

Saint Margaret Parish
Saugus - North Revere, Massachusetts
December 9, 2007 - The Second Sunday of Advent



Repent
Repent, for the kingdom
of heaven is at hand!
~Matthew 3:2

2nd 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

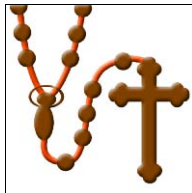
Weekend Assistance Father Lawrence Wetterholm - Father Vincent Cornejo



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.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation: During the season of Advent, we encourage the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition to the regularly scheduled time of Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. a priest will be available for Confessions on Wednesdays, December 12 & 19, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This is during the weekly adoration time. Because there is exposition of the Holy Eucharist, Confessions will be heard in the newly refurbished Confessional in the rear of the Church. Also, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at any time by appointment.

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, January 4, 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. No Class/Mass this week because of the Christmas Concert.

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

Mary Lunt - Eleanor Carlson

The Sick

Paula Letourneau - Karen Shirk - Ed Fallon - Arthur Nickolas

Mass Intentions

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)
Joseph Landrigan	2nd Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Monday	(12/10)
David Woodbury	16th Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Wednesday	(12/12)
Lucian & Edwin Cherubin	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Thursday	(12/13)
Edmund & Madeline Wood	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Friday	(12/14)
Alfred & Sophie Surman	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/15)
Margaret Holden	12th Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(12/15)
Patrick Soriano	Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/16)

**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.



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Kingdom Come By Dr. Scott Hahn

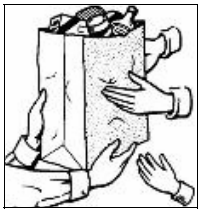
"The kingdom of heaven is at hand," John proclaims. And the Liturgy today paints us a vivid portrait of our new king and the shape of the kingdom He has come to bring. The Lord whom John prepares the way for in today's Gospel is the righteous king prophesied in today's First Reading and Psalm. He is the king's son, the son of David - a shoot from the root of Jesse, David's father (see Ruth 4:17). He will be the Messiah, anointed with the Holy Spirit (see 2 Samuel 23:1; 1 Kings 1:39; Psalm 2:2), endowed with the seven gifts of the Spirit - wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. He will rule with justice, saving the poor from the ruthless and wicked. His rule will be not only over Israel - but will extend from sea to sea, to the ends of the earth. He will be a light, a signal to all nations. And they will seek Him and pay Him homage. In Him, all the tribes of the earth will find blessing. The covenant promise to Abraham (see Genesis 12:3), renewed in God's oath to David (see Psalm 89:4, 28), will be fulfilled in His dynasty. And His name will be blessed forever. In Christ, God confirms His oath to Israel's patriarchs, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. But no longer are God's promises reserved solely for the children of Abraham. The Gentiles, too, will glorify God for His mercy. Once strangers, in Christ they will be included in "the covenants of promise" (see Ephesians 2:12). John delivers this same message in the Gospel. Once God's chosen people were hewn from the rock of Abraham (see Isaiah 51:1-2). Now, God will raise up living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5) - children of Abraham born not of flesh and blood but of the Spirit. This is the meaning of the fiery baptism He brings - making us royal heirs of the kingdom of heaven, the Church.

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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.



The United Parish Food Pantry

is located at the Cliftondale 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.

Christmas Flowers & Decorations: If you wish to make a donation in memory of loved ones for the Christmas Flowers & Decorations, envelopes are available at the Church Doors. Deadline is December 16 for inclusion in the Christmas Bulletin.

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.



Keep those Shaw's and Star Market cash register receipts coming (also get them from relatives, neighbors and coworkers, etc.)! A check for \$97.24 was received this past week bringing the total received to date this year to \$539.17. 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 receipts coming! Thank you.



Second Collections

Parish Monthly Collection - December 8 & 9

Grand Annual Collection: Our thanks to those who have responded to our Grand Annual Collection. To date 83 Parish families have donated \$10,595.00. 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 \$3,260.00 and the Collection for the Retired Sisters was \$1,615.00. Thank you for your generosity to the needs of the Parish and to the Sisters who have served the Church so well.



Mass attendance was 523. Last year, December 3, 2006, the collection was \$3,855.00.

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!

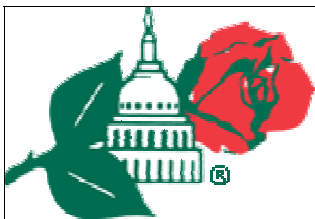
SnowCAMPS is a high-energy, activity-filled, spiritual growth experience designed specifically for 7th and 8th graders. Finding the right top-notch Christian event for junior high students isn't easy. The experience has got to be something your kids will enjoy, yet one that still moves beyond the fun 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 at 6:30 p.m. No Mass this week—the Christmas Concert.

