

St. Margaret's Parish
Burlington, MA

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*And a voice came from heaven,
"YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON;
with you
I AM WELL PLEASED."*

Luke 3:22 (NAB)

January 10, 2010

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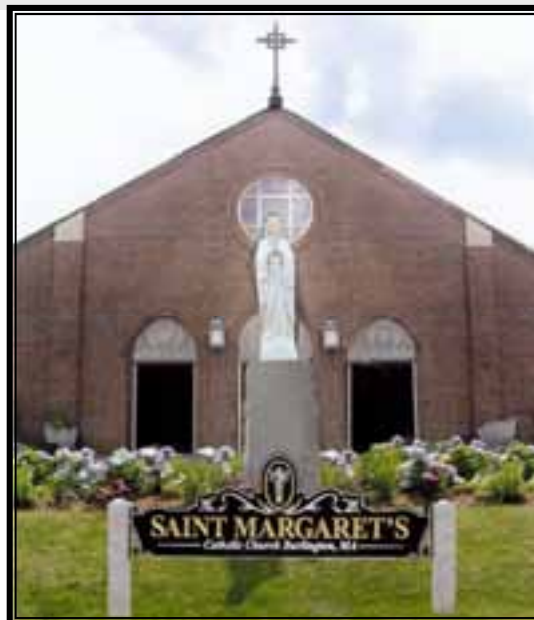


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Dear Parishioners,

This week-end we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord by his cousin John the Baptist, who himself was sent by God to prepare the way for the coming of the long-awaited Messiah. Baptism was a critical moment in Jesus' life because it marked the inauguration of His public ministry as servant, preacher and healer. Baptism was His "coming out" into the world & accomplishing the "mission" for which He was sent. Our Baptism into Christ means sharing in His mission by serving and not by being served. Baptism is very much like life itself; it either grows and matures, or it shrivels up & dies.

Active Catholics constitute the single largest Christian denomination in the country and inactive Catholics constitute the second largest. Mass attendance is a leading criterion that measures peoples commitment to the institutional church. Inactive Catholics are our family members, friends and coworkers. They probably share the pew with us at Christmas and Easter. And if we do not reach out to them, there are many other faith communities who will. It is a real challenge to convince others that our parish is our "field of dreams" and the atmosphere is that of a "banquet table" at which we are fed with the "bread of life". We should never underestimate the power of inviting people to come and join us.

Below is a list of Holy Days of Obligation in the United States:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Feast</u>
January 1	Mother Mary of God*
August 15	Assumption of Mary *
November 1	All Saints Day*
December 8	Immaculate Conception
December 25	Christmas
April/May	Ascension Thursday

*If this day falls on a Monday or Saturday, it is not a holy day of obligation.

Some dioceses in the United States and throughout the world transfer some of these days to the preceding or following Sunday. The Archdiocese of Boston does not.

Fr. Robinson





Mass Schedule

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

Saturday	Jan.	9	9:00 am	Paul & Alice Mackey
			4:30 pm	Susan Braceland (26th Anniversary)
			7:30 pm	James Reynolds
Sunday	Jan.	10	7:30 am	Connie, Margaret, Connie Jr., George & Jim Hanafin & Donal Dignan
		(up)	10:00 am	William, Mary Goodwin & daughter Imelda
		(down)	10:00 am	Karen Vick (7th Anniversary)
			12:00 pm	Natalina Presti (10th Anniversary)
Monday	Jan.	11	6:45 am	Ray & Yolanda Valla
			9:00 am	Special Intention
Tuesday	Jan.	12	6:45 am	Special Intention
Wednesday	Jan.	13	6:45 am	Michael Duggan
			9:00 am	Michael Collins
Thursday	Jan.	14	9:00 am	James Ponnusamy & deceased members of Masillamoney Family
Friday	Jan.	15	6:45 am	Jim Hanafin
Saturday	Jan.	16	9:00 am	Edward & Catherine MacMillan
			4:30 pm	Marie Marchi
			7:30 pm	Winifred Brown

Memorial Prayers: Guy Catanese, Susan Braceland, Ed Sullivan



Prayers for the Sick



Maryellen C.
Grace Tramantozzi
Lisa Ayliau.
Laura
Sis
Baby Barry
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.

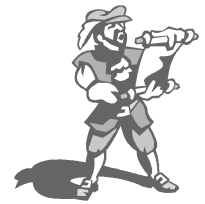
Barbara Churchill
Barbara Danner
Maria DaRosa
Robert Menzies
Ruth M.
Harry B.
Henry L.
Dick Butler
Nicholas
John Nagle
Baby Haley
Baby Courtney
Ollie Muir
Bella Russo
Alice Welch
Helen Feehan
Michael Munafo
James Griffiths
William Morrissey
Marisa Copp
Ronald Magliozzi
John F. Taylor
Vincent Magliozzi
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	Okinawa
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 Alice Modesto, Walter Lane & Kevin Carr. 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 them and congratulate the parents.

Keon Isaiah O'Regan
Angela Civita Simeone

Gabrielle Joi Sobolewski
Lauren Elizabeth Kane

Cole Patrick O'Regan

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.

Italian Classes - Burlington Sons of Italy Lodge #2223 will be offering Italian language classes for Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced students. Beginner I & 2 and Intermediate 1&2 will be offered Wednesday evenings starting Jan.27th. The Intermediate Advanced class will be offered on Thursday evenings starting on Jan.28th. The class fee is \$80. for a 10 week course study. The Beginner & Intermediate classes meet at St. Margaret's School Building, Winn St., Burlington; and, the Advanced class meets at the teacher's home in Stoneham. Registration will be held on Wednesday, January 20th from 6-7pm at St. Margaret's School at St. Margarets. For general questions, please contact Carol Nappa, class director at 617-650-6302 or email at capenonna@yahoo.com.

