



## 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.*

Classes for **Grades 1 to 6:** Sunday, April 2, is the last class for this season for these grade levels.

**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. This Wednesday, April 5, Parents and students together will meet and have a Pizza supper together.

**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 baptized 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.

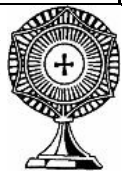


**First Holy Communion:** Our young boys and girls have been preparing for the reception of their First Holy Communion. This year First Communion will be celebrated at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass on April 23, April 30 & May 7. We pray that these young boys and girls and their families will grow in their relationship with Jesus who comes to them in the Holy Eucharist.

**Can you help?** Are there men and women from our Parish or town in the Armed Forces? Would you be able to give us their names and their addresses? Thank you.

### 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](mailto:andreaico3@yahoo.com)

**Enthusiastic Cleaners Needed:** SMYM (St. 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.

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

Mass Intentions

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)
Lena Pelly Maruzzi	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Tuesday	(4/4)
Rosetta Minichello	Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(4/8)
Lucian & Edwin Cherubin	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(4/8)
Mary Ann Frassica	Birthday Remembrance	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(4/9)
Connie Gualtieri	7th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(4/9)

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:** On Friday (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? 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:

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

**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. We are pleased that 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. Call to make your reservation. The deadline is Monday, April 3.

Holy Week - The Sacred Triduum

**April 9 - Palm Sunday:** Each Mass will include the Blessing of the Palms and the reading of the Lord's Passion.

**April 13 - Holy Thursday:** Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. (no morning Mass). At 7:30 p.m. the Mass of the Lord's Supper with the 'washing of the feet' will be celebrated. After Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 11:00 p.m. concluding with night prayer. The collection at this Mass will be for the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our Parish.

**April 14 - Good Friday:** Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. The Good Friday Service at 3:00 p.m. Reflection on "The Seven Last Words of Jesus" will be at 7:30 p.m. The collection taken up at these services will be for the shrines in the Holy Land.

**April 15 - Holy Saturday:** Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. The Easter Vigil will begin at 8:00 p.m. *Please note that there is no 4:00 or 5:30 p.m. Masses on this day.*

**April 16 - Easter Sunday:** Masses will be at 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. The Easter collection is for the retirement needs and medical care of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. In their name I thank you for your generosity.

**Reconciliation (Confessions):** April 8 from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.; April 14, (Good Friday) after the 3:00 p.m. Solemn Good Friday Liturgy & April 15, (Holy Saturday) 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.



**Rice Bowls:** Sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, Rice Bowls are to be returned by the Second Sunday of Easter, April 22. Our thanks to those

who participated in this annual project of awareness and concern for the needy of the world.



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FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY *By Dr. Scott Hahn*

**The "Hour" Comes**

Our readings today are filled with anticipation. The days are coming, Jeremiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The hour has come, Jesus says in the Gospel. The new covenant God that promised to Jeremiah is made in the "hour" of Jesus - in His death, resurrection, and ascension to the Father's right hand. The prophets said this new covenant would return Israel's exiled tribes from the ends of the world (see Jeremiah 31:1, 3-4, 7-8). Jesus too predicted His passion would gather the dispersed children of God (see John 11:52). But today He promises to draw to himself, not only Israelites, but all men and women. The new covenant is more than a political or national restoration. As we sing in today's Psalm, it is a universal spiritual restoration. In the "hour" of Jesus, sinners in every nation can return to the Father - to be washed of their guilt and given new hearts to love and serve Him. In predicting He will be "lifted up," Jesus isn't describing only His coming crucifixion (see John 3:14-15). Isaiah used the same word to tell how the Messiah, after suffering for Israel's sins, would be raised high and greatly exalted (see Isaiah 52:3). Elsewhere the term describes how kings are elevated above their subjects (see 1 Maccabees 8:13). Troubled in His agony, Jesus didn't pray to be saved. Instead, as we hear in today's Epistle, He offered himself to the Father on the cross - as a living prayer and supplication. For this, God gave Him dominion over heaven and earth (see Acts 2:33; Philippians 2:9). Where He has gone we can follow - if we let Him lead us. To follow Jesus means hating our lives of sin and selfishness. It means trusting in the Father's will, the law He has written in our hearts. Jesus' "hour" continues in the Eucharist, where we join our sacrifices to His, giving God our lives in reverence and obedience - confident He will raise us up to bear fruits of holiness.

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**Divine Mercy Sunday:** The Sunday after Easter has been named by Pope John Paul II *Divine Mercy Sunday*. Therefore on Sunday, April 23, at 3:00 p.m. we will have a Holy Hour to mark this special day in honor Jesus our Lord, the Divine Mercy.

