

*Blessed Sacrament Parish  
Saugus, MA*

*Saint Margaret Parish  
North Revere & Saugus, MA*

# *Savior*

For a child is born to us,  
a son is given us;  
upon his shoulder dominion rests.  
They name him  
Wonder-Counselor,  
God-Hero, Father-Forever,  
Prince of Peace.

*Isaiah 9:5*

## Blessed Sacrament Parish

14 Summer Street Saugus, MA  
Rectory Phone: 781 233 2497

## Saint Margaret Parish

431 Lincoln Avenue Saugus & No. Revere, MA  
Rectory Phone: 781 233 1040

### Pastoral Team

Father George E. Morin & Father Daniel P. McCoy  
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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.

To the Catholic Community of Saugus,

We wish you a Merry Christmas! On this wonderful day of the year when we celebrate the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus, we want to express our thanks to all the people of both Blessed Sacrament Parish and Saint Margaret Parish who give so generously of their time and talents to make our Parishes vibrant communities of love and faith. This love and faith is alive and very visible everywhere you look. We want to thank those who serve our Parishes in the various liturgical ministries: our Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers both young and older, Music Directors, Choir Members, Contemporary Music Group, Leaders of Song, Ushers and Greeters, and the Liturgy Committee. We thank those who keep the Churches clean and



decorate them appropriately for the various Liturgical Seasons. We thank those who wash and iron the various altar cloths and linens. We are grateful to those who serve our young (more than a thousand of them) encouraging and enriching their faith through our Religious Education Programs. We thank our Coordinators and Administrators, Teachers, Hall Monitors, Moderators, Helpers, and Small Group Facilitators. In the past year the Members of the Parish Pastoral Councils and the Parish Finance Councils along with the Priests and Staffs of both Parishes have given many hours in attending meetings that will eventually formulate a "Saugus Plan" that envisions the day when the two Parishes of Saugus will be served by only one priest. We are thankful that our Parishes have participated in three seasons of the "Arise Together in Christ" Program. We are grateful to those who have organized the program, the Arise Leadership Team and to those who serve as Arise small group leaders. More than one hundred people of both Parishes have participated in Arise. In addition, we are grateful to those who lead and make up the weekly Bible Study Group, those who have attended Steve Dalton's excellent Bible Study, those who meet for prayer and support in the various small groups that meet regularly. We are grateful that many people of the community have participated in Cursillo and are encouraging others to participate in what is a weekend of spiritual awakening and renewal. We are grateful to those who prepare the people of the Parishes through our Sacramental Preparation Programs: the Baptism Preparation teams meet with Parents and Godparents who are bringing their children to Baptism, the RCIA leaders and members who meet weekly preparing adults who wish to become members of the Catholic Church and preparing adults who wish to receive the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation. We are grateful to the members of our Marriage Preparation team which prepares young (and sometimes not so young) engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony. We are thankful for the wonderful outreach to the poor so beautifully exemplified at this time of the year through the work of the Saint Stephen Ministry and the Saint Vincent de Paul Societies. Hundreds of people in the community benefit from their works of love and service. We are indebted to those Ministers of Holy Communion who bring the Sacrament of the Eucharist to those confined to their homes, in the hospital or in long term health care facilities. We are grateful to the Catholic Women's Guild for their social gatherings and spiritual meetings and for encouraging youth to further their education through their scholarship program. We are grateful to those who assist in the ecumenical outreach and attend the many ecumenical and interfaith services of our community and for those who support the United Parish Food Pantry located at the Clifftondale Congregational Church. We are grateful to those who offer companionship and fun through the Sewing and Quilting Group which meets on Thursdays throughout the year. There is no craft or sewing project that someone in the group can't handle. We are grateful to the men and women who make up the CYO Basketball Leadership, and for the Coaches and Teams. We thank the secretarial staffs who work at a job with many demands and never has a dull moment. We thank the volunteers who help by answering the door and the phone and do so many other important tasks. We are grateful to the custodial staffs, those who cook for us, keep the rectories clean, do the shopping and do the laundry and provide us with a good comfortable home. As you see there is so much to be grateful for. This list (and we've probably missed a few things - sorry) represents hundreds of people who love and serve God through our Saugus Parishes. That is why it is a Merry Christmas! As we look forward to the New Year, we ask God to bless us and to help us continue to grow as a community of faith and love. God bless you all.

