

*Blessed Sacrament Parish
Saugus, MA*

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

*The Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2009*

*For God so loved the world that he gave his
only Son, so that everyone who believes in him
might not perish but might have eternal life.*

John 3:16 (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
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Mass Times

Weekend Masses:

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

Weekend Masses:

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

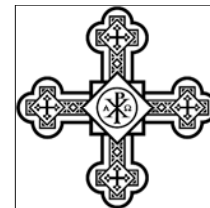
If you know someone in the parish who is sick or homebound and who would like to receive the Eucharist, please notify the rectory.

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.

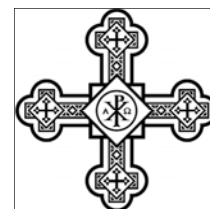
Mass Intentions at Blessed Sacrament

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	10:30 a.m. Sunday	(3/22/09)
Confirmation Masses with Bishop Emilio Allué	1:00 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. Sunday		(3/22/09)
Regina & Michael Williams	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Monday	(3/23/09)
Napier Family	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Tuesday	(3/24/09)
All Deceased Parishioners, Friends and Relatives		9:00 a.m. Wednesday	(3/25/09)
Helen McNamara	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Saturday	(3/28/09)
James Liberato	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(3/28/09)
Carol Hanlon	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Sunday	(3/29/09)
Francis G. Gaffney	Memorial Mass	10:30 a.m. Sunday	(3/29/09)



Mass Intentions at Saint Margaret

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 Alcalá, Jose	Valencia & Sofrina Cortes	Memorial Mass 10:00 Sunday	(3/22/09)
Robert Fischer, Jr.	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Monday	(3/23/09)
James T. & James H. Currie	Birthday Remembrances	9:00 a.m. Tuesday	(3/24/09)
Nancy Frontiera	Birthday Remembrance	9:00 a.m. Wednesday	(3/25/09)
Walter & Mildred Wormstead	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(3/28/09)
Ralph & Elena Vietri	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(3/28/09)
Raffaele Gervasio	10th Month Remembrance	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(3/29/09)



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 McMahon, John Welsh, Lynda Mscisz, Father James Field, Father Thomas Nestor, Kayden Devine, Alexander Mosuto, Debbie Maher, Thomas Kehoe, Michael Doto, Kevin Riordan, Charlie Leonard, Fernand Morin, Gerry Bradley, Earl Reed

The Faithful Departed Richard S. Fama, Corinne Schriefer, Charles Moretti, Mildred Richardi, Sheryl Mullan



Scripture for the week of March 22, 2009

22	SUN	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 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
23	Mon	Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
24	Tue	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
25	Wed	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
26	Thu	Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
27	Fri	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
28	Sat	Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
29	SUN	Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 (35) 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

**BLESSED SACRAMENT
FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

Last Sunday's collection was **\$5,213.00** with **228** envelopes. An additional **\$211.00** was received from mail-in contributions.

SAINT MARGARET FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last Sunday's collection was **\$2,828.00**. Attendance at Mass was 534 people. 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 \$44,300.00 has been received, and at Saint Margaret Parish \$27,430.00 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: 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.

Easter Flower Memorials: Deadline for inclusion in the Easter Bulletin is Palm Sunday, April 5. Thank you for your understanding. Extra Easter Flower envelopes are at the Church doors.



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.

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

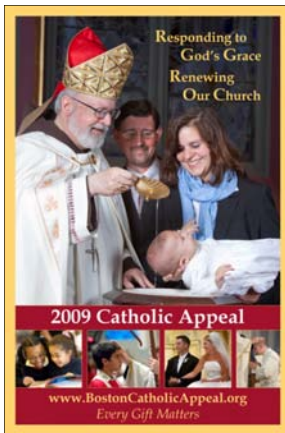
March Madness Fair: Annemark Nursing & Rehabilitation, 133 Salem Street, North Revere, is planning a "March Madness Fair" on Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to raise funds for their Resident Council Fund to purchase a Wii video system for the residents. There will be a baked goods table, raffles table, homemade pizza and hot dogs, and a white elephant table. For more information, contact Linda A. Zarembo, Activities Director, at 781-322-4861

Saint Margaret Penny Sale: Our thanks to everyone who made last Saturday's Penny Sale such a success, especially to Melita Davis and her daughter Amara for "putting it all together" for us to enjoy. A good crowd was on hand and there were many good items to be won. The ice cream sundaes were a special treat. As they say: "A good time was had by all!" Saint Margaret's realized a profit of \$1,827.00. Thank you very much.

