

St. Margaret's Parish

Burlington, MA



*W*E HAVE SEEN

HIS STAR IN THE EAST

AND HAVE COME

WITH GIFTS TO

ADORE THE *Lord.*

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Epiphany Of The Lord

January 3, 2010

# St. Margaret's Parish

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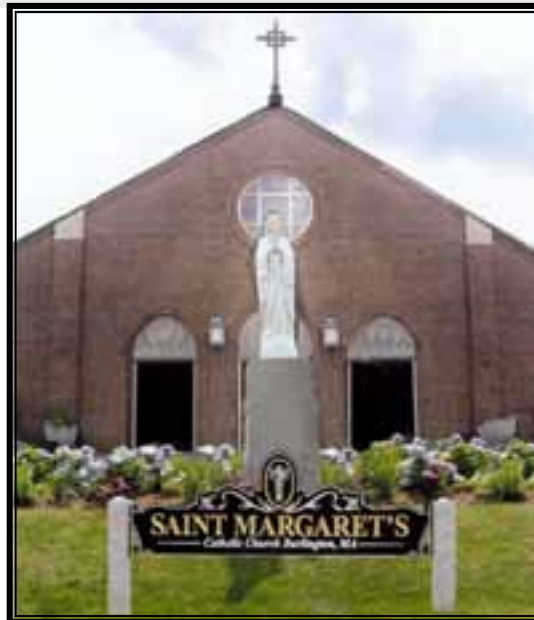


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**Parish Secretary**  
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Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord Jesus. Epiphany means "manifestation". The astrologers came from the East to find the ruler who is to shepherd His people Israel. The Redeeming King has shown all peoples the "way". This feast offers us a chance to reflect upon the modern manifestations of Christ, especially in the papal social encyclicals. These writings have shown us a Christ who insists upon justice and peace in a time filled with some of the most inhuman and destructive measures man has ever known.

Our parishioners have been most generous again this Christmas season and throughout the year. When I compare the mandated diocesan second collections in other parish bulletins, our giving is noticeably higher. And is consistently so. When other parishes bring in outside companies to conduct "increased giving" programs at a significant cost, oftentimes the second collections go down. This means the parish revenue increases at the expense of other charitable causes. St. Margaret's parishioners steadily fund these other good causes in a most charitable manner. And our "giving tree" program this year produced 450 wrapped gifts and \$11,000 in gift certificates to local stores. That is an incredible amount of giving. For our parish to donate so much it is difficult to believe. You are to be congratulated. The parish has also received cash gifts to be put to parish use. We thank everyone for your giving. We have gone to great lengths in making sure the most needy benefit from our giving. You have made a lot of families and children very happy this Christmas Season. The revolving door at the rectory just before Christmas was something to behold. People coming, people going, all with smiles, feeling the joy of giving and receiving, proving the truism that it is in giving that we receive!!!

We moved the ushers tables so as to give us more room and lessen the congestion at the rear of the church. We will monitor it and see how it goes.

*Fr. Robinson*

*Eternal Truths*



*Absolute Principles*

*§ Here is to the bright new year, and a fond farewell to the old; here is to the things that are yet to come, and to the memories we hold.*

*§ When we open the book - it's pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Years Day!*

*§ A New Years resolution - rise above the little things!*



## Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	4:30 pm 7:30 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am 10:00 am (Upstairs) 10:00 am (Downstairs) 12:00 noon
<b>Weekday</b>	6:45 am 9:00 am
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am

## Sacraments

- Baptism** On the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Please call for an interview with any priest at the rectory to fill out the baptismal form. If you have a priest coming for the Baptism, you are most welcome to schedule the Baptism at your convenience.
- Confirmation** Begins in the Ninth Grade and concludes in the Tenth Grade. Attendance includes class, liturgy, and ministry.
- Penance** Every Saturday in the lower church from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Marriage** Congratulations on your engagement ! Please schedule an appointment with a priest at least 6 months prior to the wedding. Engaged couples contemplating marriage are required to take a marriage preparation course. Available programs may be found on the Family Life website ([www.familylifeboston.com](http://www.familylifeboston.com)) or by calling 617-746-5801.
- Anointing** Please call the rectory and we will visit at home. If anyone is confined to the house and would like to receive a Communion visit, please call us. Our eucharistic ministers assist us in these visits.
- Funerals** Arrangements are made through the funeral directors. They are most compassionate and experienced, and will be of great assistance to you at this particular time in your life. A priest from St. Margaret's will lead a prayer service at the wake and graveside, as well as preside at the Funeral Mass. Our parish hall is available after the funeral, if needed.

