

Mass Intentions

Joseph Gurski	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/27)
Rev. Edward Frizzell	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(12/27)
Charles Hansen	Birthday Remembrance	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/28)
Robert Forbush	2nd Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/28)
Elizabeth Woodbury	3rd Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Tuesday	(12/30)
Richard Reynolds	2nd Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Thursday	(1/1)
Albert Dello Russo	25th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(1/3)
Daniel L. Tillinghast	12th Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(1/3)
Rosalie Klecher	4th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(1/4)



**Masses for the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God (New Year's Eve and Day):** Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation will be Wednesday, December 31 at 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m.

**The Feast of Epiphany:** January 4 is Epiphany Sunday and we will again present our annual Pageant. We are pleased that a large number of our young people have signed up to participate this year. 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.



**Grand Annual Collection:** Thank you very much for the generous response. 200 families of the parish have donated \$28,560.00! Our thanks to them and our encouragement for all to support our Parish needs. Because we can sometimes misplace letters asking our help (and we all get so many of them), I am sending a second letter of request to registered parishioners from whom we have not yet heard. I'm sure they want to do their share also. If you have given and receive another letter, please forgive us.

**Hammersmith Christmas Stroll:** Thanks to everyone who made the Stroll such a success this year. In all \$2,334.00 was realized for the benefit of the Parish. A complete report will follow.



By Baptism we are God's holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, call the Vocation Office 617-746-5436.

**Ministry to the Homebound:** Do you know someone who is not able to come to Mass but would appreciate receiving Holy Communion on a regular basis? If so, would you let us know by calling the Rectory (781-233-1040). One of our Ministers of Holy Communion will be glad to visit them. Thank you.

**United Parish Food Pantry:** Our thanks for your continuous support of the local food pantry. The second weekend each month we invite you to bring non-perishable food to Church. The food is then brought to our local food pantry (located at the Cliftondale Congregational Church) where it is distributed on Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. Please know that your gift of food is always needed and very much appreciated. The next food collection will be the weekend of January 10 & 11. *Thank you.*

**The Annual Ecumenical Leadership Dinner** will be here at St. Margaret's on Friday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m. Needed are greeters and kitchen helpers for this dinner as we welcome members of the other Saugus Churches. Fr. Gerard Dorgan, Pastor of St. Mary's in Danvers, will give a wonderful presentation the art that was influenced by the Reformation. Fr. Dorgan is very informative and a very enjoyable presenter.

**Baptized** in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: Taylor Nicole child of Kenneth and Julie Ventrice, and Ashley Abreu child of James and Sheylla Kennedy.

**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.

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
teach us wisdom, teach us love.*

**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.

**Snow CAMPS 2004:** With Junior High students in mind, we offer a wonderful weekend retreat experience known as Snow CAMPS. Meet other youths from many other parishes, make new friends, grow in your faith and your relationship with God. It could be the best thing you do for yourself! Held at the Brookwoods/Deer Run Conference Center in Alton, NH, choose from one of two weekends: February 27—29 or March 5—7 2004. Each weekend begins on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and end mid afternoon on Sunday. At the next 7th and 8th grade meeting on Friday, January 9, someone will make a presentation on Snow CAMPS. Parents are welcome to hear all about it. Information will be available at that time.



**Marriage Encounter:** A weekend experience to Build Communication, Create Romance, Enrich the Values of Marriage, Family and Faith. For couples who want a better quality and richer communication in their Marriage. Next Encounter, January 16 to 18, 2004. Call 800-367-0343.

**With Gratitude to the People of Saint Margaret's Parish:** This is a busy season of the year for many reasons and the demands on our time and financial assistance can sometimes be overwhelming. Your generosity has been wonderful and I want to thank you for all that you did this season. Thank you for the Thanksgiving Dinner, the Hat and Mitten Drive, the Blanket Drive, the Toy Drive, the sock drive, the monthly appeal for food for the United Church Food Pantry, your offerings in the 'poor boxes' all the while supporting your Parish with ever increasing generosity and responding so well to the Grand Annual Collection. Thank you for your goodness and kindness.

**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.

**Offertory Collection:** Last weekend's Offertory Collection was \$3,349.00. Thank you for your generosity to the Parish.



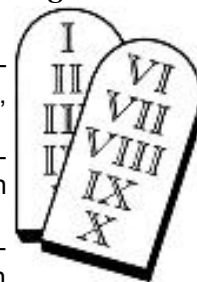
### **Religious Education**

**Grades 1 to 6:** Classes will resume after the Christmas vacation, on Sunday, January 11, 2004.

**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** will resume after the Christmas vacation on Wednesday, January 21, 2004 at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Grade 10, Year II Confirmation** – the next meeting for students & sponsors will be Sunday, January 11 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



### **Is there anyone sick among you?**

On Friday, January 2 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass we will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to our brothers and sisters who are awaiting surgery or those who have been diagnosed with serious illness. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is not to be looked upon as the "Last Rites" but as a powerful instrument of God's healing and strength. Perhaps there is someone you might invite to come along with you.

**Homosexuality:** Our consciousness concerning homosexuality has been raised in recent months especially in the light of the Supreme Judicial Court's ruling on same-sex marriage. We have always known among those we love men and women whose primary attraction is to members of the same sex. On Monday, January 12, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Fr Thomas Nestor, a priest of the Archdiocese and a clinical psychologist will present an overview of the nature of homosexuality and our response to it. All welcome.

**Alaska:** A once in a lifetime kind of trip, 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 cruising aboard the beautiful Celebrity Ship Summit, there will be much to see. Brochures for this Parish adventure are available at the Church doors. To find out about this trip come to the **informational meeting on Tuesday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** Please let us know if you plan to come to this meeting by calling the rectory (781-233-1040). Receive \$100 off the cost of this trip by attending this meeting. The trip is planned for June 7 to 19, 2004.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:** The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?