Massachusetts Citizens for Life invites you to attend its 2009 statewide conference on healthcare decision making and threats of rationing, to be held on Saturday, March 28 at Boston College Law School in Newton, MA. Attendees will learn practical ways to ensure that they and their loved ones will receive good medical care. For more information contact MFL at 617-242-4199 and register online at www.masscitizensforlife.org.

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.

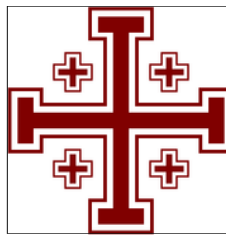


The Catholic Appeal: The results for the first week of the Catholic Appeal have been received and we are happy to report the following:

Blessed Sacrament Parish
47 donors have contributed or pledged \$4,340.00 (13.4% of goal).

Saint Margaret Parish
29 donors have contributed or pledged \$3,665.00 (17% of goal).

If you have not contributed or made a pledge to the Catholic Appeal as yet, please consider a gift today. Information packets with pledge cards are available at the Church doors. Please know that every gift matters. Thank you.



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.)

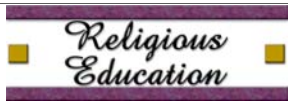
March 22 at Blessed Sacrament, 14 Summer Street, ENS Matt Drayton, preacher. As the host, Blessed Sacrament will be providing refreshments. Any deserts, pastries, or other food items anyone would like to donate would be greatly appreciated. All help will also be appreciated!

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.

Visit 7 Churches on Holy Thursday: Come and visit 7 churches on April 9, Holy Thursday, beginning at 5:45 a.m. at St. Joseph School Auditorium in Medford. Churches to be visited are: St. Joseph, Medford; St. Joseph, Somerville; St. Mary, Cambridge; St. Anthony, Cambridge; St. Catherine, Somerville; St. Ann, Somerville; St. Francis of Assisi, Medford. Return to St. 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 Church: Your help is needed on Saturday, April 4 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass for the annual "Church Cleaning Day," and on Holy Saturday, April 11 after 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer to decorate the Altar for Easter. Lend a hand! Stay for as long as you can. We appreciate your help.



Blessed Sacrament

Saint Margaret

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

Next Sunday, March 29, 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: Congratulations and God’s Blessings on the young men and women of the Parish who will be confirmed this Sunday by Bishop Emilio Allué. Our sincere thanks to Kathy Pellegrini and the Confirmation team: Ernie Corea, Jack Flemming, Harold Lombardi and Alicia Palomba as well as the parents and sponsors who did so much to help these young men and women to say this “I do!” to faith in Jesus and in His love.


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 pre-view. 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. On Sundays, when there is Confirmation Class, there is a Mass at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend this Mass.

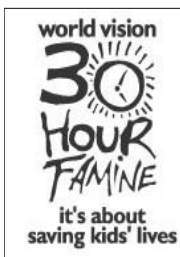
Mass: On Sundays when there is Confirmation Class there will be Mass at 5:30 p.m. to which Parents, siblings, friends, and parishioners are invited



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.

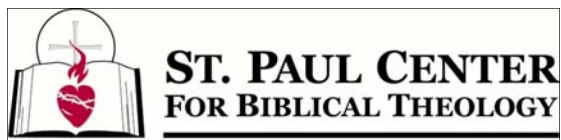
We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Philip Duffy, Jr. for donating the AED (defibrillator) to Blessed Sacrament Church.

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.



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** are also needed - please email Andrea and offer your help.





Living in the Light By Dr. Scott Hahn

The Sunday readings in Lent have been showing us the high points of salvation history - God's covenant with creation in the time of Noah; His promises to Abraham; the law He gave to Israel at Sinai. In today's First Reading, we hear of the destruction of the kingdom established by God's final Old Testament covenant - the covenant with David (see 2 Samuel 7; Psalm 89:3). His chosen people abandoned the law He gave them. For their sins, the temple was destroyed, and they were exiled in Babylon. We hear their sorrow and repentance in the exile lament we sing as today's Psalm. But we also hear how God, in His mercy, gathered them back, even anointing a pagan king to shepherd them and rebuild the temple (see Isaiah 44:28-45:1,4). God is rich in mercy, as today's Epistle teaches. He promised that David's kingdom would last forever, that David's son would be His Son and rule all nations (see 2 Samuel 7:14-15; Psalm 2:7-9). In Jesus, God keeps that promise (see Revelation 22:16). Moses lifted up the serpent as a sign of salvation (see Wisdom 16:6-7; Numbers 21:9). Now Jesus is lifted up on the cross, to draw all people to himself (see John 12:32). Those who refuse to believe in this sign of the Father's love, condemn themselves - as the Israelites in their infidelity brought judgment upon themselves. But God did not leave Israel in exile, and He does not want to leave any of us dead in our transgressions. We are God's handiwork, saved to live as His people in the light of His truth. Midway through this season of repentance, let us again behold the Pierced One (see John 19:37), and rededicate ourselves to living the "good works" that God has prepared us for.