*Father Dan and Father George*

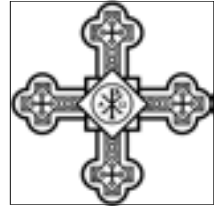
**Mass Intentions at Blessed Sacrament**

Noel & Kathleen Hennessy	50th Wedding Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/26/09)
Carol & Fred Hehman	Memorial Mass	7:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/27/09)
Philip Strangie	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/27/09)
Minnie & Albert Romano	Memorial Mass	10:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/27/09)
Peter Gerrit	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Thursday	(12/31/09)
Carl Buchannan	16th Anniversary Mass	10:30 a.m. Friday	(1/1/10)
Donald Cook	Month's Mind	9:00 p.m. Saturday	(1/2/10)
George Finn	Memorial Mass	4:00 a.m. Sunday	(1/2/10)
Dorothy Moy Lon	Memorial Mass	7:30 a.m. Sunday	(1/3/10)
Michael Walton	Memorial Mass	10:30 a.m. Sunday	(1/3/10)



**Mass Intentions at Saint Margaret**

Geraldine Favuzza	Memorial Mass Upper Church	4:00 p.m. Thursday	(12/24/09)
Rhonda Szymanski & Worthy	Family Memorial Mass Lower Church	4:00 p.m. Thursday	(12/24/09)
Frank Trudeau	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Thursday	(12/24/09)
Mary Ann Frassica	Memorial Mass	8:30 a.m. Friday	(12/25/09)
Joseph & Rosemarie Orlando	Memorial Mass	10:00 a.m. Friday	(12/25/09)
Ed Fallon	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/26/09)
Susan LaVacca	6th Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/27/09)
Donald D'Eon	2nd Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/27/09)
Charles Hansen	Birthday Remembrance	9:00 a.m. Monday	(12/28/09)
Betty Woodbury	9th Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Wednesday	(12/30/09)
Richard Reynolds	Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Friday	(1/1/10)
Camella Colanton	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(1/2/10)
Rosalie Klecker	10th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(1/3/10)



**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, Alexander Mossuto, Marie Guerrini, Thomas Kehoe, Kevin Riordan, Nancy Patti, Catherine DeVito, Virginia Cieri, Lucille Voutour, Richard Bourque, Ronald Bourque, Rosemarie Goins, Joe Alden, Charles Regan, Georgina Reagan, Barbara Lewis, June Anderson, Rita Anzuoni, Denise Voutour, James Voutour, Jean Roli, Mary Clark

**The Faithful Departed:** Brian Crowell (12th Anniversary), Beverly Arsenault, Carlos Garcia

**Blessed Sacrament Church**

Masses for the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

New Year Eve: Thursday, December 31, 4:00 p.m.

New Year Day: Friday, January 1 at 10:30 a.m.

**Saint Margaret Church**

Masses for the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

New Year Eve: Thursday, December 31, 4:00 p.m.

New Year Day: Friday, January at 10:00 a.m.

**The Christmas Collection:** Merry Christmas from all the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. As you may be aware, the entire proceeds of the Christmas Collection supports the retirement, healthcare and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On this day, we prayerfully ask you to remember the meaningful role priests have had in your spiritual life, as well as the spiritual lives of your loved ones. At this time, there are 752 priests who rely on the Priest Pension and Healthcare Funds for their healthcare and financial need. In addition, 274 of our senior priests also rely on the Priest Pension and Healthcare Funds for their retirement benefits. In recent years, the Priest Pension and Healthcare Funds have been stressed with the increase in medical costs and with continually rising housing and living expenses. The need to stabilize this fund is critical and a top priority of Cardinal Sean and all of the priests. We prayerfully ask you to choose to give generously to the Christmas Collection in honor of the priests who have devoted their lives to faithfully serve God and our Parishes. On behalf of all the priests, thank you in advance for your continued support. May God Bless you all.

