

Saint Margaret Parish
Saugus - North Revere, Massachusetts
April 27, 2008



6TH
SUNDAY OF
EASTER

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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 Catholic Appeal: Cardinal Seán thanks everyone for participating in the Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised **\$15,592.00 from 97 households, 76.1% of our goal of \$20,500.00!** We ask every Catholic family to participate and that ***every gift matters.***

Information packets with pledge

forms are at the Church doors. General Electric retirees & 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. (*I don't think we have ever been so close to our goal in so short a time.*) (97 is the corrected number of households). Thank you!

Second Collections

Parish Monthly Collection - May 10 & 11

Seminaries Collection - May 17 & 18

Catholic Communications - May 24 & 25



Offertory Collection: Last Sunday's collection was \$3,492.00. Attendance at Masses last weekend was 616. Thank you for your generosity to the needs of the Parish.

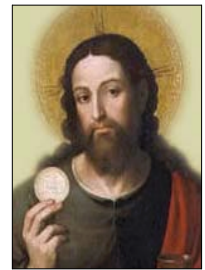
MAY PROCESSION: Sunday, May 4. We will assemble at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Yard for our May Procession to honor our Blessed Mother Mary. Our First Holy Communion & Confirmation recipients are participating in the procession and crowning of the statue of our Blessed Mother at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please call Ann Carozza at 781-929-7186 if you have questions or wish to help.

Forty Hours Devotions: Plan to participate in the Parish's Forty Hours Devotions beginning on Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. with a Holy Hour including Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding on Saturday, May 17 with the 4:00 p.m. Mass. The Church will be open throughout that time period. To ensure that there are always several people present while the Holy Eucharist is on the Altar many people are needed to come and spend time in the Church in adoration and praise. Please see the sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the Church and commit yourself to one or two visits during the Forty Hours.

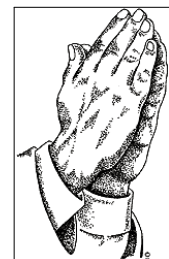
Yard Sale: We plan to have our annual Yard Sale on Saturday, May 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. As usual we need your help! As you do your spring cleaning, think of the Parish. Bring items to the rear entry of the rectory. And please: no computers, printers, TVs, stereo systems, old phones, etc....If you would like to help in any way, please call the Rectory at 781-233-1040.

Mass Intentions

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| Albert Dello Russo | Birthday Remembrance | 4:00 p.m. Saturday | (4/26) |
| Donald Clark | 2nd Anniversary Mass | 5:30 p.m. Saturday | (4/26) |
| Mabel Melanson | 5th Anniversary Mass | 8:30 a.m. Sunday | (4/27) |
| Timothy Augustus M. Schepici | Anniversary Mass | 10:00 a.m. Sunday | (4/27) |
| Frederick J. Jewkes | Memorial Mass | 9:00 a.m. Thursday | (5/1) |
| Ivan & Elenora Allen | Memorial Mass | 4:00 p.m. Saturday | (5/3) |
| Rhonda Szymanski | Memorial Mass | 5:30 p.m. Saturday | (5/3) |
| Phyllis Dello Russo | Memorial Mass | 8:30 a.m. Sunday | (5/4) |
| Cary Simpson | 4th Anniversary Mass | 10:00 a.m. Sunday | (5/4) |



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. **Please note that this week Mass for the feast of the Ascension will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. The Rosary will be prayed after Mass.**



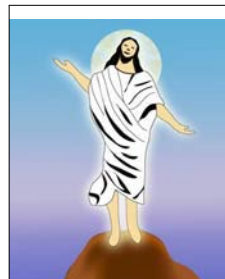
We pray for Peace in the World, an end to war and terrorism, an end to world hunger, our men & women in the Armed Services, **Paul Eaves, Jason Carmody and Michael McMorrow.**

The Sick Father William Commene - Karen Shirk - Ed Fallon - Chris McMahon - Gerald McKenna - Patricia Begin

The Faithful Departed Marie Green



Every 38 seconds in America a woman lays her body down, feeling forced to choose abortion out of a lack of practical resources and emotional support. "Abortion is a reflection that we have not met the needs of women." Feminists for Live, *Refuse to Choose*



The Feast of the Ascension: Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation are on Wednesday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. and on Thursday, May 1 at 9:00 a.m. There will be an evening Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church on Thursday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m.



Holy Communion: We look forward to the Celebration of First Holy Communion with the young boys and girls of the Parish. First Communions will be celebrated on Sundays, April 13, 20 & 27 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. May God bless these His precious children and their Parents and families.

