

Saint Margaret Parish
Saugus - North Revere Massachusetts
September 3, 2006



This people
Honors
me with their lips,
but their
hearts
are far from me;.

Mark 7:6

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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

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

Monday Morning Bible Study: You are welcome to join our Monday morning Bible Study Group which meets in the Parish Hall immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Monday morning Mass. Using the Little Rock Bible Study series, the participants will be studying "The Women of the Old Testament". Come on Monday, September 11, to receive your materials and an overview of what and how the program works and see the benefit that comes from being formed in the Word of God. There is no cost and all are welcome.

Project Rachel will sponsor post abortion healing retreats for women on Saturday, September 9 & Saturday, November 4, and the weekend of October 13—15. Previous participants have found the retreats to be life-changing experiences of forgiveness, healing and reconciliation. For information call Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or email help@projectrachelboston.com

Parish Mission Statement

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.



Clothing Drive: Saint Vincent de Paul will have its annual clothing drive next weekend, September 9 & 10. A Saint Vincent de Paul Truck will be in our Jackson Street

Parking Lot to receive your donations of used (but in good condition) clothing. Donations will be accepted on Saturday, September 9 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday, September 10 from 8:00 a.m. until 12 Noon. Start that Fall cleaning now!

Nurses Needed: Regina Cleri, the residence for retired priests of the Archdiocese, is seeking the services of professional nurses at its facility located at 60 William Cardinal O'Connell Way in Boston. Competitive wages, excellent benefits and parking are offered in a very pleasant atmosphere. Kindly contact Ms Mary Hanlon, RN, Director of Nursing (617-523-2022) or send resume to the above address or e-mail mhanlon@reginacleri.org

Coming Soon - Parish Photo Directory: It has been 6 years since our Parish published a Photo Directory of the people of the Parish. More information will follow next week about this opportunity for you and your family to have your photograph taken and to participate in a new edition Parish Photo Directory.

Mass Intentions

Joseph Moschella	Birthday Remembrance	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(9/2)
Robert & Rita D'Agostino	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(9/2)
Rocco & Susan LaVacca	Memorial Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(9/3)
Edward Monahan & Julia Harrington	Memorial Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(9/3)
Nicola & Angelina Parrottina	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Tuesday	(9/5)
Gerrie Swain Geaney	Birthday Remembrance	9:00 a.m. Wednesday	(9/6)
George Woodbury	Birthday Remembrance	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(9/9)
Joshua Cahill	Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(9/9)
Frederick Collins (10th) & Ellen Collins (9th)	Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(9/10)
Joann Paoletta	Birthday Remembrance	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(9/10)



Religious Education

Religious Education Classes begin at the follow-

ing times and dates:

Grades 1 through 6: Sunday, September 10 from 8:30 a.m. till 9:45 a.m. at the Belmonte Middle School.

Grades 7 & 8: Friday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. a Parent Meeting in the Parish Hall. First class for Students is Friday, September 15 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Grade 9 (First Year Confirmation): A Parent and Student Meeting on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 in the Parish Hall. The first class for students will be on Wednesday, September 13 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Grade 10 (Second Year Confirmation): There will be a meeting for the Confirmation Sponsors only on Sunday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The first class for Students & Sponsors will be Sunday, September 24 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Registration All returning students, those who are new to our Parish, children entering the First Grade and Catholic High School 10th Graders are to register for Religious Education Classes. Registration forms are available at the Rectory. The registration fee this year is \$60.00 per student with a maximum of \$75.00 per family.

The **Living Rosary Pilgrimage** will be on Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church 579 Boston Street, Lynn. Beginning with the entrance procession, there will be the recitation of the Rosary followed by Holy Mass. All welcome.