Father Dan & Father George

**Blessed Sacrament Church Parking Lot:** Last September, the principal part of the Parish Parking Lot (all the way to the helipad at the rear of the property) as well as the entrance and exit lanes were repaved at a cost of \$104,000.00. This was an expensive project but it needed to be done for the safety of those who use our property. Also this cost, although expensive, was about half the price quoted just the year before. This lower cost was due to the drop in petroleum products and the general downturn in the economy. In late August we sent a letter to all registered Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Parish asking their help with this undertaking. To date \$45,408.00 has been donated. This is good but as you can see we have a long way to go. Therefore, in the near future, a reminder letter will be sent to all registered Parishioners we have not heard from. Also, this is the end of the year and for tax purposes some may consider a year-end gift to the Parish. All that is collected will be used solely and entirely for Blessed Sacrament Parish. We pray your generosity so that we can move on to other areas that need attention.



**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 each 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 food, clothing, utilities and shelter in emergency situations. Please help them in their works of charity.

*“Whatsoever you do to these least ones of mine,  
you do for me.”  
Matthew 25*

**Second Collections**

**Blessed Sacrament Parish**

Parish Renovation - January 2 & 3  
The Church in Latin America - January 23 & 24

**Saint Margaret Parish**

Parish Monthly - January 9 & 10  
The Church in Latin America - January 23 & 24



**BLESSED SACRAMENT  
FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

The Offertory Collection for last week will be in next week's bulletin. Attendance was **412**. Thank you for your generosity.

**SAINT MARGARET FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

The Offertory Collection last week was **\$2,120.00**. Attendance at the weekend Masses was **233**. Thank you for your generosity.



**Saint Margaret Parish Religious Education:**

**Grades 1 through 6:** Classes will resume for grades 1-6 on Sunday, January 3, at 8:30 a.m. at the Belmonte Middle School.

**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, January 8.

**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, January 15.

**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, January 24.

**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, January 10.

**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.

**The Bulletin:** Each week we publish a bulletin through a local company, PARISHCOMM of Ipswich, MA. The bulletin costs the parishes nothing and is funded totally through the advertisements seen on the last two pages. We are grateful to these sponsors for advertising in our bulletin and ask Parishioners to support them by using their products and services. In addition to the bulletin, PARISHCOMM provides each parish with software from ParishSOFT for parish census and data files. This software program will be useful if we use electronic giving as other churches are now doing. We wish our Bulletin Sponsors a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

**Blessed Sacrament Religious Education:**

**Religious Education Grade 1-6:** Classes will resume on Sunday January 10 from 10:15-11:15 at Saugus High School. A blessed Christmas to all!

**Thank you!** to our ninth grade students who contributed so generously to our collection of gifts for the boys in the detention center. Please know that your gifts and greeting cards helped to make Christmas much happier for these young men.

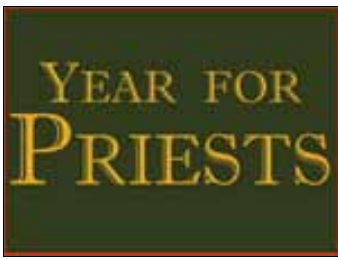
**Baptism Preparation:** In order to prepare for the Baptism of a child, parents and god-parents are to attend a Baptism Preparation Class.

At Blessed Sacrament, the next Preparation Class is on Tuesday, January 5 at 7:00 p.m. Call the Rectory (781-233-2497) to register. At Saint Margaret, the next Preparation Class is on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. Call the Rectory (781-233-1040) to register.