The Annual Baby Shower: Every year on the Mothers' Day Weekend (May 10 & 11) we have a Baby Shower for the benefit of the Pregnancy Help Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. Items needed are: Baby Bottles, Newborn or Size 1 Disposable Diapers, Diaper Bags, Pacifiers, Sleep & Play, Sweaters, Crib Sheets, Nightgowns, Socks, Blanket Sleepers, Baby Powder, Receiving Blankets. Financial Contributions are also welcome. Checks payable to: Fund for the Unborn.

St Margaret's Choir Tea: The Choir is holding the annual Tea on Sunday, June 22, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Anyone interested in hosting a table or might be considering it and needs more information, call Pat Arsenault @ 781-233-2051 or Simone Sarnie @ 781-233-4088.

We love Our Blessed Mother Mary

By Bob Rice and Chris Padgett.

Here are some basic reasons why you should love her, too. Imagine you had the choice to pick any woman in all of human history to be your mother. Who would you choose? Most likely, we'd make the wrong choice. We'd choose riches or royalty. But "God does not see as human beings see; they look at appearances but Yahweh looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7) He chose to live a life of poverty to be raised by the most beautiful woman in the world. If she's good enough for Jesus, then she's good enough for us! G. K. Chesterton once referred to Mary as, "our tainted nature's solitary boast". In her beautiful hymn of praise she said, "from henceforth all generations will call me blessed." (Luke 1:48) Think about it: has any other human being ever had the kind of intimacy with God that she has? Who else can claim to be a daughter of the Father, a mother of the Son, and a spouse of the Spirit? She carried Christ in her womb, nursed Him at her breast, raised Him in faith, and even watched Him die for our sins. When Jesus gave Mary to the Apostle John at the end of John's gospel, He gave her to the Church. She is now our mother, and her heart burns with love for us. I had a good friend once ask me, "Why are you so into Mary?" My response was, "The real question is: Why is God so into Mary?" He chose her. I don't think any of us would have complained had Jesus just appeared at the age of 30 and began His public ministry. But He chose Mary to participate in His saving work, and He still does today. Since the time of Christ, she has appeared throughout history and proclaimed the need to repent and embrace God's love. I'm not talking about the ink stains on the sides of buildings, or her face in a potato chip - that's stuff for the tabloids. I'm talking Fatima, Lourdes, Guadalupe and many other approved apparitions that transformed cultures and brought about great conversions. God wants Mary to be a part of your life, and her mission hasn't changed since her first "yes" to the angel - she is the means by which God wants to bring Christ to the world. You can start with one of the earliest prayers of the Church. It begins by greeting her and honoring her in the same way that Scripture does: That is how the angel Gabriel greeted Mary in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 1, verse 28. When Mary went to visit Elizabeth, the baby in Elizabeth's womb (who would grow up to become John the Baptist) leapt with joy, and then Elizabeth made this beautiful proclamation. (Luke 1:42) What's even cooler about this, is that the first person to recognize Jesus (other than Mary) was an unborn baby! In the next part of our prayer, we continue to honor her, and acknowledge her role in our faith: Being the mother of Jesus, she is the mother of God. This does not mean we think she "created" God - God always was, always is, and always will be. But we acknowledge the role that God chose for her, and praises her holy "yes" that submitted herself to Him when she said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to your will." (Luke 1:38) And as we close our prayer, we come to our request: This is the heart of it: we ask for her prayers. There has never been a human being closer to the heart of God than Mary, and she wants to help us come to know Him more. Will you let her? Will you let her love you as a mother and raise you as her child? Will you ask for her help to become more intimate with Christ than you have ever been before? It starts with this prayer, and continues with other wonderful devotions like the rosary.

Parish Offertory Envelopes: If you wish to receive envelopes, please return the following information:

Name:

Address:

Saugus Baccalaureate Service: will be on Tuesday, May 27 at 6:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, 14 Summer Street, Saugus Center. All graduating seniors are welcome along with their family and friends. All church members are encouraged to attend and celebrate with our graduates. Fellowship will follow after the service; if you are able to bring refreshments, please call us at the rectory (781-233-1040). Baccalaureate is a religious service. We ask God's blessings upon those who are about to begin a new phase of life's journey—our graduating seniors!



Bring us your Shaw's cash register receipts! (get them from relatives, neighbors and coworkers, etc.!) Through this program we have received \$1,575.36 thus far. A basket is provided in the front vestibule of the Church. The Parish receives 1% of the total of those cash register receipts. Thank you.



When away from home use **MassTimes.com** This free service helps you to locate

Catholic Churches and their Mass times. Please remember to bring home the bulletin - it is always interesting to see what other Churches are offering.

