: Saint Joseph, Medford; Saint Joseph, Somerville; Saint Mary, Cambridge; Saint Anthony, Cambridge; Saint Catherine, Somerville; Saint Ann, Somerville; Saint Francis of Assisi, Medford. Return to Saint Joseph in Medford will be at 12 Noon. Bus transportation is provided for the pilgrimage leaving from the parking lot behind Saint Joseph's in Medford. Bring your own lunch, snacks, water, etc. Prayers will be offered at each of the seven Churches in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows. Cost is \$15.00 per person and advance registration is required. Call Sandra Arjune at 781-333-4800 (leave a message for Sandi). Send Checks to Sandra Arjune, P.O. Box 632, Malden MA 02148.





Blessed Sacrament

Saint Margaret

Level 1 – Gr. 8 Classes meet this week for Grades 1-8 at Saugus High School, from 10:15am-11:15am.

Welcome Grade 4 Students! This Sunday, our Grade 4 students will be present at the 9:00AM Mass. Immediately after Mass, they will join their parents and teachers and moderator in the church hall for a special class together.

Confirmation Preparation

Second Year Candidates-

Sun. March 15 Rehearsal – ALL Candidates and Sponsors. **Please note this time change.**

4:30-6 PM for candidates whose last names begin A-L

6:30-8 PM for candidates whose last names begin M-Z.

Each rehearsal will include the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sun. March 22 Confirmation 1:00PM for candidates whose last names begin A-L

3:30PM for candidates whose last names begin M-Z

Parish Safety Program We will soon begin presenting the personal safety curriculum, in our religious education program Talking about Touching and Keeping Children Safe. These programs teach children the skills that they need to keep them safe from dangerous or abusive situations. We will have a Parent Information Session in Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00PM in the church hall in introduce this program and answer any questions you may have. The lessons will also be available for you to preview.

If you have any questions, please call Donna Zinna at 781-231-3699

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

Grades 7 & 8: The next class is Friday, April 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Grade 9 (Confirmation Year I): Classes are scheduled on Sundays from 4:15 p.m. Classes resume this Sunday, March 1, following the Winter School Vacation week. On Sundays, when there is Confirmation Class, there is a Mass at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend this Mass.

Mass: On Sundays when there is Confirmation Class there will be Mass at 5:30 p.m. to which Parents, siblings, friends, and parishioners are invited



CPR/AED COURSE

Blessed Sacrament & Saint Margaret Parishes are offering a CPR/AED course for all those interested in learning this life saving technique. This training is from the American Heart Association.

All who attend will only be responsible for a twenty dollar certificate fee. Please make checks out to **Mark Gannon**, Instructor. The training will be taught by the Saugus Fire Department. Pre-registration is necessary due to having enough instructors, one for every six people being trained.

We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Philip Duffy, Jr. for donating the AED (defibrillator) to Blessed Sacrament Church.

Date: Tuesday evening, April 7, 2009

Location: Public Safety Building, 27 Hamilton Street, Main entrance—2nd floor (Parking available)

Time: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.. Please register on or before April 1. If interested, call Lorraine Perella at 781-233-2497, ext. 12.

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

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple, but to fulfill it (see Matthew 5:17) - to reveal its true purpose in God's saving plan. He is the Lord the prophets said would come - to purify the temple, banish the merchants, and make it a house of prayer for all peoples (see Zechariah 14:21; Malachi 3:1-5; Isaiah 56:7). The God who made the heavens and the earth, who brought Israel out of slavery, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands (see Acts 7:48; 2 Samuel 7:5). Nor does He need offerings of oxen, sheep, or doves (see Psalm 50:7-13). Notice in today's First Reading that God did not originally command animal sacrifices - only that Israel heed His commandments (see Jeremiah 7:21-23; Amos 5:25). His law was a gift of divine wisdom, as we sing in today's Psalm. It was a law of love (see Matthew 22:36-40), perfectly expressed in Christ's self-offering on the cross (see John 15:13) This is the "sign" Jesus offers in the Gospel today - the sign that caused Jewish leaders to stumble, as Paul tells us in the Epistle. Jesus' body - destroyed on the cross and raised up three days later - is the new and true sanctuary. From the temple of His body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple (see 1 Corinthians 3:16), and together builds us into a dwelling place of God (see Ephesians 2:22). In the Eucharist we participate in His offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and in truth that the Father desires (see John 4:23-24). We are to offer praise as our sacrifice (see Psalm 50:14,23). This means imitating Christ - offering our bodies - all our intentions and actions in every circumstance, for the love of God and the love of others (see Hebrews 10:5-7; Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 2:5).

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www.SalvationHistory.com*

"ROMANCE WITHOUT REGRET"

A PRESENTATION FOR TEENS AND THEIR PARENTS WITH

JASON EVERT

**WHERE: OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH
LINEBROOK ROAD, IPSWICH, MA**

WHEN: SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2009

Who: Teens & their parents, families, adults - Everyone!

