

*Saint Margaret Parish
Saugus ~ North Revere, Massachusetts*

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

Be watchful!
Be alert!
You do not
know when
the time
will come.

-Mark 13:33



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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 Belmonte Middle School. There are no classes on November 27 - the Thanksgiving vacation. Classes resume December 4.

Grades 7 & 8 meets monthly. The next monthly meeting is Friday, December 9, 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. No Class on Wednesday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Vacation. Classes resume on Wednesday, November 30.

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, December 11, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: On Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. you are invited to come and spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Life is hectic and we are all busy. We have the perfect antidote: come and rest and bring all your hearts desires to the Lord present in the Eucharist.

"Be still and know that I am God."

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.

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

Watch For Him By Dr. Scott Hahn

The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in today's First Reading. In today's Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne - to save and shepherd His people. Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and "message" are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today - as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God's covenant, their inability to save themselves. And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can't we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him? God is faithful, Paul reminds us in today's Epistle. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel's sake and for ours - to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His love. In Jesus, we have seen the Father (see John 14:8-9). The Father has let His face shine upon us. He is the good shepherd (see John 10:11-15) come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him. As Paul says today, He has given us every spiritual gift - especially the Eucharist and penance - to strengthen us as we await Christ's final coming. He will keep us firm to the end - if we let Him. So, in this season of repentance, we should heed the warning - repeated three times by our Lord in today's Gospel - to be watchful, for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.

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www.SalvationHistory.com*

Mass Intentions

Bernard Sturniolo	Birthday Remembrance	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(11/26)
Donald Cicolini	1st Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(11/26)
Margaret Russo	44th Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(11/27)
George Harvey III	6th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(11/27)
Bernard Furlong	Birthday Remembrance	9:00 a.m. Thursday	(12/1)
Charles & Lillian Kerce	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/3)
Mary McLaughlin	1st Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(12/3)
Josephine Celata	8th Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/4)
Helen Wladyszewski	10th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/4)



An Opportunity to Share: “Rebuilding New Orleans... One Family at a Time” With the Advent and Christmas Seasons upon us, it is important for us not to forget our brothers and sisters whose lives have been forever changed by the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. Therefore our Parish has taken upon itself helping eleven families who are part of the Parish community of the Center of Jesus the Lord in New Orleans. This week and next, we ask you to take an envelope which includes an introduction to one of these families and briefly describing for you some of their loss. There is also an envelope enclosed to receive your gift. We will combine all gifts received and send them along the Father John Capuci for distribution. Deadline is December 18. In addition to this effort, in order to show our solidarity, the Parish Council has recommended that we pledge 10% of all our fundraising efforts and 10% of our Monthly Collection for the next 15 months.

“Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me.”

Saint Margaret Church Sign: Thanks to Bob Doucette who organized and directed the refurbishing of the Saint Margaret Church sign and Mass times sign. Thanks to Dan Prezioso, the sign maker and to Chris Harvey for his expertise in hanging it properly. Thanks!

Youth Ministry: Can you imagine a church filled with hundred’s of teens and their families, EVERY SINGLE SUNDAY!?!? Young, and not so young people who are there because they have experienced Christ personally! On Sunday, November 27, Father George, & Saint Margaret’s Youth Ministry would like you and your families to go along to a church with one of the most successful and dynamic youth groups in the Archdiocese: Saint Mary’s Life Teen in Dedham Mass. Come and experience a “LifeTeen Mass” with rocken music, a teen focused homily, and an opportunity to see a vision of Youth Ministry, that leads teens and their families closer to Christ. Please join us! A bus will leave from our Jackson Street parking lot at 5:00 p.m. Registration forms are in the back of the church, please return them to Andrea as soon as possible. ALL are welcome! **This is not just for Teens!**

Teen Ministry: Jason Evert - Jason is the MOST amazing chastity (all about sex and sexuality) speaker around!!! You will hear why all this sex stuff is so confusing and how to use this awesome gift you have been given the way God intended. Parents and/or teens (7th grade and up) are welcome to join us, but must register early, as this event will sell out quickly. Here’s more about Jason: He is twenty-nine years old, earned a Master’s Degree in Theology, an undergraduate degrees in Counseling and Theology, with a minor in Philosophy at Franciscan University of Steubenville. He is the author of the books If You Really Loved Me, Answering Jehovah’s Witnesses, Love, Sex and Babies, and Pure Love, which challenges young people to embrace the virtue of chastity. Jason speaks at seminars, participates in debates, and responds to thousands of questions about Catholicism on Sunday, December 4, Saint Patrick’s in Stoneham – we will take a bus 3:30 p.m. Email Andrea at andreaic03@yahoo.com to register.