The Annual Catholic Appeal

Our Parish goal is \$22,100.00. Please do what you can and know that because of your open heart and helpful hand the work of the Church and its important mission will continue. Please help the Church to move forward. **As of August 1, 106 members of the Parish donated \$13,645.00. We are at 62% of our goal and the average donation is \$129.00. If only 100 more people would give \$75.00 we would easily arrive at our goal! Thank you.**

Second Collections

Parish Monthly September 9 & 10
Catholic University Collection September 16 & 17

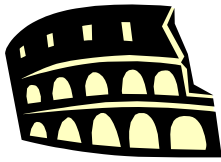
The Offertory Collection last Sunday was \$3,252.00 and the Catholic Home Mission Collection was \$1,012.00. Thank you very much for your generosity to the needs of our Parish and to the missionary work of the Church. Attendance at Mass last weekend was 527.



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:



Gourmet Italian Dinner.

Come and have a fun-filled evening with an Italian flair – hors d'oeuvres, gourmet entrees, wine, delectable desserts and entertainment! Without giving away all of the surprises of the evening, some of the entertainment will include a selection of Italian favorites by the world-renowned “Two and a Half Tenors.” Join the Adult Choir celebrate the beginning of the year’s countdown to **Italy 2007**. This is one dinner you do not want to miss! Mark your calendars now for the upcoming Gourmet Italian Dinner on Saturday, September 23, 2006. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and entertainment following at 7:00 p.m. Check future bulletins for the menu. Tickets will be on sale for \$35 per person and may be purchased from the choir members after all the Masses beginning Saturday, August 26, or at the Rectory.



In the Letter of St. James we find the question, “Is there anyone sick among you?” The response is that the sick

are to call the priests of the Church who are to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. This Sacrament is not to be looked upon as the “Last Rites” but as a powerful instrument of God’s healing and strength. Therefore, prior to surgery or when diagnosed with or living with a serious illness avail yourself of this gift. At times we officiate at funerals where persons had been seriously ill for a long time and no one made arrangements for these to go to Confession, receive the Eucharist and receive the anointing of the sick. Reach out to the sick with love. On Friday, September 8, this Sacrament will be offered following the 9:00 a.m. Mass (unless there is a funeral). If this is not convenient for you call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Bishop Alfred C. Hughes, the Archbishop of New Orleans, has asked that the following prayer be recited in the Churches of New Orleans at all weekend Masses from June 1 through November 30:



“Through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, may we be delivered from the suffering inflicted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and spared from further loss of life and property in this hurricane season.”

This prayer is placed here so that in our daily prayers and devotions we can join ourselves in prayer to the people of New Orleans who have suffered and lost so much.

Coffee and Fellowship: On the first Wednesday of each month (unless there is a funeral) following the 9:00 a.m. we gather in the Parish Hall for coffee and refreshments. Please join us for morning Mass and fellowship in the Parish Hall. You are welcome.

Catholic Schools in the area: If you are considering a Catholic School for your children we list area Catholic elementary and high schools:

Elementary Schools

Immaculate Conception, Revere	781-284-0519
St. Mary, Danvers	978-774-0307
St. Patrick School, Stoneham	781-438-2593
Cheverus School, Malden	781-324-6584
Our Lady School, Lynnfield	781-599-4422
Sacred Heart School Lynn	781-592-7581
St. Mary School, Melrose	781-665-5037
St. Joseph School, Wakefield	781-245-2081
St. Mary School, Winchester	781-729-5515

High Schools

Malden Catholic High School	781-322-3098
St. Mary Jr. & Sr. High School, Lynn	781-595-7885
Nazareth Academy, Wakefield	781-245-5210
Bishop Fenwick, Peabody	978-531-8200
St. John’s Prep, Danvers	978-774-1050
Austin Prep, Jr. & Sr. High School, Reading	781-944-4900
Pope John XXIII, Everett	617-389-0240

RCIA / Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is designed for:

Inquirers (baptized or not baptized), Those seeking conversion from another faith
 (Catechumens – individuals who have never been baptized in any tradition and need basic evangelization and instruction in faith formation)

Baptized but not fully initiated into the Church,
 (Candidates – individuals seeking full communion with the Church. These individuals fall into two groups: 1) Baptized Christians seeking full communion with the Church; 2) Baptized Catholics who are not fully initiated (have not received Confirmation), with little or no instruction in the Bible or general Christian teachings.