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 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. 9/10



Saturday
4:30 PM
Celebrant: Fr. Kaufman
Cantor: Kaitlyn Sullivan
Eucharistic Team: Janet Fitzgerald, Tom Bova, Judy Curtin, Rosemarie Hrubci
Server(s): Joe, Sean & Tim Maguire

Saturday
7:30 PM
 Fr. Robinson

 Michael & Andree Wheeler

 Kevin Coluci, Ryan Farrow, Jake Hanafin

Sunday
7:30 AM
Celebrant: Fr. Robinson
Cantor: ---
Eucharistic Team: Carl Humphreys, Arthur Hughes, Brian Walsh
Server(s): August Kaminski

Sunday
10:00 AM Upper Church
 Fr. Kaufman
 Christine Field
 Dick & Donna Donovan, Frances Heartquist

 Kevin, Brian, & Mary Cox

10:00 AM Children's Mass
Celebrant: Fr. Kaufman
Cantor: April Healy, George Vallas
Eucharistic Team: Mary Rigby, Jim Brine, David Murgo
Server(s): Rachel & Emily Murgo

12:00 Noon
 Fr. Robinson
 Christine Field
 Paul & Claire Putnicki

 Olivia Varghese, Nick Whitney

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.

January 2, 2009
Latest Financial Figures

- \$2,079 - Holy Day Collection**
- \$2,466 - Building Fund**
- \$2,930 - Year End Gifts**
- \$4,208 - Weekly Offertory Collection**
- \$12,343 - Weekly Amount Banked**
- \$365,517 - Amount Banked YTD**
- \$274,500 - Budget YTD**
- \$82,017 - Budget Variance YTD**

Second Collections

None Scheduled

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

Mary Murgo – Director

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2010 Religious Education Schedule

GRADE 2 (First Communion is May 1st, 2010)

January 10	February 28	March 21
January 24	March 7	March 28
February 7	March 14	April 11
February 21		April 25

GRADE 10

January 31
 March 7 Retreat 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 April 11

GRADES 3, 4, 5

January 10	March 7
January 24	March 14
February 7	March 21
February 21	March 28
February 28	

GRADES 11, 12

January 10
 January 31
 March 21

GRADES 6, 7

January 14	March 7
January 21	March 11
January 28	March 18
February 4	March 25
February 11	

GRADE 8

January 11	March 1
January 25	March 8
February 1	March 15
February 8	March 22
February 22	March 29

GRADE 9

January 12	March 2
January 19	March 9
January 26	March 16
February 2	March 23
February 9	March 30
February 23	April 6





**Parish Registration Form
St. Margaret's Parish
Burlington, MA**

Last Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please note all first names and relationships of those living at this address:

Do you want envelopes? Please circle: Yes No

How do you want the envelopes to be addressed?

We are asking everyone in the parish (old and new members) to fill out the Parish Registration form. This is a start at updating our records and keeping track of our census. We promise not to send you any junk mail. Please fill out this registration form, cut it out and put it in the collection box or return it to the rectory. It will be a big help to us. Thank you.

Bible Study

Adult religious education is more important than it ever has been in the past. The reason is simple – we live in a world which is constantly presenting challenges to people of faith in ways which have not happened in the past. Education is the only way to deal with these challenges successfully.

St. Margaret's Bible Study group is an opportunity for adult education for anyone who is interested in learning more about their faith. We meet every Wednesday evening in the rectory basement from October through April. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm and typically runs to about 8:30 – 8:45pm.

Actually, "Bible Study" is a bit of a misnomer. We don't actually use the Bible, per se. Each meeting begins with Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. The main part of the evening is spent discussing the readings and gospel that will be used at Mass for the upcoming weekend.

So often, we come to Mass and hear the readings, but, for a lot of reasons, don't always understand what they are about. The readings are all many centuries old. In order to really understand them, we need to have an understanding of the context in which they were written. But, those times are thousands of years in the past. Concepts and attitudes which may have been common then, have long since been forgotten and no longer form part of our common 21st century experience. The sermon at Mass is supposed to illuminate and explain the readings. But, realistically, a typical sermon can only cover one or two points briefly. A sermon is far too short to cover everything that the readings contain.

At our meeting, we take the time to discuss each reading in more depth than can be done at Mass. We discuss the context in which it was written, clarify some points which may be obscure, and explore the meaning it should have for our lives. We have a very open discussion. You don't have to be an expert. Anyone is free to say what they think or just listen and learn.

As we go through the readings, questions may come up – questions about salvation history or matters of faith. We talk about anything and everything. It's an opportunity to learn from Holy Scripture and to learn from each other. When we attend Mass the following weekend, the readings make more sense and we have a greater appreciation of them.

Finally, we also try to do something in addition to the Mass readings. For example, last year we covered, chapter by chapter, the new catechism that was published by the U.S. bishops a couple of years ago. Before that, we read and discussed Pope Benedict's first encyclical – *Deus Caritas Est*. This year, we are doing things a bit less formally. Each week, one of our members will choose a topic – any faith-related topic at all that may interest them – which we will think about and discuss the following week.

It makes for a full and informative evening for those who attend. Also, the way we run program means that it is not necessary to attend every week. Most of us miss a meeting now and then. It's not a problem since each meeting is pretty much self-contained and not dependent upon what happened in prior weeks.

At the present time, we have a small, but lively, group of about 10 people who attend on a regular basis. There is always room for more. If you would like to understand the weekly Mass readings a little better, if you have questions about your faith, or would just like to learn a bit more – please join us.

Deacon Dick