

# Journey OF Faith

**Blessed Sacrament Parish  
Saugus, MA**

**Saint Margaret Parish  
Saugus & No. Revere, MA**

January 3, 2010

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## In Word & Deed

A Global Positioning System (GPS) is a great device to have on a journey. It gives accurate directions and helps the driver navigate unfamiliar territory. With some models, however, it is important to use your computer to update its maps. Otherwise, you might end up short of your destination or taking a very long route to get there—if you get there at all. The Magi undertake a long and difficult journey because they are convinced that the star they see is of Divine origin. Their GPS is the Glorious Power of a Star and it serves to lead them to Bethlehem where they see the Holy Infant. By their actions, they acknowledge this special Child and leave their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Theirs was a successful journey.

We're all on a journey of faith and in need of guidance. Our GPS is the Great Power of our Savior. He becomes the Way, the

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BECAUSE YOU ARE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST, WHO APPEARED ON THIS DAY AS A LIGHT SHINING IN DARKNESS, MAY HE MAKE YOU A LIGHT TO ALL YOUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS.

*Solemn blessing | Roman rite*

### Scripture Readings

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 3</b>	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 4</b>	1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 5</b>	1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 6</b>	1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 7</b>	1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 8</b>	1 Jn 5:15-13/Lk 5:12-16
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 9</b>	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 10</b>	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### FAMILY LIFE:

## TO WALK AS ONE

Some kids in the parish school were doing an informal survey about New Year's resolutions. No one in our school is sure why we make them, since no one seems able to keep them, even though they focus on something we can do or change that will make us better people, or help us accomplish our goals. Have you made your New Year's resolution? More importantly, will you keep it?

New Year's Day marks a new beginning, another notch in the life that measures time's progress. We often use the image of a journey to describe it. Journeys are trips with a purpose and we journey through time, through faith, through life, with a purpose—something that we do that gives us a sense of meaning and value.

In the spirit of this feast day, here's a spiritual resolution that is one we can keep.

Make progress in your spiritual journey. Set a goal, make a plan, and then accomplish it. Choose something that will make a difference in the way you pray, or believe or practice your faith. Write it out and put it in a place where you will read it often, reminding yourself to stay on course. A year from now, you'll be amazed at just how far you've come!

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*Today the Bridegroom claims his bride, the church, since Christ has washed her sins away in Jordan's waters; the magi hasten with their gifts to the royal wedding; and the wedding guests rejoice, for Christ has changed water into wine.*

**alleluia.**

MORNING PRAYER  
ROMAN RITE



This is the glorious day on which Christ himself, the savior of the world, appeared; the prophets foretold him, the angels worshiped him, the magi saw his star and rejoiced to lay their treasures at his feet.

God's holy day has dawned for us at last; come,

all you peoples, and adore the Lord. —Office of readings | Roman rite.

## In Word & Deed

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Truth and the Light, leading us on the path to eternal life. Make sure you update frequently. Prayer, Scripture, Sacraments and good deeds will keep

us in contact with Him, enabling us to recognize Him wherever He may lead us.

—James Guffney



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# Blessed Sacrament Parish

14 Summer Street Saugus, MA  
Rectory Phone: 781 233 2497

# Saint Margaret Parish

431 Lincoln Avenue Saugus & No. Revere, MA  
Rectory Phone: 781 233 1040

## Pastoral Team

Father George E. Morin & Father Daniel P. McCoy  
frgeorge@parishmail.com      frdanmccoy@yahoo.com

## Mass Times

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday @ 4:00 pm  
Sunday @ 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday @ 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm  
Sunday @ 8:30 am & 10:00 am

### Weekday Mass at Blessed Sacrament:

9:00 a.m. Thursday, Friday & Saturday

### Weekday Mass at Saint Margaret:

9:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 pm to 3:45pm and by request

Rev. Felix Prior, O' Carm – Sunday Assistance  
Deacon Francis M. Gaffney – Permanent Deacon  
Martha G. Lecaroz – Parish Secretary  
Donna Zinna – Religious Education -781 231 3699  
Phyllis Bunnell - Music Director  
Debora Pillsbury - Parish Housekeeper  
Nicholas Raftelis – Buildings and Grounds

Rev. Lawrence Wetherholm – Weekend Assistance  
Rev. Vincent Cornejo – Weekend Assistance  
Rev. Donald Skerry, SVD – Mid week Assistance  
Ben DiScipio - Music Director

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Usually held on the second Sunday of the month.  
Please call the Rectory to schedule

Usually held on the third Sunday of the month.  
Please call the Rectory to schedule

## THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples planning to marry are encouraged to schedule more than one year in advance.  
The Archdiocese requires at least six months notice.

