

# St. Margaret's Parish

Burlington, MA

*freedom  
dignity  
equality*



*Dear friends,  
let us love one another,  
for love comes from God.  
Everyone who loves has  
been born of God and  
knows God. Whoever  
does not love does not know  
God, because God is love.*

*— 1 John 4:6-8*

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

*Second Sunday In Ordinary Time*

January 17, 2010

# St. Margaret's Parish

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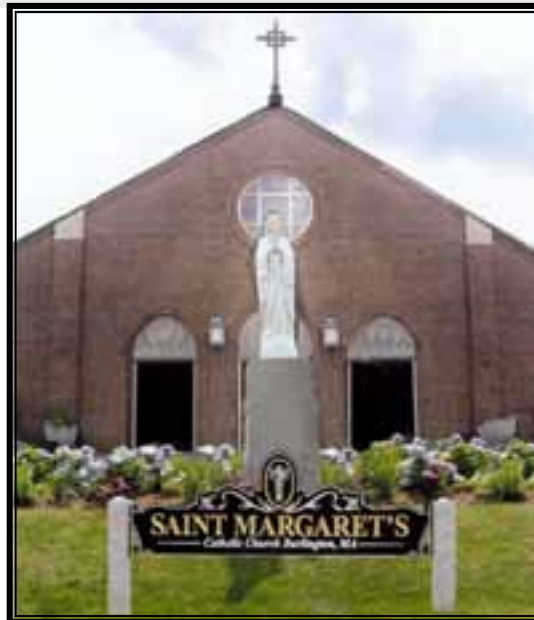


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Dear Parishioners,

Come Monday, January 18, 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. day is observed. There are very few national holidays in the course of the year, which tells us that these individuals and moments are most significant in the history of our nation. In this instance one man has come to represent a people and a cause, where justice won out over injustice and good defeated evil. It was a war of epic proportions and while the struggle continues, America has truly overcome.

The celebration of Sunday is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together, remembering that on the first day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion. Sunday as a day of worship is a sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time.

We are all teachers of religion whether we want to be or not. A while back I came across a little article entitled "Kids Learn What They Live". Here is what it said: "If they live with criticism, they learn to condemn. If they live with hostility, they learn to fight. If they live with ridicule, they learn to fear. If they live with shame, they learn to feel guilt."

"But if they live with tolerance, they learn patience. If they live with encouragement, they learn confidence. If they live with praise, they learn appreciation. If they live with fairness, they learn justice. If they live with security, they learn trust. If they live with approval, they learn to life themselves. If they live with acceptance and friendship, they learn to find love in the world."

The Christian faith, my friends, is a family affair; and there is no substitute for that expression of it.

*Fr. Robinson*

*Eternal Truths*



*Absolute Principles*

- S Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.*
- S Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.*
- S I am not sure exactly what Heaven will be like. But I don't know that when we die and it comes the time for God to judge us, He will not ask, "How many good things have you done in your life?" Rather he will ask, "How much love did you put into what you did?"*



## 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>16</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Edward &amp; Catherine MacMillan</b>
			<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Marie Marchi</b>
			<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Winifred Brown</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Rev. James Shaughnessey</b>
			<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Maria &amp; Erasmo Accorto</b>
			<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Leo F. Delaney (10th Anniversary)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Frank Cassidy</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Maria, Bert, Ronald Caserta &amp; Lou Sarto</b>
			<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Edith Perachi</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Connie Hanafin Jr.</b>
			<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>James Lawlor</b>
			<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Patrick Gandolfo (9th Anniversary)</b>



## 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  
Tom McGuinness  
Robert Menzies  
Ruth M.  
Harry B.  
Henry L.  
Dick Butler  
Joe Baldrate  
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 Linnie Bingiel, Marie Whitty & William Poirier We ask that all of us remember these parishioners and their families in Mass & prayer.

