

Saint Margaret Parish
Saugus - North Revere, Massachusetts
December 2, 2007 - The First Sunday of Advent



Prepare
...you also must be prepared, for at an hour
you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.
~Matthew 24:44

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Mass Schedule: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.

Saturday 4:00 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ 5:45 p.m. (when there is Confirmation Class)

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

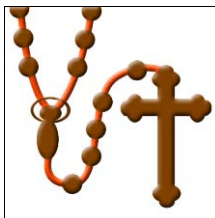
Mid-week Assistance Father Donald Skerry, SVD

Weekend Assistance Father Lawrence Wetterholm - Father Vincent Cornejo



Adoration of the Blessed

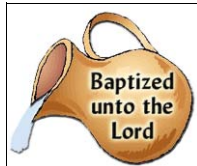
Sacrament: On Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. join us for all or part of this time of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. At 7:00 p.m. those present participate in the recitation of the **Rosary**. Come, pray the Rosary and stay for all or part of that special weekly time of prayer and adoration. You deserve the peace and quiet that come from being in the presence of the Lord. All are welcome. Also, on Sunday mornings, at 9:30 a.m. the Rosary will be prayed prior to the 10:00 a.m. Mass.



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The Sacrament of Baptism Baptisms are usually celebrated on the 3rd Sunday each month at 12:00 Noon. Prior to Baptism Parents & Godparents must attend a Preparation Meeting which is usually held

on the 1st Thursday every other month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Call the Rectory to register (781-233-1040).



Religious Education

Grades 1 through 6: Classes are held on Sundays, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. at the Belmonte Middle School.

Grades 7 & 8: The next Class Grade 7 & 8 students is Friday, December 7, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Grade 9 Students meet on Sundays at 4:15 p.m. until 5:45 p.m. After class they celebrate Holy Mass together.

Grade 10 Students and Sponsors will have class on December 16, at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There will be Mass at 5:45 p.m. prior to the beginning of class.

Mass at 5:45 p.m. On Sundays when there is Confirmation Class, there is a 5:45 p.m. Mass to which all are invited.

We pray for Peace in the World, an end to war and terrorism, an end to world hunger, those and for **Paul Eaves** and **Jason Carmody** who are serving in Iraq, and all our service men and women.

The Faithful Departed

Charles Mahoney - Mary Lunt

The Sick

Paula Letourneau - Karen Shirk - Ed Fallon - Arthur Nickolas

Mass Intentions

Sophie & Alfred Surman	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/1)
Bernard Sturniolo	Birthday Remembrance	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(12/1)
Josephine Celata	10th Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/2)
Helen Wladyszewski	12th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/2)
Charles & Helen Swain	Memorial Mass	7:00 p.m. Friday	(12/7)
Charles & Lillian Kerce	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/8)
Richard Kane	21st Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(12/8)
Lena Maruzzi	Birthday Remembrance	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/9)
Joseph & Josephine Bucchieri	Memorial Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/9)

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation are
Friday evening, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.
and
Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed for Hospital Visitations:

Melrose Wakefield Hospital depends on volunteer Eucharistic Ministers from its surrounding community parishes to bring communion to and have pastoral visitations with Catholic hospital patients. Mr. Bill Lucey, the Catholic Hospital Chaplain, is in need of Eucharistic Ministers to fill a few open slots in the schedule. If you are interested in getting involved in Hospital Ministry, please talk with Fr. George or Bev Gorman at (781) 233-8306.

“I was ill and you visited me.”

**Mass for Healing of Parents’**

Hearts: On Monday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church, 14 Summer Street, Saugus Center, a special Mass for Healing of Parents’ Hearts for

all those who grieve the loss of a stillbirth, miscarriage, abortion, or adoption will be held. Please come and join the many people of our community who have lost a child, as we offer this Mass for healing hearts with love for our departed children.

First Communion Parents Meeting: Parents with children in the First Communion Program (usually Grade 2) will meet together on this Sunday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall in order to begin preparations for their child’s reception of the Sacrament of Penance (Confession). These children will receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time on Saturday, January 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Concert

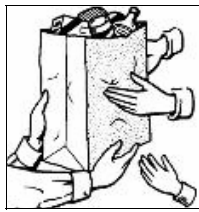
Come enjoy and support the efforts of St. Margaret’s Choir on Sunday, December 9, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. Listen to some very beautiful music and Bible readings that will help you get into the true Christmas spirit. Also, a few special guest performers will share their musical talent. Then sing along with the Choir some of your favorite Christmas Carols. To end the evening, there will be refreshments in the Parish Hall where there will also be free door prize drawings. Call & invite your family and friends and be ready to enjoy an evening of music and fellowship.