## Private Devotions

- Rosary** – Daily after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the upper church.
- Eucharistic Adoration** – Every first Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m. at which time there is Benediction.
- Holy Hour** – Wednesdays from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the upper church. We pray to Our Lady of Fatima for the sick, the elderly, and the homebound.
- Bible Study** – Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

# Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Louis F. Bernal</b>
			<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Mary &amp; Clarence Westberg &amp; Grace &amp; Santo Patti</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Adeline Price (2nd Anniversary)</b>
			<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Healing for Cecilia Ngenefum Fokum</b>
			<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Nicola Francescucci</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6:45 am</b>	<b>Monty &amp; Pearl Coolidge</b>
			<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Frank Presti</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6:45 am</b>	<b>Michael &amp; Wanda Ostrowski</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6:45 am</b>	<b>Robert Capodilupo</b>
			<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Joseph Valerio</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>William Hayes (6th Anniversary)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Paul &amp; Alice Mackey</b>
			<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Susan Braceland (26th Anniversary)</b>
			<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>James Reynolds</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Connie, Margaret, Connie Jr., George, Jim Hanafin, &amp; Donal Dignan</b>
			<b>(up) 10:00 am</b>	<b>William, Mary Goodwin &amp; daughter, Imelda</b>
			<b>(down) 10:00 am</b>	<b>Karen Vick (7th Anniversary)</b>
			<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Natalina Presti (10th Anniversary)</b>

**Memorial Prayers: Joseph & Josephine Lombardi, Eric Schlegel**



## Prayers for the Sick



Maryellen C.  
Grace Tramantozzi  
Lisa Ayliau.  
Laura  
Sis  
Jim R.  
Chandra  
Baby Hayden  
Ginnie Petrone  
Jean Simpson  
Bea Reece  
Francis Ellis  
Baby Declan  
Helen Vaughn  
Mary C.  
Colleen  
Cathy Fichtner  
Cathy Sullivan  
Tina Marie D.  
Charles Corlin  
Robert W. Taylor II  
Stephen D. Taylor  
John M.  
Tommy G.

Barbara Churchill  
Barbara Danner  
Maria DaRosa  
Robert Menzies  
Ruth M.  
Harry B.  
Henry L.  
Dick Butler  
Nicholas  
John Nagle  
Baby Haley  
Baby Courtney  
Ollie Muir  
Bella Russo  
Alice Welch  
Helen Feehan  
Michael Munafo  
James Griffiths  
William Morrissey  
Marisa Copp  
Ronald Magliozzi  
John F. Taylor  
Vincent Magliozzi  
Noah M.



## Prayers for Protection



PFC Paul Marchese	Army	Afghanistan
Ens. Stephen Dutton	Navy	At Sea
Lt. Christopher Hanafin	Marine	Afghanistan
CPL Richard Schaufus	Marines	Okinowa
T.Sgt.Kerry McDonough	Air Force	Iraq
MA-3 James Marchese	Navy	Italy
LCPL Steven Colombo	Marines	USA
Lt. Vince Lynch	Army	Germany
STS2 Kyle J. Marchese	Navy	At Sea
CW02 Scott Munger	Marines	Hawaii
TSGT.Jeremy Brooks	Army	Iraq
Lt. Jennifer M. Delaney	Navy	USA
Sgt. Shawn Weidman	Marines	USA
CPO David Sweet	Navy	Iraq
Sgt. Kaitlyn Guastafarro	Army	USA
SPC Todd Miller	Military Police	Iraq
Patrick Hurley	Army	Iraq
Staff Sgt. Brian Ladner	Marines	USA
Sgt. Mark Orr	Marines	USA
A1C Michael L. Flanagan	Air Force	Iraq



# Announcements

**Funerals** - This week St. Margaret's presided over the funerals of Ethel M. Allen, William Gilmartin & Diane S. Nolan. We ask that all of us remember these parishioners and their families in Mass and prayers.

**Baptisms** - This week we welcomed our newly baptized into St. Margaret's Parish. We pray for the baby and congratulate the parents.

