

*The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men,  
be crucified and on the third day be raised again.  
Luke 24:7*

*Saint Margaret Parish  
Saugus - North Revere, Massachusetts  
Palm Sunday  
March 16, 2008*

## 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

### Holy Week Services - March 16—23

**Palm Sunday (3/16):** Regular Sunday Mass schedule with the blessing and distribution of Palms. **At the 10:00 a.m. Mass, the blessing of Palms and procession will begin outside at 9:30 a.m.** (weather permitting).

**Holy Monday & Tuesday (3/17 & 18):** Mass at 9:00 a.m.

**Holy Tuesday (3/18):** Chrism Mass - Cathedral of the Holy Cross at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend. At this Mass Cardinal Sean blesses the Holy Oils used throughout the Archdiocese for the administration of the Sacraments. These Holy Oils will be received at Saint Margaret's on Holy Thursday at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

**Holy Tuesday (3/18):** A Communal Penance Service at 7:00 p.m. After a brief service there will be time for private confessions. Experience the power of the Lord's mercy and forgiveness.

**Holy Wednesday (3/19):** Mass at 9:00 a.m.

### The Sacred Triduum

**Holy Thursday (3/20):**

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer (no 9:00 a.m. Mass) **7:30 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper** with the washing of feet. Following Mass, there will be a Procession to the Repository. Adoration of the Eucharist will continue until 11:00 p.m. ending with the night prayer of the Church.

**Good Friday (3/21):**

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer (no 9:00 a.m. Mass). 10:30 a.m. - The Ecumenical Way of the Cross at Breakheart Reservation (at Blessed Sacrament Church if inclement weather)

**3:00 p.m. - The Solemn Good Friday Service**

7:30 p.m. - The "Seven Last Words" of Jesus, a devotional service - Listen to the Word of God and hear members of our community witness on how God has touched their lives in powerful ways.

**Holy Saturday (3/22):**

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer followed by Confessions until 11:00 a.m.

**7:30 p.m. The Easter Vigil Mass** (no 4:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. Mass on this day - only the Easter Vigil.)

**Easter Sunday (3/23):** 6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Iron Works.

Masses will be at **8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.**

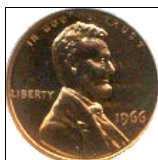




**Keep those Shaw's and Star Market cash register receipts coming**

(also get them from relatives, neighbors and coworkers, etc.)! Another check was received last week: \$47.97. Through this program the Parish has received \$1,176.69 thus far. 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.

**Grand Annual Collection:** Our thanks to those who have responded to our Grand Annual Collection. We wish to thank the 203 Parish families have donated \$31,284.00. At this time of the year we are asked to focus our attention to the needs of the Church in the Archdiocese of Boston. We urge and encourage your generosity to the Annual Catholic Appeal which is now under way. Again our sincere thanks to all who helped to make our Parish Grand Annual collection such a success.



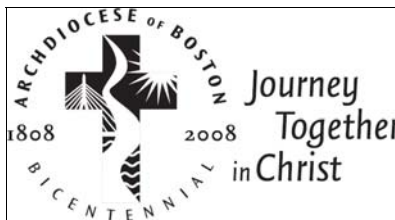
**Penny Sale:** A terrific turnout of people arrived for our 11th Annual Penny Sale last Saturday. Our thanks to everyone who braved a very stormy evening and came to the Penny Sale. We also thank everyone who donated well over 200 items that were the prizes. Most especially we thank Melita Davis and her daughter Amara for organizing and making the whole event run so smoothly. The profit of the Penny Sale was \$1,907.00!

**Reminders**

- If children need to use restrooms during Mass times, parents are to accompany them. Why not make a visit before Mass begins?
- As a courtesy to others, please turn your cell phone off.



**Offertory Collection:** Last Sunday's collection was \$3,409.00 and the Parish Monthly Collection was \$1,919.00. Attendance at the weekend Masses was 478. Thank you for your generosity to the needs of the Parish.



**Moment in History**  
**Communities of sisters critical to early Boston**

During the 1800s, Bishop Jean Louis Lefebvre de Cheverus, and his successor, Bishop Benedict Joseph Fenwick, were astute enough to know they needed help to build the foundation for Boston's diocesan institutions. Much of that help came from the orders of religious sisters who settled in Boston. The first community of sisters arrived in 1819. The Ursulines of the Roman Union lived and taught in a convent and school Bishop Cheverus had built next to the Cathedral. In 1826, the new bishop, Benedict Joseph Fenwick, moved the sisters to property he purchased in Charlestown. In his honor, the sisters named the site Mount Benedict. In 1832, three sisters from The Sisters of Charity of Emmitsburg, Maryland, arrived in Boston at the request of Bishop Fenwick. The bishop's objective was to care for the city's immigrant children, specifically to see that they had some moral grounding. Led by Sister Ann Alexis, the sisters started St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum, which operated until 1949. In an early example of stewardship in the diocese, the Female Charitable Society was formed to raise funds for the sisters and their work.