What: Christian Sexuality "Jason captured the attention of the student body and genuinely touched their hearts. His combination of humor, emotion and fact kept the students attentive and listening. As an educator and principal, I have had the opportunity to listen to many presentations and speakers. I can not recall any other that was so well prepared, organized and geared to the level of the students as this one!"

John A. Wray, Principal, Bishop Joseph V. Sullivan High School, Baton Rouge, LA

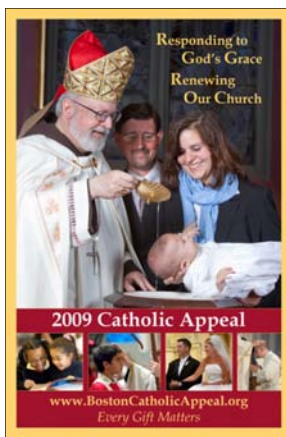
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT JASON EVERT AT www.chastity.com

Where: Our Lady of Hope Church, Linebrook Road, Ipswich, MA

When: Sunday, March 29, 2009.

How: Depart Saint Margaret's Parking Lot, Jackson Street, Saugus, at 5:00 p.m. via BUS to attend the 6:00 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Hope Church followed by Jason's amazing talk.

Cost: No Cost - a freewill offering to help defray the cost of the bus transportation.



The Catholic Appeal: Cardinal Seán sends his thanks to everyone from both Blessed Sacrament Parish and Saint Margaret Parish who responded to his request for participation in the 2009 Catholic Appeal last weekend. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms at the Church doors. For information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Every gifts matters! Thank you.

The Catholic Appeal Goal

Blessed Sacrament \$32,500.00
Saint Margaret \$21,500.00

Immaculate Conception School, Revere will honor the Sisters of Saint Joseph for their 95 years of service to the Parish School. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving offered at Immaculate Conception Church, 22 Lowe Street, Revere, on Saturday, March 21 at 4:00 p.m. If you attended I.C. School you are very welcome to attend and personally thank the Sisters.

Saint Mary's School in Melrose is currently accepting enrollment for the 2009/2010 school year with limited openings in all grades. St. Mary's offers a three year old program, Pre-K, full-day Kindergarten, and grades 1-8. In addition to rigorous academics, Spanish is introduced in Grade 3 and computer classes begin in Grade 1. SmartBoards were recently installed in the grade 4-8 classrooms and a SmartBoard is in the Computer Room. Before and After School Programs are offered in addition to after school activities including drama, Irish Step, and musical instrument instruction. Please contact the school office at 781-665-5037 to arrange a tour of the school or to get additional information. You can also visit the web site at <http://stmarysmelrose.org/SchoolHome>



Blessed Sacrament Luau

The Luau will be held on Saturday evening March 21 in the Parish Hall to benefit the cost of organ repairs.

Happy Hour: 6:00 – 7:00pm
 Dinner: 7:15 pm
 Music: DJ Karaoke, Dancing
 Cost: \$20
 Host: The New Social Committee
 Raffles

A limited amount of tickets will be sold. The tables seat 8 people comfortably, and there will be open seating. If 8 tickets are bought at the same time, a table will be reserved for your party. Tickets will be sold during the weekend of March 14 and 15 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, and on Sunday in the parish hall after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

For tickets at any time call:

Lorraine DiMilla 781-233-7541
 June Cieri 781-231-1061
 Kathy Lanney 781-231-0629

The Living Rosary Pilgrimage: Bishop Francis X. Irwin will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Discalced Carmelites of Danvers on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. Prior to Mass, Bishop Irwin will lead in the recitation of the Rosary. The Carmelite Monastery is at 15 Mt. Carmel Road, Danvers, MA. All are welcome.



Arise Together in Christ:

Arise groups have been meeting regularly and the feedback is very positive. Let us keep those involved in Arise in our prayers that God will bless the participants with growth in grace and wisdom and build Christian Community.

Jayson Evert comes to Our Lady of Hope Parish in Ipswich on Sunday, March 29. Parents, take advantage of this opportunity. Take your teenage son/daughter with you and hear the BEST explanation of Christian sexuality given by a very articulate and inspirational young man. As Justin, a teen from Boston, said: *"Yours was the best talk I've ever heard. Usually people are like, 'Ok, sex talk', groan and hope it's short, but I wanted you to talk forever. Thanks, Jayson. You made me look at my life in a way I never knew I could."* There will be a bus leaving from Saint Margaret Parking lot on Sunday, March 29 at 5:00 p.m. We will attend the 6:00 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Hope. Jayson's talk will follow. Call to reserve your space(s). A free will offering will be taken for the bus transportation.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: On Wednesday evenings at Saint Margaret's from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. join us for all or part of this time of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. At 7:00 p.m. those present participate in the recitation of the

Rosary. You deserve the peace and quiet that come from being in the presence of the Lord.

"Be still and know that I am God."

All Welcome.