### Sick and Homebound

If you know someone in the parish who is sick or homebound and who would like to receive the Eucharist,  
please notify the rectory.

## WELCOME! New Parishioners

Please introduce yourself to one another, as well as to the priest following Mass.

**Afternoon of Prayer for Parish Pastoral Visitors and Ministers of Communion to the Sick:** The Office of Worship and Spiritual Life and the Office of Health Care Ministry will offer a regional Afternoon of Prayer for Pastoral Visitors and Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick on Sunday, January 31, 2010 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption, Lynnfield. There is no charge for this Day of Prayer. You are welcome to attend. You are asked to register by calling the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640.

**Mass of Thanksgiving:** “Celebrating 100 Years of Scouting” The Office for the New Evangelization of Youth and Young Adults and The Catholic Committee on Scouting are celebrating 100 years of Scouting on Sunday, February 28, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, 1400 Washington Street, Boston. Light Refreshments will be served afterward at Cathedral High School. Cathedral Tours will be available beforehand starting at 12:15 p.m. Advanced Registration and Donations are welcomed and helpful, but are not required. To register, please email BSA100thMass@yahoo.com or visit www.oymboston.org for registration forms.

**Master of Arts in Ministry Program for Laity:** Saint John’s Seminary is offering a Master of Arts in Ministry Program for Laity starting Tuesday, January 12, 2010. The Program location is 149 Washington Street, Brighton. There are courses being offered for first year core, second year core and MAM (Masters in Ministry) Electives (open to all students), and MAM Degree Program courses for MAM Degree Program students only. For information or registration form, please call 617-779-4104 or email Maryellen\_lenihan@rcab.org.

**Octave of Christian Unity:** During the month of January, we observe a time of prayer for Christian Unity. In our Saugus community, we are blessed to have many ecumenical gatherings and services throughout the year. To commemorate the Octave of Christian Unity there will be a “*Unity Dinner*” at the Cliftdale Congregational Church on Saturday evening, January 16. We would like a good representation from both Parishes. Please call either rectory if you would like to participate. Donation: \$10.00 pp.

**Spiritual Resources for Grieving:** Coping with the death of a loved one is very difficult. The Center for Grief & Healing, 78 Liberty Street, Danvers, is offering a free support group to assist in your grief process and to strengthen your spirit. Facilitated by Rev. Rona Tyndall, Coordinator of Pastoral care of Hospice of the North Shore. You will learn how to attend to feelings of anger, abandonment and confusion about God; find hope for today and the future; use this time to strengthen your spirit. The group will meet on Thursdays, January 21 to February 25 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. While this group is free, registration is required. To register, please contact the Center for Grief & Healing at 978-774-5100 or email grief@hns.org.

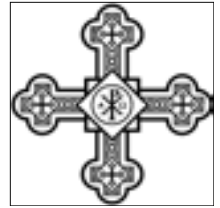
**Monday Morning Bible Study:** You are welcome to join our Monday morning Bible Study Group that meets in St. Margaret Parish Hall immediately after the 9:00 a.m. morning Mass. Using the Little Rock Bible Study series, the participants will be studying the “Women of the Old Testament.” Come on Monday, January 4, 2010, 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. If you are interested in joining the group, please call Bev Gorman at (781) 233-8306.

**Eucharistic Ministers’ Schedule:** The Eucharistic Ministers’ Schedule for Blessed Sacrament Parish for the month of January 2010 is available in the Sacristy.

**Hospice Services of Massachusetts:** is seeking volunteers to provide supportive care to hospice patients and their caregivers who are facing a life-limiting illness. Volunteers are invited to participate in a comprehensive training program beginning on Monday, January 25 and will be offered in the Everett Office, 391 Broadway, Everett. Following completion of the training, volunteers will be assigned to care for hospice patients and families and will be offered on-going training and support, as well as educational programs for specialized volunteer roles. Training class seating is limited and will fill quickly. For further info and/or registration, please contact Heather DePalma at 774-678-9624 or hdepalma@hospiceservicesofma.com.

