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Saint Margaret Parish
Saugus - North Revere, Massachusetts
Divine Mercy Sunday
March 30, 2008

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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)

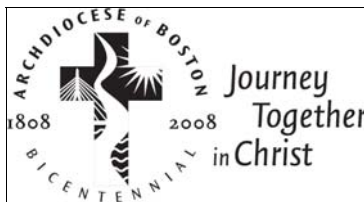
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 ~ 3:45 p.m. and by appointment

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



The Diocese of Boston was established on April 8, 1808 and was elevated to Archdiocese in 1875. Currently numbering approximately 2 million Catholics, the Archdiocese of Boston is an ethnically diverse and spiritually rich faith community consisting of 294 parishes across 144 cities and towns. Each year, the Archdiocese educates nearly 50,000 students in its Catholic schools and 156,000 in religious education classes, and ministers to the needs of more than one million patients in its hospitals and 200,000 individuals through its social service outreach. Mass is celebrated in nearly twenty different languages each week. As we celebrate this bicentennial, we pray God to bless the people and the leadership of the Archdiocese with spiritual growth and renewal.



As part of the Bicentennial, Cardinal Sean desires that the Parishes of the Archdiocese experience spiritual growth and renewal. Here in Saugus we plan to join with Blessed Sacrament Parish. At present we are forming a leadership team to help organize and implement the Arise Program. Consider becoming involved in Arise. The Arise Program will be an opportunity for personal and community spiritual development and, ultimately, the foundation for meaningful evangelization for our entire parish and beyond. If you wish more information, please speak with Father George as soon as possible.



Today the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. Appearing to the Disciples in the upper room, the resurrected Lord shows them love, peace and mercy and commissions them to be agents of these virtues. It is from this sacred moment that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is born, a Sacrament through which we are called to experience for ourselves the mercy of God. Have you been to Confession recently? Come, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive God's forgiveness and love. (Because we are celebrating Confirmation on this Sunday, we will not be having our Hour Of Mercy this year. St. Joseph in Wakefield is having a Holy Hour from 2 to 4. Feel free to join them.) Thanks to everyone who had a part in making Holy Week and Easter so meaningful - the servers, lectors, ministers of Holy Communion, the ushers, the choir and music group, the witness speakers and readers on Good Friday and the youth and adults at the Stations at Breakheart, those who decorated the Church, and those who donated toward the flowers and decorations, and to all who make Saint Margaret's their spiritual home. May the Risen Lord give you His Peace. **Father George**

Mass Intentions

Rose & Pat Russo	1st Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(3/29)
John Perullo	Birthday Remembrance	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(3/29)
Marie Surette	Birthday Remembrance	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(3/30)
George Harvey	1st Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(3/30)
Confirmation Mass with Bishop John P. Boles		12 Noon Sunday	(3/30)
Jennie Coviello	1st Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(4/5)
The People of the Parish		5:30 p.m. Saturday	(4/5)
Maryanne Frassica	Birthday Remembrance	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(4/6)
Thomas & Margaret Magner	Memorial Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(4/6)



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: On Wednesday evenings 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.** Come, pray the Rosary and stay for all or part of that special weekly time of prayer and adoration. You deserve the peace and quiet that come from being in the presence of the Lord. All welcome.

We pray for Our young men and women who are being Confirmed this Sunday, March 30 at 12 Noon, Peace in the World, an end to war and terrorism, an end to world hunger, our men & women in the Armed Services, **Paul Eaves, Jason Carmody and Michael McMorrow.**

The Faithful Departed **Joseph Ceraso**

The Sick **Karen Shirk - Ed Fallon - Chris McMahon**



Operation Rice Bowl: On Ash Wednesday, many took Rice Bowls home with them to serve as a reminder to pray, fast and give alms in service of the poor. Now that Lent is over, it is time to return the Rice Bowls with your Lenten sacrifices. We will forward these to Catholic Relief Services, the sponsor of Operation Rice Bowl. In the name of everyone who will be blessed by your Lenten sacrifice, we thank you. Please make returns by Sunday, April 13.

Religious Education

Grades 1 through 6: Classes are held Sundays from 8:30 to 9:45 at the Belmonte Middle School. Our last Class for this academic year is this Sunday, March 30.

Grades 7 & 8: The next Class Grade 7 & 8 students is Friday, April 4, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Grade 9 Students: Classes are on Sundays from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. Mass is offered at 5:45 p.m. for the Students and their parents, families, and others. Mass is a public action to which all are invited.

Grade 10 Students and Sponsors Confirmation will be administered this Sunday, March 30 at 12 Noon with Bishop John Boles, presiding.