Aidan Kenneth Coulter

**School Hall Rental** - All bookings must be scheduled with our facilities manager Mr. Sonny DiRienzo at 781-221-0335.

**Lost & Found** - There are a lot of winter hats & other goodies in our basket at the main entrance to the church.

**Winchester Hospital** - Adult Volunteer Orientation will be held Tuesday January 12, 2010 in the conference center 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

**Home Heating Oil** - We have lost a number of sponsors for our bulletin this year, given the poor economy. However, Clickfil.com has just taken a substantial ad on the back of our bulletin. We always encourage our parishioners to consider doing business with our sponsors. In this case Clickfil.com is offering a \$50.00 gift card to all new subscribers in addition to another \$50.00 donation to St. Margaret's. This offer is good through January 29, 2010. If interested in saving money on heating oil please call clickfil.com at 1-866-744-5678.

**Vocation Interest** - Any young man who is a senior in high school and who has interest in the seminary, Cardinal Sean is having a group dinner. Call Fr. Robinson at 781-272-3111 for details.

**Nota Bene** - Whenever the weatherman predicts a winter storm everyone needs to get their cars out of our parking lot so we can plow. Those of you who park here for gambling trips need to co-operate with us. No parking at all when a snow storm is predicted.

**Church Music** - I have asked our music director to play music that we are familiar with so that there will be no excuse not to sing. I have also requested more solo pieces as communion meditation hymns. I know we appreciate this talent but please hold off on the applause. It just isn't the time for it. Our soloists have been informed how appreciative we are of their talents.

**Heartbeat** - Thank you so much to all who generously provided gifts to Heartbeat for the needy families we serve. The outfits, toys, coats, socks, gloves, books, gift certificates, handmade blankets and other gifts are all so appreciated! We tell families that the gifts are provided by people who love God and care about them. Eighty-eight babies were born during 2008 to families helped by Heartbeat, with one hundred born or expected before the end of 2009. We continue to assist the families for several years, as needed. Thank you and God Bless you all! We hope that all of you had a wonderful, blessed Christmas! Pregnant and new moms may call 781-229-7887 for assistance.

**Altar Ministries – Jan. 2/3**



**Saturday**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Robinson  
**Cantor:** Christine Field  
**Eucharistic Team:** Joanne Mackey, Joanne O’Keeffe, Elaine Wishneusky, Rosella Bilotta  
**Server(s):** Nicole Scola, Paige Brand, Samantha Marchese

**Saturday**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Fr. Robinson**  
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 Ron Kurtz, Stephen Morecroft  
 Riley Feller, Ashley Poland

**Sunday**  
**7:30 AM**  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Robinson  
**Cantor:** ---  
**Eucharistic Team:** Beth Mackey, Lucy Bramanti, Joyce McPhail  
**Server(s):** Jillian Ghio

**Sunday**  
**10:00 AM Upper Church**  
 Msgr. Brady  
 Christine Field  
 Dick Hanafin, Bill Boudreau, Keavan Stryker  
 Matt, Mike, & Rob Ackerman

**10:00 AM Children’s Mass**  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Robinson  
**Cantor:**  
**Eucharistic Team:**  
**Server(s):**

**12:00 Noon**  
 Msgr. Brady  
 Christine Field  
 Paul Mazzocca, Arthur Huse  
 Ross Griffin, Olivia Varghese

Our friends and neighbors above will be serving at the Lord’s Table this weekend. We are always in need of Readers and/ or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) at Mass. If you are interested, please contact Dick Donovan at 978-670-2660. Assignments above are subject to change.

**December 27, 2009**  
**Latest Financial Figures**

- \$13,149 - Clergy Retirement & Health Care**
- \$7,544 - Weekly Offertory Collection**
- \$ 375 - Grand Annual**
- \$1,095 - Year End Gifts**
- \$10,186 - Weekly Amount Banked**
- \$353,174 - Amount Banked YTD**
- \$273,000 - Budget YTD**
- \$80,174 - Budget Variance YTD**

**Second Collections**

**January 3 - Building Fund**

**Having finalized our 2009-2010 St. Margaret’s budget, our Finance Council estimates the parish needs \$10,500 per week in revenue to avoid running a deficit.**



# Religious Education



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**GRADE 2: CONGRATULATIONS** to Brianna Abruzzese, Carley Ananian, Megan Burke, John Campbell, Kathryn Collina, Katelyn Conley, John Cormier, Cameron Costa, Timothy Cox, Nicholas Latsis, Krista Magnarelli, Anna Leia Mathew, Nicholas Ponzini, Spencer Reith, Jacquelyn Scola, Kevin Sebastian, Katie Surabian, and Joseph Vigliotta for successfully passing their prayer tests. All of these students received a certificate of completion and a prize.