**Mass Intentions at Blessed Sacrament**

George Finn	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(1/2/10)
Dorothy Moy Lon	Memorial Mass	7:30 a.m. Sunday	(1/3/10)
Michael Walton	Memorial Mass	10:30 a.m. Sunday	(1/3/10)
In Praise of God the Father		9:00 a.m. Thursday	(1/7/10)
Ralph Dumas	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Friday	(1/8/10)
Vincent Terlino	Memorial Mass	9:00 p.m. Saturday	(1/9/10)
Frank, Rose & Anthony Maguzzu	Memorial Mass	4:00 a.m. Sunday	(1/10/10)
Benoit Lecaroz	Memorial Mass	7:30 a.m. Sunday	(1/10/10)
Souls in Purgatory		9:00 a.m. Sunday	(1/10/10)
Mary Ratigan	Memorial Mass	10:30 a.m. Sunday	(1/10/10)



**Mass Intentions at Saint Margaret**

Camella Colanton	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(1/2/10)
Rosalie Klecker	10th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(1/3/10)
George 'Bud' Woodbury	6th Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Monday	(1/4/10)
Melinda & Angelo Sapochetti	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(1/9/10)
Dorothy O'Brien	5th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(1/10/10)



**We pray for** Peace in the World, an end to war and terrorism, an end to world hunger, our men & women in the Armed Services: **John Scott, Brian & Stephanie Howard, Kevin Howard, Lt. Maxwell Palumbo, Sgt.**

**Paul J. Eaves, Pvt. Richard Boudreau, Cpl. Timothy Perkins, Cpl. Alison Perkins**

**Year of the Priest: Pray for Priests and vocations to the Priesthood.**

**The Sick: Fr. James Field, Alexander Mossuto, Marie Guerrini, Thomas Kehoe, Kevin Riordan, Nancy Patti, Catherine DeVito, Virginia Cieri, Lucille Voutour, Richard Bourque, Ronald Bourque, Rosemarie Goins, Joe Alden, Charles Regan, Georgina Reagan, Barbara Lewis, June Anderson, Rita Anzuoni, Denise Voutour, James Voutour, Jean Roli, Frank Palmer**

**The Faithful Departed: Barbara Donlon, Mary Clark**



**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:**

In the Letter of Saint James we find an important question: "Are there any among you who are sick?" Saint James also advises what should be done, namely, that "they should call for the priests of the Church and have them pray over the sick anointing them with oil

in the name of the Lord." This Anointing formerly called "Extreme Unction" or "The Last Rites," is not only intended for those near death but is for all the sick. We encourage you to request this sacrament when facing illness, prior to surgery or medical tests. Allow the Lord to come and comfort you and the prayer of the Church to strengthen you. This sacrament is a wonderful sign of the love of God and the healing grace of Jesus.



**Marriage Intentions**

**Elizabeth A. Powers  
&  
Matthew C. Gosselin  
(1/23/10)**

**Blessed Sacrament Church Parking Lot:** Last September, the principal part of the Parish Parking Lot (all the way to the helipad at the rear of the property) as well as the entrance and exit lanes were repaved at a cost of \$104,000.00. This was an expensive project but it needed to be done for the safety of those who use our property. Also this cost, although expensive, was about half the price quoted just the year before. This lower cost was due to the drop in petroleum products and the general downturn in the economy. In late August we sent a letter to all registered Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Parish asking their help with this undertaking. To date \$45,508.00 has been donated. This is good but as you can see we have a long way to go. Therefore, in the near future, a reminder letter will be sent to all registered Parishioners we have not heard from. Also, this is the end of the year and for tax purposes some may consider a year-end gift to the Parish. All that is collected will be used solely and entirely for Blessed Sacrament Parish. We pray your generosity so that we can move on to other areas that need attention.

### **Second Collections**

#### **Blessed Sacrament Parish**

Parish Renovation - January 2 & 3

The Church in Latin America - January 23 & 24

#### **Saint Margaret Parish**

Parish Monthly - January 9 & 10

The Church in Latin America - January 23 & 24

### **BLESSED SACRAMENT FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

The Offertory Collection for Dec 19 & 20 was **\$2,487.56**. **\$9,973.87** was collected for Christmas. Attendance was **1,099**. **\$5,378.51** was collected for Dec 26 & 27. Attendance was **693**. Thank you for your generosity.