**Congratulations** - to George Sweet & Carolanne Saia who entered into the Sacrament of Marriage on January 1, 2010.

**First Communion** - Parent meeting Monday January 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the school hall. Only one parent need attend. Please be on time.

**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.

**2010 Archdiocesan Parish Baby Shower** - Come join our Parish Family Baby Shower at St. Margaret's. Please bring a baby gift to Mass from January 23rd & 24th 2010. Baby Items Needed: Baby Bottles, Newborn or Size 1 Disposable Diapers, Diaper Bags, Size Small Sleep & Play, Sweaters, Crib Sheets, Socks, Nightgowns, Blanket Sleepers, Baby Powder, Receiving Blankets, Pacifiers. All proceeds benefit "Heartbeat", and "Pregnancy Help Office," Archdiocese of Boston. If you prefer a monetary donation, please make check payable to "Heartbeat" or "Fund for the Unborn."

**Young Adults** - The Lexington Catholic Young Adult Group invites St. Margaret's Youth & Young Adults (20's & 30's) to our monthly Theology on Tap 7:30pm on January 21 at Bickford's Bar and Grille restaurant 325 Montvale Ave. Woburn, MA. This month Virginia Burbank is presenting "Least of These." Virginia is a former English teacher & the founder of an orphanage in Kenya who will share about her call to serve God's children. Come enjoy great company, food and drink (alcohol available for those 21 & over), and a story of real change!

**K of C Council 4978** - will be holding the Annual Free Throw Championship Competition on Sat. Jan. 30, 2010 at the Marshall Simonds Middle School 1:00- 3:00 p.m. This event is open to boy or girl ages 10 thru 14. and is free. There will be both boys and girls winners in each age bracket( 5 each). Registration can be made on the date of the event. For further information please contact Bill Breen 781-272-2493 or Charlie McLean at 781-266-6233.

**Altar Ministries – Jan. 16/17**



**Saturday**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Celebrant:** Father Robinson  
**Cantor:** Chuck Carnell  
**Eucharistic Team:** Joanne Mackey, Joanne O’Keeffe, Elaine Wishneusky, Tom Bova  
**Server(s):** Kevin & Mary Cox

**Saturday**  
**7:30 PM**  
 Father Kaufman  
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 Ron Kurtz, Stephen Morecroft  
 Matt, Mike, & Rob Ackerman

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

**Sunday**  
**10:00 AM Upper Church**  
 Father Kaufman  
 Christine Field  
 Dick Hanafin, Bill Boudreau, Keavan Stryker  
 Kevin Coluci, Jake Hanafin, Nicole Scola

**10:00 AM Children’s Mass**  
**Celebrant:** No Mass - Holiday  
**Cantor:**  
**Eucharistic Team:**  
**Server(s):**

**12:00 Noon**  
 Father Kaufman  
 Christine Field  
 Paul Mazzocca, Arthur Huse  
 Ross Griffin, Ashley Poland

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 10, 2010**  
**Latest Financial Figures**

**\$7,501 - Weekly Offertory Collection**  
**\$8,648 - Weekly Amount Banked**  
**\$374,165 - Amount Banked YTD**  
**\$295,000 - Budget YTD**  
**\$79,165 - Budget Variance YTD**

**Second Collections**

**January 24 - Church In Latin America**

**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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## 2010 Religious Education Schedule

### GRADE 2 (First Communion is May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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



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# Christian Unity

This week in the Church – January 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> – is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The concept of Christian unity is central to the teachings of Jesus Christ and His gospel. God's vision for humanity is that we are all part of a family – united in love as spiritual brothers and sisters – with God as our Father. Theologically, we speak of the Mystical Body of Christ – the spiritual union of all people, living and dead, with Christ as its head.

In the mystery of the Holy Trinity, God, Himself, is the perfect example of unity. One God – one Divine essence – but, three persons who act together, in unity, at all times: from the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit.

The example that God sets for us in this regard is something that we should always be aware of in our lives: the importance of unity – the importance of being together. How many times have we heard that old saying: united we stand; divided we fall. The importance of unity reaches down and pervades many dimensions of our lives.

