



Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2009

*Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.*

Luke 3:4

*Saint Margaret Parish
North Revere & Saugus, MA*

*Blessed Sacrament Parish
Saugus, MA*

Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Saint Margaret Parish

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Rectory Phone: 781 233 1040

Pastoral Team

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Mass Times

Weekend Masses:

Saturday @ 4:00 pm
Sunday @ 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

Weekday Mass at Blessed Sacrament:

9:00 a.m. Thursday, Friday & Saturday

Weekend Masses:

Saturday @ 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm
Sunday @ 8:30 am & 10:00 am

Weekday Mass at Saint Margaret:

9:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 pm to 3:45pm and by request

Rev. Felix Prior, O' Carm – Sunday Assistance
Deacon Francis M. Gaffney – Permanent Deacon
Martha G. Lecaroz – Parish Secretary
Donna Zinna – Religious Education -781 231 3699
Phyllis Bunnell - Music Director
Debora Pillsbury - Parish Housekeeper
Nicholas Raftelis – Buildings and Grounds

Rev. Lawrence Wetherholm – Weekend Assistance
Rev. Vincent Cornejo – Weekend Assistance
Rev. Donald Skerry, SVD – Mid week Assistance
Ben DiScipio - Music Director

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Usually held on the second Sunday of the month.
Please call the Rectory to schedule

Usually held on the third Sunday of the month.
Please call the Rectory to schedule

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples planning to marry are encouraged to schedule more than one year in advance.
The Archdiocese requires at least six months notice.

Sick and Homebound

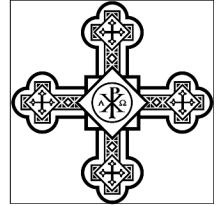
If you know someone in the parish who is sick or homebound and who would like to receive the Eucharist,
please notify the rectory.

WELCOME! New Parishioners

Please introduce yourself to one another, as well as to the priest following Mass.

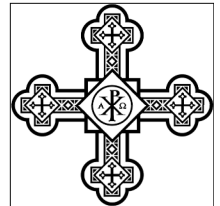
Mass Intentions at Blessed Sacrament

Edward "Pat" Dunn	8th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/5/09)
James T. Voutour	Mass for Good Health	7:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/6/09)
Robert A. Kane	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/6/09)
Frederick Rossi	Memorial Mass	10:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/6/09)
Catherine Ferreira	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Thursday	(12/10/09)
Diane Pietrantonio	8th Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Friday	(12/11/09)
Charles J. Comppen	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Saturday	(12/12/09)
Frank Mayo	1st Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/12/09)
Richard & Dorothy Farragher	Memorial Mass	7:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/13/09)
Anthony Maglio	7th Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/13/09)
Charles Jannis	Memorial Mass	10:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/13/09)



Mass Intentions at Saint Margaret

Edward P. Hogan, Sr.	50th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/5/09)
Richard Kane	23rd Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(12/5/09)
Josephine Celata	12th Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/6/09)
Helen Wladyszewski	14th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/6/09)
Carmella DePerrio	Month's Mind Mass	9:00 a.m. Tuesday	(12/8/09)
David Woodbury	18th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/12/09)
Ted Moriello	1st Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/13/09)
Joseph & Josephine Bucchieri	Memorial Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/13/09)



Feast of the Immaculate

Conception: Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation are:

Monday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Margaret Church

Tuesday, December 8, at 9:00 a.m. at Saint Margaret Church

Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

On Wednesday evenings at Saint Margaret's 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.**

You deserve the peace and quiet that come from being in the presence of the Lord. What better way to prepare for Christmas than by giving yourself the gift of time.

"I will come to you in the silence..."



We pray for Peace in the World, an end to war and terrorism, an end to world hunger, our men & women in the Armed Services: **John Scott, Brian & Stephanie Howard, Kevin Howard, Lt. Maxwell**

Palumbo, Sgt. Paul J. Eaves, Pvt. Richard Boudreau, Cpl. Timothy Perkins, Cpl. Alison Perkins

The Sick: Fr. James Field, Fr. Thomas Nestor, Alexander Mossuto, Debbie Maher, Thomas Kehoe, Kevin Riordan, Nancy Patti, Katherine Pescatore, Catherine DeVito, Virginia Cieri, Lucille Voutuour, Janice Simoes, Richard Bourque, Ronald Bourque, Rosemarie Goins, Joe Alden, Charles Regan, Georgina Reagan, Barbara Lewis, June Anderson, Rita Anzuoni, Julia "Jay" Rondino, Diane Loud, Beverly Arsenault

The Faithful Departed: Anna Fulchino, William Danahy, Michael McGrath, Angelina Frederico, Erminie Battis, Henry Johnson, William Morris

**BLESSED SACRAMENT
FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

The Offertory Collection for November 23-24, was **\$4,746.23**. Attendance was **930**. The Offertory Collection for November 29-29 was **\$4,502.86**. Attendance was **763**. Thank you for your generosity.

