

*Saint Margaret Parish  
Saugus ~ North Revere, Massachusetts  
January 1, 2006*



*And Mary Kept  
All These Things,  
Reflecting On  
Them In  
Her Heart*

*~ Luke 2:19*



*Our mission is to foster the spiritual growth of our Parishioners,  
to reach out to the community, and to spread the Word of God.*

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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

Father George E. Morin, Pastor

Mid-week Assistance Father Donald Skerry, SVD

Weekend Assistance Father Lawrence Wetterholm



### Religious Education

*Lord, we want to know you, to love you  
and to serve you.*

**Grades 1 through 6** is on Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. at the Belmont Middle School. There are no classes until Sunday, January 8, 2006 when classes will resume after the Christmas vacation.

**Grades 7 & 8** meets monthly. The next monthly meeting will be Friday, January 13, 2006 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Confirmation Year I** (usually 9th Graders though not exclusively) (Catholic High School Students are exempt) have class on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Classes will resume on January 18, 2006.

**Confirmation Year II** (usually 10th Graders though not exclusively) (Catholic High School Students are required to attend). Students and Sponsors, we have class tonight, Sunday, January 29, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Confirmation Date and Time:** Bishop Walter Edyvean will be in our Parish on March 5, 2006 at 12 Noon to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Kindly keep in your prayers the young people of the Parish, their families and sponsors as they prepare for the reception of this important Sacrament.



**Communion to the Homebound:** Do you know someone who is not able to come to Mass and would appreciate receiving Holy Communion on a regular basis? If so, call the Rectory (781-233-1040). Our Parish has some wonderful Ministers of Holy Communion who would be glad to visit on a regular basis during the year.

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

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** Come and get away from the hectic pace of what should be a peaceful season. Come and pray in silence for one hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Come and be still. After all you deserve time just for yourself. Come on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



*"Be still and know that I am God."*

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on the third Sunday each month at 12 Noon. The Preparation Meeting prior to the Baptism of a child is every other month. Baptism Preparation meetings for parents & godparents are scheduled for: February 2, April 6, June 1, August 3, October 5 and December 14, 2006. Held in the Parish Hall, they begin at 7:00 p.m. Please call the Rectory (781-233-1040) to register.

**Christmas flowers and decoration memorials:** Additional names for the Christmas flower memorial list are George E. Willis and Jesse Scannel.

**Stewardship:** *"The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you."* (Numbers 6: 24—25) On this first day of a New Year it is important to reflect on all the many ways in which the Lord has bless you. Resolve this year to spend less time chasing after fame, wealth, power or possessions and more time being grateful for the gifts that God has already placed in your hands.

**The Living Rosary Pilgrimage:** On Sunday, January 15 the Living Rosary Pilgrimage will move to Holy Family Church, 26 Bessom Street, Lynn. Beginning at 2:00 p.m. there will be a Holy Hour consisting of Rosary and Benediction led by Deacon John Bresnahan. All Welcome.

Monthly Breakfast is Sunday, January 8 from 8:45 to 11:00 a.m. Join us for a good breakfast and fellowship.

Mass Intentions

Elizabeth Woodbury	5th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/31)
Dorothy Parkins	2nd Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(12/31)
Susan LaVacca	2nd Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(1/1)
Rosalie Klecker	6th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(1/1)
Helen Catarius	31st Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Tuesday	(1/3)
George E. Woodbury	2nd Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(1/7)
Richard Reynolds	4th Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(1/7)
John B. Perillo	Birthday Remembrance	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(1/8)
Dorothy O'Brien	1st Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(1/8)



**EPIPHANY PAGEANT:** This play is performed by the youth of St. Margaret's Parish. The Pageant retells the story and events that surround the birth of Jesus. This year's Epiphany Pageant will take place on Epiphany Sunday, January 8, 2006 during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Our thanks to the many youths who have signed to participate. A reminder about the rehearsal dates which are: **Thursday, January 5 from 3:15 to 5:15 pm and Saturday, January 7 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.** (This will be our dress rehearsal, followed by a Cast Pizza Party.) All participants **MUST** attend both rehearsals. For information, please call Mary Ellen Picardi at 781-233-0363.