We have seen that in our own national history. Our founding fathers were willing to make great compromises in order to turn thirteen colonies into the United States because they recognized that, as individual colonies, we would never remain independent. In the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, this country fought the bloodiest war in its history, the American Civil War, so that we could be a united people – and, not just North and South, but also Black and White. Is there anyone today who believes that this nation would be the great nation that it is if we had not remained united?

From a human relation point of view – the unity of husband and wife in marriage is something that is held sacred and privileged, even in the context of our legal system.

God's desire for the unity of all people is more than just a nice wish; it really is a commandment and, in fact, will someday be our destiny. We know well that, before He left the earth, Christ said: **“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”** This is a clear expression from God, Himself, that he desires all humanity to be united with Him; united in love; united in belief; united in understanding of who God is and who we are and what He wants for us.

Sadly, all too many times, we fail at that – both on a personal level and in our society as a whole. So many times we let our individual desires and our own human feelings and failings separate us. In doing so, we cause ourselves great harm. A prime example of that is what's going on in the Middle East: Palestinians and Jews in conflict in a no win situation. And, when some leaders try to come together to find a peaceful resolution, extremists on both sides refuse to cooperate, preferring conflict to compromise. It's tragic, and it makes no sense.

We've seen similar events in our own Church history over the past centuries. How many times have groups of people, for one reason or another, become dissatisfied with the Church and gone off to form another religion, sometimes forcing or coercing other people to go with them? How many wars have been fought because of it? Are they better off? Not that I can see. Is the church better off because they have left? I don't think so. And that process has not stopped. There are people today who, for one reason or another, leave the Church. On one hand, there are very conservative people who don't like the way the Church has changed and want the Church to go back to what it was before Vatican II. On the other extreme are people who feel that the Church is not moving fast enough and that it is out of touch with today's society. As human beings, we can certainly understand their disappointments; maybe we share some of them. But is disunity the right answer? No.

Those that allow their disappointments to cause them leave the Church today are no more correct to do so than were Martin Luther or Henry VIII or any of the others that have broken away in times past.

I have to believe that, as God looks upon humanity – how we have conducted ourselves over the centuries, what we have done with the gift of free will that he has given us – He must find the lack of unity, especially among Christians, extremely disappointing.

We should always remember what St. Paul wrote in his letter to the Ephesians: **“I ... beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body in one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.”** [Eph. 4: 1 – 6]

In some cases, the people who were dissatisfied were right in being so. But, disunity is not the answer. Christ founded our Church 2000 years ago on the shoulders of St Peter with the specific promise that: **“the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.”** It's better to work for change from within. And, if that is not possible – and it may not be – keep St. Paul's words in mind. Remember that the Church has changed over time, albeit slowly. Recognize that we are a universal church, not an American church. Understand that the Church has many different cultures around the world that it must consider before it makes any changes, and that most cultures are not like ours. We should have enough faith in God to know that He will see that needed changes are made in His own time. And, in the meantime, we should have enough humility and patience to accept the Church for what it is. We may not like every practice and doctrine of the Church, but we are guaranteed that the Church will do nothing to lead us astray or away from salvation. And, the end of the day, that should be the most important thing for all of us.

Seek unity in your own lives – seek to come together and not to divide. We are enriched by unity and lessened by division. As individuals, seek unity in your personal lives and in your family and friend relationships. In your church and secular communities, work for unity and avoid disunity. Most importantly - pray for unity. Pray for Christian unity. Pray that all peoples will be able to overcome the misunderstanding, the bitterness, the suspicion, the self-centeredness, and the ignorance that divides us so that we can come together in peace and love in the way that God envisions for us. Christ did that. In the Gospel of John, Christ prays to the Father on our behalf, reminding us of the example set by the Holy Trinity: **“So that they may be one, as we are one.”**

*Deacon Dick*