SAINT MARGARET FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

The Offertory Collection last week was **\$2,845.00**. Attendance at the weekend Masses was 529. Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collections

Blessed Sacrament

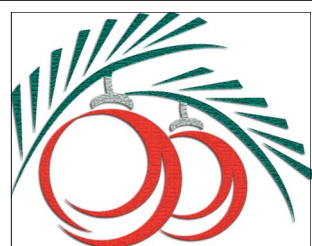
Parish Renovation Fund - December 5 & 6

Saint Margaret

Parish Monthly Collection - December 12 & 13

**Available at the Coffee Hour At
Blessed Sacrament on Decem-**

ber 6: Handmade religious and fun Christmas cards, in singles and packs, will be available for sale after the 10:30 a.m. Mass at the coffee hour on Sunday, December 6, 2009. Much of the profits will be given to Blessed Sacrament. The cards are made by Debbie Maher, a parishioner of Blessed Sacrament. This is a great opportunity to purchase beautiful, one-of-a-kind Christmas cards to send to family and friends!



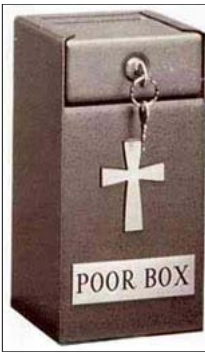
Christmas Flower Memo-

rials: Special envelopes are available to receive your contributions for Christmas flowers and decorations made in memory of loved ones. These contributions are used to defray the cost of Christmas Flowers and Decorations. In order to have the names of loved ones on the list that is published at Christmas, please return your Christmas Flowers Envelopes no later than Wednesday, December 16. Please, in order to avoid misspellings, write the names of loved ones to be remembered clearly. Thank you.



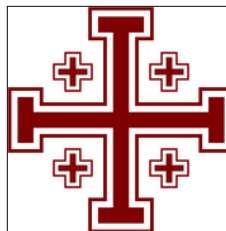
**The Saint Margaret Parish Saint
Vincent de Paul Society:**

will have its annual **Blanket Drive** the Weeks of December 5 & 13. Bins to receive your Blanket donations will be in the vestibule of Saint Margaret's Church. Thank You for all you do each year to help the needy and the poor. Any questions on the Blanket Drive? Call Inez at 781-233-7580.



Poor Boxes: As you enter or as you leave Church, please remember the Poor. Your donation placed in the Poor Boxes is the principal source of income for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Both Saint Margaret and Blessed Sacrament Parishes are blessed to have a dedicated group of people who make up the membership of

the S V de P Society. They are often called upon to help people of our community with help for food, clothing, utilities and shelter in emergency situations. Please help them in their works of charity.



Expectant Parents' Blessing:

Advent is a season of joyful expectancy; therefore, it is a wonderful time to invoke God's blessing upon expectant parents. Awaiting the birth or adoption of a child is a time of both joyful waiting and some anxiety. Let the Lord, and the Church community, reach out to you with a blessing of support, comfort, and reassurance. We invite all expectant parents to attend either the 9:00 a.m. or the 10:30 a.m. Mass at **Blessed Sacrament** on Sunday, December 6. At these Masses, expectant parents will receive a blessing and a small gift. Family members who are able to attend will also receive a blessing.

*"It was you who created my inmost self,
and put me together in my mother's womb.
You know me through and through
from having watched my bones take shape
when I was being formed in secret,
knitted together in the limbo of the womb."
Psalm 139*

Saint Margaret Parish Religious Education:

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

**Combined Religious Education Classes
Blessed Sacrament & Saint Margaret Parishes**

Grades 7: Held monthly on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Saint Margaret Parish Hall - the next class is Friday, December 11.

Grade 8: Held monthly on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Saint Margaret Parish Hall. The next class is Friday, December 18.

Confirmation Year I: (usually Grade 9) meets at 4:15 until 5:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. The next class is Sunday, December 6.