**Educational Opportunities:**

**Marion Court College**, 35 Little's Point Road, Swampscott welcomes interested students to an Open House on Tuesday, January 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Visit the ocean-side campus, talk with admissions and financial aid counselors and learn more about the associate degree and certificate programs of study. Spring semester starts on Wednesday, January 18 and a new 10 week evening session will begin on January 30. For information call 781-595-6768.

**University of Massachusetts** is accepting applications for its Manning Certificate Program in Gerontology which prepares students to work with the elderly. You will receive skills and resources needed to plan for an aging population, work in aging network and advocate for elders. Classes are on Wednesdays beginning January 25 for two semesters. There are both daytime and evening programs available. For information call 617-287-7330.

**Kevin Baumann:** We continue to keep the "bucket" with fliers about Kevin in the vestibule of the Church. Whatever you can do is greatly appreciated. You may deposit your offering directly into the Kevin Baumann Medical Fund, account # 25005, tax number 04-692-9285, at the Saugus Federal Credit Union. Please pray for Kevin and his family.

**Thinking of becoming a Catholic?** Saint Margaret Parish is welcoming people to begin the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process. The RCIA is open to those who seek baptism in the Catholic Church. It also welcomes those who have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist, Penance or Confirmation in their younger years and those who have been disengaged from the Church and seek renewal. The first part is the Inquiry Phase which we will begin on Saturday, January 7 from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. morning. We will gather in the Rectory. This is a time to get your questions answered and think about whether or not this is for you.

Although we will keep a set timeframe of several weeks for this phase, the duration of this phase for you as a candidate may vary depending on your own personal faith awakening. During this period we typically engage in activities that introduce you into our parish life and our community of leaders and sponsors.

Scheduled activities include:

- Sharing stories about the Catholic faith
- Attending Mass every Sunday at 10:00 am
- Answering questions about why Catholics do the things they do.
- Proclaiming the message of salvation through the Word
- Introduction into parish life
- Bible and church history
- Learning about our Church and the Mass
- Building trust through team activities

During this phase, we also work closely with your sponsor in providing guidance and ensuring we have adequate methods and materials to support your progress.

There are no specific rites celebrated during this phase. However, when the participant feels ready to move to the next phase, then the Rite of Acceptance is celebrated. For information call Fr. George (781-233-1040).

**Monthly Breakfast is Sunday, January 8, 2006 from 8:45 to 11:00 a.m.** Join us for a good breakfast and fellowship and support the wonderful efforts of our parishioners who are so dedicated in presenting these breakfasts for us each month. They deserve our thanks and support.



**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 January (January 6) this Sacrament will be offered following the 9:00 a.m. Mass (unless there is a funeral) or at any time at your convenience. Call the Rectory to make arrangements.

**2006 Calendars:** We wish to thank our friends at Bisbee Porcella Funeral Services for making 2006 calendars available for the people of our Parish. Please take one home and bring one to someone who may not be able to join us for Mass.



**The Grand Annual Collection:** With 154 parish families responding to the Grand Annual Collection we have received \$25,155.00.

Thank you for this generous response to this Annual Collection for the benefit of Saint Margaret's. As mentioned in the Appeal letter mailed to all registered households of the Parish, we would like to encourage a greater participation of all the people of the Parish. Thank you and we will keep you updated.

**The Christmas Offertory Collection** last Sunday was \$5,153.00. The Archdiocese allows 10% of this collection be kept by the Parish for gratuities to the Parish staff. The remainder, \$4,638.00, was then forwarded to the Archdiocese for the medical care and retirement needs of our senior priests. In their name I thank you for your Christmas offerings.



**Parents:** To ensure the safety of our children, accompany them to the restrooms during the time of Mass. Why not do so before Mass begins! What a great idea! Also, please turn cell phones and pagers off when coming to Church. Thanks.