## **2010 Religious Education Schedule:**

**GRADE 2:** January 3, 10, 24; February 7, 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 11 and 25. First Communion practice will take place on April 25. **FIRST COMMUNION** will take place on **May 1st, 2010**. Additional information will be sent via e-mail.

**GRADES 3, 4, and 5:** January 3, 10, 24; February 7, 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21, and 28. Please note, this is slightly different from our original schedules. Grades 3, 4, and 5 have fewer classes than the second grade!

**GRADES 6 and 7:** January 7, 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11; March 4, 11, 18 and 25th.

**GRADE 8:** January 4, 11, 25; February 1, 8, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29th.

**CLASS CANCELLATIONS** will be posted on **whdh.com** and on **wbztv.com**. Cancellations may also be broadcast on radio stations WRKO or WBZ and on television channels 4 or 7. To receive automatic class cancellation notification from Channel 7 on your cell phone, just go to [www.whdh.com](http://www.whdh.com) and click on "Closing Bell on Your Cell." Weeknight classes will be cancelled if Burlington Public School classes are either cancelled or released early due to inclement weather.



# GIFTS

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany – the visit made to the Christ-child by the Magi. As we know, the Magi came to Jesus bearing three valuable gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

When the Magi presented the gold to Jesus, they were recognizing Him as King. Gold is valuable and was often used as tribute for kings. Frankincense is a gum distilled from a tree that is found in Persia, India and Arabia, as well as the East Indies. It is very fragrant when burned. It was used in worship and burned as a pleasant offering to God. When the Magi offered frankincense to Jesus, they were recognizing His divinity. Myrrh is an aromatic gum produced from a thorny tree that grows in Arabia and Ethiopia. If frankincense represents sweetness, then myrrh represents bitterness. It was most often used in embalming. Myrrh, then, was brought as a gift to acknowledge the human suffering that Jesus partook of when He came into our world as well as the death that He would, some day, suffer on the cross.

These were valuable gifts. The Magi offering them to Jesus could also be thought of as symbolic of humanity offering its wealth to its King and Lord.

Like the Magi, Jesus wants each of us to offer our wealth to Him, as well. No – not our material wealth. Jesus doesn't care about money or possessions. Jesus wants our "inner wealth" – our gifts and talents – capabilities that we have which, through us, He can put to use to do good in this world.

We are all different, with our own unique personality and distinct set of abilities. Look at some of the saints and other well known people throughout Church history. St. Philip Neri was a jovial man who attracted followers to Christ. St. Jerome was a brilliant man who was well suited to the work of a scholar. St. Nicholas was known for his generosity to the needy. Margaret of Castello was blind and lame, but cared for others with a generosity of spirit. Francis Xavier's passion carried him around the world as a missionary. The cloistered St. Therese's childlike spirit made it possible for her to understand and communicate the Father's love. Teresa of Avila was intelligent, a reformer, and writer. Padre Pio used his listening and intuitive skills as a gifted confessor. So much diversity in personality and capability. And, yet, each with something to offer.

As it was with them, so it is with us. No one has everything, but each of us has something that we can offer in service to Jesus - something that He can use to build up His kingdom on earth.

It's the beginning of a new year. It's a good time to stop and reflect on the gifts that God has given us; a good time to look within ourselves and ask: "Is there something— some part of who I am – some part of my inner wealth - that I could offer in service to the Christ-child? How can I best serve God and His people? What is He calling me to do?"

God has a plan. From the moment we are conceived in our mother's womb, God knows us and offers us a part in His plan. Resolve to discern what God is calling *you* to do. Our God-given gifts are useless unless they are used in the service of His kingdom. Don't let *yours* go to waste. They are much too valuable.

*Deacon Dick*



*Thank You*



Thank you  
To Everyone  
Who Helped Make  
2009  
A Good Year  
For  
Saint Margaret's



*Thank You*