### **SAINT MARGARET FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

The Offertory Collection last week was **\$4,359.00** and attendance at the weekend Masses was **495**. The Christmas Collection was **\$4,953.00** and attendance **829**. Thank you for your generosity.



**Poor Boxes:** As you enter or as you leave Church, please remember the Poor. Your donation placed in the Poor Boxes is the principal source of income for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Both Saint Margaret and Blessed Sacrament Parishes are blessed to each have a dedicated group of people who make up the membership of the S V de P Society. They are often called upon to help people of our community with food, clothing, utilities and shelter in emergency situations. Please help them in their works of charity.

*“Whatsoever you do to these least ones of mine,  
you do for me.”  
Matthew 25*

**The Manhattan Declaration:** In my Christmas Homily I mentioned the Manhattan Declaration. I encourage you to read this very well written declaration on very important issues that affect us as Catholics and citizens of the United States. The Declaration is the result of a series of meetings held in New York City this past November by a group of Catholics, Orthodox and Evangelical Christians. Their conversations led to the writing of what is now called “The Manhattan Declaration.” This document speaks clearly of three areas where there can be no compromise, even to the point of civil disobedience. These three areas are the sanctity of human life, the dignity of marriage as the conjugal union of husband and wife, and the rights of conscience and religious liberty. We would encourage you to read the Declaration yourself and, if you wish, you may join the more than 300,000 people who have signed it to date. Go to [www.manhattandeclaration.org](http://www.manhattandeclaration.org) to read the declaration and if you wish to sign it.



### **ARISE Together In Christ:**

Season Four of ARISE will be starting the week of February 14, 2010. The theme for Season Four will be “*New Heart, New Spirit.*”

Whether you have participated in the past or not, plan to participate in Season Four! We want you and we need you. Watch the bulletin for further details.

**Saint Margaret Parish Religious Education:**

**Grades 1 through 6:** Classes will resume for grades 1 through 6 on Sunday, January 3, at 8:30 a.m. at the Belmonte Middle School.

**Combined Religious Education Classes  
Blessed Sacrament & Saint Margaret Parishes**

**Grades 7:** Held monthly on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Saint Margaret Parish Hall - the next class is Friday, January 8.

**Grade 8:** Held monthly on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Saint Margaret Parish Hall. The next class is Friday, January 15.

**Confirmation Year I:** (usually Grade 9) meets at 4:15 until 5:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. The next class is Sunday, January 24.

**Confirmation Year II:** (usually Grade 10) Classes are held monthly for both the Student preparing for Confirmation and his/her sponsor. Classes are held at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The next class is scheduled for Sunday, January 10.

**7th & 8th Grade Friday Night CCD:** For safety reasons, all parents are asked to pick up their children from **Friday Night 7th & 8th grade CCD** at the **Jackson Street Parking Lot** where adults are on duty to chaperone all children until pick up. Please **pull in** to the lot to avoid a traffic jam and wait for your child to arrive. Thank you for your cooperation. When dropping children off, do so only on the Church side of Lincoln Avenue. For their safety, do not allow them to cross Lincoln Avenue.

**The Bulletin:** Each week we publish a bulletin through a local company, PARISHCOMM of Ipswich, MA. The bulletin costs the parishes nothing and is funded totally through the advertisements seen on the last two pages. We are grateful to these sponsors for advertising in our bulletin and ask Parishioners to support them by using their products and services. In addition to the bulletin, PARISHCOMM provides each parish with software from ParishSOFT for parish census and data files. This software program will be useful if we use electronic giving as other churches are now doing. We wish our Bulletin Sponsors a very Happy New Year.

**Blessed Sacrament Religious Education:**

**Grades 1 through 6:** Classes will resume on Sunday, January 10 from 10:15-11:15 a.m. at Saugus High School.

**Thank you!** to our ninth grade students who contributed so generously to our collection of gifts for the boys in the detention center. Please know that your gifts and greeting cards helped to make Christmas much happier for these young men.

**Baptism Preparation:** In order to prepare for the Baptism of a child, parents and god-parents are to attend a Baptism Preparation Class.