Andrew Zinna Memorial Benefit: The Andrew V. Zinna Memorial Fund will hold its third annual benefit at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Saugus on Saturday, March 21 from 7:00 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased in advance or at the door and include a dinner buffet, entertainment by In The House Entertainment, raffle prizes and a silent auction. Andy was a life-long Saugus resident, graduating from Saugus High in 2000. He then went on to take classes at FINE Mortuary School and was employed by Rapino Funeral Home and, before that, Bisbee Porcella in Saugus. Proceeds from the benefit will go to the following organizations:

- Easter Seals camps for children with disabilities;
 - A scholarship to a local student attending CAMPS (Christ As My Personal Savior); and
 - A scholarship fund for a Saugus High student.
- For ticket info, call Donna Zinna, 781-233-1531.

It's time for the Famine again! St. Margaret's Youth Group will be participating in the 30-Hour Famine on Saturday, April 4 & Sunday, April 5. All high school students are encouraged to participate in the Famine and can get registration forms and information from the parish website, at the rectory, or by emailing Andrea at andreaic03@yahoo.com. It's time to register! **Adult volunteers** will be meeting after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, March 15. Email Andrea with any questions!

Daily Mass: At the present time, both Blessed Sacrament and Saint Margaret's have Mass at 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. Blessed Sacrament also has Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. Beginning Monday, April 13, we will only have one daily Mass in the community. In order to prepare for this change, a group of people have volunteered to look at the issues involved. This group will meet on Wednesday, March 18 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church. As they prepare for this meeting there are several things to consider. Among them are:

- Daily Mass: Monday through Saturday. Is a Saturday morning Mass needed?
- What time would Daily Mass be at? At 9:00 a.m. or earlier? Or in the evening? Or a combination of times?
- Which Church will it be at? At Blessed Sacrament or at Saint Margaret or a combination?
- If we think in terms of efficiency, which Church building is easier to heat or easier to cool or easier for parking or handicap accessibility?
- When we have one daily Mass, we will have to have people from both parishes involved as Lectors, Servers, and Ministers of Holy Communion.
- There is a hymn or two at Blessed Sacrament Church and there is no singing at Saint Margaret's.
- Communion is offered under both species at Blessed Sacrament and at present only under the form of bread at Saint Margaret's.
- At Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary is prayed every morning before Mass and at Saint Margaret's there is quiet time for personal prayers and devotions. When there is one daily Mass for both parishes, what will happen in this period of time before Mass?
- On Tuesday morning at Saint Margaret, the novena is prayed as the Prayer of the Faithful.
- Other concerns or factors?

FOCA—The Freedom of Choice Act: We are facing the most serious threat to pro-life policies ever—the “Freedom of Choice Act,” or FOCA. This bill would create a right to abortion the government could not limit and bring about a national abortion policy far worse than the U.S. Supreme Court’s *Rose v. Wade* decision. For the first time, abortion would become an *entitlement* the government must fund and promote. Citizens would lose the freedom they now have to enact even modest regulation of the abortion industry. FOCA would:

- Eliminate regulations that protect women from unsafe clinics and unscrupulous abortionists.
- Force American taxpayers to fund abortions.
- Force every state to allow partial-birth abortions—its sponsors have said a primary purpose of the bill is to ensure that killing partially born children will again be permitted nationwide.
- Run roughshod over the conscience rights of physicians, nurses and hospitals that oppose abortion on religious, moral or ethical grounds.
- Strip parents of their right and responsibility to be involved in their minor daughter’s abortion decision.

Simply put, if FOCA becomes law, it will put at risk all the widely-supported laws that for 35 years have promoted women’s health, ensured informed consent, protected minors, ensured parental involvement, safeguarded rights of conscience, and respected the desire of most citizens not to support abortion with their tax dollars. FOCA also explicitly encourages challenges in court against any law or regulation that protects unborn children and their mothers and families in the abortion context, promising a virtual cottage industry of lawsuits. And FOCA’s tentacles would reach beyond federal policies to every state and local law or regulation having to do with abortion. *FOCA is without doubt the most radical abortion legislation ever considered in the United States.* Abortion supporters have been trying to pass FOCA since 1989—and now we have a Congress more disposed than any in recent years to pass the bill, and a new President who has said he will sign the measure into law. **Your voice is needed more than ever!** At this time of serious national challenges, Americans should unite to serve the good of all, born and unborn—not single out the most defenseless human beings for an expanded attack on their lives. ***Please urge your federal elected officials to oppose FOCA or any similar measure, and to retain laws against the federal funding and promotion of abortion.*** FOCA embodies the public policy goals of pro-abortion groups. These groups will promote the bill’s passage directly, and advance its agenda by working to reverse pro-life laws one at a time.

What You Can Do: Sign a post card (post cards will be available in the Church on March 29); write a thoughtful letter; make a phone call; send an email message; write a letter-to-the-editor to your local paper; call a radio talk show; speak at a public event; meet with your Representative and Senators; place an ad in a local paper. See: www.usccb.org/prolife/media/docs/foca.pdf.

Where to Call: U.S. Capitol switchboard: 202-224-3121. Ask for the offices of your Representative and two Senators. The White House: 202-456-1111.

Where to Write:

The Honorable John F. Tierney, United States House of Representatives, Washington DC 20515

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