Catholics who want a fuller understanding of the Church and her teachings

Classes will guide and form our catechumens and candidates as part of the RCIA, but the presentations and format will help all who choose to participate deepen their love for and understanding of the Church.

RCIA classes begin (Inquiry Phase) on Saturday, October 7, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. If you know someone who might be interested, please invite them to come along and learn more.



Altar Servers Needed: Several of our young people have expressed a desire to serve at Altar Servers. In early September we will begin training for those interested in serving Mass here at Saint Margaret's. Boys and girls in the third grade and higher are welcome to join us - the first training date is September 6 at 3:30 p.m. in the Church.

Marriage Intentions

Joshua Crawford & Gina Spadafora
 (9/28)



United Parish Food Pantry:

On the second weekend of each month we collect food for our local food pantry. 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.) Our September food collection will be the weekend of September 9 & 10. Because many are away on vacation could we ask our contributors to double up their contribution. Your donation of food is always needed and very much appreciated. Thank you.

Labor Day: Celebrated the first Monday in September, this holiday is dedicated to you in respect and appreciation for the work you do in or outside of the home, union or non-union, big company, small companies, or government. As long as you work somewhere at something, this holiday is for you! The first Labor Day was held celebrated in New York City on September 5, 1882 and was started by the Central Labor Union in New York City. In 1884, it was moved to the first Monday in September where it is celebrated today. Labor Day quickly became popular and one state after another voted it as a holiday. On June 28, 1894, the U.S. congress voted it a national holiday.

Labor Day is also viewed as the official end of summer. While the Fall Equinox is still a couple of weeks away, kids go back to school and summer vacations are over. So this marks the end of the season. Many people celebrate this weekend with one last picnic. It is also the date that many people close up the pool, and put away the boats.

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



ST. PAUL CENTER FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

Pure Religion

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Today's Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light, as one having authority to interpret God's law.

Jesus' quotation from Isaiah today is ironic (see Isaiah 29:13). In observing the law, the Pharisees honor God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they've turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions.

The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today's First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus' gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose (see Matthew 5:17).

The law, fulfilled in the gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us -- the kingdom of God, eternal life.

Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today's Epistle, the gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity.

This means we must be "doers" of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in today's Psalm and hear again in today's Epistle, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters, and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts.

The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honor.

"Hear *me*," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law.

Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip-service?

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Labor Day Reflection: It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We cannot do everything; and there is a sense of liberation in that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well... It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.

Archbishop Oscar Romero



QUIZ

Can you choose the correct endings?

- Moses lived:
 - (a) two thousand years ago
 - (b) one thousand years ago
 - (c) over three thousand years ago?
- James was writing to:
 - (a) Pharisees
 - (b) early Christians
 - (c) Israel?
- The Jews' ritual of washing came from:
 - (a) Moses
 - (b) their ancestors
 - (c) a commandment from God?
- A person is made impure by:
 - (a) eating pork
 - (b) what comes from within the heart
 - (c) eating with unwashed hands?
- Isaiah was:
 - (a) a prophet who lived long before Jesus
 - (b) one of the Pharisees
 - (c) a ruler of Israel?

ANSWERS

The correct answers are: 1(c); 2(b); 3(b); 4(b); 5(a)

WORDSEARCH

Can you find and circle the words listed below the wordsearch grid?

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V	J	D	E	N	Z	A	Y	E	I	X	R
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- LORD
- GOD
- GIFT
- THEFT
- ISRAEL
- GREED
- BLASPHEMY
- PURIFIED
- USURY
- EVIL
- DOGMAS
- PURE
- JESUS

A PICTURE TO COLOR