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Keep those Shaw's and Star Market cash register receipts coming (also get them from relatives, neighbors and coworkers, etc.)! To date we have received **\$441.93** from them. A basket is provided in the front vestibule of the Church. The Parish will receive 1% of the total of those cash register receipts. It's beginning to add up, so keep those receipt coming! Thank you.



The United Parish Food Pantry

is located at the Clifondale Congregational Church, 50 Essex Street. On the second weekend of each month we collect food for the food pantry. Also, we look for volunteers. If you are free on Friday mornings, you are always needed. Drop by at 9:30 a.m. or call Carol Cashman at 781-558-1092 to volunteer. The Pantry operates Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (Please note: 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 December 8 & 9.** Your donation of food is always needed and very much appreciated. During the winter season when the need is so great, would it be possible for you to bring a few extra items along? Thank you. For your information: The Food Pantry gave out 105 Thanksgiving turkey dinners with all the trimmings on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Thanks for all the donations and for the many volunteers from our various churches in town who gave of their time to make this a great holiday for many needy families.

Holiday Breakfast Buffet

Please join us for our Holiday Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, December 16th from 8:30 to 11:30 am. We are offering our popular omelet station - pick your own accompaniments. Also grilled bacon, sausage, Texas toast, potato, juice and coffee. Donation: Adults \$7.00. Seniors and children ten and under \$5.00. All are welcome.



Living Rosary: The Living Rosary Pilgrimage will be at Saint Joseph Parish, 115 Union Street in Lynn on Sunday, December 2 at 2:00 p.m. This will be a Holy Hour to which all are invited.

14 Days of Christmas Calendar: Extra calendars are available at the church doors and at the rectory. They might make the perfect gift for a neighbor, workmates, or relatives. At only \$10.00 per calendar you support the Parish and have a chance at winning a prize each day of the 14 Days of Christmas. All money received will be used exclusively for Saint Margaret's Parish, its property and programs. Thanks for your support.

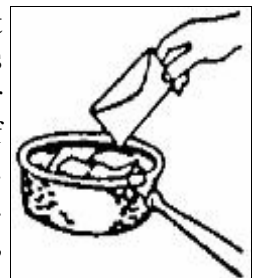
CONSULTANTS DAY- We would like to thank the women who made several product lines available to the people of our Parish. We thank them for their time and donations to our Parish. We also would like to thank the people who supported this effort. We raised \$370.00. This will be put toward our ongoing projects and programs to improve St. Margaret Parish. Our thanks especially to Corinne Riley who coordinated this event for the good of our Parish.

Second Collections

Retired Sisters Collection - December 1 & 2
Parish Monthly Collection - December 8 & 9

Grand Annual Collection: Our thanks to those who have responded to our Grand Annual Collection. Already, \$5,5900.00 has been received. This Collection has made possible most of the improvements that have been made to our Church inside and out. Please allow us to continue improvements to the Parish property and programs through your generous response to the Grand Annual Collection. Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Collection Last Sunday's Collection was \$3,033.00. Thank you for your generosity to the needs of the Parish and to the poor. Mass attendance was 552. Last year, November 26, 2006, the collection was \$2,977.00.



SNOW CAMPS 2008: Junior High Winter Retreat for kids in Junior High! It's time to live life to the fullest! Finally! What everyone has been waiting for. . . It's the best thing happening for kids in the winter of 2008! Don't miss it, and bring your friends!

SnowCAMPS is a high-energy, activity-filled, spiritual growth experience designed specifically for 7th and 8th graders. Finding the right top-notch Christian event for junior high students isn't easy. The experience has got to be something your kids will enjoy, yet one that still moves beyond the fun and games to challenge and encourage them in their Christian faith. It's got to be fast enough to hold their attention and long enough to show them something worth paying attention to. You need an event created for junior highers with their unique needs and strengths carefully considered. We believe SNOWCAMPS is the kind of event you've been looking for. The highly-concentrated experience is jam-packed with games, discussions, talks, singing, and lots of new and different, fun and crazy activities. Through it all your junior highers will see, hear, and sense that Christ loves them and wants them to know the joy of living life to the **FULLEST!** SNOWCAMPS is brought to you by C.A.M.P.S. The C.A.M.P.S. ministry has a 23-year history of providing creative, effective, spiritual growth events for youth. Our SnowCAMPS team members include youth ministers, adults, and high school youth from several Catholic parishes who know how to communicate the real-life Christian faith to kids - and they do it with an encouraging spirit and an honest enthusiasm. **We hope ALL 7th and 8th Graders and their friends will join us March 7 - 9, 2008.** If you are interested please email Andrea at SMYM06@yahoo.com.