**Weekend Snowstorms:** When a snowstorm arrives on a weekend, it usually means that attendance at Sunday Mass will be down. It also means that the Offertory Collection will be down. A Parish budget depends on the Parish's principal source of income: the weekly Offertory Collection. Therefore when a storm occurs on a weekend, it raises havoc with the budget. Last year the financial reports of both Blessed Sacrament and Saint Margaret's indicated that each parish ended the fiscal year with a deficit. In order to eliminate deficits, we depend on a consistent weekly Offertory Collection. All this to say: we would appreciate if you would give in next Sunday's Offertory Collection what you would have given if you had been here on December 20. We thank you very much for your consideration and kindness.

**Father John Mulloy's Addresses:**

Work: Office of the Regional Bishop  
99 Margin Street  
Peabody, MA 01960  
  
Residence: Saint Joseph Parish  
790 Salem Street  
Malden, MA 02148



### **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](http://www.serraboston.org) or [www.vocationsboston.org](http://www.vocationsboston.org). You can also call Father Dan Hennessey at the Vocation Office at 617-746-5949 or email Fr. Hennessey at [Dhennes-](mailto:Dhennes-)



### **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.

**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.

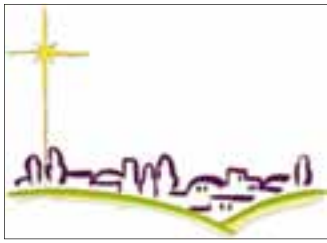
**Christmas Calendar Raffle:** Both Blessed Sacrament and Saint Margaret’s are having a Christmas Calendar Raffle again this year. The Raffles start on Christmas and end on Epiphany Sunday, January 3, 2010. It is not too late to get a Christmas Calendar. They are available at the entrances of the Churches. We will give a full report on the outcome of the fundraising effort. Our thanks to everyone who participated.

**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.

**The March for Life:** Join the thousands who will make their pro-life presence known to the lawmakers in Washington, DC, the citizens of the United States, and people around the world, on **Friday, January 22, 2010**. Please plan now to attend. Your presence, in growing numbers every year, is the best way to draw attention to the untenable legacy of Roe v. Wade, and to persuade our leaders to eradicate it from America’s future. More detail on transportation will follow.

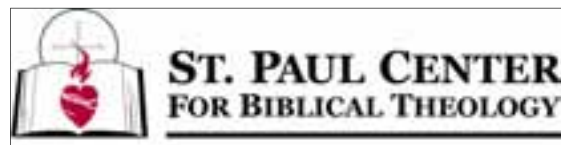


**Respect Life:** A New Year brings thoughts of new life. What better place to start than at the beginning, with the human embryo? “Embryonic human beings, no less than human beings at other developmental stages, should be treated as subjects of moral respect and human rights, not as objects that may be damaged or destroyed for the benefit of others.” Presidential Council on Bioethics 2002



**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. For those who signed up to be in the Pageant, the rehearsal will be Thursday, December 31 from 2:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. and the dress rehearsal will be Saturday, 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. followed by a cast pizza party. If you did not make the sign-up, or have any questions, please call Corinne Riley 781-231-7995.



## **Our True Home**

*By Dr. Scott Hahn*

Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one "holy family" in His Church (see 2 Corinthians 6:16-18) In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We're to live as His children, "chosen ones, holy and beloved," as the First Reading puts it. The family advice we hear in today's readings - for mothers, fathers and children - is all solid and practical. Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord, we sing in today's Psalm. But the Liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth. Jesus shows us this in today's Gospel. His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. Joseph and Mary aren't identified by name, but three times are called "his parents" and are referred to separately as his "mother" and "father." The emphasis is all on their "familial" ties to Jesus. But these ties are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks in Luke's Gospel, can point us beyond that earthly relationship to the Fatherhood of God. In what Jesus calls "My Father's house," every family finds its true meaning and purpose (see Ephesians 3:15). The Temple we read about in the Gospel today is God's house, His dwelling (see Luke 19:46). But it's also an image of the family of God, the Church (see Ephesians 2:19-22; Hebrews 3:3-6; 10:21). In our families we're to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God. Until He reveals His new dwelling among us, and says of every person: "I shall be his God and he will be My son" (see Revelation 21:3,7).