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 - next 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.



35th Annual March for Life: Immaculate Conception Parish Respect Life Committee of Malden/Medford is planning a pilgrimage to the 35th Annual March for Life in Washington, DC. The group will leave Malden by motor coach on Monday morning, January 21 (MLK Day) and will return on Wednesday evening, January 23. The cost is \$250.00 per person, double occupancy (\$400 single) until January 4 (a little higher after that date). Come and be inspired by the thousands of young people who will witness to the Gospel of Life in this non-confrontational event. Please call Janet Callahan at 781-324-3564 to register or for more information.

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



(Choir picture: Easter 2007 Concert)

Saint Margaret Choir Christmas Concert

Come and enjoy the songs of the season as our Parish Choir presents
“A Christmas Concert”
this evening, **Sunday, December 9, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.**

Listen to beautiful music and Bible readings
that will help you get into the true Christmas spirit.
Special guest performers will share their musical talent.
You will sing along with the Choir to some of your favorite Christmas Carols.
After the Concert, refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall
as well as free door prize drawings.
Come & invite your family and friends
and be ready to enjoy an evening of music and fellowship.

North Shore FDI Mall

Who: All 7 and 8th Graders and all High School Leaders When we say ALL - we mean tell everyone!

What: North Shore Mall Night

Where: Depart Saint Margaret's travel to Mall Return to Saint Margaret's for parent pick up

When: Friday, Dec. 14 6:30-10:00pm

How: We will take a bus to the Mall leaving from Saint Margaret's at 6:30

Cost: \$10.00 for the bus ride, and any spending money you wish to bring.
SPOTS WILL Sell OUT!

Liability Release

Name: _____ Address: _____ Email: _____

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

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 Glow Night with Saugus Youth and Recreation. 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 assumed by Saugus Youth and Recreation, or any injury which may arise out of this activity. I understand it is my son/daughters responsibility to stay with FDI staff at the mall, if they choose to go off on their own FDI staff is not responsible for them. I also understand it is my son or daughters responsibility to meet at given meeting times and places. I understand pick up time is approximate and my son or daughter will call on the way home for pick up.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____

Saint Margaret's Movie Night

Who: Fun for ALL ages!

Where: St. Margaret's Church 431 Lincoln Ave.

When: Friday, December 21 at 7:00pm

What: Large Screen Viewing of:

Christmas Movie Bonanza

Cost: \$10.00 per family \$5.00/p/p

Refreshments will be available to purchase for \$1.00 ea.
Pizza, beverages, snacks (popcorn, chips, etc.)

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AFTER MASSES or by emailing
smym06@yahoo.com

CHILDREN UNDER 12 Must be accompanied by an Adult
• Children over 12 must bring the completed permission slip below

Proceeds will go to St. Margaret's Youth Ministry

Liability Release for those between 12-18 attending without an adult

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 Movie Night at Saint Margaret 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 assumed by Saint Margaret Office staff or volunteers or by the Archdiocese of Boston, which may arise out of this activity.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____



TRUE or FALSE ?

(Note: The readings from Isaiah and the psalms are about the Messiah.)

1. The spirit of the Lord would rest upon the Messiah.
2. He would judge by appearance and hearsay.
3. With the breath of his lips he would slay the wicked.
4. Justice would not flower in his time.
5. He would have pity for the lowly and the poor.
6. John appeared in the desert of Judea.
7. His theme was, "Enjoy your lives!"
8. John was dressed very elegantly.
9. He wore a leather belt around his waist.
10. John baptized people in the river Jordan.

ANSWERS 1 true, 2 false, 3 true, 4 false, 5 true, 6 true, 7 false, 8 false, 9 true, 10 true.

CROSSWORD (Most answers are in today's readings) Last week's wordsearch

CLUES ACROSS

1. It turns 2. A kind of snake
6. Receive; take gladly
10. Royal rule; royal authority
12. The beginning of a leaf or flower
15. The creator of all
16. Wild animal with a mane
17. These can be cut down and thrown into the fire

CLUES DOWN

1. Dread; fright
3. Opposite of night
4. A long thin stick used on an adult
8. Offences against God
9. Not under
11. He decided about right and wrong
12. Great amount; the worst
13. Lines that read
14. You can't bring down with it

PICTURE PUZZLE READINGS MT 3:1-12 David Isidore

CAN YOU FIND YOUR WAY THROUGH THE WATER TO JOHN THE BAPTIST?

START

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 pramie.

***** 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:

Child's 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.

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