Advent Camp Leaders Meeting: Teens & Adults interested in helping with Advent Camp, must attend a meeting Sunday, December 9 beginning with Mass at 5:45 p.m. Meeting will end at 8:00 p.m.

Advent Camp: Saint Margaret's 3rd annual Advent CAMP will be December 15, 2007 for children ages 3-11. Parents, take a day to yourselves to prepare for Christmas - while Teen & Adult Volunteers provide a day of learning, crafting & singing for your young children! Advent Camp is all about Advent & what Christmas is REALLY all about for your children! **Please use Advent Camp registration Form - Last page of this week's bulletin.**

Oh Come Let us Adore Him: LIFT ON THE ROAD, Monday, December 17. Looking for a way to enter into the true meaning of Advent and Christmas? Come Praise, Worship and Adore the Lord and hear a wonderful reflection by Father Matt Williams at Holy Family Parish in Amesbury. If you are interested please email smym06@yahoo.com - we may get a bus if we hear from enough of you. Youth and Adults are welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council: The Parish is blessed to have these good and fine people serving our parish in the PPC. They are: Corinne Riley, Co-Chair, Tom Swanson, Bob Doucette, Pauline Kimball, Cindy Liuzza, Joanne Eaves, Dawn Hunt, Greg Nickolas, Nate Marsella, Bunnie Castaldo and Joe Johnson. **At the present time there is a vacancy on the Parish Pastoral Council.** Therefore **we are accepting nominations** to fill this vacancy. If you or someone you know would qualify as a member of the PPC please submit their name directly to Father George or to one of the above named PPC members.

Advent: our time of expectation: Have you noticed that many of the recent (and best selling!) books are all about personal growth and success? They take various approaches to achieving your dreams, becoming wealthy or more content. One common theme, however, is that of expectation. Set your goals, identify your desires, and look for what you want with a positive and hopeful attitude. If you expect great things, they will come. Israel had been expecting great things from God for centuries. God's promises to them were always fulfilled and they could count on His love and support. Their enemies would fail, and Israel would enjoy the bounty of the Lord's Providence. God was faithful to them, and they in turn would be faithful to Him. "Wait for the Lord!" was their cry of encouragement as they waited, expecting the Messiah. Advent is our time of expectation. We look and wait and ponder and hope for the coming of the Lord. We want Him to come so our doubts are answered, our sins forgiven, our fears relieved and our hopes fulfilled. Live in great expectation and God will not disappoint you.

~James Gaffney, © 2007 Karides Lic. to St. George Publishing jim@stgeorgepublishing.com.

Saint Margaret's Youth Ministry presents the third annual **ADVENT CAMP**

3-7 & 8-11 Year Olds

Saturday, Dec. 15 10:00am-4:00pm

What is ADVENT CAMP?-Saint Margaret's Youth Ministry presents the second annual ADVENT CAMP, right here in our very 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 children to learn about the Advent Season through crafts, games, FUN. Each group of 8 children will have 2 Parish Teens and 1 Adult to guide them through the day. Certified pre-school teachers, and the Youth Ministry Team will coordinate the day. By registering your child for Advent Camp you help support our Youth Ministry Program. All proceeds go to SMYM.

Who will be working with my children at Advent Camp - The Adult Team who is running the event are all Mom's and Teens from our Parish. *(All have been background checked)*

1. -Each group of 8 children will have two (wonderful) teenagers and one adult (all from our Parish Family) with them throughout the day)
2. -There are certified pre-school teachers who helped create and will help run Advent Camp
3. -There are two people who are certified in first aid and CPR
4. -The children will be all together in a large group setting in the lower hall
5. -They will travel station to station singing songs, playing games, & doing crafts
6. -There will be a snacks and a meal served
7. **ALL REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED AT SAINT MARGARET'S RECTORY** on a first come first serve premise.

***** Cut form below this line to turn in with payment ****

The cost is \$25.00 for first child, \$8.00 per session for all siblings, includes a peanut free snack, Dominos Pizza and Juice boxes, as well as all games and crafts.

To register fill out the form and hand it in with your payment:

Childs full name _____ Child's Nick Name _____ D.O.B. _____ Age: _____
 Parent's Name _____ Phone _____
 Cell Phone where you can be reached the day of CAMP _____
 Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____
 Name of person picking up your child from Advent Camp (must present I.D.) _____
 Allergies _____
 Any medical info the nurse needs to know? _____

Siblings at Camp: yes/no _____ Favorite activity _____

Liability Release

Name: _____ Address: _____ Email _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Cell phone _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone: _____ Emergency Contact _____ Phone: _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION Family Health Insurance Co. _____

Policy# _____ Family Physician _____ Phone _____

MEDICAL INFO Are there any medical issues that are important for the Leaders to know _____ I give _____ permission to PARTICIPATE IN THE Advent Camp on the Dec. 15 with Saint Margaret's Office for Youth Ministry. I give permission for the release of medical records to an attending physician in case of injury or illness. In the case of a medical emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact the parent(s) or guardian of my child. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician attending my child to hospitalize, and administer the proper and necessary treatment for my son/daughter as named herein. I hereby agree that no liability is to be assumed by Saint Margaret's Parish staff or volunteers or by the Archdiocese of Boston, which may arise out of this activity.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____



QUIZ

Can you choose the correct endings?