The Sacraments of God's Presence and Love: As a Parish Community, we come together to celebrate God's Presence and Love in the Sacraments of the

Church. During this Easter Season we are filled with joy as we welcome **Colleen McCaige**, who was received into full communion with the Church, receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil; we are filled with joy as we witness the Confirmation of the young men and women of our Parish on Sunday, March 30 at 12 Noon - Bishop John P. Boles will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation; we are filled with joy as our young boys and girls receive Holy Eucharist for the first time on several Sundays in April (April 13, 20 & 27) at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. As we celebrate these Sacraments, we pray that those who receive these Sacraments will grow more faithful to God and His Church.

Holy Hour: On Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. come and make a Holy Hour! It is an opportunity to be in the presence of Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord spending time in silent meditative prayer. At 7:00 p.m. the Rosary is prayed. In order to help you give shape to the remaining time, the four traditional forms of prayer could be valuable. They are listed and explained below. If several minutes are devoted to each of the four suggested areas of prayer, the time would pass very quickly. An hour would not be long enough! Give God the time and blessings will be received “good measure, pressed down, shaken together, for the measure with which you measure will be measured back to you.”

Petition: Prayers of petition ask for God’s help for ourselves and for others. Although there are formal prayers that we can use, prayers of petition are usually as personal as “God, please help me as I take this math test.” Another type of petition is called an intercession; this is when we ask God to help someone else, such as praying for a sick relative or for the missions of the Church. Have you ever thought, “I prayed, but God didn’t answer me”? It can be discouraging when we don’t get what we want, but we have to remember that sometimes God’s answer is “no.” He knows what we really need and when things should happen.

Adoration: “Alleluia! Praise the Lord!” Whenever we speak or sing about God’s glory, we are giving adoration – the highest form of prayer. There is nothing we can do to repay God for all our blessings except to praise Him as our Creator and Savior and say how pleased we are to belong to Him and want to follow Him always. In a sense, it’s like telling our mother and father how much we truly love and admire them and want to be like them.

Contrition: You know we all make mistakes and that it is just good manners to apologize when we do. When we want to make a formal apology to God, we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). But you don’t have to wait to tell Him you are sorry. Whenever you pray, take the time to say a prayer of contrition and tell God you are sorry for your sins.

Thanksgiving: Prayers of thanksgiving are just that, a way to give the thanks to God that He deserves. Although they can be as simple as saying, “Thank you, Lord,” these acts of gratitude are, sadly, the most forgotten kind of prayer. Most people remember to say prayers of thanksgiving - grace - before we eat. But really think about how many times during the day we should say ‘thank you’ whenever good things happen or even just for the gift of life, family and friends.

Make a Holy Hour a part of your week.



The Annual Catholic Appeal: Cardinal Seán wishes to thank everyone at Saint Margaret’s who has participated in the 2008 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$7,076.00 from 63 households, 34.5% of our goal of \$20,500.00. We are pleased that we have several new contribu-

tors this year. Welcome and thank you! We ask every Catholic family to participate. Please know that every gift matters. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the church or for more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. 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 and not to The Catholic Appeal. It might be a good idea for anyone to ask an employer if a matching gift is possible at your place of employment. Thank you.

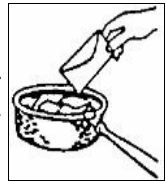


Sensational Cup Cakes: The people leaving the 10:00 a.m. Mass Easter Sunday were given a special treat: a delicious Cup Cake! A new business has recently opened in Clifondale Square, *The Sensational Cup Cake*. As a wonderful gesture of neighborliness, they offered everyone leaving Church one of their specialties. We thank them for thinking of us and we wish them success in their new business venture.

Second Collections

Parish Monthly Collection - April 12 & 13

Offertory Collection: Last Sunday’s collection (Easter Sunday) was \$4,610.00. Attendance at the Easter Masses was 1,162. Thank you for your generosity to the Easter Collec-



tion. The entire collection is given to the support of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston, to their medical and retirement needs. In the name of all the priest who will benefit from your gift, I am sincerely grateful. *Father George*

Project Rachel: 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, April 12, 2008. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com



The United Parish Food Pantry is at the Clifftondale Congregational Church, 50 Essex Street. On the second weekend of each month we collect food for the food pantry. (Please: check the expiration date.)

Volunteers are also needed. If you are free on Friday mornings, you are needed. Drop by at 9:30 a.m. or call Carol Cashman (781-233-9460) to volunteer. The Pantry operates Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. **Our next Food Collection Weekend is April 12 & 13.** Your donation of food is always needed. Thank you for your generosity.



