

*Saint Margaret Parish
Saugus ~ North Revere, Massachusetts*

A man named John
was sent from God.
He came for testimony,
to testify to the light,
so that all might
believe through him.
He was not the light,
but came to testify
to the light.

-John 1:6-8



*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 Belmont Middle School. Christmas vacation begins after classes this week. Classes will resume on January 8, 2006.

Grades 7 & 8 meets monthly. The next monthly meeting will be Friday, January 6, 2006 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. 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.

Confirmation Date and Time: Bishop Walter Edyvean for reasons beyond his control has changed the date for the celebration of Confirmation in our Parish. The new date is March 5, 2006 at 12 Noon. I would ask the people of the Parish to kindly keep our young people preparing for Confirmation in their prayers.



of Holy Communion who would be glad to visit on a regular basis during the year.

Communion to the Homebound: Do you know someone who is not able to come to Mass and would appreciate receiving Holy Communion on a regular basis? If so, call the Rectory (781-233-1040). Our Parish has some wonderful Ministers

Thinking ahead to Christmas:

Masses for Christmas are as follows:

Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. in the 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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Come and get away from the hectic pace of what should be a peaceful season. Come and pray in silence for one hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Come and be still. After all you deserve time just for yourself. Come on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



"Be still and know that I am God."

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."

Rectory Phone: Last Friday through Tuesday, (December 2—6) we experienced telephone troubles. Calls could not be sent or received. Whatever the problem was, it has been repaired. If you tried calling the rectory during that period, we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you. Please call again!

2006 Calendars: Our thanks to our friends at Bisbee Porcella Funeral Services for making 2006 calendars available for our Parish. Please take one for yourselves and for someone who may not be able to attend Church.

Five simple rules for happiness: 1. Free your heart from hatred. 2. Free your mind from worries. 3. Live simply. 4. Give more. 5. Expect less.

Mass Intentions

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| 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) |
| Margaret Holden | 10th Anniversary Mass | 9:00 a.m. Wednesday | (12/14) |
| Madeline & Edmund Wood | Memorial Mass | 9:00 a.m.. Thursday | (12/15) |
| Phyllis & Albert Dello Russo | Memorial Mass | 4:00 p.m. Saturday | (12/17) |
| Mary L. Rossetti | 4th Anniversary Mass | 5:30 p.m. Saturday | (12/17) |
| Joan Grella | 2nd Anniversary Mass | 8:30 a.m. Sunday | (12/18) |
| Olga & Nicola Pellino & Antonio Picozzi | Memorial Mass | 10:00 a.m. Sunday | (12/18) |



EPIPHANY PAGEANT: This play is performed by the youth of St. Margaret's Parish. The Pageant retells the story and events that surround the birth of Jesus. This year's Epiphany

Pageant will take place on Epiphany Sunday, January 8, 2006 during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Please Sign-up to take part in the Pageant after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on:

Sunday, December 11th
OR

Sunday, December 18th

All children and young people are welcome to participate in this annual and memorable event.

Rehearsal Dates will be as follows:

Thursday, January 5 - 3:15 to 5:15 pm
AND

Saturday, January 7 - 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
(This will be our dress rehearsal, followed by a Cast Pizza Party.)

All participants MUST attend both rehearsals. For more information, please call Mary Ellen Picardi at 781-233-0363.

Youth Ministry: ADVENT CAMP Saint Margaret's Youth Ministry presents **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 pre-school teachers, and the Youth Ministry Team. 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 or Dawn markettomarket@comcast.net 781-233-4043.

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: *"Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me."*



Annual Holiday Brunch: Sunday, December 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Bring friends and family to our Brunch. The Menu includes Roast Turkey, Potato, Roast Beef, Pasta & Pesto Combo, Omelet Station, Juice and Coffee. Donation: Adults—\$10.00 and children ten and under \$5.00. All are welcome.

Bulletin Sponsors: We appreciate the generosity of our Advertisers and we encourage our Parishioners to support them. Help us by asking local stores, companies and businesses to consider supporting our Parish by taking an add in our weekly bulletin. Thank you.



