

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 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 ~ 3:45 p.m. and by appointment

Father George E. Morin, Pastor

Mid-week Assistance Father Donald Skerry, SVD

Weekend Assistance Father Lawrence Wetterholm



Religious Education

*Lord, we want to know you, to love you
and to serve you.*

Grades 1 to 6 are on Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. at the Belmonte Middle School. April 2 is our last class for this season.

Grades 7 & 8 meets monthly. The next monthly meeting will be Friday, April 7, 2006 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation Year I (usually 9th Graders though not exclusively) (Catholic High School Students are exempt) have class on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The Sacrament of Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on the third Sunday each month at 12 Noon. (For the month of April, Baptism will be celebrated on April 23rd.) The Preparation Meeting prior to the Baptism of a child is every other month. Baptism Preparation meetings for parents & godparents are scheduled for: April 6, June 1, August 3, October 5 and December 14, 2006. Held in the Parish Hall, they begin at 7:00 p.m. Please call the Rectory (781-233-1040) to register.

Jessie Recupero: On the first Sunday of Lent at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston Archbishop Sean welcomed many of the "elect" from throughout the Archdiocese - about 600 people. These are people who seek Baptism in the Catholic Church or if baptism seek full communion in the Catholic Church. One of these elect is our own Jessie Recupero. Jessie's faith is an inspiration and a blessing for our Parish. As a Catechumen of the Catholic Church she now awaits Baptism in our Church at the Easter Vigil this year. We keep Jessie in our prayers during these final weeks of preparation.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

On Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. you are invited to come and spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Life is hectic and we are all busy. We have the perfect antidote: come and rest and bring all your hearts desires to the Lord present in the Eucharist. ***We urge you and invite you to consider making this part of your Lenten observance.***



"Escape from your everyday business for a while...

Enter you mind's inner chamber.

Shut out everything but God

and say with your whole heart...

*'Lord, my God teach me to seek you, and
when I seek you, show yourself to me.'*"

Saint Anselm



30 Hour Famine: On Good Friday, April 14 our young people will participate in a 30 hour famine designed to raise awareness of world hunger and

what can be done about it. For more information and involvement, call Andrea at 781-233-1040 or email andreaico3@yahoo.com

Enthusiastic Cleaners Needed: SMYM (Saint Margaret Youth Ministry) is looking for a few good men/women who are energetic and like working with teens. The ministry will be doing a 30 Famine on Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15. We are looking for some adults to come to the church periodically during the famine to help clean, and give inspiration to the teens during the 30 hours. Help is needed from 10 to 11 p.m. on Friday and 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday. Anyone interested in cleaning or being involved in the Famine in some way please contact Andrea at 781-233-1040 or Elaine Sanford at 781-231-5845.

Mass Intentions

Walter & Mildred Wormstead	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(3/25)
Anna Peacock	1st Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(3/25)
John Torsiello	Memorial Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(3/26)
Rev. Victor Okumu	1st Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(3/26)
George Catarius	20th Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Monday	(3/27)
Phyllis DelloRusso	32nd Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(4/1)
Margaret Magner	3rd Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(4/1)
James T. & James H. Currie	Birthday Remembrance	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(4/2)
Nancy J. Frontiera	Birthday Remembrance	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(4/2)



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

Daily Mass is at 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. A most fitting Lenten practice – to hear the Word of God and receive Holy Communion daily during Lent.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays (March 31 & April 7) at 7:00 p.m.

The Lenten Cross: During Lent we focus on the Cross of Jesus through which He has redeemed the world. To our Savior’s Cross we bring our own crosses. What are you asking God’s help with? What obstacles prevent you from growing in God’s grace? Enclosed is a small cross. You are asked to place your cross with its cares, burdens and obstacles to spiritual growth and attach it to our Lenten Cross. **Please write no names.** In this way we can unite our sufferings to those of Christ and we can offer our prayer support to our brothers and sisters in the Parish.