The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on the third Sunday each month at 12 Noon. There is a Preparation Meeting prior to the Baptism of a child which is held every

other month. The next Preparation meetings for parents & godparents are on Thursday, April 3, June 5, August 7, October 2, December 4, 2008 in the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m. Please call the Rectory (781-233-1040) to register.

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



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.



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His Mercy Endures By Dr. Scott Hahn

We are children of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Through this wondrous sign of His great mercy, the Father of Jesus has given us new birth, as we hear in today's Epistle. Today's First Reading sketches the "family life" of our first ancestors in the household of God (see 1 Peter 4:17). We see them doing what we still do - devoting themselves to the Apostles' teaching, meeting daily to pray and celebrate "the breaking of the bread." The Apostles saw the Lord. He stood in their midst, showed them His hands and sides. They heard His blessing and received His commission - to extend the Father's mercy to all peoples through the power and Spirit He conferred upon them. We must walk by faith and not by sight, must believe and love what we have not seen (see 2 Corinthians 5:7). Yet the invisible realities are made present for us through the devotions the Apostles handed on. Notice the experience of the risen Lord in today's Gospel is described in a way that evokes the Mass. Both appearances take place on a Sunday. The Lord comes to be with His disciples. They rejoice, listen to His Word, receive the gift of His forgiveness and peace. He offers His wounded body to them in remembrance of His Passion. And they know and worship Him as their Lord and their God. Thomas' confession is a vow of faith in the new covenant. As promised long before, in the blood of Jesus we can now know the Lord as our God and be known as His people (see Hosea 2:20-25). This confession is sung in the heavenly liturgy (see Revelation 4:11). And in every Mass on earth we renew our covenant and receive the blessings Jesus promised for those who have not seen but have believed. In the Mass, God's mercy endures forever, as we sing in today's Psalm. This is the day the Lord has made - when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

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The Mission of Saint Margaret Parish is to foster the spiritual growth of our Parishioners, to reach out to the community, and to spread the Word of God.

Below is a notice asking your assistance for various liturgical ministries. To date only three Parishioners have offered their assistance. We thank these good people and we will be in touch with them to arrange a time to prepare them for roles of service. However, many others are needed if we want to enlarge and better our liturgical ministries. For example, if we wish to offer Holy Communion under both species, the Eucharistic Bread and the Precious Blood, we would need 2 to 4 extra Ministers of Holy Communion per Mass, or 8 to 16 every weekend. And with Altar Servers needed to ring the bells at the Consecration, new servers are needed - young boys and girls grade 3 and higher are needed.

You are needed! It has been a while since we have asked people to participate in Liturgical Ministries. We are in need of Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers. It is our hope to train men, women, young adults, boys and girls for these various ministries. Training dates and times will be announced. Return completed form in the collection basket.

Name **Phone**

I wish to serve as a (please circle):

- **Lector**
- **Minister of Holy Communion**
- **Altar Server**

Pastoral Staff Changes: Three 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



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.



BIBLE RESEARCH

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

The reading from the first letter of Peter
 Who was the Peter who wrote this letter?
 People who study the Bible believe that they know where Peter was when he wrote the letter, and roughly when he wrote it. See if you can discover these things.

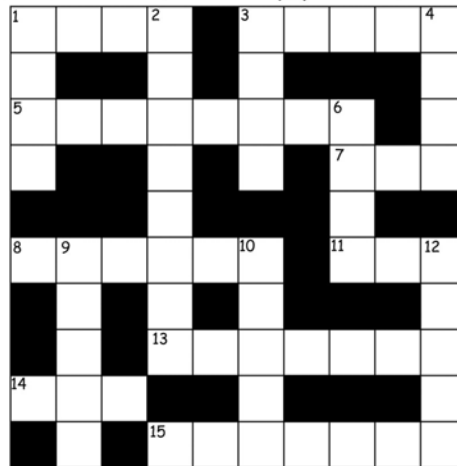
The reading from the gospel of John
 Who were "the Twelve" referred to in the reading? Why would there only have been ten when Thomas was missing?
 "The Twelve" held an election to replace the member who deserted them. Can you find the name of the man who was chosen?

CROSSWORD

(Most answers are in today's readings)

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. God is this 3. Not sat 5. Jesus chose twelve
- 7. Opposite of beginning 8. Not present 11. Stop living 13. Truthful and well-meaning 14. There is only ___ God 15. Smash utterly; put out of existence



CLUES DOWN

- 1. Joyful 2. Great unhappiness and dismay 3. To exchange for money 4. Ceased to live 6. Present tense of "sent"
- 9. Leap; make a big jump; also tied 10. Shelters or homes you can put up and take down 12. All; each one

A PICTURE TO COLOR

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 20, 19-31



David Fielding