Confirmation Year II: (usually Grade 10) Classes are held monthly for both the Student preparing for Confirmation and his/her sponsor. Classes are held at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The next class is scheduled for Sunday, December 6.

7th & 8th Grade Friday Night CCD: For safety reasons, all parents are asked to pick up their children from **Friday Night 7th & 8th grade CCD** at the **Jackson Street Parking Lot** where adults are on duty to chaperone all children until pick up. Please **pull in** to the lot to avoid a traffic jam and wait for your child to arrive. Thank you for your cooperation. When dropping children off, do so only on the Church side of Lincoln Avenue. For their safety, do not allow them to cross Lincoln Avenue.



Baptism Preparation: In order to prepare for the Baptism of a child, parents and god-parents are to attend a Baptism Preparation Class.

At Blessed Sacrament, the next Preparation Class is on Monday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.

At Saint Margaret, the next Preparation Class is on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. Please call either Rectory to register.

Blessed Sacrament Religious Education:

Religious Education Grade 1-6

Religious Education classes meet this week from 10:15-11:15 at Saugus High School.

Welcome Grade 5 Students: This Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, we are happy to welcome our Grade 5 students. The boys and girls in these classes are donating food items to Operation Troop Support. After Mass, they will go to the church hall with their parents, moderator and teachers for a class together.



**WOMEN'S GUILD
CHRISTMAS PARTY:**

The Women's Guild Christmas Party will be Monday, December 7 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Continental Restaurant, Route 1, Saugus. Come join us for dinner and fun!

Tickets are \$25. Grab is optional (\$5-10). For reservations and details, call Kathie @ 781-231-0629 or June @781-231-1061.



Saint Stephen Ministry:

Thank you very much for your response in taking a tag from the Giving Tree. All gifts, unwrapped and with the tag **must** be brought to the Blessed

Sacrament church hall on **Tuesday, December 8 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** and **Thursday, December 10 from 7:00 to 9 p.m.** As you know, the need is great this year. All you do is very much appreciated. God bless each of you.

The St. Stephen's Ministry

DID YOU BUY A RAFFLE TICKET?

Catholic Women's Guild - Scholarship Fund has a winning raffle ticket with no name and no phone number. Could it be yours? If you purchased raffle ticket #092580, please contact Marilyn Donovan at 781-231-2757 to claim your prize. If this prize is not claimed in two weeks' time, another ticket will be pulled.

Catholic High School Placement Testing: Grade 8 students who plan on attending a Catholic High School next year (Fall of 2010) must take the Catholic High School Placement Test. The date of the test is December 12. Call your local Catholic High School for more information and to register.

Pray for Your Priests: During this Year for Priests, the Vocation Office is happy to announce that the Serra Boston Vocation Club is initiating the “*Adopt-a-Priest Apostolate*” where, for one year, Faithful throughout the Archdiocese spiritually adopt a priest presently working in the Archdiocese of Boston. Those participating are given (by random in a sealed envelope) the name of a priest presently living or working in the Archdiocese, prayer cards and a prayer booklet and are asked to pray for the particular intentions and ministry of that priest. This is a great way to support our Priests and to promote a Culture of Vocations. Would you please consider this important prayer mission? For more information or to be assigned a priest of the Archdiocese to pray for on a daily basis, please call 978-462-1057 (ask for Loretta Gallagher, President of Serra) or go to www.serraboston.org or www.vocationsboston.org. You can also call Father Dan Hennessey at the Vocation Office at 617-746-5949 or email Fr. Hennessey at Dhennessey@rcab.org for more information.

Youth Choir: The Youth Choir at Blessed Sacrament Church rehearses on Friday afternoons from 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Students in junior high school or high school are welcome to attend.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: In the Letter of Saint James we find an important question: “Are there any among you who are sick?” Saint James also advises what should be done, namely, that “they should call for the priests of the Church and have them pray over the sick anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.” This Anointing formerly called “Extreme Unction” or “The Last Rites,” is not only intended for those near death but is for all the sick. We encourage you to request this sacrament when facing illness, prior to surgery or medical tests. Allow the Lord to come and comfort you and the prayer of the Church to strengthen you.

Christmas Calendar Raffle: Both Blessed Sacrament and Saint Margaret’s are having a Christmas Calendar Raffle again this year. Each family has been sent three calendars. We ask you to make a donation of \$10 for each calendar. If you need more, please contact either the Blessed Sacrament or Saint Margaret Rectory. Drawings will be held daily beginning on Christmas Day and ending on January 3, 2010. Prizes range from \$100 to \$500.