*A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology
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 Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Blessed Sacrament Parish would like to give heartfelt thanks to all of the parishioners for their generous donations on Ash Wednesday for \$1,170.00. We would also like to thank Fr.

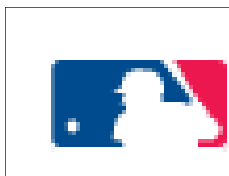
George and Fr. Dan for their support in establishing the Ash Wednesday collection. The money you give on a weekly basis in the SVDP boxes that surround the church has made many friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners very thankful that **YOU** were able to help them with food, clothing, oil, and other necessities in these serious economic times.



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.



Boston Red Sox vs. Baltimore Orioles:

“Take me out to the ball game.” From Monday, June 29 to Wednesday, July 1, come see the Red Sox play the Baltimore Orioles at Camden Yards!

The cost per person is \$399.00 double occupancy (other options available). Please make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament or St. Margaret Parish. The package includes deluxe lavatory equipped motor-coach transportation. Beverages and donuts will be served upon departure. There will be 2 nights at the Maritime Conference Center, or similar, centrally located. There is reserved seating for two games at Camden Yards. Full American Breakfast included at the hotel. Admission to Camden Yards for an informative narrated stadium tour. Two-hour narrated sightseeing of Baltimore with time to browse Baltimore’s Harbor Place. Delightful harbor cruise with narration by your skipper of this beautiful and busy major port. All taxes and gratuities for included features, excluding customary gratuities to driver and escort. There will be a Celebration tours Escort throughout.



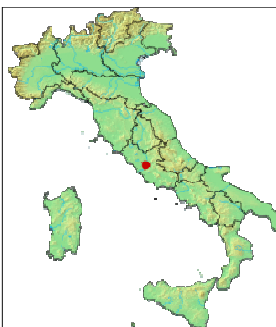
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

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.



Information meeting for Father Dan’s trip to Florence, Venice & Rome

*Saturday, April 4, 2009
at 1:00 p.m.*

*Blessed Sacrament
Church hall*

Come join us for an information meeting for our trip to Florence, Venice & Rome
November 2-10, 2009.

This trip includes:

- Round trip airfare from Boston to Tuscany Italy
- Transfers from Tuscany airport to Montecatini and from Rome hotel to airport
- Bus transportation to Rome with a stop in Assisi
- 4 nights hotel in Montecatini (an exclusive spa town in Tuscany)
- 3 nights hotel in Rome
- 2 meals per day
- Sightseeing tours
- Full services of a professional bilingual Tour Escort who will accompany our group all week.

Trip price: \$2,049.00 plus taxes (per person, double occupancy)

Come and see magnificent pictures of Tuscany, Venice and Rome and information on the places we will visit in Italy. If you have any questions please call Linda Lombardi, 781-233-7888.

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

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20501

The Honorable John F. Kerry, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20501

The President, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington DC 205500

Send an E-Mail: E-mail messages reinforce communications set through postcards, letters, phone calls, and personal meetings. To send e-mails to Capitol Hill or the White House, please visit the special e-mail action page at: nchla.org.

For More Information: Please visit nchla.org and usccb.org/prolife/issues/FOCA

Your help is urgently needed! Please take action today!



BIBLE DETECTIVE

See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

THE SECOND BOOK OF CHRONICLES.

What can you find out about Cyrus, king of Persia? When did he live? What did his proclamation mean for the Jews? What happened after it?

How does it all relate to the psalm: "By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept?"

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

In the gospel reading, Jesus refers to Moses' having lifted up a serpent in the desert.

Who was Moses? What was the serpent, and what happened when it was lifted up?

FILL IN THE GAPS

The sentences below are missing key words. Can you find the correct ones? (They are all in today's readings.)

1. Early and _____ did the Lord, the God of their _____, send his _____ to them.
2. For by _____ you have been _____ through _____.
3. For God so _____ the _____ that he gave his _____ Son.
4. God did not _____ his Son into the _____ to _____ the world.
5. For _____ who does _____ things _____ the light.

ANSWERS

1. often, fathers, messengers 2. grace, saved, faith
 3. loved, world, only 4. send, world, condemn
 5. everyone, wicked, hates

CONNECT THE DOTS

READING: 2 CHR 36, 14-17. 19-23