*A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology  
www.SalvationHistory.com*



**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.

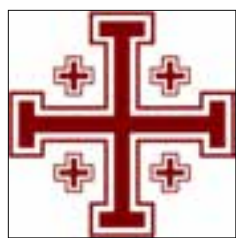
**2010 Calendars:** We are grateful to our friends at Bisbee Porcella Funeral Services for the 2010 Calendars which are available at both Blessed Sacrament and Saint Margaret's. We invite the people of the Parish to please take one home and to bring one to our Parishioners who are not able to attend Mass with us. Thank you very much.

**Parish Pastoral Visitors:** An afternoon of Prayer for those who visit the sick and ministers of Holy Communion will be held at Our Lady of the Assumption in Lynnfield on Sunday, January 31 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. This day will focus on the growth in faith that happens as we follow Jesus and witness the healing power of his presence. There is no fee and all Pastoral Visitors and Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick are welcome. To register call the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640.



**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. There has been as many as 75 people present. Thank you for your participation.

**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.



**Cursillo—St. Basil's:** Cursillo, a Spanish word which means a “short course in Christianity,” is a wonderful weekend retreat that has enriched the lives of countless men and women. If you are interested, please speak to Father

George, Father Dan or Sister Mary. Below is a list of upcoming dates for Cursillo for men and women at St. Basil's in Methuen:

<u>Men:</u>	<u>Women:</u>
Jan. 28-31, 2010	Jan. 7-10, 2010
April 8-11, 2010	March 4-7, 2010
Oct. 7-10, 2010	April 29-May 2, 2010
Dec. 2-5, 2010	June 3-6, 2010
	Nov. 4-7, 2010



**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...”*



**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 January 9 & 10.** 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.



**The St. Stephen Ministry.** 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.

**The Year of the Priest**  
**A Prayer for Priests**

Dear Lord,  
We pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, “Do whatever He tells you” (Jn 2:5). May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.



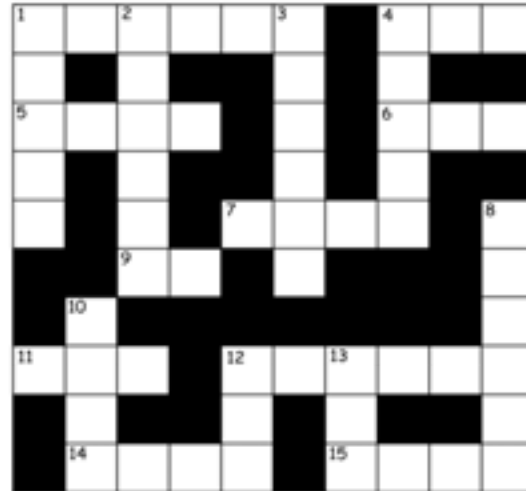
### BIBLE RESEARCH

The first reading tells how a boy named Samuel was taken to 'the temple of the LORD in Shiloh.' This temple was not the same one that Jesus knew, much later, in Jerusalem. See what you can discover about this earlier temple at Shiloh.

The Temple in Jerusalem, where Jesus listened to the religious teachers and asked them questions, was a much grander affair than the one at Shiloh. It is often called 'the temple of Herod,' because it was one of King Herod's building projects. You will be able to find a lot of information about this temple, including detailed reconstructions of what it looked like.

### CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS 1. Father of Jesus 4. Priest at Shiloh  
5. Means 'spoke' 6. Same as finish 7. Mother of Jesus  
9. Male pronoun 11. Samuel and Jesus were both this  
12. Left at Shiloh 14. Contained wine 15. We all have one.



CLUES DOWN 1. Son of Mary 2. There was a temple there  
3. Mother of Samuel 4. Like 'each' 8. The age of Jesus when he was missing for three days  
10. Elkanah was going to fulfil these 12. Jesus and Samuel were both this  
13. Jesus and Samuel would both become this

### A PICTURE TO COLOR



David Fielding

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 2: 41-52  
THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE

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