

**Mass Intentions**

James & Marion Smith	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(4/16)
Reno Swanson	2nd Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(4/16)
Mary Dower	Memorial Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(4/17)
Kelley & Kierzkowski Families	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Tuesday	(4/19)
Albert Dello Russo	Birthday Remembrance	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(4/23)
Josephine & Frank Favuzza	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(4/23)
Rocco & Susan LaVacca	Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(4/24)
James F. Carroll	20th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(4/24)



**Monthly Breakfast Buffet:** is this Sunday, April 17 from 8:30 a.m. until 12 Noon in the Parish Hall. Join us for great food and fellowship. Menu includes Texas toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, potatoes, coffee and juice. Donation: Adults \$5.95 and children under 10 \$3.95.

**The Living Rosary Pilgrimage** will be here at Saint Margaret's this Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. beginning with Mass and followed with the Rosary. Plan to attend so that we can have a wonderful representation from the Parish. All are welcome.



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** On Wednesday evenings 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.

*"Be still and know that I am God."*

**A fundraiser for Catholic Charities North Shore** is Wednesday, April 27 at the Hawthorne Hotel, Salem. The theme: the culture & cuisine of New Orleans! Fabulous food in a uniquely decorated setting! Help Catholic Charities with programs such as food, fuel & rental assistance; education & job training, support of teen parents & their children. Tickets: Patricia at 781-593-2312.



**Ministry to the Homebound:** Do you know someone who is not able to come to Mass but would appreciate receiving Holy Communion on a regular basis? If so, would you let us know by calling the Rectory (781-233-1040). Our Parish also has some wonderful Ministers of Holy Communion who would be glad to visit on a regular basis throughout the year.



**First Holy Communion:** Our Parish will celebrate Holy Communion for 54 boys & girls on the Sundays of April (April 3, 10, 17 & 24) at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We pray that these young boys and girls and their families will grow in their relationship to Jesus who comes to us in the Holy Eucharist.



**The Parish Pastoral Council** will meet this Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



**The Saugus Knights of Columbus** is hosting a *Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner* on Saturday, April 23, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. **for the benefit of Saint Margaret and Blessed Sacrament Parishes.** Tickets are \$7.50 per person. We are grateful to the K of C for their thoughtfulness in helping the Parishes in this way. Last year each Parish received \$400.00 as a result of this dinner. Save the date, support your Parish and have a great meal with good friends. Tickets are on sale now—see the usher at the door of the church or call the rectory at 781-233-1040. Thanks for your support.



**Stewardship:** Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.

**The Year of the Eucharist:** During the month of May we will continue the devotions we have had in the past, namely, the recitation of the Rosary, Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This year, however, we will add what we hope will be a significant and meaningful time of reflection on "Jesus in the Eucharist". Several guests will be invited to share with us on the importance of the Eucharist in their lives, work, and ministries. These will be inspiring testimonies of the presence of the Lord at work in his people today. More details about these evenings will follow. Please keep the Wednesday evenings of May 11, 18 & 25 free so that you can attend and be uplifted.

**The Cardinals begin their Conclave** this week in order to select a successor to Peter. John Paul II leaves big shoes to fill. It is our responsibility to pray that the Holy Spirit direct their deliberations.

*We are Easter people; and Alleluia is our song!*  
Saint Augustine

**Is God calling you?** The Church needs you to serve the spiritual needs of God's people. Is God calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you call Fr. Oscar Pratt at 617-746-5949.



**The Walk for Hunger** is Sunday, May 1. Your participation in the Walk for Hunger support 400 food pantries, soup kitchens and food banks across the State. Our Food Pantry is supported in part through this program. Sponsor forms are in the vestibule of the church. What a terrific family outing this could be! Information can be found at [www.projectbread.org](http://www.projectbread.org)



**Annual Catholic Appeal:** The first weekends of May is the annual Catholic Appeal. Every year the Parish is given a target amount to raise in support of the Archdiocese of Boston of which we are part. Our target goal for the year has been reduced to \$22,100.00. You will be hearing more about the Appeal in the near future.

**The Beginning Experience:** Has your marriage ended be death, divorce or separation? Do you wish to move on with your life, but do not know how? Consider attending a Beginning Experience Weekend at the Marist House in Framingham, April 29—May 1. For information on this weekend call Renee (978-342-0818) or Jennifer 978-425-4708.

**The Boston Boy Choir:** will perform its 42nd annual spring benefit concert at Saint Paul Church, Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA on Friday, May 6 at 8:00 p.m. Call 617-868-8658 x 314 for information and tickets.

*“Let your light shine before men so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.”*  
Matthew 5:16



**The Offertory Collection** last Sunday was \$3,118 and the Parish Monthly Collection was \$2,106.00. Thank you very much for your generosity to the needs of the Parish.

**Parish Offertory Envelopes:** We encourage the use of Parish Envelopes for your weekly donation to help support our Parish. If you wish to receive envelopes, please give us the following information:

**Name:**

**Address:**

**The Shepherd's Voice** by Fr. Jeffrey Day

Jesus describes Himself as a shepherd and the gate for the sheep. We are referred to as sheep. The use of this imagery tells us much about our relationship with Jesus. Sheep are not very bright animals, but they do know the voice of their shepherd. We, like sheep, aren't always bright either. Despite all that God gives us, we don't always devote ourselves completely to following our shepherd; we wander off at times to follow the voices of strangers. Jesus, knowing our limitations, is a good shepherd always there for us, waiting for our return. When Jesus tells us that He is the gate, it helps us to understand the lengths He will go to in order to protect us. Shepherds were known to lie down and physically become the gate for their sheep. Jesus is saying that He will do the same. The proof of this is seen every time we look at a crucifix. Jesus is the gate for our entry to eternal life, but He also appoints shepherds - bishops - to help lead us along that journey. The shepherding role of a bishop is symbolized visually by his use of a staff called a crosier. The bishops are living signs of Jesus' desire that we might be lead to Heaven. Have we tried to listen to the voices of the shepherds Jesus has given to us - our local bishop and the Pope - or have we wandered off to follow other voices?

**The Clifftondale Congregational Church** is having a Roast Pork Dinner on Saturday, April 30th, at 6:00 pm. The church is located on 50 Essex Street in Saugus, near Clifftondale Square. Strawberry Shortcake for dessert. Donation is \$9.95 per person; children 7 & under free. For reservations please call the church office at 781-233-2663. All are welcome.

**Saint Vincent de Paul Annual Clothing Drive:** will be here at Saint Margaret's on Saturday and Sunday, June 25 & 26. As you do your spring cleaning please keep good usable clothing aside to donate to the Clothing Drive.

**Saint Margaret's Yard Sale:** We will be having a yard Sale on Saturday, June 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will accept donations for our Yard Sale beginning May 15. Drop items off at the rear entrance if the Rectory. Thank you.

**The Parish Bulletin:** It is good to have new sponsors for our Parish Bulletin. Local businesses have found Parish bulletins a valuable way of reaching people about their products and services. This is a good time to ask stores, companies and businesses in our area to consider supporting our Parish by taking an add in our weekly bulletin. Call the appropriate number listed on the back page of today's bulletin to get all the information you need. Thanks for your help and support our advertisers.