

*Saint Margaret Parish  
Saugus ~ North Revere, Massachusetts*

“A voice of one  
crying out in the  
desert: ‘Prepare  
the way of the  
Lord, make straight  
his paths.’ ”

-Mark 1:3



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

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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. Classes resume today, 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. Because this Wednesday is the eve of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, there will be no class but students will participate at Mass for this Feast. Class on December 14 will be with Father Daniel O'Connell and parents are to be present with their son/daughter.

**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.



**United Parish Food Pantry:** Our monthly collection of food is the second weekend of each month (December 10 & 11). Thanks to those who are so faithful in bringing a food donation each month. 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. And remember, your food donation is always needed and very much appreciated. 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.

### The Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation are 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7 and 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 8. There will be an evening Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church on Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m.



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** for December 7 only: Because of the 7:00 p.m. Mass for the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Adoration will begin at the conclusion of Mass and continue for one hour (until approximately 8:45 p.m.) The regular Adoration schedule will resume next Wednesday, December 14.

*"Be still and know that I am God."*

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** is usually celebrated on the third Sunday each month at 12 Noon. The Preparation Meeting prior to the Baptism of a child is every other month. Baptism Preparation meetings for parents & godparents are scheduled for: December 8, 2005, February 2, April 6, June 1, August 3, October 5 and December 14, 2006. Held in the Parish Hall, they begin at 7:00 p.m. Please call the Rectory (781-233-1040) to register.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation:** To prepare ourselves to celebrate Christmas, we will have an Advent Penitential Service on Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a time for reflection and prayer and individual confessions.

*"Prepare the way of the Lord."*

**Cursillo:** I will be with a group of men at the Salvatorian Center from Thursday, December 1 through Sunday, December 4, participating in a Cursillo weekend. Men from the Parish participating are Jim Primo, Chris Hunt, Paul O'Brien and Nate Marcella. Pray for us.

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

Mass Intentions

Charles & Lillian Kerce	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/3)
Mary McLaughlin	1st Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(12/3)
Helen Wladyszewski	10th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/4)
Rev. William Berry	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Monday	(12/5)
George & Elizabeth Woodbury	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Tuesday	(12/6)
Joseph Bucchiere	Memorial Mass	7:00 p.m. Wednesday	(12/7)
David Woodbury	14th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/10)
Richard Kane	19th Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(12/10)
Joann Paoletta	Memorial Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/11)
John & Mary Iannuzzi	Memorial Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/11)



**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. Again this week we invite 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 to return your gift 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. As Jesus says: *“Whatever 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!

**News from the Food Pantry:** From Carol Cashman & June Cieri of the Saugus United Parish Food Pantry: On Nov 22, the Pantry gave out a total of 107 dinners. Also, the Pantry received \$221.55 from the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service held at Saint John’s Episcopal on Sunday, November 20. The Leadership of the Pantry appreciates the hard work of the many volunteers from the Saugus churches, and the financial support received. It was a blessing to help those less-fortunate to have a meaningful Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you very much. Remember: your food donations are always needed and very much appreciated.

*“What no one ever saw or heard, what no one ever thought could happen, is the very thing God prepared for those who love Him.”* (1 Corinthians 2:9)

**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 (7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:andreaic03@yahoo.com) or Dawn [markettomarket@comcast.net](mailto:markettomarket@comcast.net) 781-233-4043.



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 want to thank those who are faithful in fulfilling their pledges. As a result of recent pledge payments we have received \$705.00. Since the beginning of this Campaign our Parish has received a total of \$36,197.00. Thank you.

**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 107 parish families responding to the Grand Annual Collection we have received \$16,380.00. 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 \$2,938. 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

**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.

**Christmas Stroll:** Come to the Parish Hall after the Masses on Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4. Come and see our wonderful display of Homemade Baked Goods, Homemade Crafts, An Assortment of Gift Items, Christmas Wrapping Paper, Cards, Ribbon and Bows, and Raffles, Raffles and More Raffles. And don’t forget our Sunday Morning Breakfast from 8:30 a. m. – 11:30 a.m. The Menu includes Pancakes, Sausages, Scrambled Eggs, Danish and a Beverage. All Welcome.

