

**Mass Intentions**

Thomas Whelan	12th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/6)
Charles & Lillian Kerce	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(12/6)
Josephine Celata	6th Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/7)
Joseph Bucchieri	14th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/7)
Frank & Josephine Ciampa	Memorial Mass	7:00 p.m. Monday	(12/8)
Lucian Cherubin	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/13)
Edward & Alice Worthy	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(12/13)
David Woodbury	12th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/14)



**December 8, 2003**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception:**

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation are:

**Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. & Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.**



**Hammersmith Christmas Stroll:** Although the Stroll is over we will continue to have "The Raffle Table" open after all the weekend Masses. Please come, support the Parish and take a look at all the items that have been donated thanks to the generosity of some very wonderful people. The drawing of the prizes will be after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass.

**The Feast of Epiphany:** January 4 is Epiphany Sunday and we will again present our annual Pageant. We will have sign-up for the Epiphany Pageant after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 14th and December 21st in the Parish Hall. All ages are welcome to participate. A wonderful presentation every year, we retell the story of the birth of our Lord Jesus. Rehearsals are: Friday, January 2nd, at 2:00 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, January 3rd (Dress Rehearsal) at 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are looking forward to the participation of many of our young people. If you have any questions, please call either Corinne Riley 781-231-7995 or Fran Carlino 781-231-9034.



**The Saint Vincent de Paul Society:** is having their **Blanket Drive** this weekend, December 6 & 7. The Blankets will be distributed to those in need in our area. Thank you very much.



**Grand Annual Collection:** Thank you so much for this wonderful response. 153 families of the parish have donated \$22,200.00! Our thanks to them and our encouragement for all to support our Parish needs. Our Parish mailing went to 1,400 households that call St. Margaret's their Parish. Those who have given thus far represent 10% of our total Parish. Imagine! Just imagine what our Parish could do if we had greater participation. Perhaps we could move beyond maintenance!



**Alaska:** A wonderful adventure awaits you as you discover to magnificent beauty of our nations largest state. From Fairbanks to Anchorage by land and Seward to Vancouver by ship, there is much to see. Brochures for this Parish adventure are available at the Church doors. To find out all bout this trip come to the **informational meeting on Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** The trip is planned for June 7 to 19, 2004.

**United Parish Food Pantry:** Our sincere thanks to you for the large amount of food donated during the month of November. Remember that your gift of food is always needed and very much appreciated. The next food collection will be the weekend of December 13 & 14. Thank you.



**Annual Christmas Toy Drive:** For many year our Parish has helped Sister Eustace Caggiano and her apostolate to the poor of the inner city. Once again she asks our help in providing toys for children which she will distribute through the Cardinal Cushing Center, South End, Boston. If you wish to help in this annual drive, please bring toys to Church on the weekends of December 6 & 7 or 13 & 14. Thank you for your assistance.



**Catholic High School Placement Examination:**

The Placement Exam for Catholic High Schools will be Saturday, December 13. For registration/information on test locations, contact a local Catholic high school or call the Catholic School Office (617-298-6555).

**Could God be calling you** to be a priest, a deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord?" If God is calling you, call the Vocation Office 617-746-5436.

*Turn to the Lord and pray to Him  
now that He is near.  
Isaiah 55:6*

**Thank you very much:** We thank Judy and Tom Giglio and Joe Salomon for the Thanksgiving Dinner they prepared and served here at Saint Margaret's on Thanksgiving Day. They literally had everything from soup to nuts! We also thank those who baked for the event and those who came to assist in serving and in the clean-up. We also thank Judy for the wonderful collation that was prepared for the fellowship after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass to be discontinued:** In a spirit of collaboration, Blessed Sacrament, Most Blessed Sacrament & St. Margaret Parishes have offered a 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass for the past three years. As of December 14 this Mass will be discontinued. We thank the Young Adults and all those who supported this effort for the last three years. For your convenience, there are Sunday evening Masses available in the area: Saint Patrick, Stoneham at 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. St. Theresa, Everett at 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph, Wakefield at 5:30 p.m.

**Marriage:** To stay on top of the marriage debate in Massachusetts, contact the Mass. Catholic conference, the public policy office of the Catholic Church in Massachusetts. Go online: [www.macathconf.org](http://www.macathconf.org) or call 617-367-6060 for information about MCC-Net, the Catholic Church's legislative action network.

**The Boston Boy Choir:** of the Archdiocesan Choir School will present its 41st annual concert on Sundays, December 14 & 21 at 3:30 p.m. and Friday, December 19 at 8:00 p.m. in St. Paul Church, Harvard Square, Cambridge. The concert will include carols for choir, organ, hand-bells and orchestra. The Church is handicap accessible and Free Parking is available at the Broadway Garage. Reserved advanced seating. For information/tickets call 617-868-8658.



**Offertory Collection:** The Offertory Collection of November 23 was \$3,137.00 and the Campaign for Human Development was \$822.00. The Offertory Collection for November 30 was \$2,516.00. Thank you for your generosity to the Parish and to the charitable works of the Church.



**In gratitude:** Two gifts totaling \$75.00 were received this week in memory of Antoinette Stagno. Thank you.



**The Living Rosary Pilgrimage:** will be at St. Joseph Church, 115 Union Street, Lynn, on Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 p.m. All are most welcome.

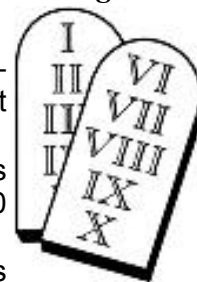
### **Religious Education**

**Grades 1 to 6:** Classes are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. at the Belmonte Middle School.

**Grades 7 & 8** The next meeting is Friday, January 9 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Grade 9, Year I Confirmation** Class will resume on Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Grade 10, Year II Confirmation** – the next meeting for students and sponsors will be Sunday, December 7 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



**An Advent Day of Prayer:** sponsored by the Office of Spiritual Development on Saturday morning, December 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, 487 Broadway, Everett. This time will consist of a talk, guided prayer, reflection, personal prayer and faith sharing. For information/registration call 617-779-3640. Offering: \$15.00.

**An Advent Evening of Prayer:** Sister Mary at Blessed Sacrament Church, 14 Summer Street, Saugus, invites you to an evening of Scripture, Music, Reflection and Quiet Prayer on Wednesday, December 10 beginning at 7:30 p.m.



**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 Church Roof:** Work is underway on the Church roof! New shingles and new gutters will replace the old ones that have served us for well over thirty years! We accepted the proposal of the CBC Construction Company of Danvers, MA. Their bid was \$68,942.00. This is a major expense for our Parish but obviously needs to be done. Hopefully the work will be done in a timely manner and that the weather will cooperate.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** is usually celebrated on the third Sunday of each month at 12 Noon. The next celebration of Baptism is December 21 at 12 Noon. The Preparation Meeting prior to the Baptism of a child is every other month. Future Baptism Preparation meetings for parents & godparents are: February 5, April 1, June 3, and August 5, 2004. These are held in the Parish Hall and begin at 7:00 p.m. Please call the Rectory to register.