

# *St. Margaret's Parish*

*Burlington, MA*

*January 25, 2009*

*There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity  
under heaven.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*



**Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

# St. Margaret's Parish

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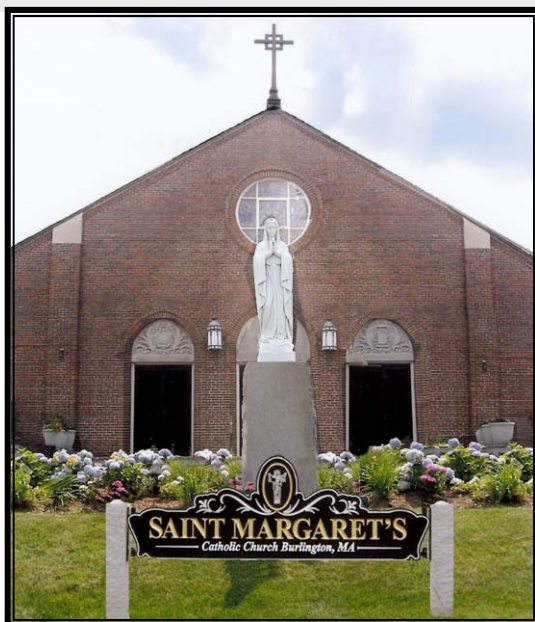


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### Altar Servers

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### Bulletin

Deacon Dick Bilotta  
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Dear Parishioners:

The Christmas season is officially over. Our President has been inaugurated. The challenges are never-ending. And our future continues to be "at hand". What life has in-store for man never ceases to amaze us. When the bread-winner leaves for work in the morning, he (she) knows there is a full platter awaiting at home upon his (her) return. Every care-giver is fully aware it is a twenty-four hour per day job description. The nature of adulthood is one of obligation and responsibility.

Faith in God and in our fellow-man gives us hope in our future. We need to learn to be good neighbors and get through all this together. May 2009 calm things down so we can enjoy one another's company better than in the past. I hope our church setting brings peace and solace along with the joy of celebrating life.

We are back to "ordinary time" in our liturgical calendar, along with our green vestments. We have come down from the mountain to the plain. One who has scaled the peaks remembers the experience, indeed is changed by it. Before long this period of time will be over and Lent will be here!

As nice a gesture as it is to have people on our prayer list, please remember to get their permission. There are implications to having one's illness go public; first and foremost there is an invasion of privacy. We need to be most sensitive to this. Also, there needs to be a time limit one's name stays on our list. There is only so much room. If you feel the individual truly needs to remain on our list, please inform us.

I thank those of you who contributed the materials and the time towards installing the new ceiling fans and lighting in the upper church. It is greatly appreciated.

The Kiley Brothers, who painted our church last year, are now refinishing all the woodwork and should complete everything this week. They have done a great job and along with the price, St. Margaret's once again got the best end of the deal. Thank you gentlemen! At the risk of sounding like Dubya, I say "Mission Accomplished".

*Fr. Robinson*

*Eternal Truths*



*Absolute Principles*

- S The soul is not where it lives but where it loves.*
- S The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.*
- S I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble.*
- S Love is the only thing that we can carry with us when we go, and it makes the end so easy.*



## 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, 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory.

# Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Winifred Brown</b>
			<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Angelina Costa (6th Anniversary)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Patrick Gandolfo</b>
			<b>10:00 am (u)</b>	<b>Roland J. Igo (3rd Anniversary)</b>
			<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>James Lawlor</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6:45 am</b>	<b>Katherine M. Barry</b>
			<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>James E. Meehan Sr.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Malachy Browne</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Angelina Vieira</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sylvia Nichols</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>John Stewart Sr.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>John Braceland (14th Anniversary)</b>
			<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Charlie &amp; Mary Souza</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>John F. &amp; Norma Kenney</b>
			<b>10:00 am (u)</b>	<b>Jan Donovan &amp; Robert Sweeney</b>
			<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Marie Marchi</b>

## Memorial Prayers: Kathleen Whitter Langthorne



### Prayers for the Sick



Jack Pessotti	John O'Connor
Brian Joseph	Donald Welch
Spike Lawless	Robert Menzies
Sis	Sandra Davis
Helen Boyle	Sal Solimine
Patrice Guanci	Dick Butler
Irene Grace	Scott M.
Baby Hannah	Nicholas
Jean Simpson	John Nagle
Bea Reese	Baby Haley
Francis Ellis	Baby Courtney
Stephen	Ollie Muir
Elizabeth Walsh	Fr. Ryan
Bella Russo	Alice Welch
Rebecca	Helen Feehan
Cathy Fichtner	Michael Munafo
Connie Tedesco	Ann Martin
Carl Christiansen	Paul Donovan
Peggy McGarry	Joe Brown
Barbara Danner	



### Prayers for Protection



PFC Paul Marchese	Army	Afghanistan
Ens. Stephen Dutton	Navy	At Sea
PFC Rebecca L. Marion	Army	Iraq
Sgt. Joseph P. Surette	Army	Korea
CPL Richard Schaufus	Marines	Okinowa
Major Adam Boyd	Army	Iraq
MA-3 James Marchese	Navy	Italy
Tech Sgt. Jeremy Brooks	A.F.	Iraq
Rct. Steven Colombo	Marines	USA
Staff Sgt. Eric Leverone	Army	Afghanistan
Lt. Vince Lynch	Army	Germany
STS2 Kyle J. Marchese	Navy	At Sea
Capt. Chris Brooks	Army	Afghanistan
CW02 Scott Munger	Marines	Hawaii
Lt. Jennifer M. Delaney	USN	USA
LCPL Patrick Harrington	Marines	Iraq
Kerry McDonough	Air Force	Iraq

With regards to the prayers for healing and protection, there is a need to keep the list current and not outdated. Please call us in regards to that.



# Announcements

**Funerals** - This past week, St. Margaret's presided at the funeral of Ellen Allen. Please remember Ellen and her family in your prayers.

**Finance Council** - Next meeting Monday January 26, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the rectory.

**Parish Council** - Next meeting Sunday February 8, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the rectory.

**Bulletin Sponsor** - Wayne's Drains is well known for its sewer & drain cleaning. Cambridge St. Auto Body are collision specialists, with towing & rentals available. Regis College is a Catholic liberal arts college in Weston. And the Marines are always looking for a few good men and women.

**Italian Language Classes** - for further information, class times and registration, please visit our website at [www.burlingtonsonsofitaly.org](http://www.burlingtonsonsofitaly.org) or call Carol Nappa at 617-650-6302.

**Careful** - Please watch your comings and goings between the parking areas and the church. Drifts and ice are spotty. Everyone needs to be extremely cautious.

**Open House** - St. Charles School in Woburn Tuesday and Wednesday, January 27 and 28 from 9 - 11 a.m. Call (781) 273-0885 with questions.

**New Altar Servers** - On Jan. 31, we will be starting altar serving classes for all 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders. Classes will be held Sat. mornings from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. For more information contact Matthew or Judy Hanafin at (781) 272-5696.

**Extension of time for Archdiocesan Baby Shower** - Due to the inclement weather, we are asking parishioners to bring in the baby gifts needed another week: baby bottles, newborn or size 1 disposable diapers, diaper bags, sleep & play, sweaters, crib sheets, socks, nightgowns, blanket sleepers, baby powder, receiving blankets, pacifiers. For monetary donations, please make check out to Heartbeat, or, Fund for the Unborn. Any questions, call Marge Skehan, 781-272-5937.

**St. Agnes School, K-8** - will hold an **Open House** for new students on Sunday, **January 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 - 11 a.m.** with a *Coffee Hour* and on Tuesday, **January 27<sup>th</sup>, 9-11 a.m.** If you cannot attend the Open House, private tours are available upon request. For information contact the Development Office 781-641-6627 or [stagneschool\\_dev@hotmail.com](mailto:stagneschool_dev@hotmail.com) Saint Agnes School is located at 39 Medford St., Arlington (Route 60) across the street from Arlington Catholic High School.

**Natural Family Planning Classes** - The Couple to Couple League for National Family Planning announces a series of classes beginning on Sunday, Feb. 1 at 2:00 p.m. in North Billerica. For more information or to pre-register please phone Ed & Robin Kuczynski at (978) 670-2838 or e-mail at [EDSNMP@juno.com](mailto:EDSNMP@juno.com)



# Religious Education



**Mary Murgo – Director**

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to second grade students Sydney Alesse, Joseph Bonanno, Fatima Caldwell, Ashley Capobianco, Erica Carney, Jaimee Carney, Daniel Castellarin, Matthew Collina, Victoria Cruz, Casey Damon, Brandon Dubuque, Cynara Ferrao, Emily LoRusso, and Lillian Worthington for successfully completing their oral prayer tests!

**TAT Training for Grades 1-3** will be offered on February 2 & 3, 2009 from 8 am to 4 pm (both days) at Saint Catherine's Parish in Westford. TAT Training will also be offered on February 7 & 8 from 8 am to 4 pm (both days) at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center in Braintree. Registration and breakfast begin 1/2 hour before the starting time. Lunch will be provided on both days of training. Please send an email to [STMARGCCD@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:STMARGCCD@HOTMAIL.COM) if you are interested in registering for a two day TAT training class. *St. Margaret's is required to include the TAT curriculum in our religious education classes for grades 1-3.*

**SECOND GRADE ORAL PRAYER TESTS** have begun. Please help your son/daughter practice the Hail Mary, Glory Be, Our Father, and Act of Contrition at home. See [www.schoolnotes.com](http://www.schoolnotes.com) for copies of the required prayers. Children receive certificates and a small prize when they pass their oral prayer test.

**HOME SCHOOL:** Please contact your grade coordinator if you need to pick up a book. **Grade 1:** Jim Brine at 781-272-1113; **Grades 2, 3, 4, and 5:** Mary Murgo at 781-272-5810; **Grade 6:** Margie Joyce at 781-221-5661; **Grade 7:** Tom Shannon at 781-229-2254; **Grade 8:** Pat Moreno at 781-272-5375.

**ALL REGISTRATION FORMS and FEES ARE NOW DUE!** Please send in a check if you have not already paid. Checks may be dropped off at the rectory or at the CCD office. Maximum family payment is \$175. For grades, 1 and 3-8, fee is \$50 per child. For grades 2, 9 and 10, fee is \$75 per child. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please pay what you can afford. Registration must be complete for students to remain on our mailing list.

**Christmas Pageant - will take place after the 10am Mass on Sunday January 25, 2009**

**PARENTS PLEASE HELP** your son/daughter practice the Hail Mary, Glory Be, Our Father, and Act of Contrition at home. See [www.schoolnotes.com](http://www.schoolnotes.com) for copies of the required prayers. Each child receives a certificate and a small prize after passing his/her oral prayer test.

**THANK YOU** to **Joan Gordon** and to **Cynthia Kendall** for donating prizes to the second grade class. The medals, pins, necklaces, rosary beads, etc. will be given to the children as they complete their oral prayer tests. If anyone would like to donate religious items which could be used as small prizes, please mark them "Attn: Mary Murgo" and drop them off at the rectory or at the CCD office.

**Altar Ministries – Jan 24/25**



**Saturday**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Celebrant:** Father Robinson  
**Cantor:** Chuck Carnell  
**Reader:** Janet Fitzgerald  
**EMHC(s):** Tom Bova, Judy Curtin  
**Server(s):** Kathleen & Kerri Mackey

**Saturday**  
**7:30 PM**  
 Father Robinson  
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 Michael Fazio  
 Frances Fazio, Jean Field  
 Jillian Ghio, Ashley Poland

**Sunday**  
**7:30 AM**  
**Celebrant:** Father Robinson  
**Cantor:** ---  
**Reader:** Carl Humphreys  
**EMHC(s):** Arthur Hughes, Brian Walsh  
**Server(s):** Joe & Sean Maguire

**Sunday**  
**10:00 AM Upper Church**  
 Father Kilroy  
 Christine Field  
 Laurie Glasser  
 Dick Donovan, Donna Donovan  
 Ross Griffin, Kevin Cox

**10:00 AM Children's Mass**  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Robinson  
**Cantor:** April Healy, George Vallas  
**EMHC(s):** ---  
**EMHC(s):** Nichole Griffin, Mary Rigby, Jolene Fogarty  
**Server(s):** Rachel & Emily Murgo

**12:00 Noon**  
 Father Kilroy  
 Christine Field  
 Paul Blanchard  
 Kathleen Blanchard  
 Nicholas Whitney, Jake Hanafin

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 18, 2009**  
**Latest Financial Figures**

**\$3,010 - Gifts**  
**\$5,116 - Weekly Offertory Collection**  
**\$8,931 - Weekly Amount Banked**  
**\$365,356 - Amount Banked YTD**  
**\$326,250 - Budget Year to Date**  
**\$39,106 - Budget Surplus Year to Date**

**Upcoming Second Collections**

**January 25 - Latin America**

# The Diaconate

The Permanent Diaconate was restored in the mid 1960's by the Second Vatican Council. Even though that was over forty years ago, many Catholics still do not understand much about what the diaconate is or what a deacon does. So, I thought it might be instructive to present a brief article on the diaconate to help clear up some of the mystery.



A deacon is a member of Catholic clergy. The office of Deacon goes back to the earliest days of the Church. In those days, Christian community in Jerusalem consisted of two groups of people – those Jews who had come to believe in Christ and non-Jews who also had accepted the new faith. The Jewish Christians tended to continue to follow their Mosaic traditions, whereas the Gentile Christians, in general, did not. Some friction developed between the two groups. The Acts of the Apostles tells us that seven men were chosen in the Jerusalem Christian community by the apostles to function in a leadership role and to serve the needs of the Gentile Christian community:

*“And the Twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, ‘It is not right that we should give up preaching the Word of God to serve tables. Therefore ... pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty.’ . . . These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them.” [Acts 6:1-7]*

These seven were the first deacons. The word “deacon” comes from the Greek word, *diakonia*, which means service. Their names were Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenus, and Nicholas. In addition to seeing to the physical needs of the Gentile Christians, they went about preaching and teaching the gospel message. In fact, Stephen was arrested by the Sanhedrin and martyred for his zealous preaching of the gospel message.

It is interesting to note that Acts tells us that a “...young man named Saul” was present at Stephen’s stoning and consented to it. This young man later became the great St. Paul who, in his Letter to Timothy, wrote about the qualifications of deacons:

*“Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not indulging in much wine, not greedy for money; they must hold fast to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience...let them manage their children and their households well... for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and great boldness in the faith that is Christ Jesus.” [1Timothy 3:8-13]*

In subsequent centuries, the diaconate flourished, becoming an integral and influential part of Church leadership and taking on a growing importance in the life of the Church. The diaconate was conceived as a separate and permanent vocation and not simply a step on the way to priesthood. Deacons played an important part in the service of charity and of liturgy. St. Ignatius depicted them as assistants and “fellow servants” of the bishop. He also wrote that “they represent Jesus Christ.” In doing this he was relating to the fact that, above all, Christ’s ministry was a ministry of service, which is at the heart of diaconal ministry.

As it was originally envisioned and practiced, the best way to understand the diaconate in relation to the other two orders of Church hierarchy is not to think of them in terms of modern ideas of status or rank, but rather, to understand them, as the ancients did, in terms of function.

As the spiritual descendant of the apostles, the role of the bishop is to serve as the spiritual leader of the community. Assisting him in that role are two other orders – that of the ministerial priesthood and that of the diaconate. Priests are ordained primarily to assist the bishops in their pastoral mission. Together with the bishop, priests “serve the Church in the person of Christ as head of the Body”<sup>1</sup>. Deacons are ordained primarily to a ministry of charitable service and are “... configured to Christ, the Deacon – or Servant – of all.”<sup>1</sup> Of course, the functional distinctions between these various ministries do overlap to some extent. Priests also have an obligation to charitable service as part of their ministry; deacons have certain liturgical responsibilities and some, but not all of the sacramental faculties of a priest.

Eventually, the diaconate, as a permanent order, began to experience a decline. The reasons for this are many and varied. But, by about the ninth or tenth centuries, men were being ordained to the diaconate only as a step on the way to priesthood. Finally, in 1964, as part of the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the Diaconate was restored as a permanent order within Church hierarchy. Men preparing for priesthood are still ordained to the diaconate before they are ordained as priests. These deacons are referred to as Transitional Deacons, whereas men who are ordained to the diaconate with no intent to become priests are referred to as Permanent Deacons.

Today, there are about 30,000 Permanent Deacons around the world. Half of them are here in the U.S. The country with the second largest contingent of deacons is Brazil. The Archdiocese of Boston ordained its first group of Permanent Deacons in 1976. There are about 220 Permanent Deacons actively serving throughout the archdiocese. Most deacons are assigned to parishes where they become involved in many aspects of the life of the parish. But, they are also found performing other types of charitable work. Many have ministries as prison or hospital chaplains. Some have duties at the archdiocese. In terms of their liturgical and sacramental faculties deacons: have a special role to play at Mass, including proclaiming the Gospel and preaching; perform baptisms and benediction and other blessings permitted by canon law; officiate at marriages, wakes and cemetery services.

Most Permanent Deacons are married with families. Their diaconal ministry is in addition to, not instead of, their responsibilities as husbands and fathers. They are responsible for their own livelihoods and, generally, continue in whatever career or vocation they had prior to ordination. Deacons are subject to same celibacy rule as priests, except that a married man may become a deacon. So, practically speaking, a married man may become a deacon, but a deacon may not marry.

The Church fully recognizes the importance of the sacrament of marriage, the essential role that a wife plays in a deacon's ministry, and the impact that ordination can have on a man's family. For those reasons, a married man will not be ordained a deacon without his wife's express permission. The diaconate community is very definitely a community of deacons AND wives - people who love the Church and are filled with the Holy Spirit. Having been a Permanent Deacon for almost 7 years now, I can say that it really is a wonderful ministry. I don't know of any deacon in this archdiocese who regrets his ordination.

A man must be at least 35 years old at ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. The diaconate formation program in Boston is a four-year program consisting of class work (two nights per week during the school year at St. John's Seminary), a summer internship, retreats, spiritual direction, etc. More information and requirements for admission to the program may be found on the diaconate website [www.bostondiaconate.org](http://www.bostondiaconate.org).

## *Deacon Dick*

### **1. U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults.**