

*Saint Margaret Parish
Saugus - North Revere Massachusetts*



*W*E HAVE SEEN

HIS STAR IN THE EAST

ADORE

AND HAVE COME

WITH GIFTS TO

ADORE THE *Lord.*



Saint Margaret Parish

Saugus ~ North Revere, Massachusetts

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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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Father George E. Morin, Pastor

Mid-week Assistance Father Donald Skerry, SVD

Weekend Assistance Father Lawrence Wetterholm - Father Vincent Cornejo

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacra-**

ment: Please join us on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 and every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for an hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. At 7:00 p.m. those present participate in the recitation of

the **Rosary**. Come, pray the Rosary and stay for all or part of that special weekly hour. You deserve the peace and quiet that come from being in the presence of the Lord. Everyone is welcome. **Our recent Church painting/renovations have disrupted this weekly time of Adoration. Thank you for your patience and understanding.**



Epiphany Sunday invites us to recall Jesus being visited by wise men from the east bringing him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. At St. Margaret's we are

please to present our annual **Epiphany Pageant** at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Many children and young people help us to retell the timeless story of the beginning of our salvation. Our thanks to Mary Ellen Picardi who is coordinating our pageant this year and to all our young people and children who participate in this wonderful event. Welcome to the 10:00 a.m. Mass this weekend and help celebrate this special feast of our Church.

Religious Education Classes are as scheduled:

Grades 1 through 6: Sunday mornings at the Belmonte Middle School from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Classes will resume after the Christmas Break on January 7, 2007

Grades 7 & 8: Friday, January 5, 2007 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Saint Margaret Parish Hall.

Grade 9 (First Year Confirmation): Wednesdays, in the Parish Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Classes resume after the Christmas break on Wednesday, January 17, 2007.

Grade 10 (Second Year Confirmation): The next class for Students & Sponsors is Sunday, January 21, 2007 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, February 11, 2007 at a 12:00 noontime Mass. Bishop Francis X. Irwin, our Regional Bishop, will be the confirming bishop. Please keep all our young people preparing for confirmation in your prayers.

Mass Intentions

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| Albert Dello Russo | 28th Anniversary Mass | 4:00 p.m. Saturday | (1/6) |
| Lucian & Edwin Cherubin | Memorial Mass | 5:30 p.m. Saturday | (1/6) |
| John & Mary Iannuzzi | 2nd Anniversary Mass | 10:00 a.m. Sunday | (1/7) |
| Josephine Bucchieri | Month's Mind Mass | 9:00 a.m. Tuesday | (1/9) |
| Robert & Rita D'Agostino | Memorial Mass | 4:00 p.m. Saturday | (1/13) |
| Janet Gordon | 5th Anniversary Mass | 5:30 p.m. Saturday | (1/13) |
| Harold Patch | Birthday Remembrance | 8:30 a.m. Sunday | (1/14) |
| Steven Leonard | 2nd Anniversary Mass | 10:00 a.m. Sunday | (1/14) |



Catholic Schools

Week: From January 28 to February 3, 2007 CSW will be observed. At this time Catholic

Schools in our area will be hosting various events to introduce people to their schools and to stimulate interest in new students to attend. Listed here are Catholic Schools in our area. Call to see when they might be having their "Open House."

Catholic Schools in our area
Elementary Schools

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| Immaculate Conception, Revere | 781-284-0519 |
| St. Mary, Danvers | 978-774-0307 |
| St. Patrick School, Stoneham | 781-438-2593 |
| Cheverus School, Malden | 781-324-6584 |
| Our Lady School, Lynnfield | 781-599-4422 |
| Sacred Heart School Lynn | 781-592-7581 |
| St. Mary School, Melrose | 781-665-5037 |
| St. Joseph School, Wakefield | 781-245-2081 |
| St. Mary School, Winchester | 781-729-5515 |

High Schools

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| Malden Catholic High School | 781-322-3098 |
| St. Mary Jr/Sr High School, Lynn | 781-595-7885 |
| Nazareth Academy, Wakefield | 781-245-5210 |
| Bishop Fenwick, Peabody | 978-531-8200 |
| St. John's Prep, Danvers | 978-774-1050 |
| Austin Prep Jr/Sr High School, Reading | 781-944-4900 |
| Pope John XXIII, Everett | 617-389-0240 |

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:



Thank You!