At Blessed Sacrament, the next Preparation Class is on Tuesday, January 5 at 7:00 p.m. Call the Rectory (781-233-2497) to register. At Saint Margaret, the next Preparation Class is on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. Call the Rectory (781-233-1040) to register.

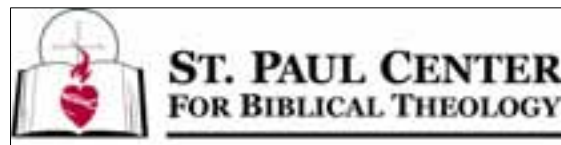
**Unemployed? Under-employed?** Do you find yourself one of the many who are without sufficient work these days? Does it cause you to be anxious, to be fearful for your family and their future? Do you wonder where to turn? Some members of an ARISE group wondered if offering the possibility of a support group would be helpful to you. If it interests you to join such a group, to turn together in prayer to God, to enter into conversation, sharing ideas and mutual assistance, please contact Sr. Mary for further details. The group will meet some time Thursday or Friday depending on the best available time/space for the participants. Leave your name and telephone number for Sister Mary at Blessed Sacrament Rectory (781-233-2497) and leave a message for her. People of both Parishes and friends are welcome.

**The March for Life:** Join the thousands who will make their pro-life presence known to the lawmakers in Washington, DC, the citizens of the United States, and people around the world, on **Friday, January 22, 2010**. Please plan now to attend. Your presence, in growing numbers every year, is the best way to draw attention to the untenable legacy of Roe v. Wade, and to persuade our leaders to eradicate it from America's future. More detail on transportation will follow.

**Epiphany Pageant:**

The Feast of the Epiphany is January 3, 2010, and Saint Margaret's will celebrate this feast with the Epiphany Pageant at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Mass.

The Epiphany Pageant relives the Gospel accounts of the birth of Jesus, our Savior. All welcome to attend. Fellowship will follow Mass in the Parish Hall.

**A King to Behold**

By Dr. Scott Hahn

An "epiphany" is an appearance. In today's readings, with their rising stars, splendorous lights and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears. Herod, in today's Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise - one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting "a ruler of Israel" who will "shepherd his flock" and whose "greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth" (see Micah 5:1-3). Those promises of Israel's king ruling the nations resound also in today's Psalm. The psalm celebrates David's son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch "to the ends of the earth," and the world's kings will pay Him homage. That's the scene too in today's First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing "gold and frankincense" for Israel's king. The Magi's pilgrimage in today's Gospel marks the fulfillment of God's promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler's staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17). Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the "kings of the earth" (see 1 Kings 10:2,25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6, 4:6,14). One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are "co-heirs" of the royal family of Israel, as today's Epistle teaches. His manifestation forces us to choose: Will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and the scribes who let God's words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?

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**Please remember our Troops this Christmas Season.** Items to be collected during the month of January are cookies, candies and sweets. There are collection baskets at both Blessed Sacrament Church and at Saint Margaret to receive your donations. Thank you for thinking of our Troops.

**Happy New Year!**

**2010 Calendars:** We are grateful to our friends at Bisbee Porcella Funeral Services for the 2010 Calendars which are available at both Blessed Sacrament and Saint Margaret's. We invite the people of the Parish to please take one home and to bring one to our Parishioners who are not able to attend Mass with us. Thank you very much.

**Youth Choir:** The Youth Choir at Blessed Sacrament Church rehearses on Friday afternoons from 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Students in junior high school or high school are welcome to attend.



**Holy Hour for Life:** To remember the legalization of abortion in this country and to pray for the reversal of *Roe v. Wade* we invite you to a "Holy

**Hour for Life"** on Sunday afternoon, January 17 at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Margaret Church. All welcome.

**Daily Mass Schedule:** The 9:00 a.m. morning Mass is at Saint Margaret Church on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and at Blessed Sacrament Church on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The number of people attending daily Mass has been very uplifting. There has been as many as 75 people present. Thank you for your participation.

**Communion to the Homebound:** Do you know someone who is unable to come to Mass and who would appreciate receiving Holy Communion on a regular basis? **If so, call either Rectory: St. Margaret at 781-233-1040 and Blessed Sacrament at 781-233-2497.** Our Parishes have wonderful Ministers of Holy Communion who would be glad to visit on a regular basis.