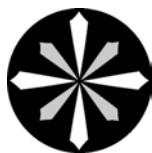
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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.

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 127 parish families responding to the Grand Annual Collection we have received \$19,230.00. Thank you for your immediate and generous response to this Annual Col-

lection 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.

Christmas Flower Memorials: An envelope was attached to last weekends bulletin to receive memorial donations for Christmas flowers and decorations for the Church at Christmas. For names to be included in the Christmas Bulletin, please return your envelope with names clearly printed no later than Sunday, December 18. Thank you. (Extra envelopes are available at the Church doors.)

The Offertory Collection last Sunday was \$3,245.00. 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:

One Who is Coming By Dr. Scott Hahn

The mysterious figure of John the Baptist, introduced in last week's readings, comes into sharper focus today. Who he is, we see in today's Gospel, is best understood by who he isn't. He is not Elijah returned from the heavens (see 2 Kings 2:11), although like him he dresses in the prophet's attire (see Mark 1:6; 2 Kings 1:8) and preaches repentance and judgment (see 1 Kings 18:21; 2 Chronicles 21:12-15). Not Elijah in the flesh, John is nonetheless sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to fulfill his mission (see Luke 1:17; Malachi 3:23-24). Neither is John the prophet Moses foretold, although he is a kinsman and speaks God's word (see Deuteronomy 18:15-19; John 6:14). Nor is John the Messiah, though he has been anointed by the Spirit since the womb (see Luke 1:15, 44). John prepares the way for the Lord (see Isaiah 40:3). His baptism is symbolic, not sacramental. It is a sign given to stir our hearts to repentance. John shows us the One upon whom the Spirit remains (see John 1:32), the One who fulfills the promise we hear in today's First Reading (see Luke 4:16-21). Jesus' bath of rebirth and the Spirit opens a fountain that purifies Israel and gives to all a new heart and a new Spirit (see Zechariah 13:1-3; Ezekiel 36:24-27; Mark 1:8; Titus 3:5). John comes to us in the Advent readings to show us the light, that we might believe in the One who comes at Christmas. As we sing in today's Responsorial, the Mighty One has come to lift each of us up, to fill our hunger with bread from heaven (see John 6:33, 49-51). And as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we should rejoice, give thanks, and pray without ceasing that God will make us perfectly holy in spirit, soul, and body - that we may be blameless when our Lord comes.

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



The Christmas Stroll Committee would like to thank the following people for their help in making the Stroll weekend such a great success:



Fr. Don Skerry
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 Ed Gauthier
 Barbara Celata
 Hazel Hartigan
 Mary Currie
 Marie Dello Russo
 Margie Dello Russo
 Andrea Alberti
 A wonderful group of St. Margaret Youth
 who volunteered throughout the weekend
 Liz Dellus
 Pat Donovan
 Ann Carozza
 Carol Nadeau
 Lomas' Florist
 Bisbee Porcella Funeral Home

We hope we remembered everyone! If we forgot anyone, please let us know and forgive us!

Our thanks to those who donated the numerous beautiful raffle baskets and gift certificates. These truly had a big part to play in the overall success of the entire event.



.....Last, but not least, we wish to thank everyone who attended and supported the events over the weekend. The turnout of people was outstanding – thanks for your support.



Hammersmith Christmas Stroll 2005: Sincere thanks to Corinne Riley, Joanne Eaves, Beverly Gorman and Nancy Vivace who served as chairpersons for the Stroll once again this year. Many hours, a lot of hard work, and many dedicated people resulted in a very successful event. From the “lighting of the shrubs” complete with a blessing by Father Skerry, to a chowder supper on Friday, from the many happy “strollers” dropping in on Saturday to enjoy food and fellowship, to the many Teens helping and participating in many ways, to the 33 beautiful baskets donated for raffles, and not to mention the first quality cards, gifts, and wrapping paper, from the hearty breakfast on Sunday to the announcing of the raffle winners on Sunday, the Stroll was a wonderful event that realized a profit of \$6,111.00 for the Parish. Thank you very much.