Thanks for all the Help! A small army of adults and young people arrived armed with buckets and gloves to wash and clean the Church floor on both Wednesday and Thursday, December 27 & 28. It was truly impressive to see so many adults and young people all working together to make the church look good and clean. They did a great job and we are grateful for their time and generosity. Our thanks go to: Alan Hunt, Pauline Nelson, Eileen Mahoney, Roberta Perry, the Primo family, the Swierk family, Inez Firth, Jeannie Meredith, Jim & Pat Donovan, Julie, Susan & James Malone, John McLoughlin, Marilyn Carlson, Joy McCauley, June Vinard, Ginny Mullen, Don Blais, the Ferragamo family, Lorraine Devine, Ann Carozza, & Al Robichaud.

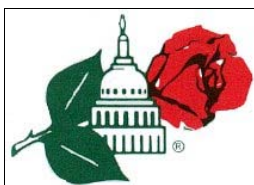
The Grand Annual Collection: In November a letter was sent to each registered household of the Parish, seeking support for the Grand Annual Collection. Each household was asked to contribute if possible \$200.00. To date 164 parish families have donated \$25,345.00 to the Grand Annual. Thank you very much. All donations to this collection are used totally for the benefit of St. Margaret Parish.

The Offertory Collection last Sunday was \$3,116.00. Thank you very much for your generosity to the Parish. Attendance at Mass last weekend was 594.



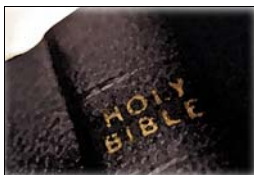


United Parish Food Pantry: On the second weekend of each month we collect food for our local food pantry. The Food Pantry is located at the Cliftondale Congregational Church, 50 Essex Street. If you are free on Friday mornings, volunteers are always needed. Drop by at 9:30 a.m. or call Carol Cashman at 781-558-1092 to volunteer. The Pantry operates on Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (Please note the expiration date on the items you donate. Food that has gone beyond the expiration date cannot be given away and must be thrown out. Thank you for your cooperation.) **Our next Food Collection Weekend is January 13 & 14.** Your donation of food is always needed and very much appreciated. Thank you.



34th Annual March for Life:

The Immaculate Conception Parish (Malden/Medford) Respect Life Committee is once again planning a pilgrimage to the 34th Annual March for Life in Washington, D. C. The group will leave from St. Margaret's Church in Burlington by motor coach on Sunday morning, January 21 and will return on Tuesday evening, January 23. The cost is \$220.00 per person, double occupancy (\$350.00 single) until January 7 (cost will be a little higher after that date). Come and be inspired by the ten of thousands of young people who will witness to the Gospel of Life in this non-confrontational event. Please call Janet Callahan at 781-324-3564 to register or for more information.



Monday Morning Bible

Study: You are welcome to join our Monday morning Bible Study Group which meets in the 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 New Testament. Come on Monday, January 8, 2007, 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. All welcome.

Youth Activities

Junior HIGH Happening: Parents! Are you looking for a high-energy, fun-filled, spiritual growth experience for you 7th/8th grader? If so, this is it!!! **SNOWCAMPS 2007** will be held on the weekend of **March 2 - 4, 2007** at Camp Brookwoods in Alton, NH. Youths from throughout the archdiocese will be participating in what could very well be the best weekend of their lives! Sign-up now as space for SNOWCAMPS is limited and will sell out. For application and information contact Andrea at smym06@yahoo.com

CYO Basketball: In a wonderful collaborative effort involving the youth of both Saint Margaret and Blessed Sacrament Parishes, we have four teams (3 boy's teams and 1 girl's team) involved in the



CYO youth basketball league. Thanks to the work of Anne Marie Glowacz and Earl Reed we are able to offer this program to our youth. All are welcome to cheer our teams on at the Saugus High School Gym on Sunday afternoons beginning at 12:15 p.m.

