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*Saint Margaret Parish  
Saugus ~ North Revere, Massachusetts  
Palm Sunday  
April 9, 2006*

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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*

### **Saint Margaret Youth Ministry CORE Meeting:**

There will be a CORE meeting for all Adult Volunteers on Monday, April 10, 2006 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. "New" volunteers are welcome.



### **Parishioner Appreciation Dinner:**

The Knights of Columbus, the Saugus Council, is sponsoring a dinner for the benefit of both Blessed Sacrament Parish and Saint Margaret's. Scheduled for Saturday, May 6, the dinner will be held at the K of C Hall, 1 K of C Drive, Saugus. There will be two sittings for the dinner. The first is at 5:00 p.m. and the second at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person and \$20.00 per family. Our thanks to the Knight for this wonderful effort in support of the Saugus Catholic Churches. Please support their effort.



Sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, **Rice Bowls** are to be returned by Sunday, April 22. Our thanks to those who participated in this project of awareness & concern for the needy of the world.

**Mass Intentions**

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)
Joseph Landrigan	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Tuesday	(4/11)
Mary Ann Frassica	Memorial Mass	8:30 a.m. Easter Sunday	
Deceased Russo & Frontiera Families	Memorial Mass	10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday	
Robert Streeter	Memorial Mass	11:30 a.m. Easter Sunday	



**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.

**Ecumenical Services:**

- April 9th at 6:00 p.m. Community Seder Super, St. Margaret's Parish Hall led by members of Congregation Ahavas Shalom
- 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

**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.

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

**Reconciliation (Confessions):** April 14, (Good Friday) after the 3:00 p.m. Solemn Good Friday Liturgy & April 15, (Holy Saturday) after Morning Prayer (which begins at 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.



**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. All welcome. Following the Holy Hour, tea, coffee and refreshments will be served.

As most of you are aware our amazing teens are going to be fasting for 30 Hours from 3 p.m. on Good Friday to 9:00 p.m. Holy Saturday. What a great way to observe Holy Week! During the 30 hours the teens will be traveling to Boston Common to bring food to the homeless. We need our Parish Family's support to make this event run smoothly. If you could offer your help for any of the following tasks it would be greatly appreciated:



- Cleaners are needed to clean and offer encouragement through out the famine.
- We also need donations of apple sauce, juice boxes, and packages of crackers and cheese any kind of packaged food to deliver to the homeless in Boston Common. Drop in bin in the back of the church any-time.
- We are also in need of LOTS of (any kind of) sandwiches to bring to the homeless at the Common (no Mayonnaise please). Bring to Parish Hall on Good Friday evening.
- Littleton pick up? Very Fine juices has donated our juice for the Famine - they are located in Littleton, MA and we need someone to pick up the order. If you or someone you know works in the area, please contact, Elaine Sanford.
- If you would like to make a donation to this cause please make your check out to St. Margaret's Parish. In the Memo note Famine.

Thank you for any support you are able to give.



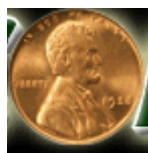
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FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY *By Dr. Scott Hahn*

**Darkness at Noon**

Crowned with thorns, our Lord is lifted up on the cross, where He dies as "King of the Jews." Notice how many times He is called "king" in today's Gospel - mostly in scorn and mockery. As we hear the long accounts of His passion, at every turn we must remind ourselves - He suffered this cruel and unusual violence, for us. He is the Suffering Servant foretold by Isaiah in today's First Reading. He reenacts the agony described in today's Psalm, and even dies with the first words of that Psalm on His lips (see Psalm 22:1). Listen carefully for the echoes of this Psalm throughout today's Gospel - as Jesus is beaten, His hands and feet are pierced; as His enemies gamble for His clothes, wagging their heads, mocking His faith in God's love, His faith that God will deliver Him. Are we that much different from our Lord's tormenters? Often, don't we deny that He is king, refusing to obey His only commands that we love Him and one another? Don't we render Him mock tribute, pay Him lip-service with our half-hearted devotions? In the dark noon of Calvary, the veil in Jerusalem's temple was torn. It was a sign that by His death Jesus destroyed forever the barrier separating us from the presence of God. He was God and yet humbled himself to come among us, we're reminded in today's Epistle. And despite our repeated failures, our frailty, Jesus still humbles himself to come to us, offering us His body and blood in the Eucharist. His enemies never understood: His kingship isn't of this world (see John 18:36). He wants to write His law, His rule of life on our hearts and minds. As we enter Holy Week, let us once more resolve to give Him dominion in our lives. Let us take up the cross He gives to us - and confess with all our hearts, minds, and strength, that truly this is the Son of God.

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www.SalvationHistory.com*

**Parish Choir Pilgrimage:** is going to Italy from Sept. 24 to Oct. 4, 2007. Cities they will visit: Venice, Florence, San Gimignano, Assisi & Rome. While there they will be singing at an evening Mass at St. Mark's Basilica, Venice, at Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Sunday Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, a concert at the Church of St. Ignatius in Rome and at the Wednesday Papal Audience. Specific details of the trip will be given as they become available. For now however, this is the time for new members to join the choir. In addition to choir members, others are encouraged to join us for what will certainly be a memorable trip.



**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 snow storms our food donations were down considerably. Would it be possible to 'double up' for the month of April? Thank you.

**The Grand Annual Collection:** Our thanks to those who have responded so quickly to our reminder letter mailed last week. Already 25 parishioners have responded with gifts totaling \$2,310.00. Combined with what has already been received, the totals are: 191 parishioners have give \$29,475.00. Thank you very much.

**Second Collection**

Parish Monthly Collection April 8 & 9

**The Offertory Collection** last Sunday was \$3,348.00. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to 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:**

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 CONSCIENCE

RESPONSIBILITIES 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?