Youth Ministry: ADVENT CAMP Saint Margaret’s Youth Ministry presents the first annual **ADVENT CAMP**, right here in our own Church Hall. **Adults, take time for yourself** to prepare your hearts, minds and homes for Christmas **while your children enjoy a wonderful day!** Advent Camp is a special time for toddlers 3 – 6, and children 7—11 to learn about the Advent Season through crafts, games, FUN. Each group of 10 children will have 2 Parish Teens (looking for a few Teen volunteers!) and 1 Adult to guide them through the day. The day is being coordinated by certified preschool teachers, and the Youth Ministry Team. Saturday, December 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. & 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. (Children staying both session must bring a pillow and blanket for “movie time”). Saturday, December 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration forms are available in the back of the church. Cost is \$20.00 each session for first child, \$8.00 per session for all siblings. **Calling all Nurses:** We are in need of nurses for our Advent Camp. Times & dates listed above. If you are a nurse and could help with this special fundraiser for Youth Ministry, or for more information contact Andrea at the rectory andreaic03@yahoo.com or Dawn markettomarket@comcast.net 781-233-4043.



Christmas Stroll: The Saugus Annual Christmas Stroll will be held the weekend of December 2nd. We will again participate in this annual event with many new events, along with continued favorites! Some include: Chowder night, lunch, raffles and a bake sale. Your generosity last year in donating raffle baskets was fantastic! So, we are asking again for donations of a basket theme with a value of at least \$25.00. There will be a list of ideas in the back of the vestibule for you to sign up for, or if you have an idea of your own, please write it down on the list. This has always been a wonderful success, and we know you will enjoy it again this year! Look for a full schedule of the events coming soon!

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.



The Grand Annual Collection: With 91 parish families responding the first week of the Grand Annual Collection received \$14,390.00. Thank you for your immediate and 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 Offertory Collection last Sunday was \$3,028.00 and the Campaign for Human Development Collection was \$1,120.00. Thank you for your generosity to the needs of our Parish and of the Church.



Second Collection

Parish Monthly Collection December 10 & 11

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:



Catholic High School Placement Test: For admission to a Catholic High School, a student must take the placement test which will be administered on December 10. To obtain a registration form and information call the Catholic Schools Office at 617-298-6555.

Catholic High Schools: Some of our local Catholic High Schools are having “Open House” for 7th and 8th graders and their parents to come and see. Call to see when they are having their “Open House.”

Malden Catholic High School	781-322-3098
Our Lady of Nazareth, Wakefield	781-245-5210
St. Mary Sr. High School, Lynn	781-595-7885
Bishop Fenwick, Peabody	978-531-8200
St. John’s Prep, Danvers	978-774-1050
Austin Prep Sr. High School, Reading	781-944-4900
Pope John XXIII, Everett	617-389-0240
Boston College High School	617-474-5010



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Annual Blanket Drive: From December 3 to 11, collection bins will be available in the Church to receive your blanket donation. We realize that your generosity is being drawn in many different directions, but we must not overlook our local families and shelters who count on us for much needed help. Thank you for your support throughout this season and throughout the year in your contributions to the Poor Boxes located at the Church doors.

Promise for Tomorrow: As the Capital Campaign of the Archdiocese enters its final stages, we again want to thank those who are faithful in fulfilling their pledges. As a result of recent pledge payments our Parish has received \$705.00. Since the beginning of this Campaign our Parish has received a total of \$36,197.00. Thank you.

The Living Rosary Pilgrimage: On Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 p.m. the Living Rosary will be at Saint Joseph’s Convent, 43 Green Street, Lynn. The Pilgrimage will consist of a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, the divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. All are welcome.

Homeownership Opportunities: 4 affordable (under construction) condos at Oak Point Village 9 Nirvana Drive, Saugus. Informational Meeting: Wed. Dec. 7 7:00—9:00 p.m. Saugus Town Hall. Open House, Sat. Dec. 10 at 12 Noon at 9 Nirvana Drive, Saugus. Condos will be sold by lottery to eligible home buyers. Requirements outlined in Application/Information Packages available at Saugus Library and Saugus Town Hall.



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Christmas Stroll

December 2, 3, and 4, 2005

Lighting of the Greenery at St. Margaret's on Friday,
December 2, at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner Menu Friday, December 2

Serving at 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Bowl of Chowder or Bowl of Chicken Rice Soup, Crackers and a Beverage

Lunch Menu

Saturday, December 3

Serving at 11:00 a.m.

Meatball Sub, Potato Chips and a Beverage

or

Bowl of Chicken Rice Soup, Crackers and a Beverage

Breakfast Menu

Sunday, December 4

Serving at 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Pancakes, Sausages, Scrambled Eggs, Danish and a Beverage

For the Kids: Face Painting and Nail Polishing (Saturday Only)

Also

Available for Sale on December 2, 3 and 4

Homemade Baked Goods

Homemade Crafts

Various Assortment of Gift Items

Christmas Wrapping Paper, Cards, Ribbon and Bows

Raffles, Raffles and More Raffles