The Living Rosary Pilgrimage: On Sunday, January 14 at 2:00 p.m. you are invited to Holy Family Parish, 26 Bessom Street, Lynn for Benediction and the recitation of the Rosary and the Chaplet of Mercy. All welcome.

A Time of Discernment: Cardinal Sean will offer two distinct retreat to assist men in discerning their Vocation to the Priesthood. The first will be on Thursday, February 1 at Blessed John XXIII Seminary in Weston and is for men ages 40 and over. The second will be February 2—4 at St. John's Seminary in Brighton and is for men ages 18 to 40. For information call the Vocation Office of the Archdiocese at 617-746-5949. Pray for vocations!

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

Grand Annual Appeal Letter: On November 12, 2006, the following letter was sent to all registered Parishioners of the Parish asking their support of the Parish Grand Annual Collection, asking each household for a donation of (if possible) \$200.00. As reported in this bulletin we have received \$25,345.00 from 164 Parish families. We are grateful to those who have responded to our appeal. At this time I would also ask those who attend St. Margaret's and may not be registered to hear and respond to the Parish Grand Annual Collection. Everything collected in the Grad Annual Collection is used totally here at St. Margaret's. Thank you for your consideration.

Dear Parishioners of Saint Margaret's Parish:

For the past several years the Grand Annual Collection has exceeded expectations! As a direct result there have been significant improvements in several areas of Parish life, ministry and property. Last year, a youth minister was added to our Parish staff. Andrea Alberti has made a significant difference in the Religious Education Programs we offer for our youth, grades 7 through 10. Her strong Catholic faith, her enthusiasm and dedication are very visible not to mention her love for our youth. We are blessed to have her in our Parish. Your support of our youth ministry is essential to its success. If you have walked into the Church lately, you will see that a few improvements have been made: new and brighter lighting, a beautiful new stone tile floor has been installed in the Church foyer, and the sanctuary wood floors have been restored. These are just a few of the improvements. The Church will be painted soon and new carpeting installed. Everything should look great for Christmas. The Parish Hall too has been freshly painted and the support posts will be encased with new lighting added. These improvements need your support. Last year's Grand Annual received \$39,059.00 from 230 parishioners. Thank you so much. Gifts received ranged from \$5,000.00 to \$5.00. As in the past, may I suggest a donation of \$200.00 per Parish family? Certainly as in previous years, some will give more and some are only able to give less. Please know that whatever you give will be used entirely for the benefit of Saint Margaret's Parish. Grateful for whatever you are able to do in support of our Parish, know that I am,

Sincerely yours,
Rev. George E. Morin

The Annual Ecumenical Leadership Dinner: On January 19 we will have this annual event (time, place, etc TBA soon) in our community. This year we have invited Mr. Anthony Picarello, VP and General Counsel of the Becket Fund to be our Guest Speaker. The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, interfaith, legal and educational institute dedicated to protecting the free expression of all religious traditions. The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty operates in three arenas: in the courts of law (litigation), in the court of public opinion (media), and in the academy (scholarship). Freedom of religion is a basic human right that no government may lawfully deny; it is not a gift of the state, but instead is rooted in the inherent dignity of the human person. Religious expression (of all traditions) is a natural part of life in civilized society, and religious arguments (on all sides of a question) are a normal and healthy element of public debate. Religious people and institutions are entitled to participate in government affairs on an equal basis with everyone else, and should not be excluded for professing their faith.



Monthly Breakfast at Saint Margaret's:

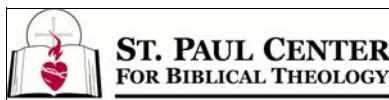
Our next Breakfast will be on

Sunday, January 14 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. The menu includes Fried or Scrambled Eggs, Baked Potato Puffs, Corned Beef Hash, Kielbasa, English Muffins, Juice and Coffee. Donation: Adults \$5.00 Seniors and children ten and under \$3.00.