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



**Penny Sale:** Yes, we are having a Penny Sale this year on Saturday, April 22 beginning at 7:00 p.m. We are grateful to Melita Davis and her daughters, Amara and Deanna for saying 'yes' to chairing the Penny Sale once again this year. All we need now is your help. We are looking for 200 **new items** with a value of \$5.00 or more. Leave your gift items at the rectory front entry or bring them to Church with you when you come. Remember: no alcohol or tobacco products. Thank you and keep the date April 22 free so that you can come to the Penny Sale!



**United Parish Food Pantry:** Every month we collect food for our local food pantry (April 8 & 9). The Food Pantry is located at the Cliftondale Congregational Church, 50 Essex Street. If you are free on Friday mornings, volunteers are always needed. Drop by at 9:30 a.m. or call Carol Cashman at 781-558-1092 to volunteer. The Pantry operates on Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Please note the expiration date on the items you donate. Food that has gone beyond the expiration date cannot be given away and must be thrown out. Thank you for your cooperation. Because of the February 12 snow storm our food donations were down considerably. Would it be possible to 'double up' for the month of March? Thank you.

**The Grand Annual Collection:** 166 Parishioners have donated \$27,065.00 to this year's Grand Annual. Our thanks to you for your generosity. A reminder letter to those who have not contributed as yet has been mailed this past week. We need everyone to lend a hand.

**Second Collection**

Parish Monthly Collection April 8 & 9

**The Offertory Collection** last Sunday was \$3,637.00 and the Catholic Relief Services Collection was \$962.00. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to the Parish and to the international relief work of the Church.



**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:**

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you remember your sins since the last time you went to confession.
2. Tell Jesus you are truly sorry for your sins. Thank Him for dying on the cross so that you could be forgiven.
3. Tell the Lord that with His help you will do your best to avoid these and other sins in the future.
4. Go and see the priest to celebrate the Sacrament.
  - The priest will welcome you and pray.
  - Tell the priest how long it has been since you last received the Sacrament of reconciliation; confess your sins.
  - The priest may offer you some helpful advice on being a better Catholic Christian and will give you a penance.
  - Pray the act of contrition either in your own words or as follows:
 

MY GOD, I AM SORRY FOR MY SINS WITH ALL MY HEART.  
 IN CHOOSING TO DO WRONG AND FAILING TO DO GOOD,  
 I HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU WHOM I SHOULD LOVE ABOVE ALL THINGS.  
 I FIRMLY INTEND, WITH YOUR HELP, TO DO PENANCE, TO SIN NO MORE,  
 AND TO AVOID WHATEVER LEADS ME TO SIN.  
 OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST SUFFERED AND DIED FOR US. IN HIS NAME, MY GOD, HAVE MERCY.
  - The priest will pray the prayer of absolution.
  - After the Sacrament, perform the penance the priest gave you and thank Jesus for His forgiveness.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCERESPONSIBILITIES TO GOD

Do I pray regularly?

Do I go to Mass each weekend or have I been careless about going to Church and worshipping God?

Do I participate at Mass or do I deliberately let my mind wander?

Do I take steps to learn more about my faith?

If am I a parent, am I making prayer, worship, and religious education a priority in my own life and also for my children?

Have I misused the name of God by swearing or cursing?

RESPONSIBILITIES TO OTHERS AND TO MYSELF

Have I been rebellious towards those in authority and do I use my own authority wisely for the service of others?

Have I lied to or deceived others?

Have I nurtured anger or held grudges and resentments? Have I refused to forgive others?

Have I been faithful to my husband or wife?

Have I been involved in sexual actions with myself, another person, or persons?

Have I read pornographic literature or watched pornographic movies or internet pornography?

Have I had an abortion or encouraged someone else to have one?

Have I tried to be informed and to understand the reasons behind the Church 's teachings against artificial contraception, in vitro fertilization, surrogate motherhood etc?

Have I gossiped? Have I told lies about others? Have I made fun of others?

Have I stolen anything? If so, have I returned it or paid it back?

Have I allowed myself to become jealous of others?

Have I gotten drunk or taken drugs or caused other to do so?

Have I participated in anything that is of the occult: such as séances, ouija boards, fortune tellers, astrology?

Have I tried to be patient, kind, gentle and self-controlled? Do I always want my own way?

Have I tried to care for others and to help others especially those who are not as well off as I am?

I ever hurt or injured someone else?

Are there any others sins that are on my conscience that I need to bring to Jesus for forgiveness?