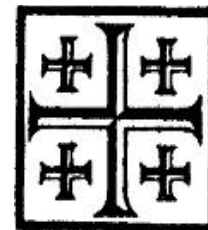


Mass Intentions

Donald Vilella	2nd Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(5/29)
Ann Orlando	1st Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(5/29)
Dante Gasparini & Luciano Castellarin	Memorial Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(5/30)
Edward Boivin	14th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(5/30)
Deceased Members of the Castiello, McCauley, Russo & Frontiera Families		9:00 a.m. Monday	(5/31)
Petrina Perillo	21st Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(6/5)
Robert Morrison	1st Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(6/5)
Fred Olivero	Birthday Remembrance	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(6/6)
John Galasso & Henigan Family	Memorial Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(6/6)



Reconfiguration: We are grateful and relieved by Archbishop Sean’s decision that our Parish remain open. This past Tuesday, I felt so supported by the great number of people who were at morning Mass and who waited with me for the letter bringing the news that would impact our future as a Parish. I am grateful for the many people who called during the day enquiring about the decision and for all those who came to the “spontaneous” party Tuesday evening. It was a wonderful testimony of who we are as a community. Our rejoicing is tempered however because we are also very much aware of how difficult it must be for the people and the priests of the parishes that are closing. Their hurt and anger must be overwhelming. Our hearts and prayers need to go out to them. In addition to the many parishes of the Archdiocese that are to close, we also need to reach out to our brothers and sisters of the Saugus Community United Methodist Church here in Cliftondale Square. That community has been a mainstay in this part of town for many, many years. We grieve the loss of this worshipping community which is scheduled to close on June 1. Their closing will forever change the landscape of our town. May God be their strength and support.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass children are invited to participate in their own Liturgy of the Word. Dismissed from Mass, adults lead them to the Parish Hall where they hear the Word of God, reflect on it and participate in some type of related activity. They return to Church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Celebratory Brunch - June 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. All welcome to the Brunch featuring a fabulous menu. \$9.95 for adults and \$4.95 for children.

Second Collections

- May 29 & 30 Seminaries
- June 13 & 13 Parish Monthly
- June 26 & 27 Black & Indian Missions

Our Offerings: Last weekend’s Collection was \$2,279.00. *Thank you for your generosity to the needs of the Parish.*



Ecumenical Memorial Day Service: “Lest We Forget.”

You are invited to participate in a Memorial Service honoring the men and women who valiantly served our nation with pride and dignity. Some of these men and women made the ultimate sacrifice so that we might be free and at peace. Sponsored by the Veterans Council and the Saugus Clergy Association, the service will be held at **Blessed Sacrament Church on Sunday evening, May 30 at 7:00 p.m.** Father Charles Bourke, Pastor of Saint John’s Parish in Winthrop will be the guest speaker. Father Bourke is a former Navy Chaplain and was the Commandant of the Chaplain Navy School in Newport, Rhode Island.

Incarnation Parish, Upham Street, Melrose: The people of Incarnation Parish invite you to come to their Summer Festival on Saturday, June 12. Beginning at 2:00 p.m. there will be hot dogs and hamburgers grilling, a moonwalk, games and prizes for children, an outdoor Mass celebrated on the front lawn at 4:00 p.m. and an adult softball game at 5:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets and join in what will be a fun and memorable day. An Incarnation Parish representative will be here this weekend selling tickets for this event. Adults are \$5.00 and children are \$3.00.

Religious Education Awards and Ice Cream Social:

Our annual recognition of those students who had perfect attendance at Religious Education this past year will take place on Sunday, June 6 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. After Mass everyone is welcome to the Parish Hall for our traditional Ice Cream Social. Get a generous scoop (or two) of ice cream and help yourself to all the fixings! Promise: we will not run out of ice cream! All invited.

Saint Vincent de Paul Annual Clothing Drive: will take place on June 12 & 13. A truck will be in the Parking Lot to receive your clothing donations.

The Pie & Bread Sisters are coming on June 26 & 27. Help support the Dominican Sisters’ Missions to the Lepers of Southeast Asia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful!

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May 24, 2004

Rev. George Morin
Saint Margaret
431 Lincoln Ave.
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Dear Father Morin:

After prayerful consideration, I am writing to inform you that Saint Margaret Parish will remain open.

My decision comes after having completed the process of discernment that began in the clusters and continued with the advice and counsel received from the vicars forane, the regional bishops, the Central Committee and the Presbyteral Council. The assignment of parish territory to designated receiving parishes and the effective date of suppressions will be announced by mid-June to the specific receiving and closing parishes.

In effect, all parishes remaining open will be "welcoming," even if they are not designated as receiving parishes. In order to facilitate renewal, a welcoming manual will be sent out to you in the coming weeks. It is designed to foster an orderly transition during this time of unprecedented change, and to help you plan for expanding programs and opportunities as your parish grows.

Your leadership is essential at this time. The emotional relief you and your parishioners feel will be countered by the trauma of priests and people around you in closing parishes. I am asking that you be strong in helping your people to be sensitive and caring and that your parish put a great deal of energy into effectively welcoming those who seek to join your faith community.

As a priest, I encourage you to reach out to your brother priests who will be suffering personally and yet are called to be responsible leaders as their parishes close. Enclosed in this packet are some suggestions and perspectives.

Please be assured of my gratitude and continued prayer as you, your staff and parishioners move forward to foster a parish environment that will truly answer God's call to "Rebuild My Church."

Fraternally yours in Christ,

+ Sean

Sean O'Malley, OFM Cap.
Archbishop of Boston