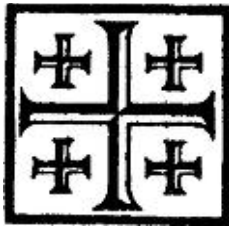
By Sister Marian Batho, CSJ

Secretary for Regional Services and Delegate for Religious



**The Annual Catholic Appeal:**

Cardinal Sean sends his thanks to everyone who pledged to the Catholic Appeal already. If you have not pledged your gift, consider giving at this time. You can pick up an information packet with a pledge form at the Church doors. To date 33 parishioners have pledged \$3,208.00 (15.6% of our goal of \$20,500.00). Also, General Electric retirees and employees should know that any contribution over \$25.00 to the Catholic Appeal will be matched by G.E. Your donation should be addressed to Saint John's Seminary. It might be a good idea for anyone to ask your employer if a matching gift is possible.



**Easter is early this year!** As you know, Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20). The dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify the Passover, which is why the date changes from year to year. Based on the above, Easter can actually be one day earlier (March 22) but that is rare. This is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early (95 years old or above). And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! The facts: The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you are 95 or older, you are the only ones who were around for that!). The next time Easter will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time that Easter was on March 22, was 1818. Therefore, no one alive today has or will ever celebrate Easter any earlier than this year!



**Pancake & Sausage Breakfast:** The Saugus Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, March 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon at the K of C Hall. \$5.00 per person and \$15.00 per family. All are welcome.

**25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass:** Cardinal Sean O'Malley invites all couples of the Archdiocese of Boston who are celebrating 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries in 2008 to join him for this annual celebration at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Sunday, April 12 at 11:30 a.m. Mass. Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows by all the participating anniversary couples. Family members and friends of the participating couples, as well as the general public, are welcome to attend. Please register with our Parish (781-233-1040) by March 28 if you are celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary and would like to attend this celebration. A formal invitation will then be sent to you from the Cardinal.



**49th International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City, Canada.**

Plan to mark the Bicentennial of the Archdiocese of Boston by coming together in prayer and fellowship with pilgrims from across the Archdiocese and from throughout the world at this special event in June 2008. Pope Benedict XVI has personally approved a most appropriate theme for this Congress: "The Eucharist, God's gift for the life of the world" and he invites Catholics to converge on Quebec City to deepen their spiritual lives through our Eucharistic Lord. The Boston Archdiocesan Pilgrimage is providing a comprehensive travel package for adults (21 years and older) June 18-24, starting at \$1275 double occupancy, as well as a special package June 18-22 with hostel accommodations tailored to young adults (ages 21 to 40) starting at \$875 triple occupancy. To register, please complete one of the registration forms and return it along with your deposit ... or ... for more information, please contact Fr. Michael Drea, Coordinator for Archdiocesan Pilgrimages, at 617.479.5400, ext. 12.



The Archdiocese of Boston cordially invites you to an introductory workshop: **JUST Faith** Transforming Our Hearts, Our Parishes, Our World  
*Do you wish:*

You could live the Good News of Christ more fully? More members of your parish had a passion and thirst for justice? God's vision of justice and reconciliation could shine forth in your faith community? It can. Come to the JustFaith Workshop Saturday, April 5, 8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. For more information about JustFaith, visit the website: <http://www.justfaith.org/>

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Cost: \$15.00  
*includes lunch*



**Men and Women Catholic Conferences:** Keep these dates open: **2008 Men's Conference will be Saturday April 19, 2008 at Boston College's Conte Forum** and the **2008 Women's Conference will be**

**Friday evening April 18, 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.

**SnowCAMPS:** Last Sunday morning I traveled to Camp Brookwoods, Alton Bay, New Hampshire to celebrate Mass for the 7th & 8th Graders and the Staff at the SnowCAMPS retreat weekend. What a wonderful sight to see 230 young people having fun in a wholesome Christian environment! The theme of SnowCAMPS was, "Masterpiece in the Mirror!" There, the young people heard the message that they are created in the image of God, a God who loves them and gives them value and worth. Each of them is His Masterpiece! While there, I was I was treated to a parable written by Max Lucado and enacted by a group of Teens. The parable was about a wood carver named Eli (a God figure) and one of his wood carvings, Punchinello (who represents each of us). The parable presented God's principles versus world principles. Bigger, better, and more is how the world determines who is special and who is not. It's a message kids hear every day. But it's not God's message. Just like Punchinello in the parable, we all want to fit in—to be accepted by the crowd. But at times that may mean either looking and acting like others or risking being rejected. God's truth is simple and unchanging, reminding us that it's not what we have that counts, but whose we are. Punchinello's hard-learned lessons show us how important it is to be who we were created to be, and why that matters. Each of us possesses a dignity and uniqueness that is given to us by God.