- They shall beat their swords into:
(a) ornaments (b) plowshares (c) axes?
- I rejoiced when I heard them say, let us go:
(a) to the house of the Lord (b) to Egypt (c) to the king?
- It is now the hour for you to:
(a) pray (b) rest (c) wake from sleep?
- In the days before the flood people were:
(a) eating and drinking (b) working hard (c) living holy lives
- The Son of Man is coming at the time:
(a) foretold (b) you least expect (c) you most expect?

ANSWERS

The correct answers are: 1(b); 2(a); 3(c); 4(a); 5(b)

WORDSEARCH

Can you find and circle the words listed below the wordsearch grid?

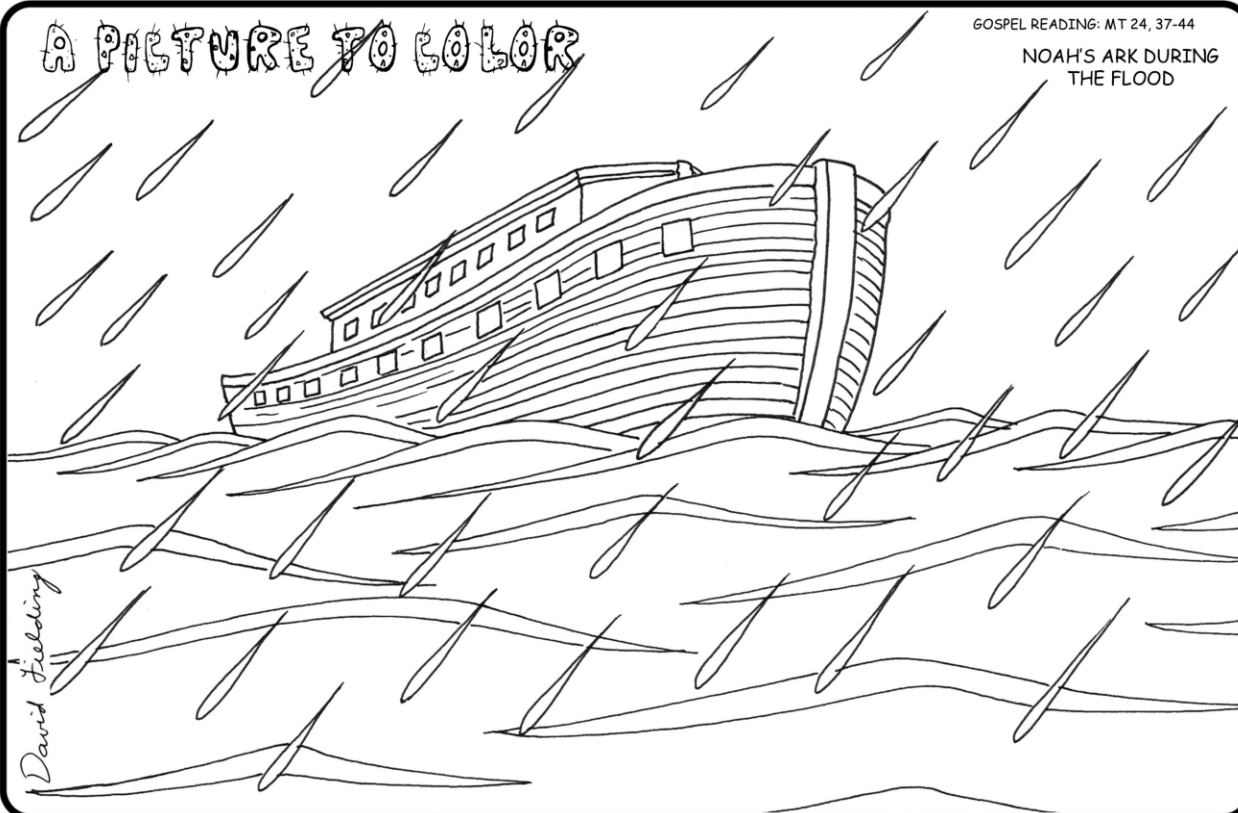
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A PICTURE TO COLOR

GOSPEL READING: MT 24, 37-44

NOAH'S ARK DURING THE FLOOD



David Fielding