The Pie sisters: The Dominican Sisters of Hartford, CT, affectionately know to us as "The Pie Sisters" will be in our Parish on the weekend of May 24 & 25. They will be having their usual Bake Sale of Bread, Brownies, Apple and Blueberry Pies. Through these Bake Sales The Sisters and their helpers raise money to assist in their missionary work with lepers in southeast Asia. They are most appreciative of the support received through their Bake Sales.

United Parish Food Pantry - March 2008

Located at the Cliftondale Congregational Church

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| Households served | 97 |
| Adults | 101 |
| Children | 43 |
| Seniors | 41 |
| # of visits | 152 |
| # of bags given out | 645 |
| <u>Date</u> | <u># of clients</u> |
| 3/7/08 | 47 |
| 3/14/08 | 32 |
| 3/21/08 | 36 |
| 3/29/08 | 37 |
| 4/4/08 | 39 |

Thanks to those who volunteer at the Food Pantry (volunteers are always needed - come by on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - you will be put to work) and those who support this effort through their monthly donation of food (at Saint Margaret's we collect food the 2nd weekend of every month).



On Palm Sunday weekend our teens participated in a 30 hour famine raising money through many generous sponsors. After paying all the expenses of the event, the teens have donated \$2,000.00 to The Little Children of the World Foundation and \$300.00 to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Our thanks to Andrea Alberti and to our teens for a successful spiritual and educational experience.



The Walk for Hunger: Join us this year for a historic event and a beloved Boston tradition — the 40th annual Walk for Hunger — on **Sunday, May 4, 2008**. Unite with friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors in the spirit of giving to walk the 20-mile route, which threads through Boston, Brookline, Newton, Watertown, and Cambridge. Help people across the state who struggle to make ends meet. Last year alone, pledges from The Walk for Hunger funded 400 emergency food programs in 126 communities across the state. During the same period, many soup kitchens and food pantries provided more than 42 million meals for hungry people in our state. Your support will help provide nutritious meals for those who would otherwise go without, right here in Massachusetts. To register for the Walk for Hunger take a brochure from the vestibule in the Church or go to www.projectbread.org

Religious Education: Grades 7 & 8 will meet Friday, May 2 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Grade 9 will meet Sunday, April 27 at 4:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



National Day of Prayer:

All are welcome to the observance of the National Day of Prayer. It will be held at Saugus Town Hall, Thursday, May 1 at 7:00 pm. Join us as we pray for our community and our nation.

Year I Spring Confirmation Program

Sunday, April 27, from 4:15 to 7:00 p.m. **We have a Mission** with Val & Max Shippen. We will have regular class followed by Pizza & Soda \$5.00.

Sunday, May 4, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. **May Procession** All Parent and families invited. Because May is the Month of our Blessed Mother all Confirmation Candidates will be participating in the Marian Procession at Saint Margaret's. There is no evening class.

Sunday, May 11 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Take your Mother to the 10:00 a.m. Mass – Happy Mothers' Day - No evening class.

Monday, May 12 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Famine Debrief Meeting – All interested in helping with the 2009 Famine are welcome!

Sunday, May 18 at 4:30 Potluck Party - All Parents and Confirmation Candidates meet in the Parish Hall at 4:30 to 5:30 We will discuss/register for next year, as well as review this year and summer. At 5:30 p.m. we will celebrate our last evening Liturgy of the year and at 6:30 we will eat yummy food and have fun! Please email smym07@yahoo.com as to what you are able to bring for dinner.

Other (optional) Opportunities: Come help with 7th and 8th grade CCD on May 2, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. – What High School is like? FDI on May 9 and May 16



May Breakfast: The Last Monthly Breakfast before the summer break will be on Sunday, May 18 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Plan to join us.

*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.*



**ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

Alive in the Spirit By Dr. Scott Hahn

Jesus will not leave us alone. He won't make us children of God in Baptism only to leave us "orphans," He assures us in today's Gospel (see Romans 8:14-17). He asks the Father to give us His Spirit, to dwell with us and keep us united in the life He shares with the Father. We see the promised gift of His Spirit being conferred in today's First Reading. The scene from Acts apparently depicts a primitive Confirmation rite. Philip, one of the first deacons (see Acts 6:5), proclaims the Gospel in the non-Jewish city of Samaria. The Samaritans accept the Word of God (see Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:13) and are baptized. It remains for the Apostles to send their representatives, Peter and John, to pray and lay hands on the newly baptized - that they might receive the Holy Spirit. This is the origin of our sacrament of Confirmation (see Acts 19:5-6), by which the grace of Baptism is completed and believers are sealed with the Spirit promised by the Lord. We remain in this grace so long as we love Christ and keep His commandments. And strengthened in the Spirit whom Jesus said would be our Advocate, we are called to bear witness to our salvation - to the tremendous deeds that God has done for us in the name of His Son. In today's Psalm, we celebrate our liberation. As He changed the sea into dry land to free the captive Israelites, Christ suffered that He might lead us to God, as we hear in today's Epistle. This is the reason for our hope - the hope that sustains us in the face of a world that cannot accept His truth, the hope that sustains us when we are maligned and defamed for His name's sake. Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the Spirit, Paul tells us today. And as He himself promises: "Because I live, you will live."