Blessed Sacrament Christmas Decorations: After the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, December 24, Blessed Sacrament Church will be decorated for the Christmas season. The Liturgy Committee needs volunteers to help decorate. If you are interested in helping to decorate, please stay after Mass. Many hands make the workload light and easy. As always, any help given will be greatly appreciated.

Unemployed? Under-employed? Do you find yourself one of the many who are without sufficient work these days? Does it cause you to be anxious, to be fearful for your family and their future? Do you wonder where to turn? Some members of an ARISE group wondered if offering the possibility of a support group would be helpful to you. If it interests you to join such a group, to turn together in prayer to God, to enter into conversation, sharing ideas and mutual assistance, please contact Sr. Mary for further details. The group will meet some time Thursday or Friday depending on the best available time/space for the participants. Leave your name and telephone number for Sister Mary at Blessed Sacrament Rectory (781-233-2497) and leave a message for her. People of both Parishes and friends are welcome.

Saint Margaret Choir Christmas Concert: Come, enjoy and support the efforts of St. Margaret’s Choir on Sunday, December 20, at 6:00 p.m. Listen to beautiful music and bible readings that will help you get into the true Christmas spirit. Then sing along with some of your favorite Christmas carols. To end the evening, refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall where there will also be free door prize drawings. Mark your calendars, invite family and friends and get ready to enjoy an evening of music and fellowship. Concert is free, but a goodwill offering to support the Choir’s efforts is appreciated.

The Music of Christmas: The First Congregational Church, located in Saugus Center, will present their annual Christmas concert entitled "The Music of Christmas" on Sunday Evening, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. Music will be provided by the choirs of the church, along with soloists. The evening will give to all the enjoyment of Christmas music. Refreshments will be served. All are invited. Admission is free.

Epiphany Pageant: The Feast of the Epiphany is January 3, 2010, and Saint Margaret's will celebrate this feast with the Epiphany Pageant at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Mass. The Epiphany Pageant relives the Gospel accounts of the birth of Jesus, our Savior. Sign-ups for the Pageant will be after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 13 in the Church. All ages are welcome! Practice will be Thursday, December 31 from 2:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. followed by a cast pizza party. There are no speaking parts, it's easy and fun. We want past cast members to return again this year and we welcome new cast members to join. If you can't make sign-up, or have any questions, please call Corinne Riley 781-231-7995.



**ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

The Road Home

by Dr. Scott Hahn

Today's Psalm paints a dream-like scene - a road filled with liberated captives heading home to Zion (Jerusalem), mouths filled with laughter, tongues rejoicing. It's a glorious picture from Israel's past, a "new exodus," the deliverance from exile in Babylon. It's being recalled in a moment of obvious uncertainty and anxiety. But the psalmist isn't waxing nostalgic. Remembering "the Lord has done great things" in the past, he is making an act of faith and hope - that God will come to Israel in its present need, that He'll do even greater things in the future. This is what the Advent readings are all about: We recall God's saving deeds - in the history of Israel and in the coming of Jesus. Our remembrance is meant to stir our faith, to fill us with confidence that, as today's Epistle puts it, "the One who began a good work in [us] will continue to complete it" until He comes again in glory. Each of us, the Liturgy teaches, is like Israel in her exile - led into captivity by our sinfulness, in need of restoration, conversion by the Word of the Holy One (see [Baruch 5:5](#)). The lessons of salvation history should teach us that, as God again and again delivered Israel, in His mercy He will free us from our attachments to sin, if we turn to Him in repentance. That's the message of John, introduced in today's Gospel as the last of the great prophets (compare [Jeremiah 1:1-4,11](#)). But John is greater than the prophets (see [Luke 7:27](#)). He's preparing the way, not only for a new redemption of Israel, but for the salvation of "all flesh" (see also [Acts 28:28](#)). John quotes Isaiah ([40:3](#)) to tell us he's come to build a road home for us, a way out of the wilderness of sin and alienation from God. It's a road we'll follow Jesus down, a journey we'll make, as today's First Reading puts it, "rejoicing that [we're] remembered by God."

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www.SalvationHistory.com*

Operation Troop Support

Please remember our Troops this Christmas Season. Items to be collected during the month of December are Coffee, Tea, Creamer & Crackers. There are collection baskets at both Blessed Sacrament Church and at Saint Margaret to receive your donations. Thank you for thinking of our Troops.