*Scripture for the Week of January 1, 2006*

2	<b>Mon</b>	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
3	<b>Tue</b>	1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34
4	<b>Wed</b>	1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-
5	<b>Thu</b>	1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
6	<b>Fri</b>	1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36,38
7	<b>Sat</b>	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11
8	<b>SUN</b>	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



**ST. PAUL CENTER** *By Dr. Scott Hahn*  
**FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

Today we give thanks to Mary, the Mother of God. Her response to the angel, born of a humble heart, brought us life and salvation in the Child conceived in her womb.

From before all ages, God had destined her for this decisive role in salvation history. She was to be the woman who in the fullness of time would bear God's only Son, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle.

In times past, God spoke to His chosen people, the Israelites, through prophets (see Hebrews 1:1-2), and imparted His blessings upon them through His priests, as we hear in today's First Reading.

But now, He has sent His Son—to reveal His glory and His kingdom, to make His way of salvation known to all nations, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the Infant lying in the manger, God has shone His face upon us (see John 14:8-9).

Jesus is made a child of Israel, an heir of God's covenant with Abraham, by His circumcision in today's Gospel (see Genesis 17:1-14). And we have been made adopted sons and daughters by Baptism, which is the circumcision of Christ, the true circumcision (see Colossians 2:11; Philippians 3:3).

As children of God, Paul says today, we are heirs of the Father's blessings, which He promised to bestow on all peoples through the descendants of Abraham (see Genesis 12:3; 22:18; Galatians 3:14). This is the blessing which Aaron imparted to Israel, the people descended from Abraham. And this blessing comes to us through Mary and the Child.

This is the good news of great joy that the shepherds make known in Bethlehem today (see Luke 2:10).

Like the shepherds, we too should make haste today to find Jesus with Mary and Joseph, and to glorify God for His blessings. And like Mary, we should keep His word and reflect upon it, letting it dwell richly in our hearts (see Colossians 3:16).

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**Don't forget the monthly breakfast next Sunday, January 8 from 8:45 to 11:00 a.m.**

## Saint Margaret's Youth Ministry

Dear Seventh and Eighth Grader and Parents,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas!! Thank you so much for coming Christmas caroling at Harborside Nursing Home! The Activities Coordinator was so impressed with Saint Margaret's Youth! She said you were an awesome group-she was right!

**I am writing to let you know that our Jan 6 class will be changed to Friday Jan 13.**

Here are some dates to make note of:

**Logo Contest-** Coke has the swirl, X Box has the "X", ...Skechers has the "S" Saint Margaret's Youth Ministry needs it's own logo-to use on T-shirts, flyers letterhead etc... Create something that is Christ centered and includes the words Saint Margaret's Saugus Youth/Teens/Young People etc...All entries need to be dropped off at the rectory in an envelope marked "Andrea- Logos" or emailed to [andreaic03@yahoo.com](mailto:andreaic03@yahoo.com) by **Jan. 30, 2006...Prize for winner!**

**Jan. 1** 10:00am Mass for the Feast of Mary, Saint Margaret's Church. Ask someone for a ride to Mass...we'll have munchkins after!

**Jan. 13 7-9pm** Next CCD Class, Parish Hall

**Jan. 20 6:30-9:00pm** Pizza and Movie night (Santa brought me speakers) we will be watching Remember the Titans, you are welcome to bring a friend.  
\$5.00 includes pizza, soda, snacks and movie in the Parish Hall.

**Feb. 5, before** the game 2006 Super Bowl Sub Making - Come help us make subs for our Super Bowl sub fundraiser in the Parish Hall

**March 3-5 - SNO CAMPS** (Ben and Father told you about it at our last class) A weekend of FUN friends and faith. Check it out and email me ([andreaic03@yahoo.com](mailto:andreaic03@yahoo.com)) if you are interested-get a few friends to come and we can defer cost by fundraising! [www.campsministry.com](http://www.campsministry.com)

See you on Friday, January 13, 2006- Happy New Year!  
Ask Jesus to be an even bigger part of your life in 2006...He Loves you sooo much!

God Bless,

Andrea Alberti