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



BIBLE DETECTIVE

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

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Do you think that the Philip who went to Samaria was the apostle Philip, or someone else? Is there something about this story to make us think that he was not an apostle?

It seems that Philip administered one of the sacraments to his converts in Samaria. Which sacrament would that have been?

Peter and John prayed that the Holy Spirit might come upon the new converts, and they laid hands upon them. Which of the sacraments do you think that the apostles were conferring?

FILL IN THE GAPS

The sentences below are missing key words. Can you find the correct ones? (They are all in today's readings.)

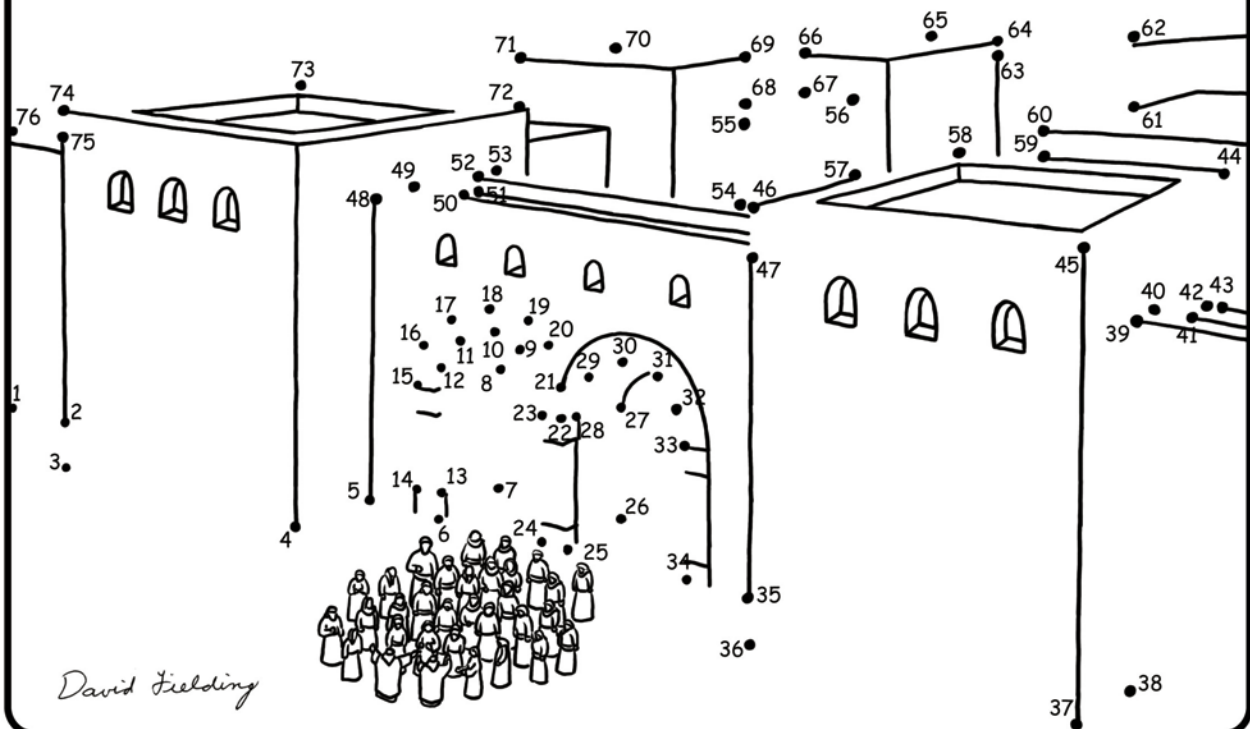
- Philip went down to the _____ of _____ and there _____ the Messiah.
- Peter and John upon arriving _____ hands on them and they _____ the _____ Spirit.
- _____ the Lord, that is, _____, in your hearts.
- I will not _____ you _____: I will come _____ to you.
- He who _____ the _____ he has from me is the man who loves me.

ANSWERS

1. town, Samaria, proclaimed 2. imposed, received, Holy 3. Venerate, Christ, hearts 4. leave, orphaned, back 5. obeys, commandments, loves

CONNECT THE DOTS

READING: ACTS 8: 5-8, 14-17
PEOPLE OF SAMARIA GREETING PETER AND JOHN



David Fielding