Christmas Collection: On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day only one collection is taken up at all the Masses of the Archdiocese of Boston. This important Collection supports the retirement, health care and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. We encourage you to please give generously on behalf of the priests that have devoted their lives to faithfully serving God and the faithful of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.



The St. Stephen Ministry would like to thank the parishioners of Blessed Sacra-

ment and St. Margaret's and the Religious Education students for their generous contributions of non-perishable goods, turkeys and monetary donations for the 2009 Thanksgiving dinner distribution. The monetary donations totaled \$3,432.75 and helped purchase all the fresh produce, desserts and other items we needed to complete the dinners. The economic news of late, with ongoing job losses, made this year's donations remarkable. We are also thankful for the many volunteers who offered to drive and make the deliveries on the Saturday, November 21. This year, the 147 families that received dinners represented 632 individuals and were provided with a turkey, stuffing, turkey gravy, 2 cans each of corn, green beans, peas and cranberry sauce, 5 pounds of potatoes, a bag of carrots, butternut squash, bags of apples and oranges, brown & serve rolls, 2 desserts and box of mints. The St. Stephen Ministry wishes to express our gratitude to everyone, and those that receive our dinners are very appreciative of our generosity. Thank you again, and please mark your calendar for 2010, as our delivery date is planned for Saturday, November 20!

Daily Mass Schedule: The 9:00 a.m. morning Mass is at Saint Margaret Church on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and at Blessed Sacrament Church on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The number of people attending daily Mass has been very uplifting. A couple of times there were as many as 75 people present. Thank you for your participation.

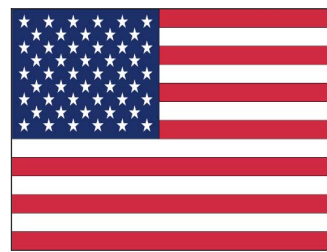


ARISE Together In Christ: Season 4 of ARISE will be starting the week of February 14, 2010. The theme for Season 4 will be "New Heart, New Spirit."

Whether you have participated in the past or not, plan to participate in Season 4! We need you. Watch the bulletin for further details.

The United Parish Food Pantry is at the Cliftondale Congregational Church, 50 Essex Street. **On the last Sunday of each month Blessed Sacrament collects food for the food pantry. On the second Sunday of each month Saint Margaret collects food for the food pantry.** Volunteers are also needed. If you are free on Friday mornings, you are needed. Drop by the Pantry at 9:00 a.m. or call Carol Cashman (781-233-9460) to volunteer. The Pantry is open Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **The next Food Collection Weekend for Blessed Sacrament is December 26 & 27. The next Food Collection Weekend for Saint Margaret is December 12 & 13.** Your donation of food is always needed. Kindly look at the expiration date on your food donation. Food items that have gone beyond the expiration date may not be given out. They can only be thrown out! Thank you for your cooperation, understanding and your generosity.

Communion to the Homebound: Do you know someone who is unable to come to Mass and who would appreciate receiving Holy Communion on a regular basis? **If so, call either Rectory: St. Margaret at 781-233-1040 and Blessed Sacrament at 781-233-2497.** Our Parishes have wonderful Ministers of Holy Communion who would be glad to visit on a regular basis.



The flag flying at Blessed Sacrament Church for the month of December 2009 is in memory of

Nicholas Infanto.

The flag was donated by his wife Edie.



The St. Stephen Ministry thanks all those who offered to donate blood at the last Blood Drive on October 29. Thanks to you generosity, 41 units of Blood were collected. The next Blood Drive will be on January 21, 2010 at

Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. Please mark your calendar and donate the precious gift of life. Thank you.



St. Margaret Parish

431 Lincoln Avenue
Saugus, MA 01906

Christmas Stroll 2009

Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, December 6

Lunch Menu

Saturday, December 5
Serving at 11:00 a.m.

Meatball Sub, Potato Chips and a Beverage

Breakfast Menu

Sunday, December 6
Serving at 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Pancakes, Sausages, Scrambled Eggs, Danish and a Beverage

Also Available for Sale on December 5 and 6

Homemade Baked Goods
Homemade Crafts
Various Assortments of Gift Items
Raffles, Raffles and More Raffles

Christmas Calendar Raffle

Win once, twice, three times or more! Purchase a Christmas Calendar Raffle for only \$10. Drawings will be held beginning December 25, 2009 and ending January 3, 2010. Winners will be notified and are also eligible to win multiple times. Christmas Calendar Raffles are great stocking stuffers and may be purchased at the Stroll or at St. Margaret's Rectory.

