

Mass Intentions

James MacDonald	1st Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(3/6)
Joan Grella	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(3/6)
George Castiello	Birthday Remembrance	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(3/7)
George Woodbury	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Wednesday	(3/10)
Edward & Alice Worthy	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(3/13)
Joan Grella	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(3/13)
Maria Gulino	10th Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(3/14)
Donald J. Shea	10th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(3/14)



Reconfiguration of Parishes: The six representatives from our Parish (Carol Nadeau, Eileen Mahoney, Rosemary Reed, Jim Forgione, Gerri Milgroom and Father George) will meet this afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary's in Melrose with representative from the other 7 parishes of our cluster (St. Patrick, Stoneham, St. Joseph, Most Blessed Sacrament & St. Florence, Wakefield, St. Mary & Incarnation, Melrose and Blessed Sacrament & St. Margaret, Saugus). This will be the last of three meetings. At the end of this meeting, the appointed convener of our cluster, Fr. Michael Steele of St. Joseph in Wakefield will submit the recommendations we arrive at to our area Vicar, Fr. Vincent Mellone who will then submit this report to the Regional Bishop, Bishop Francis Irwin. He will submit our recommendations along with his own to Bishop Lennon and to the Reconfiguration Commission. This Commission will offer its report to Archbishop O'Malley who plans to announce his decisions at the end of April or the beginning of May. What can we do? Please pray for all those involved in today's important meeting at St. Mary's. This has been a very difficult experience. Next week's bulletin will contain the report which is being submitted concerning which parish and parishes are being recommended for closure if the Archbishop deems necessary.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - Training Workshop: Designed for those who are presently serving and for those who are new in these ministries. Training Workshop will take place at Saint Athanasius Parish in Reading on Tuesdays March 9, 16, 23 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage people of the Parish to become involved in these important ministries. If you need information or to register please call the rectory (781-233-1040).

Bereavement Group Starts Monday, March 1: Are you looking for comfort, understanding and some coping skills following the recent death of a loved one? A six week program will address the issues that grief brings - symptoms of grief, anger, guilt, how to get through the holidays, etc. Meeting are at Saint Mary's Parish Center, Melrose on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. For information or to register call Pat McConville at 781-665-8217.

The Sacrament of Baptism: is usually celebrated on the third Sunday of each month at 12 Noon. The Preparation Meeting prior to the Baptism of a child is every other month. Future Baptism Preparation meetings for parents & godparents are: April 1, June 3, and August 5, October 7, December 2, 2004. These are held in the Parish Hall and begin at 7:00 p.m. Please call the Rectory to register.

Ecumenical Services: There is a wonderful Ecumenical Spirit in our Community. You are welcome to participate in these services on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

March 7—Church of the Nazarene, 60 Essex Street

March 14—Unitarian Church, Main at Summer Street

March 21—Saint Margaret Church, 431 Lincoln Ave

March 28—East Saugus United Methodist Church, 85 Chestnut Street

Stations of the Cross: Join us for this meaningful Lenten devotion on then Fridays of Lent (March 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9) at 7:00 p.m. Following Stations, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 p.m. This time will be marked by silence and for personal prayer. Come, be still, and pray in His presence.

Lenten Mission: Please join us for this year's annual Mission, which will be Monday through Thursday, March 22 – 25. The focus will be the Gospel of St. Luke. There are two reason why we have chosen this focus: to help us gain insight as we read from the Gospel of Luke throughout this liturgical year; and Luke is often referred to as a physician - we as church need his medicine. The evening sessions will be at Blessed Sacrament Church at 7:00 p.m. Morning Mass during the Mission time will be at Saint Margaret's at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to participate in this important annual event in the life of our parishes.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: 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. On the First Friday of each month, (March 5) this Sacrament is offered following the 9:00 a.m. Mass or call the Rectory for a more convenient time.

Marriage Preparation: This evening 18 engaged couples will complete our Marriage Preparation Program. It is always so gratifying to be with these young couples who are planning to be married and to offer them not only information but also the lived experience of Marriage from wonderful married couples of our community. Our thanks to JoAnne and Scott Ludwig, Cathy and Joe Krasowski and Donna and Vinny Zinna for the generosity with which they share their time and insights with the engaged couples. To keep this valuable program going, we need Married Couples to participate. For information on how you can get involved, see Fr. George.

