

*Saint Margaret Parish
Saugus ~ North Revere, Massachusetts*

And the angel said to her in reply, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

-Luke 1:35



*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. There are no classes until Sunday, January 8, 2006 when classes will resume after the Christmas vacation.

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. This Wednesday, December 21, the students will participate in a Penance Service.

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, January 29, 2006 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.



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

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

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.”

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.



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.

Mass Intentions

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)
Joseph & Rosemarie Orlando	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Monday	(12/19)
Frank Trudeau	Memorial Mass (Main Church)	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/24)
Geraldine Favuzza	Memorial Mass (Parish Hall)	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/24)
Brian Crowell	8th Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(12/24)
Joseph Moschella	Memorial Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/25)
Mary Anne Frassica	Memorial Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/25)



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 today, Sunday, December 18th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass to take part in the Pageant.** 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.

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.

“And only where God is seen does life truly begin. Only when we meet the living God in Christ do we know what life is. We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary. There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know Him and to speak to others of our friendship with Him.”

Benedict XVI

Saint Margaret Youth Ministry: **THANK YOU to all the amazing teens who help out with the stroll. SMYM is so grateful to say that there were wonderful teens in the Parish Hall all weekend helping out. You guys are GREAT!**

PIE GRAM – Have you ever had flowers or balloons delivered to a friend? This is a unique opportunity for you to have a pie-in-the-face delivered instead. Have a pie delivered to a 7th, 8th or 9th grader in our CCD program (or anyone else involved in the Parish for that matter). For a \$2.00 donation, a specially trained member of the St. Margaret’s Pie Patrol will seek out your friend and prepare them (to keep clothing and hair clean) to get a pie-in-the-face. But be careful, the person you sent the pie to can make a donation of \$3.00 to stay clean and send it to someone else, or make a donation of \$8.00 to send it back to you! For a special donation of \$20.00 you can purchase pie insurance, which makes sure that no pies can be sent your way. Please see Pie Gram forms for more rules or details.

An Opportunity to Share: “Rebuilding New Orleans... One Family at a Time” Today is the last opportunity to help to “Rebuilding New Orleans . . . One Family at a Time.” 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. 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 (which needs to be returned today). We will combine all gifts received and send them along the Father John Capuci for distribution. Deadline is today, 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.*”

Stewardship: “Do not be afraid, Mary.” It can be a little scary to do as God asks—to give Him the first fruit of our time, talent and treasure. But the comforting words the angel spoke to Mary can comfort us, too, when we dedicate ourselves to being good Christian stewards - “Do not be afraid.”

I shall pass through this world but once.

Any good that I can do,

or any kindness that I can show to any human being,

let me do it now and not defer it.

For I shall not pass this way again.

Stephen Grellet



The Grand Annual Collection: With 137 parish families responding to the Grand Annual Collection we have received \$20,655.00. Thank you for this 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.

Christmas Flower Memorials: If you would like to make a donation toward Christmas flowers and decorations for the Church at Christmas, envelopes are available at the Church doors. Please note that if names are to be included in the Christmas Bulletin, your envelope with names clearly printed is to be returned no later than Sunday, December 18. Thank you.

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.

The Offertory Collection last Sunday was \$2,481.00 and the Parish Monthly Collection was \$1,790.00. Thank you for your generosity to the needs of our Parish and of the Church.



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:

RCIA: Saint Margaret Parish is welcoming people to begin the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process. The RCIA is open to those who seek baptism in the Catholic Church. It also welcomes those who have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist, Penance or Confirmation in their younger years and those who have been disengaged from the Church and seek renewal. The first part is the Inquiry Phase which we will begin on Saturday, January 7 from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. morning. We will gather in the Rectory. This is a time to get your questions answered and think about whether or not this is for you.

Although we will keep a set timeframe of several weeks for this phase, the duration of this phase for you as a candidate may vary depending on your own personal faith awakening. During this period we typically engage in activities that introduce you into our parish life and our community of leaders and sponsors.