Ecumenical Services: We have a wonderful Ecumenical spirit in our Community. You are invited to participate in these Lenten on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. In addition to the Sunday evening services, you are invited to the Good Friday Service at Breakheart Reservation at 10:30 a.m. and to the Easter Sunrise Service at the Saugus Iron Works at 6:00 a.m. The schedule is as follows:

- March 26th—St Margaret Church
- April 2nd—New Hope Assembly of God Church
- April 9th—Community Seder/Passover—St Margaret Church
- April 14th—Breakheart Good Friday Walk, 10:30 am
- April 16th—Easter Sunrise Service at the Saugus Ironworks, 6:00 am

Saint Margaret’s is hosting the Ecumenical Service next Sunday, March 26. There are two requests. First, that we have a very good turn out of Saint Margaret’s Parishioners, and second, would about 12 people be able to bring baked goods for the collation that follows the service? We look forward to welcoming our brothers and sisters for other faith communities to our Church.

Observing Lent in our Catholic Tradition

Prayer: Jesus took time to pray and so must we. He spent forty days in prayer to be strengthened in his struggle against evil. So must we! Prayer can be as simple as talking to God at bedtime. Formal prayers (Our Father, Hail Mary, the Rosary, etc.) help us find words. The Mass is the perfect prayer of Jesus: his final prayer to the Father on Holy Thursday.

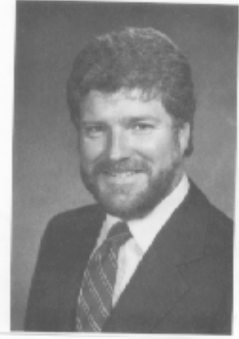
Fast: Jesus fasted in the desert to deepen his dependence on God and to become less dependent on pleasures. We depend a lot on things we like to make us happy. Fasting helps us to become more dependent on God and to hunger for his Word more than for bread. Catholics (those from 18 years to 60 years of age) are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fast days. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. Catholics (beginning at age 14) are called to abstinence on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On these days, meat may not be used at all.

Almsgiving: Jesus always reached out to those in need. He praised the widow who gave her all in the temple. We need to become less attached to money and goods and more generous with those in need. Lent is time for making sacrifices for others. Operation Rice Bowl is an

Easter Flowers: If you wish to make a contribution in memory of a loved one toward our Easter plants and decorations, a special envelope is available at Church doors. Names will be in the Easter Sunday bulletin—deadline is Palm Sunday April 9, 2006.

Community Seder: St. Margaret’s is hosting the Community Seder Supper on Sunday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m. A Seder is a religious memorial meal that Jewish people celebrate each year in remembrance of their deliverance from slavery in Egypt. Members of our local Synagogue will lead this service. We hope that our Parish will be well represented. The cost of the meal is \$7.00.

Bernard F. Swain, Ph.D.



Dr. Swain has devoted more than 30 years to adult spiritual formation in Boston and twelve other dioceses in the US, Canada, and France. He began his work as Director of Religious Education for parishes in Washington, DC and Boston. From 1976 to 1988 he taught Roman Catholic students at Harvard Divinity School, and later became director of Boston's Lay Ministry Training Institute, where he also taught for ten years. Since 1991 he has maintained a private practice as trainer, teacher, and consultant to leaders in parishes and other religious organizations.

In recent years, he has offered more than 100 parish Missions, Series, and Retreats. He has also been a popular speaker at conferences, conventions, and workshops in Hartford, Richmond, Denver, Toronto, Albany, and Syracuse. Most recently, he has offered Adult Faith Formation programs on 9/11 and the Clergy Sex Abuse Crisis for parish groups in Boston and Paris. In April 2002, he appeared on Radio Notre Dame (the radio voice of the diocese of Paris) to report on the impact of 9/11 on parish life in the US.

A Boston native, Dr. Swain holds degrees from Holy Cross, Harvard, The University of Paris, and the University of Chicago. His writings include *Liberating Leadership* (Harper & Row, 1986) and more than 200 articles in periodicals such as *The National Catholic Reporter*, *Commonweal*, *The Miami Herald*, *The Catholic Free Press*, *The Pilot*, *Harvard Theological Review*, and *Liturgy Magazine*. A lifelong layperson, he lives in Dorchester with his wife Anne and their three children.



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

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

Question #2: Should We Believe this Story?

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

Question #4: Was Jesus Married?

Question #5: Have We Been Deceived about Mary Magdalene?

Question #6: Did the church destroy Gospels?

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

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

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

Question #10: Is the whole story baseless?

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

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

Join us March 27, 28, 29 & 30 (Monday through Thursday) at Blessed Sacrament Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Collation and Fellowship in the Hall after each evening presentation. All are most welcome.