**Cursillo—St. Basil's:** Cursillo, a Spanish word which means a "short course in Christianity," is a wonderful weekend retreat that has enriched the lives of countless men and women. If you are interested, please speak to Father

George, Father Dan or Sister Mary. Below is a list of upcoming dates for Cursillo for men and women at St. Basil's Salvatorian Center in Metheun:

Men:

Jan. 28-31, 2010  
April 8-11, 2010  
Oct. 7-10, 2010  
Dec. 2-5, 2010

Women:

Jan. 7-10, 2010  
March 4-7, 2010  
April 29-May 2, 2010  
June 3-6, 2010  
Nov. 4-7, 2010



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** On Wednesday evenings at Saint Margaret's from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. join us for all or part of this time of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. At 7:00 p.m. those present participate in the recitation of the **Rosary.**

You deserve the peace and quiet that come from being in the presence of the Lord. What better way to prepare for Christmas than by giving yourself the gift of time.

*"I will come to you in the silence..."*

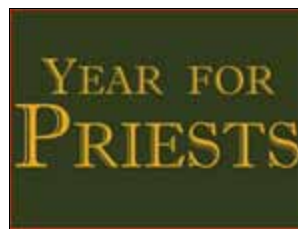


**The United Parish Food Pantry** is at the Cliftondale Congregational Church, 50 Essex Street. **On the last Sunday of each month Blessed Sacrament collects food for the food pantry. On the second Sunday of each month Saint**

**Margaret collects food for the food pantry.** Volunteers are also needed. If you are free on Friday mornings, you are needed. Drop by the Pantry at 9:00 a.m. or call Carol Cashman (781-233-9460) to volunteer. The Pantry is open Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **The next Food Collection Weekend for Blessed Sacrament is January 30 & 31. The next Food Collection Weekend for Saint Margaret is January 9 & 10.** Your donation of food is always needed. Kindly look at the expiration date on your food donation. Food items that have gone beyond the expiration date may not be given out. They can only be thrown out! Thank you for your cooperation, understanding and your generosity.



**The St. Stephen Ministry.** The next Blood Drive will be on January 21, 2010 at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. Please mark your calendar and donate the precious gift of life. Thank you.



**The Year of the Priest  
A Prayer for Priests**

Dear Lord, We pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

**JANUARY 2010**

**Blessed Sacrament Parish, Saugus**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection <u>Renovation Fund</u>					1. A.A. 8 to 9:30pm	2. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection <u>Renovation Fund</u> Confessions <u>3:00pm</u>
4.	5. Baptism Class <u>7:00pm</u> K of C Mtg. <u>8:00pm</u>	6.	7.	8.	9.	9. Confessions <u>3:00pm</u>
10. Rel. Ed. Classes Gr.1-6 (10:15-11:15am) <b>BAPTISMS</b> <u>2:00pm</u>	11. St. Vincent de Paul <u>Mtg. 7:00-9:30pm</u>	12. Ministry of St. Stephen <u>Mtg. 7:00-9:00pm</u> K of C Mtg. <u>8:00pm</u>	13.	14.	15. A.A. 8 to 9:30pm	16. Confessions <u>3:00pm</u>
17. NO Religious Ed.	18.	19. Finance Council <u>Mtg. 7:00-9:00pm</u> K of C Mtg. <u>8:00pm</u>	20.	21. <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b> <u>3:00-8:00pm</u>	22. A.A. 8 to 9:30pm	23. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection <u>Latin America</u> Confessions <u>3:00pm</u>
24. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection <u>Latin America</u> Confirmation Year I 4:15-5:30 pm Confirmation Year II 6:00-7:30 pm	25. St. Vincent de Paul <u>Mtg. 7:00-9:30pm</u>	26. K of C Mtg. Dinner 6:00 pm Mtg. 8:00pm	27.	28.	29. A.A. 8 to 9:30pm	30. Confessions <u>3:00pm</u> <b>FOOD DRIVE</b>
31. Rel. Ed. Classes Gr.1-6 (10:15-11:15am) Confirmation Year I 4:15-5:30 pm <b>FOOD DRIVE</b>					A.A. 8 to 9:30pm	

**MASS SCHEDULE: Daily 9am, (Coffee after 9am Mass each Wednesday)  
Saturday 4pm, Sunday 7:30am, 9am (Family & Children's Mass), 10:30am, (Choir & Coffee)**