Scheduled activities include:

- Sharing stories about the Catholic faith
- Attending Mass every Sunday at 10:00 am
- Answering questions about why Catholics do the things they do.
- Proclaiming the message of salvation through the Word
- Introduction into parish life
- Bible and church history
- Learning about our Church and the Mass
- Building trust through team activities

During this phase, we also work closely with your sponsor in providing guidance and ensuring we have adequate methods and materials to support your progress.

There are no specific rites celebrated during this phase. However, when the participant feels ready to move to the next phase, then the Rite of Acceptance is celebrated. For more information call Father George at 781-233-1040.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Want more “sparkle” in your marriage? Attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend and rediscover the glow you had as newly weds! There are weekends each month throughout New England. For information call Dave & Karen Demers at 1-800-710-WWME or visit www.wwmeMA.org.

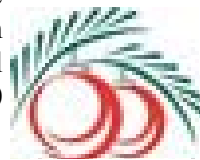
Is God calling you? The Church needs you to serve the spiritual needs of God’s people. Is God calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If He is, call the Vocation Office of the Archdiocese (617-746-5949).



Thank You Very Much: 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,

Chuck Swain, Chris Riley, Jim Forgione, Frank Piwowarski, Doris Piwowarski, Margie Berkowitch, Corey Berkowitch, Annette Thibeault, Nicolas Mulcahy, Connor Mulcahy, Ruth Cameron, Gloria Johnson, Rita Rodgers, Ruth Comeau, Mary Lou Furlong for selling the Christmas merchandise donated by Bob Furlong of 'Copley Flair', Barbara Hunt, Linda Gauthier, 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.



BCTV Christmas Programming: It's that time of year again! BCTV's Christmas will be interspersed with their regular programming from Monday, December 19 until New Year's Eve. Then, all day Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and December 26, BCTV will become Boston Christmas Television for 72 hours of non-stop holiday specials. This Christmas season, a new special Christmas Reflections 2005 will air Monday, December 19 at noon, Wednesday, December 21 at 12:30 p.m., Friday, December 23 at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 25 at 2:30 p.m.. During the season, enjoy many Christmas specials featuring BCTV hosts Kevin Nelson and Fr. Dan O'Connell; our Emmy-nominated A winter's Journey with Aine Minogue; and a variety of Christmas programs for the whole family during our children's blocks (weekly mornings and afternoons as well as on Saturday mornings.) BCTV can be seen here in Saugus on Channel 56.

The Mystery Kept Secret By Dr. Scott Hahn

What is announced to Mary in today's Gospel is the revelation of all that the prophets had spoken. It is, as Paul declares in today's Epistle, the mystery kept secret since before the foundation of the world (see Ephesians 1:9; 3:3-9). Mary is the virgin prophesied to bear a son of the house of David (see Isaiah 7:13-14). And nearly every word the angel speaks to her today evokes and echoes the long history of salvation recorded in the Bible. Mary is hailed as the daughter Jerusalem, called to rejoice that her king, the Lord God, has come into her midst as a mighty savior (see Zephaniah 3:14-17). The One whom Mary is to bear will be Son of "the Most High" - an ancient divine title first used to describe the God of the priest-king Melchizedek, who brought out bread and wine to bless Abraham at the dawn of salvation history (see Genesis 14:18-19). He will fulfill the covenant God makes with His chosen one, David, in today's First Reading. As we sing in today's Psalm, He will reign forever as highest of the kings of the earth, and He will call God, "my Father." As Daniel saw the Most High grant everlasting dominion to the Son of Man (see Daniel 4:14; 7:14), His kingdom will have no end. He is to rule over the house of Jacob - the title God used in making His covenant with Israel at Sinai (see Exodus 19:3), and again used in promising that all nations would worship the God of Jacob (see Isaiah 2:1-5). Jesus has been made known, Paul says today, to bring all nations to the obedience of faith. We are called with Mary today, to marvel at all that the Lord has done throughout the ages for our salvation. And we too, must respond to this annunciation with humble obedience - that His will be done, that our lives be lived according to His Word.

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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.**