

Saint Margaret Parish
Saugus - North Revere, Massachusetts
December 16, 2007 - The Third Sunday of Advent



Rejoice

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead
of you; he will prepare your way before you.
~Matthew 11:10

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saint Margaret Parish

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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

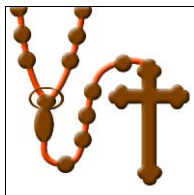
Weekend Assistance Father Lawrence Wetterholm - Father Vincent Cornejo



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: Enjoy your Christmas vacation - Classes will resume on Sunday, January 6, 2008. 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.

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 **Barbara Gregson Brock** whose funeral Mass will be Saturday, December 22 at 10:00 a.m.

The Sick

Paula Letourneau - Karen Shirk - Ed Fallon - Arthur Nickolas

Mass Intentions

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)
Joan Grella	4th Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Tuesday	(12/18)
Ivan & Elenora Allen	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/22)
Deceased Members of the Max Family	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(12/22)
Joseph & Rosemarie Orlando	Memorial Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/23)
Elaine DePaula	1st Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/23)



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.”

Hammersmith Christmas Stroll: On Saturday, December 1, Saint Margaret’s participated in the Hammersmith Christmas Stroll. This wonderful community event gives the Schools and Churches of the Town an opportunity to bring people together and to raise needed funds for the good of their memberships. Our Parish was blessed with wonderful volunteers who together are responsible for Saint Margaret’s raising \$4,057.00. Our thanks to Beverly Gorman and Corinne Riley who served as chairwomen for this event, and to Nancy Vivace, John Gorman, Mary Currie, Barbara Celeta, Pauline Nelson, Pat Donovan, Fran Carlino, Hazel Hartigan, Carmella Mersicano, Liz Dellus, Michaela Dellus, Cydnee Charles, Joanne Eaves, Margie Berkowitch, Bunnie Castaldo, Olivia Riley, Chris Riley, Carol Nadeau, Anna Swain, Doris Piwowarski, Jim Forgione, Paula Giurleo, Margie DelloRusso, and Marie DelloRusso. If we have overlooked anyone, please let us know and excuse us. Our thanks also to all who supported this effort by donating Raffle Baskets, Baked Goods, Knit Goods, Craft Items, Copley Flair for Gift wrap, cards and many wonderful gift items, and to Bisbee Porcella Funeral Services for the donation of a TV.



EPIPHANY PAGEANT

The Annual Epiphany Pageant will take place on Sunday, January 6, 2008 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. This is a special year, as we are celebrating the ten year anniversary of our pageant. All those who have participated in the production over the past ten years will be our invited guests. If you know anyone that was in the play and has since moved away, please let us know. The Pageant, performed by the youth of St. Margaret’s Parish, retells the story and events that surround the birth of Jesus. Young people in ALL grades are invited to participate. Sign-up for this year’s pageant will be Sunday, December 16th after the 10 a.m. Mass in the lower hall. For more information, please contact Mary Ellen Picardi at 781-233-0363.

The Hammersmith Christmas Stroll Prize Winners:

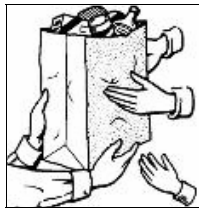
The Raffle Basket Winners are Micaela Del-lus, Maureen Carr, Pat Donovan, Mary Ciccarelli, Chris Waw, Al Robichaud, Clair Crotty, Jesse Recuperero, Marlou Chiulli, Joan MacFadden, Rose Garbino, Rachel Sorrentino, AnneMarie Glowacz, V. Harbison, Serlei Tetzner, Ruth Merritt, Lisa Wing, Chris T., Helen DiCarlo, Gerrie Milgroom, Debbie Pappas, Father George, Justin, Bunnie Castaldo, Marilyn Carroza, Paula Giurleo, Doreen McDermott, Carol Cole, Jared Cummings, Abby Murphy, Liam Dunphee, Dottie D., Annette Thibeault, Allesandro Sorrentino, Mary Anderson, F. Gordon, and Bev Gorman. Three of the above winners won two times! Our congratulations to the prize winners and our thanks to them and to everyone who participated in the Raffle drawings.

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



Holiday Breakfast Buffet

Please join us for our Holiday Breakfast Buffet this 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 January 12 & 13, 2008.** 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.

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 - January 12 & 13

Grand Annual Collection: Our thanks to those who have responded to our Grand Annual Collection. To date 101 Parish families have donated \$13,920.00. 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 \$3,978.00 and the Parish Monthly Collection was \$2,205.00. Thank you for your generosity to the needs of the Parish. Mass attendance was 605. Last year, December 10, 2006, the collection was \$2,950.00.



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.



**ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

Here is Your God By Dr. Scott Hahn

John questions Jesus from prison in today's Gospel - for his disciples' sake and for ours. He knows that Jesus is doing "the works of the Messiah," foretold in today's First Reading and Psalm. But John wants his disciples - and us - to know that the Judge is at the gate, that in Jesus our God has come to save us. The Liturgy of Advent takes us out into the desert to see and hear the marvelous works and words of God - the lame leaping like a stag, the dead raised, the good news preached to the poor (see Isaiah 29:18-20; 61:1-2). The Liturgy does this to give us courage, to strengthen our feeble hands and make firm our weak knees. Our hearts can easily become frightened and weighed down by the hardships we face. We can lose patience in our sufferings as we await the coming of the Lord. As James advises in today's Epistle, we should take as our example the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Jesus also points us to a prophet - holding up John as a model. John knew that life was more than food, the body more than clothing. He sought the kingdom of God first, confident that God would provide (see Matthew 6:25-34). John did not complain. He did not lose faith. Even in chains in his prison cell, he was still sending his disciples - and us - to our Savior. We come to Him again now in the Eucharist. Already He has caused the desert to bloom, the burning sands to become springs of living water. He has opened our ears to hear the words of the sacred book, freed our tongue to fill the air with songs of thanksgiving (see Isaiah 30:18). Once bowed down, captives to sin and death, we have been ransomed and returned to His Kingdom, crowned with everlasting joy. Raised up we now stand before His altar to meet the One who is to come: "Here is your God."



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.



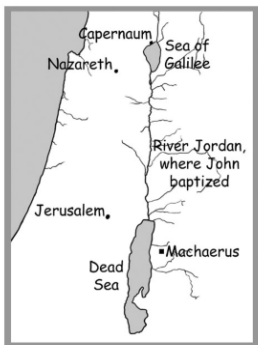
FAITH FACTS

(The reading from the gospel of Matthew)

John the Baptist was imprisoned by King Herod Antipas in the fortress of Machaerus. (See the map.) He was executed there.

Herod Antipas was the son of King Herod the Great, who had massacred the Holy Innocents at Bethlehem.

The gospels do not give the name of the fortress where John was imprisoned, but we know the name from a Jewish historian called Josephus. Josephus lived between 37 A.D. and about 100 A.D., and he wrote a history of the Jewish people. He mentions both Jesus and John the Baptist.



CODE -- BREAKER!

The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence?

Here are two clues:
B = I, and X = E.

Crossword solution from last week



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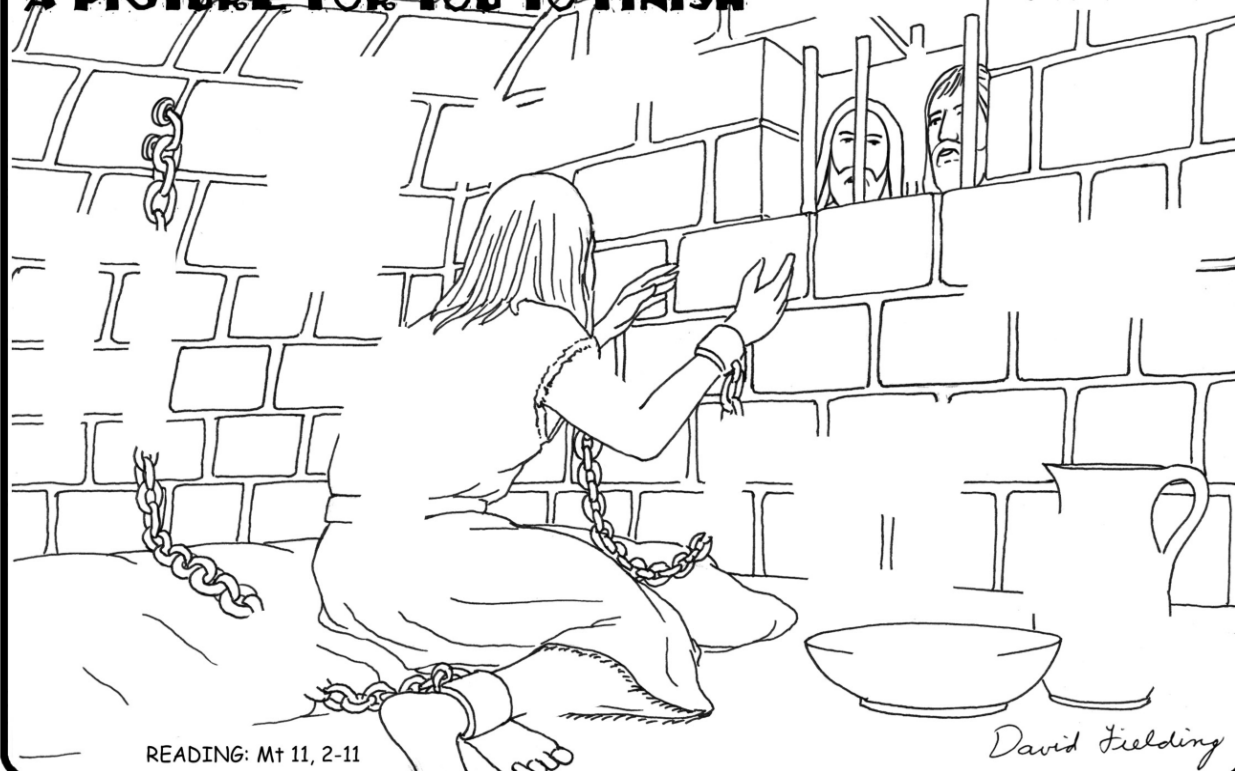
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ANSWER I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you.

A PICTURE FOR YOU TO FINISH

JOHN IN PRISON



READING: Mt 11, 2-11

David Fielding

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 \$5.00p/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 13-18 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 _____