

SEPTEMBER 22, 1996



**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

Dear Parishioners:

I feel that I have to communicate with you about a matter I wish I did not have to address. It has to do with allegations of sexual misconduct by a priest. We are all aware that these are difficult matters with which to deal. We are also very concerned because of all that sexual abuse implies regarding the effects on children, their families and groups in which they are involved, such as a parish community. Our parish has recently lived with this experience. It is with this in mind, and after full consultation with our parish pastoral staff, that I write this letter to you.

During this past summer the Boston newspapers published reports of a suit filed alleging sexual misconduct by Father John Geoghan who served here from 1967 to 1974. Although the allegations that were reported about him refer to another time and another parish, Cardinal Law's delegates for cases involving sexual abuse of minors by the clergy have offered their assistance to our parish in case there are any persons or families here who might have some concerns with respect to these allegations, be they related to Fr. Geoghan or other situations.

Sister Rita McCarthy, CSJ, of the Delegate's Office is ready to speak with anyone who telephones her at 254-0100, or you may approach one of the St. Paul pastoral staff. Our goal is to provide whatever pastoral or professional assistance may be required for those concerned. What is important is that we help one another. All matters will be handled confidentially. Help is available that will hopefully bring emotional and spiritual healing to individuals and families so concerned.

Knowing the sensitivity and importance of these matters, let us pray for everyone involved. God in His goodness will help us all, as together, we look fairly and compassionately at these matters.

Sincerely,

Fr. James Rafferty, Pastor

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY amounted to \$10,110. \$1,526 loose: \$579 in 26 loose checks; \$626 in 31 electronic transfers; \$7,379 in 366 envelopes; for a total of \$8,584 in 423 recordable gifts averaging \$20.30. Thank you for your generosity!

POPE JOHN PAUL II ANNIVERSARY: The Holy Father will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood this fall. The U.S. Bishops wish to present him with a spiritual and monetary gift from the Catholic people of the United States. As announced a few weeks ago, basket will be available at the doors of the church this weekend to receive your voluntary offering.

THE CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB OF BOSTON is a social organization of over 500 single Catholics of all ages. For a newsletter and more information about the Club contact Andy Cesanek at 508-543-4513 or Marge Sterett at 617-232-0255. They will be sponsoring a "Twenty-Somethings" Dance on October 19th at the Best Western TLC on Totten Pond Road in Waltham at 8:30PM. Call for further details.

HOSPICE CARE, INC., a nonprofit organization providing physical, emotional, social and spiritual care for the terminally ill, is urgently seeking volunteers. If you have extra love to share and a desire to make a real difference in someone's life, please call Volunteer Coordinator Linda Wolfson at 279-7130.

ALL THOSE WHO MINISTER as Altar Servers, Section LC Page 009363 Lectors, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of Welcome at Sunday Masses are reminded to

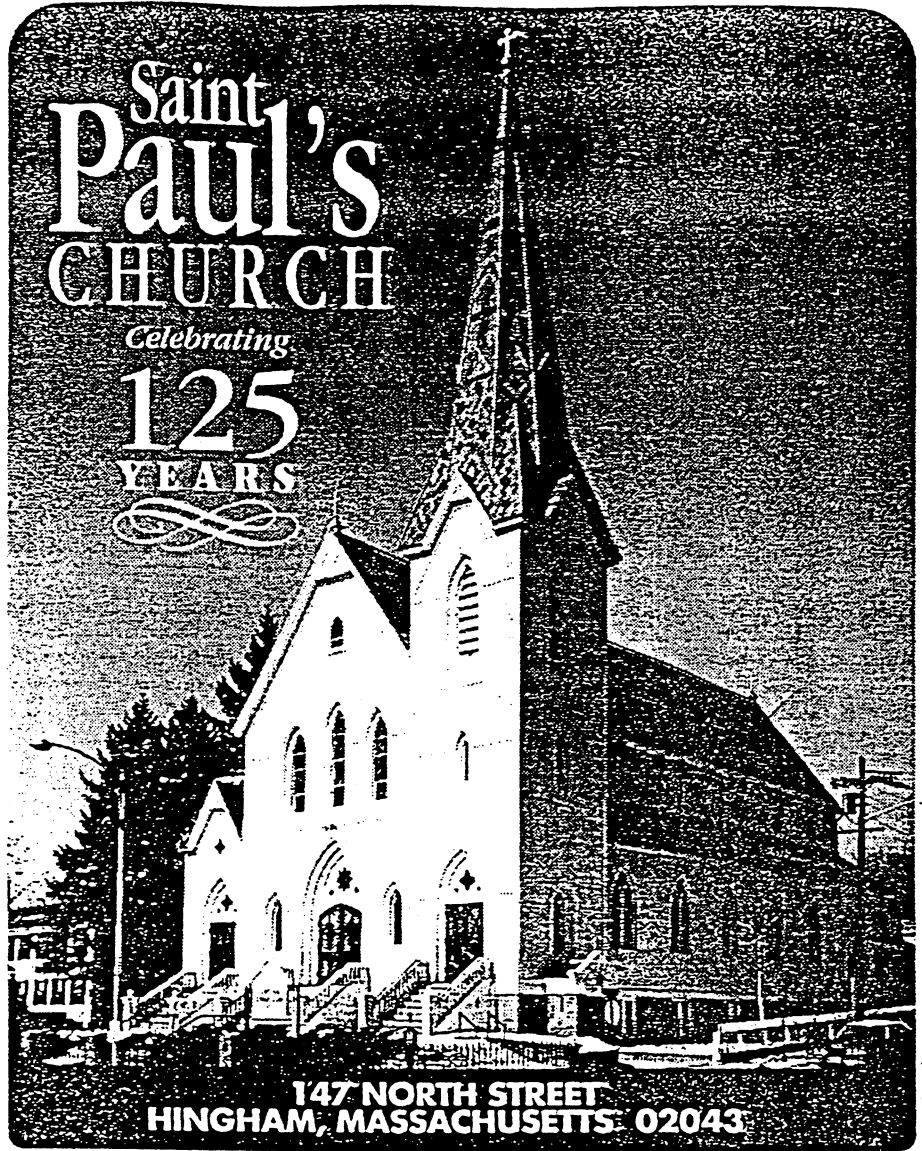
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Eleanor Ballantine, SC

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(Monday thru Thursday, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM)

Pastoral Care/Youth Ministry 749-0307

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

may be received on Saturdays from

4:00-4:45

and by appointment.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday evening 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM

10:00 AM (2), 11:30 AM

Daily Mass 9:00 AM

During Lent also 6:30 AM

MASS AND PRAYER MEETING

1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM

PRAYER MEETING

each Tuesday at 7:30 PM

HOLY DAY MASSES

To be announced

BAPTISM

First Sunday of the month -2:00 PM.

Please make arrangements at the rectory
at earliest convenience.

MARRIAGE

In order that adequate preparation
(which includes a pre-marriage program)
can take place, couples should contact
one of the priests at least six months
prior to the desired wedding date.

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