*Fr. George*

Two weeks ago, about 200 Parishioners of both Blessed Sacrament & St. Margaret Parishes gathered at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall to ask questions about the coming changes that will affect the Catholic Community this coming June. This June marks the end of the 2nd term as Pastor for both Fr. John Mulloy as Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish and myself as the Pastor of St. Margaret. Father Mulloy has asked Cardinal Sean to reassign him to another Parish as a Parochial Vicar while I have asked to stay here in Saugus. The Cardinal has granted both requests. But with a difference! With a priest yet to be named, I will become part of a Team Ministry. Together we will be the Pastors of both Blessed Sacrament & St. Margaret's. This change in leadership style will prepare for the day when most likely there will only be one priest in Saugus. Parishioners had many good questions and comments to make. Some questions necessarily could not be answered at that time. I assure you however that every unanswered question was written down and will be answered. What I value most however was the love you have for your church and the support I received from people of both parishes. I look forward to the challenge ahead and know that with faith and understanding, the Lord will bless our community with growth in wisdom and grace.

*Father George*

***"Walk worthy of the Lord  
and please Him in every way."  
(Colossians 1:10)***

**Palm Sunday Procession:**

Even if you attend another Mass this weekend you are welcome to join us for the very special Palm Sunday Hosanna Procession! We will gather at 9:30 a.m. in



the side yard by the Rectory front door. After the Blessing of the Palms and the proclamation of the Gospel we will have our procession around the block led by a donkey. This year's donkey (teens coined the name *ponkey* for this pony look alike) was generously donated by **Indian Rock Stable** in Saugus - we are so grateful to them for their generosity helping to make our procession ever so special.

**Holy Thursday Pilgrimage:** On March 20, Holy Thursday, Saint Margaret's will be visited by a group of pilgrims who are spending the morning visiting and praying at seven different Churches in our area. Leaving from Saint Anthony of Padua Church in Revere, they will come to Saugus, arriving at Saint Margaret's at about 9:30 a.m. on Holy Thursday morning. While here they will pray the Rosary. Are you free to be here to welcome these pilgrims to our Church? It would be a wonderful thing if a good group of Parishioners were on hand to welcome them and to join them in the recitation of the Rosary. When they leave us, they will travel to Sacred Hearts Church in Malden. The entire schedule of this Pilgrimage is posted on the Bulletin Board.



**Marriage Initiative:** Tell us what you think! Cardinal Sean has directed the Massachusetts

Catholic Conference to present an initiative on the vocation of marriage. It is called "The Future Depends on Love." As part of this initiative, educational materials will be developed. What do you think marriage is all about? What do you want to see the Church in Massachusetts doing to educate and evangelize on this important topic? Fill out an online survey at: <http://www.MassCatholicMarriage.org/survey>



**Marriage Encounter** is an experience for building communication, creating intimacy, self-esteem & enriching the values of marriage, family & faith. Do you have a good marriage but desire a deeper understanding, richer communication, better quality & more spirituality in your marriage? Call 1-800-710-WWME or [www.meneMA.org](http://www.meneMA.org) for dates/information.

*I shall pass through this world but once.  
Any good therefore that I can do,  
or any kindness that I can show  
to any human being, let me do it now.  
Let me not defer it or neglect it,  
for I shall not pass this way again.*

*Stephen Grellet*



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**All Is Fulfilled By Dr. Scott Hahn**

"All this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled," Jesus says in today's Gospel (see Matthew 26:56). Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled. By the close of today's long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the cross at the place called the Skull. In His Passion, Jesus is "counted among the wicked," as Isaiah had foretold (see Isaiah 53:12). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today's First Reading and Psalm. The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see Matthew 27:31), as His hands and feet are pierced, as enemies gamble for His clothes (see Matthew 27:35), and as his enemies dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see Matthew 27:39-44). He remains faithful to God's will to the end, does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today's First Reading: "The Lord God is my help...I shall not be put to shame." Destined to sin and death as children of Adam's disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ's perfect obedience to the Father's will (see Romans 5:12-14, 17-19; Ephesians 2:2; 5:6). This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His Name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken. We know, as the centurion today, that truly this is the Son of God (see Matthew 27:54).

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