St. Margaret Adult Choir "25 Days of Christmas Money Calendar Raffle":

The winners of the daily drawings are thus far:

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| Dec. 25 | Richard Currie |
| 26 | Richard Miller |
| 27 | Helen Connor |
| 28 | Louise Nazzaro |
| 29 | John Lynch |
| 30 | John Siafakas |
| 31 | Maureen McCloskey |



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 ancient page?

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Archdiocese of Boston has mandated that parishes with schools and or Religious Education programs, implement "The Children's Personal Safety Program - Talking About Touching" for grades one through four. Much of this program is rule based relating to child safety such as wearing a helmet while riding a bike, not talking to strangers, not being afraid to tell someone they trust if anyone has threatened them in circumstances where physical abuse may have arisen. This program has been used in many public schools throughout the country in the secular version. St. Margaret's Parish will be offering this program but bringing the Christian message to your child that they are "God's Special Children" who have a right to feel safe and be safe from any dangerous situation. A class for grades one and two will be held in Jan. (date and time TBA). A separate class for grades three and four will be held in Jan. (date and time TBA). These classes will be taught by a TAT team of teachers.

Fr. George and the staff at St. Margaret's would not presume to offer this program without some collaboration and input from the children's "first and best" teachers ... you!

On Saturday, January 13 from 11AM to Noon, in St. Margaret's hall, all parents and guardians having children in grades one through four are invited to participate in a "Family Safety Conversation" session. If you would like to attend, please fill out the enclosed form and return to your child's CCD teacher.

Thank you and God bless,
Fr. George Morin, Pastor
Carol Nadeau, Religious Education Admin.
Gerrie Milgroom, Pastoral Associate

(This letter and attendance form have been mailed to all parents with children in Grades 1 & 2)

If you choose one moment to explore your Catholic faith, make it the Catholic Men's and Women's Conference

- Inspirational speakers addressing real life issues and topics
- Chance to meet and discuss issues with like minded people
- A forum to bring focus to your spiritual life



Boston Catholic Men's Conference – Please join many men from St. Margaret Parish who are attending the 3rd Annual Boston Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 17, 2007 at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center in South Boston. Speakers will include Carl Anderson (CEO and Chairman of the Knights of Columbus), Cardinal Peter Turkson (1st Cardinal ever from Ghana), Cardinal Sean O'Malley (Mass Celebrant), Martin Doman (popular contemporary Catholic Musician and Worship Leader) and The Landrys, Fr. Roger Landry (Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua, New Bedford), Scot Landry (Conference Founder and Secretary for Institutional Advancement of the Archdiocese of Boston). For more information, please contact Chuck or Anna Swain at 781-233-8442 or by email at enjoylifetoday@comcast.net or www.bostoncatholicmen.org, email info@bostoncatholicmen.org, phone 617-977-0916. Ticket price between 1/1/07 – 1/31/07 is \$30.00. Ticket price after 2/1/07 is \$40.00. St Margaret Parish will

provide transportation via a bus (if there are sufficient numbers).

Boston Catholic Women's Conference – Please join many women from St. Margaret Parish who are attending the 2nd Annual Boston Catholic Women's Conference on Sunday, March 18, 2007 from 8am-6pm at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center in South Boston. Speakers will include Immaculee Ilibagiza (Rwandan Holocaust survivor and Author of Left to Tell), Dana Scallon (Former Candidate for Irish President & Irish Singer), Johnnette Benkovic (Founder of Women of Grace & Living His Life Abundantly EWTN), Cardinal Sean O'Malley (Mass Celebrant) and others. For more information, please contact Chuck or Anna Swain at 781-233-8442 or by email at enjoylifetoday@comcast.net or visit www.bostoncatholicwomen.org, email info@bostoncatholicwomen.org, phone 617-977-0916. Ticket price between 1/1/07 – 1/31/07 is \$30.00. Ticket price after 2/1/07 is \$40.00. St Margaret Parish will provide transportation via a bus (if there are sufficient numbers).



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Tear off and return with your payment.

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