Parent Meeting: for those who have a child preparing for First Holy Communion. Meeting will be on Thursday, March 11 or Sunday, March 14. Meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. and will be in the Parish Hall.

Next Monthly Breakfast: Sunday, March 21 from 8:30 to 12 Noon. Donation: Adults (\$5.95) and children (\$3.00). We are very encouraged by the large number of people who came to last Sunday's breakfast! Thanks for your support.

The Silver Ring Thing: is coming to our area on Saturday & Sunday, March 27 & 28 at Merrimack College, North Andover, MA. This is a high-tech program using music, skits, and comedy performances about sexual abstinence to answer the old question, "Why Should I Wait?" Clearly the best mix of high-tech sound, lighting, special effects about guys, girls, dating, love, second chances, choices. For Middle School through College. On both evenings from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. there will be a special seminar for parents by Doctor Meg Meeker, author of the book "Epidemic: How Teen Sex Is Killing our Kids." Pre-registration required (\$15.00 for the Silver Ring plus follow-up materials).

Annual Penny Sale: Always a lot of fun and a good fund raising event for the Parish, we will have the Penny Sale on Saturday evening, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Your help is needed to make the Penny Sale a success. Please donate new items with a value of \$5.00 or more. You may leave them in the front entry way of the Rectory at any time or when you come to Church on the weekend.

Saint Margaret's Annual Tea: will be held on Sunday, May 2 at 1:00 p.m. Anyone interested in hosting a table, helping with the event or would like more information, please call Simone Sarnie (781-233-4088) or Gloria Johnson (781-231-5187).

An Education for \$100! The Sisters of St. Joseph are sponsoring a scholarship campaign. 5000 tickets will be sold at \$100 each - you have a 1 in 5000 chance of winning (for yourself or someone else) four years of educational opportunity worth up to \$100,000. For tickets call 617-746-2115. Drawing is March 19, 2004.

The Living Rosary: March 16, 6:30 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima Church, 50 Walsh Ave. Peabody. All Welcome.

A Good Steward: Peter, James and John wanted to build a tent for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But Jesus, the Son of God, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must go forth and do what we can to hasten the coming of the kingdom.

Second Collections:

Parish Monthly Collection	March 13 - 14
Bishop's Overseas Appeal	March 20—21

Offertory Collection: The Offertory Collection last weekend was \$3,042.00 and the Collection for Holy Father was \$1,217.00. Thank you for your generosity to the Parish.

Religious Education

Grades 1 to 6: Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. at the Belmonte Middle School.

Grades 7 & 8: The next meeting is Friday, April 2 from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Grade 9, Year I Confirmation will continue on Wednesday, March 10, 2004 at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The Sacrament of Penance: During the Lenten season each grade level will participate in a Penance Service at which the students will have an opportunity for personal confession. Grades 3 & 4 on March 6; Grades 5 & 6 on March 13; Grades 7 & 8 on March 20. Parents are invited to participate in each of these services.

Teen Youth/24-Hour Fast: St. Margaret Parish will hold its fourth annual inspirational 24-Hour Fast this year from 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, through approximately 9:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9. Prior to the Fast, the teens will be raising funds to be donated to needy organizations in the town of Saugus. The 24-Hour Fast is open to and welcomes any teen of high school age. Please see the bulletin board at the back of the Church for further information or call Bev Gorman at 781-233-8306 to receive the necessary package of information. Consent forms must be signed by parents or guardians and returned as soon as possible so that we can prepare and plan for the number of teens who will participate in the Fast.

Annemark Nursing Home Collection: In conjunction with the 24-Hour Fast, the teens will be making Easter cards for the patients at Annemark Nursing Home and collecting the following items which are needed by Annemark for the patients' activities program: baby dolls, baby doll clothes and carriers, teddy bears, bingo prizes, hand lotions, nail polish and remover, nail files, cotton balls, games, large dice, large puzzles, arts and crafts materials (such as fun foam), party materials, VCR movies (PG ratings), wrapping paper, stencils, rulers, measuring tapes, construction paper and scissors (round tips). If you are interested in making a donation, you can bring any of the above items to any of the Masses on March 27 and 28 or April 3 and 4. If you have any questions, please call Bev Gorman at 781-233-8306.

Matthew Kelly will be at Immaculate Conception, 10 Fellsway East, Malden, on March 14, 15 & 16. Matthew is a 30 yr. old Australian young man who has a powerful story. You are invited to go and hear his witness to the faith.

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:

