

# St. Margaret's Parish

Burlington, MA

February 14, 2010

**GOD OUR FATHER  
YOU CREATE US FROM  
THE DUST OF THE EARTH  
GRANT THAT THESE ASHES MAY BE  
FOR US A SIGN OF OUR PENITENCE  
AND A SYMBOL OF OUR MORTALITY**



*Ash Wednesday*

# St. Margaret's Parish

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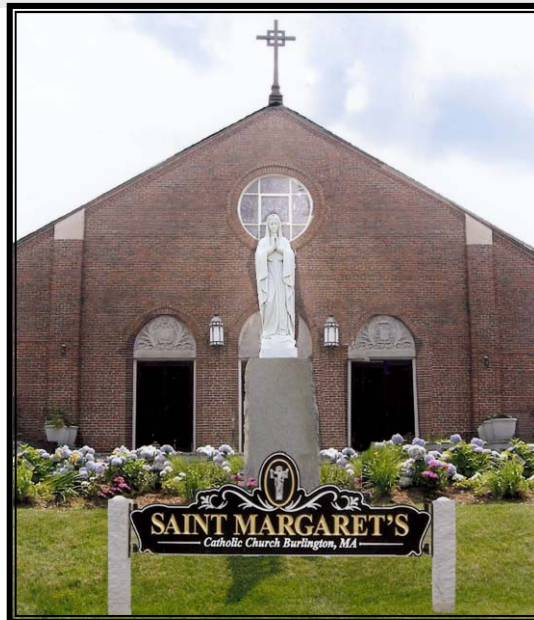


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Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, February 14, 2010 is Valentine's Day and I would be remiss if I didn't wish everyone the very best on this special day. I hope Cupid is alive and well in the town of Burlington. This day is a reminder to all couples and families that love is what makes the world go round and it is the glue that keeps it all together. And that the perfection of love is found in God alone.

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses and the Mass schedule is listed below. Lent is a call to a springtime kind of penance, namely the softening of the ground, a digging and plowing down into our souls, so necessary if God's grace is to lead us to an Easter fruitfulness.

Our young people in religious education class will have the opportunity to use mite boxes if they so choose. There are Lenten folders for adults at the entrances to the church on the tables if you opt to participate. Our young people usually bring them to the children's Mass on Sunday morning and we recognize them in the bulletin. All folders can be placed in the collection box. Thanks beforehand to all who participate this Lent.

*Fr. Robinson*

## Ash Wednesday - February 17, 2010



**6:45 a.m. - Mass & Ashes**

**9:00 a.m. - Mass & Ashes**

**7:30 p.m. - Mass & Ashes**



**Stations of the Cross**  
**Every Friday afternoon in Lent at 3:00 p.m.**  
**In the upstairs church**



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**LENT** is a period of special penitential observance. Following the instructions of the Holy See, The Bishops of the United States have declared that the obligation to fast and to abstain from meat still binds on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In this matter, the faithful enjoy freedom in conscience to excuse themselves, but as the Bishops state, "no Catholic Christian will lightly excuse himself (herself) from so hallowed an obligation" on these days. In addition, the tradition of abstinence from meat on the other Fridays of Lent is preserved.



## 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>Feb. 13</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Frank Battistello</b>
		<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Helen Carr</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 14</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Donal Dignan</b>
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Mary McCarthy</b>
		<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Jane Murphy</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 15</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Rev. William Anderson</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 16</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sharon Impemba &amp; Louise Arseneault</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb. 19</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Angelo Capodilupo</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 20</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Joseph &amp; Josephine Lombardi</b>
		<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Stephen Malames (2nd Anniversary)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 21</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Josh &amp; Lucy Bennett</b>
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>William Perry (2nd Anniversary)</b>
		<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Rev. James Shaughnessey</b>



## Prayers for the Sick



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

Barbara Churchill  
 Barbara Danner  
 John Archer  
 Robert Menzies  
 Ruth M.  
 Harry B.  
 Carlos Rodriguez  
 Dick Butler  
 Joe Baldrate  
 John Nagle  
 Baby Haley  
 Baby Courtney  
 Ollie Muir  
 Joe C.  
 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 Mary Ellen Strachan, John Presti, Noreen Gilbert & Albert Russo. We ask that all of us remember these parishioners and their families in Mass & prayer.

**Tax Statements** - Your 2009 contributions to the parish have been recorded & the statements are at the rectory. You may pick them up, preferably between 10:30am and 5:00pm on weekdays. If you know the figure is incorrect please call Fr. Robinson.

**St. Margaret's Bible Study** - There is no meeting on Feb.17th but will resume on Feb.24th.

**Tour of Ireland** - Sponsored by St. Malachy's Church, May 13-21, 2010. For information call the Maloney's at 781-272-6236.

**Jobs, Jobs, Jobs** - The 2010 census will soon be taken. The Federal Government is now hiring at the rate of \$15.-20 per hour. Hours are flexible & you will be working near your home. Please call 1-866-861-2010 to register & for information.

**2010 Census** - Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to state, local and tribal governments based on census data. By completing and returning your census form, you also help guide funding decisions for our schools, hospitals and child-care centers, as well as affect our voice in Congress. The data collected are used to determine voting districts for all levels of city, state and nationally elected offices. Play a role in important decisions that government leaders will make in the next 10 years. Please complete and mail back your form and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same. For more information, visit [2010census.gov](http://2010census.gov).

**Archdiocesan Parish Family Baby Shower** - Many thanks to all the parishioners who contributed gifts of clothing, diaper bags, bottles, sheets, pacifiers, baby powder, & blanket sleepers that we had asked for and also to all those who gave monetary donations. The shower was a huge success and all the folks that received the help thank you too.

**Heartbeat** - Thank you so much to all who generously provided funds and baby needs to Heartbeat for families we serve. The blankets sleepers, sweaters, onesies, outfits, diaper, wipes, socks, bibs and other needed items, along with the much-needed checks and cash totaling \$450 are greatly appreciated! One hundred three babies were born during 2009 to families helped by Heartbeat and nine so far this year. We continue to assist the families for several years, as needed. Pregnant and new moms may call 781-229-7887.

## Altar Ministries – Feb. 13/14



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

**Saturday**  
**7:30 PM**  
Fr. Kaufman  
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Andree & Michael Wheeler  
  
Kevin , Brian, & Mary Cox

**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**  
Fr. Kaufman  
Christine Field  
Dick Hanafin, Bill Boudreau, Keavan Stryker  
  
Matt, Mike, & Rob Ackerman

**10:00 AM Children's Mass**  
**Celebrant:** No Mass  
**Cantor:** April Healy, George Vallas  
**Eucharistic Team:** Nicole Griffin, Mary Rigby, Jolene Fogerty  
**Server(s):** Rachel & Emily Murgo

**12:00 Noon**  
Fr. Kaufman  
Christine Field  
Paul Mazzocca, Arthur Huse  
  
Olivia Varghese, 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.

### February 7, 2010 Latest Financial Figures

**\$7,288 - Weekly Offertory Collection**  
**\$8,998 - Weekly Amount Banked For The Parish**  
**\$408,911 - Amount Banked YTD**  
**\$336,000 - Budget YTD**  
**\$72,911 - Budget Variance YTD**

Second Collections  
**\$2,100 - Peter's Pence**  
**February 21 - 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

Mary Murgo – Director

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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 2: Congratulations** to Max O'Brien, James Brown, Kylee Reekie, Bridgette Nocella, Kaitlyn Foley, Joseph Abramo, Michael Fazio, Christopher Worthington, Chloe McGonagle, and Keith Herlihy for passing their prayer tests! Each student received a certificate and a prize.

### 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



## Ashes

One of the things that has always fascinated me about Ash Wednesday is how important it is to so many Catholics that they receive the ashes. We live in a secular culture – a culture which wants to keep religion at arms length; one which seems to barely recognize the concept of sinfulness, much less extol the virtues of penance and repentance. And yet, when Ash Wednesday rolls around, I am amazed that so many Catholics, even many who do not practice actively, make it a point to get to Church, receive their ashes, and walk around all day in public with this very visible sign of who they are. I was at a retreat one time speaking with one of my deacon classmates about this. He told me that he used to work at Filene's in Boston. And, a few years ago, when the people he worked with found out that he was a deacon, many of them asked him to actually bring ashes to the store and give them their ashes there.

I find all of this quite remarkable and very affirming. I find it remarkable because the ashes we receive are symbolic of many things of which we don't like to be reminded. They remind us that we are products of his world and that we are mortal beings. They remind us that we are sinners and in need of repentance. And, as true as all of that may be, in general, we don't like to hear that stuff.

I find it affirming because wearing ashes identifies us as members of the Body of Christ, people who recognize, at some level at least, that we are on a journey of conversion in solidarity with others who share the same faith. That so many Catholics are not only willing, but actively seek, to do this on Ash Wednesday – wearing ashes in public without fear or embarrassment, considering the secular culture that we live in – is very affirming.

Ultimately, ashes are about conversion - because the repentance that the ashes symbolize is supposed to lead us to conversion and a closer relationship with God. I picked up a prayer off the internet which, I think, says this very well:

*Blessed are you, O Lord our God, the all-holy one, who gives us life and all things. As we go about our lives, the press of our duties and activities often leads us to forget your presence and your love. We fall into sin and fail to live out the responsibilities that you have entrusted to those who were baptized into your Son.*

*In this holy season, help us to turn our minds and hearts back to you. Lead us into sincere repentance and renew our lives with your grace. Help us to remember that we are sinners, but even more, help us to remember your loving mercy.*

*As we live through this Ash Wednesday, may the crosses of ashes that mark our foreheads be a reminder to us and to those we meet that we belong to your Son. May our worship and prayer and penitence this day be sustained throughout these 40 days of Lent. Bring us refreshed and renewed to the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. Amen.*

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and we will all get our ashes. On Thursday, we will all be walking around with clean foreheads again. But, even though the ashes will be gone from our foreheads, let us resolve that the conversion they symbolize will remain in our hearts.

*Deacon Dick*

## *A Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal*

*Heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit.*

*Without You, I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love.*

*God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus.*

*Lord, during this Lenten Season nourish me with Your word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer.*

*Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.*

*Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.*

*Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom.*

*I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever. Amen.*

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