**Thinking ahead to Christmas:** Masses for Christmas are as follows:

- Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. Church
- Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. Parish Hall
- Saturday, December 24 at 5:30 p.m. Church
- Sunday, December 25 at 8:30 a.m. Church
- Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m. Church

**Letter from Archbishop O'Malley on Homosexuality**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Church's efforts to defend the institution of marriage has been interpreted by some as an indication of the Church's hostility toward homosexual persons. The way that the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts framed the issue is unfavorable to Catholics or others who do not oppose anyone, but rather support an institution which is the cornerstone of society.

Right from the beginning of this controversy I have called on all Catholics to rally behind the cause of marriage. It is encouraging that a number of Catholics who are homosexuals have expressed to me their conviction that marriage between a man and a woman is important for children and therefore for society.

The Church's position is not based on an animus against people with a homosexual orientation. Each and every member of the Church is called to holiness regardless of their sexual orientation. The Church has often warned against defining people by their sexual orientation in a way that diminishes their humanity. Each person is a mystery, an irreplaceable treasure, precious in God's eye. We are God's creatures and in baptism we are His sons and daughters, brothers and sisters to one another.

The extreme individualism of our age is undermining the common good and fractionalizing the community. The Church wishes to call people to unity based on mutual respect and a commitment to the common good. We do not want Catholics who have a homosexual orientation to feel unwelcomed in the Catholic Church. We remind them that they are bound to us by their baptism and are called to live a life of holiness. Many homosexual persons in our Church lead holy lives and make an outstanding contribution to the life of the Church by their service, generosity and the sharing of their spiritual gifts.

We must strive to eradicate prejudices against people with a homosexual orientation. At the same time the Church must minister to all people by challenging them to obey God's commands, the roadmap for a meaningful human life that allows us to draw near to God and to one another.

In the Gospel when the self-righteous Pharisees bring the adulteress to be stoned, Jesus says let he who is without sin cast the first stone. Then to make sure they got the point Jesus wrote their sins on the ground. The stones fell from their hands and they fled. Jesus said: "Neither do I condemn you", but He added, "Go and sin no more."

If we tell people that sex outside of marriage is not a sin, we are deceiving people. If they believe this untruth, a life of virtue becomes all but impossible. Jesus teaches that discipleship implies taking up the cross each day and following Him with love and courage.

It is never easy to deliver a message that calls people to make sacrifices or to do difficult things. Sometimes people want to punish the messenger. For this reason we priests at times find it difficult to articulate the Church's teaching on sexual morality. We must never deliver the message in a self-righteous way, but rather with compassion and humility. It is important to express the moral teachings of the Church with clarity and fidelity. The Church must be Church. We must teach the truths of the Gospel in season and out of season. These recent times seem to us like it is "out of season", but for that very reason it is even more urgent to teach the hard words of the Gospel today.

We know that friends and relatives of homosexual Catholics sometimes feel torn between their allegiance to Christ and their concern for their loved ones. I assure them that these goals are not incompatible. As Catholics we profess a firm belief in the dignity of each person and in the eternal destiny to which God calls us. Calling people to embrace the cross of discipleship, to live the commandments and at the same time assuring them that we love them as brothers and sisters can be difficult. Sometimes we are told: "If you do not accept my behavior, you do not love me." In reality we must communicate the exact opposite: "Because we love you, we cannot accept your behavior."

God made us to be happy forever. That true and lasting happiness is accessible only by a path of conversion. Each of us has our own struggles in responding to the call to discipleship and holiness. We are not alone. Christ promised to be with us and has given us His Church and Sacraments to help us on the road.

At every Mass we pray that beautiful prayer before the sign of peace: "Lord...look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom." May God grant us that grace of peace and unity.

Devotedly yours in Christ, + Seán P. O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston