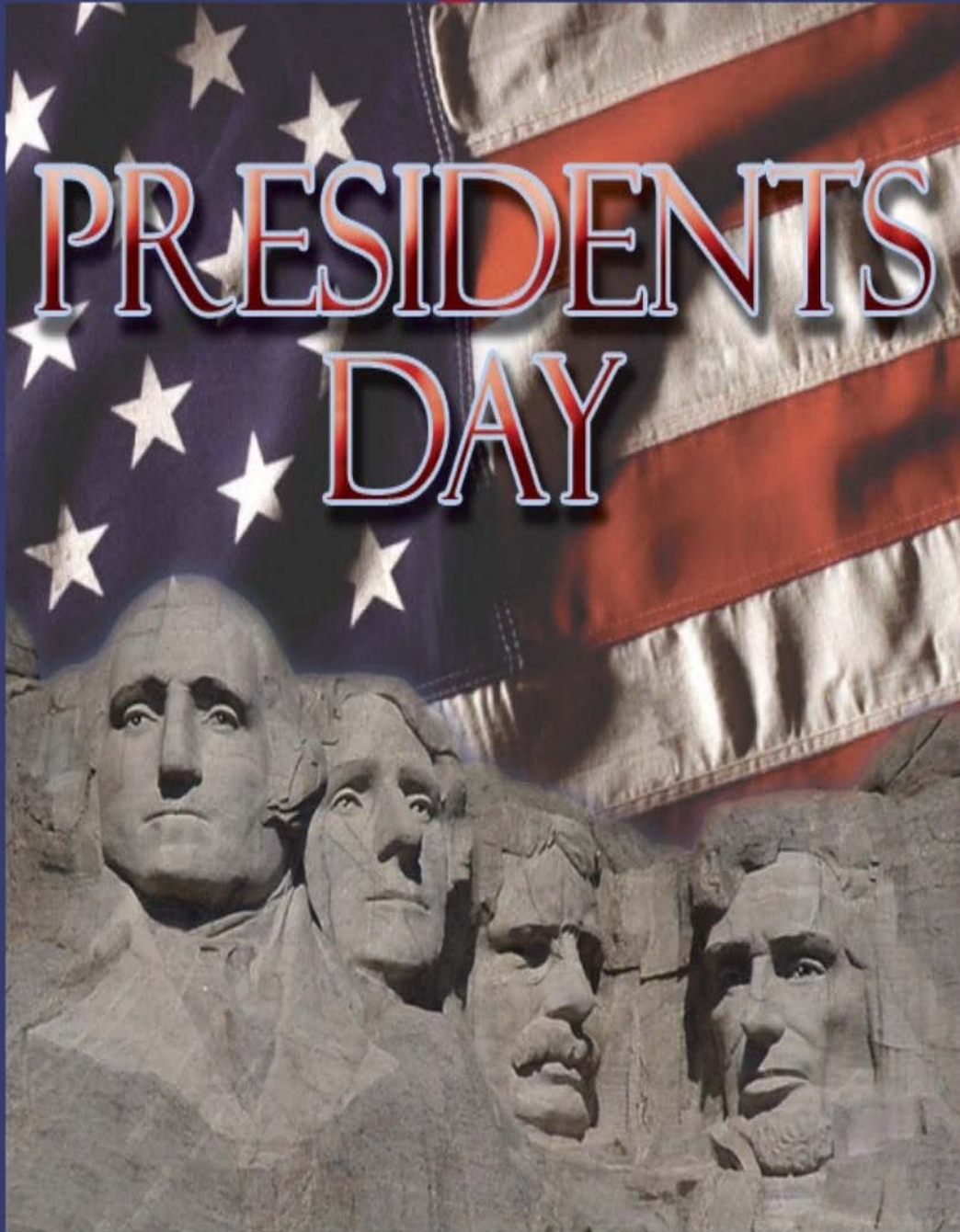


**St. Margaret's Parish  
Burlington, MA**



**Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**February 15, 2009**

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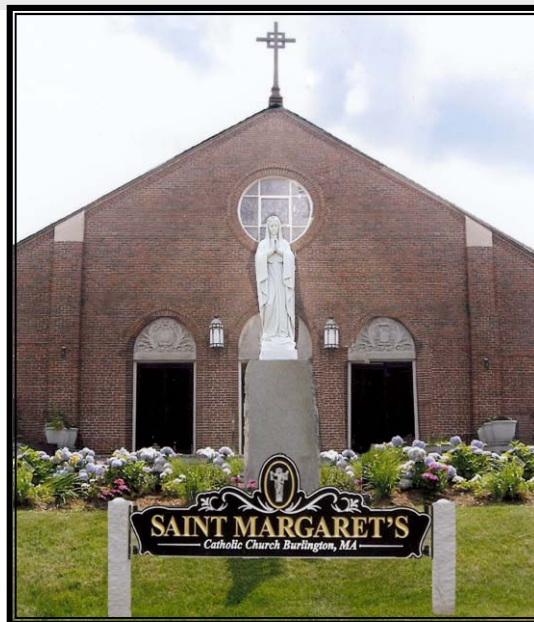


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### Helping Hands

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### Altar Servers

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### Bulletin

Deacon Dick Bilotta  
Tina Braceland  
Janet Fitzgerald

Dear Parishioners:

For years this was the week we honored Presidents Washington and Lincoln, two of our greatest Presidents. It was a tradition for school children to cut out their profiles and paste them on paper backing. For a number of years now we include all the Presidents who have served us. May we remember them in a special way this weekend.

I thought the inauguration ceremony was uninspiring and failed to connect with the audience until the final speaker arrived at the podium. He was eighty seven years of age and his face was obscured by the microphones so we could not see him too well. But Joe stole the show! Rev. Joe Lowery was one of Martin Luther King Jr.'s top lieutenants in the old Southern Christian Leadership Conference (S.C.L.C.) from the 1950's and 60's. This group of mostly Southern Baptist ministers who preached and practiced nonviolence was "the" force behind the civil rights movement and they are the "forgotten heroes" of these times. Rev. Lowery's benediction was serious and substantial as well as humorous and got a great response from those in attendance. He was a profile in wisdom and grace.

Our Church is operating on a "wing and a prayer". And that is no way to fly. The combination of priest shortage, parish closings, and the clergy abuse crisis has come close to being a knockout punch for us. The aftereffects have us surviving and not thriving. We can't really dream, all we have done is retreat and catch our breath these past few years.

Over the past few years 14 parishes that have been closed are in some form of canonical appeal, litigation, and/or vigil. The total cost to maintain all these properties has averaged \$880,000 per year. That is a lot of money spent and the cost keeps climbing. In a very real sense one could say we are being held hostage with no end to it all in sight. Needless to say, it is a never ending problem. There are no easy solutions to any of this. Personnel and finances have consumed our time and attention. If we are to get through all this, volunteerism will be the reason. It is what enables the Mormons and other religious communities to be the success that they are. They remain steadfast in giving of their time and treasure. They don't give up! We have been most fortunate as a parish to have many of our "ducks in order". We have a grasp on things to the point we know where we stand with regards to our strengths and weaknesses. Our greatest strength is the determination of all our parishioners who give of their time, talent, and treasure week in and week out. I can't thank you enough. It doesn't go unnoticed. I pray for you constantly. We need one another. The maestro is no good without the orchestra!

*Fr. Robinson*

*Eternal Truths*



*Absolute Principles*

- S Intuition will tell the thinking mind where to look next.*
- S Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding.*
- S Love is doing small things with great love.*



## 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>Feb. 14</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Richard Curley &amp; John Alicandro</b>
		<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Funeral for Patty Partridge Miller</b>
		<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Joseph &amp; Josephine Lombardi</b>
		<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Jane Murphy</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 15</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Donal Dignan</b>
		<b>10:00 am (u)</b>	<b>Persic Family</b>
		<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Angela &amp; Francesco Senna</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 16</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sharon Impemba &amp; Louise Arseneault</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 17</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sylvia Nichols</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb. 19</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Angelo Capidilupo</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 21</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Vahey Family Memorial</b>
		<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Rev. James Shaughnessey</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 22</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Paul Day</b>
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>William Perry (1st Anniversary)</b>
		<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>John McNeill (6th Anniversary)</b>

Memorial Prayers: Tom Fucarile, Michael Russo, Rev. Joseph Ryan, S. J.



## Prayers for the Sick



## Prayers for Protection



Jack Pessotti	Maria Caserta	PFC Paul Marchese	Army	Afghanistan
Grace Tramantozzi	Brian Joseph	Ens. Stephen Dutton	Navy	At Sea
Barbara Danner	Donald Welch	PFC Rebecca L. Marion	Army	Iraq
Spike Lawless	Robert Menzies	Sgt. Joseph P. Surette	Army	Korea
Sis	Sandra Davis	CPL Richard Schaufus	Marines	Okinowa
Helen Boyle	Sal Solimine	Kerry McDonough	Air Force	Iraq
Patrice Guanci	Dick Butler	MA-3 James Marchese	Navy	Italy
Dottie Halley	Scott M.	Tech Sgt. Jeremy Brooks	A.F.	Iraq
Baby Hannah	Nicholas	Pvt. Steven Colombo	Marines	USA
Jean Simpson	John Nagle	Staff Sgt. Eric Leverone	Army	Afghanistan
Bea Reese	Baby Haley	Lt. Vince Lynch	Army	Germany
Francis Ellis	Baby Courtney	STS2 Kyle J. Marchese	Navy	At Sea
Baby Declan	Ollie Muir	Capt. Chris Brooks	Army	Afghanistan
Elizabeth Walsh	Fr. Ryan	CW02 Scott Munger	Marines	Hawaii
Bella Russo	Alice Welch	Lt. Jennifer M. Delaney	USN	USA
Rebecca	Helen Feehan	LCPL Patrick Harrington	Marines	Iraq
Cathy Fichtner	Michael Munafo	Lt. Col. Mark Merlino	Army	Iraq
Connie Tedesco	Ann Martin			
Carl Christiansen	Paul Donovan			
Peggy McGarry	Joe Brown			
Barbara Danner	Baby Declan			
Peg Matarazzo				

With regards to the prayers for healing and protection, there is a need to keep the list current and not outdated. With respect to those who are sick, please verify you have their permission, as not everyone wants the public to know he or she is ill. For those in the military, please give us their rank, branch of service, and where they are stationed.



# Announcements

**Baptisms** - This past week, St. Margaret's celebrated the new life of Baptism with Brooke Lynne Berger. We congratulate her parents & rejoice with them.

**Funerals** - This past week, St. Margaret's presided at the funeral of Patty Partridge Miller & Paul Smith. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

**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, especially on our front stairs.

**New Altar Servers** - have started 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.

**Tax Statements** - have arrived and can be picked up at the rectory, preferably during the weekdays between 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. If there is a mistake just call Fr. Robinson and it will be corrected. These statements don't include the Grand Annual donation. If you need a Grand Annual statement, see Fr. Robinson.

**If You Would** - On your collection envelopes it would be a big help if you would mark the amount in the appropriate spot. Also please do not use scotch tape. We open & count by hand and these things will help in easing the process.

**Volunteer Needed** - to help clean the sanctuary area & church-if possible on Mondays- or any other time during the week. Please call Mary Peck at 781-272-1967 if you can volunteer.

**Burlington Knights of Columbus Council #4978** - will be one of nine local K of C Councils hosting a prom for the developmentally challenged, to be held on Wed., May 20, 2009 at the Tewksbury Country Club. Ages 15-35 are welcome. There is no charge for this event, and dresses & tuxedos will be provided. We are seeking sponsorships & donations of formal dresses. If you'd like to help out, or require more information on the prom, please contact Mike Judge at 781-507-1981.

**St. Margaret's Family Festival** - meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. in the downstairs Rectory. We are looking for volunteers to help plan and work at the festival on May 17. For more information, please come to the meeting or contact Lydia at (781) 272-0420.

**Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline** - 1-800-645-8333 : TTY: 1-800-377-1292. With the high cost of living in the Commonwealth and more than 522,000 people across the state struggling to put food on the table, chances are that a friend or neighbor of yours is having difficulty making ends meet this winter. Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline can help. Counselors can provide information and screen callers for food stamp eligibility, connect them to school meal programs, and direct them to emergency food resources right in their neighborhood. Their hours have been extended: Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. -7:00 pm and on Saturday: 10am-2pm.



# Religious Education



**Mary Murgo – Director**

**School Phone: 781-272-5810**

**Stmargccd@hotmail.com**

**GRADE 2:** There will be a mandatory parents' meeting on **Sunday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m.** in the school hall to discuss First Penance and First Communion. Please make every effort to attend.

**GRADE 2:** Informational letters went home with students on Sunday, February 8th. If you did not receive one, please ask your child's teacher for a copy of the letter.

**GRADE 2: Congratulations** to Jayson Blouin, Mikayla Bonaventura, Christopher Boyle, Robert Castelluccio, Connor Collins, Joshua Coughlin, Elijah Gullage, Steven Humphreys, Cameron Impemba, Garrett Mallard, Sean McGillivray, William Metcalf, Madison Metzdorf, Patrick Miniutti, Liam Murphy, Jillian Murray, Ryan O'Connor, Magdalena Papia, John Pestana, Alyson Pinkham, Timothy Pinkham, Anthony Ponzini, Jessica Poulin, Caitlin Shea, Anthony Uberti, Kevin Urquhart, and Cameron Wheelock for successfully passing their oral prayer tests! *(Parents, thank you for helping your children learn their prayers!)*

**GRADE 2: PARENTS** please help your children practice the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be and Act of Contrition at home. All oral prayer testing should be completed by **March 8th, 2009**. See [www.schoolnotes.com](http://www.schoolnotes.com) for copies of the required prayers.

**FIRST PENANCE** will take place on **Saturday, April 4th** at 9:30 and at 11:30 in the upstairs church. Students whose last names begin with **A-L** will make First Penance at **9:30 a.m.** Students whose last names begin with **M-Z** will make First Penance at **11:30 a.m.** Second grade students and their parents are invited to attend a reception at the school hall immediately after the penance service. The reception will be provided by students in grades 9 and 10.

**GRADES 2 and 3 Schedule Change:** Due to the snow cancellations, the lessons on Child Safety will **not** be taught at the end of the weekly religious education lessons. Instead, all of the Child Safety lessons will be taught on Sunday, May 17th, 2009. Parent volunteers are needed to teach these lessons. Training is available for interested parents. To sign up for training or to find out more information, please send an email to [stmargccd@hotmail.com](mailto:stmargccd@hotmail.com).



**Altar Ministries – Feb 14 / 15**



**Saturday**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Robinson  
**Cantor:** Chuck Carnell  
**Reader:** Joanne Mackey  
**EMHC(s):** Rosella Bilotta, Joanne O’Keeffe,  
 Elaine Wishneusky  
**Server(s):** Ross Griffin, Kevin Cox

**Saturday**  
**7:30 PM**  
 Fr. Robinson  
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 Ron Kurtz  
 Mary Lou McQuinn, Stephen Morecroft  
 Ashley Poland, Jillian Ghio

**Sunday**  
**7:30 AM**  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Robinson  
**Cantor:**  
**Reader:** Dawn Dionne  
**EMHC(s):** Lucy Bramanti, Beth Mackey  
**Server(s):** Annabelle Dionne, Riley Feller

**Sunday**  
**10:00 AM Upper Church**  
 Fr. Robinson  
 Christine Field  
 Dick Hanafin  
 Bill Boudreau, Keavan Stryker  
 Joe & Sean Maguire

**10:00 AM Children’s Mass**  
**Celebrant:** No Mass  
**Cantor:**  
**Reader:** ---  
**EMHC(s):**  
**Server(s):**

**12:00 Noon**  
 Fr. Robinson  
 Christine Field  
 Paul Mazzocca  
 Arthur Huse  
 James & John Kuczynski

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 8, 2009**  
**Latest Financial Figures**

**\$6,873 - Weekly Offertory Collection**  
**\$2,278 - Peter’s Pence**  
**\$8,081 - Weekly Amount Banked**  
**\$390,038 - Amount Banked YTD**  
**\$360,000 - Budget Year to Date**  
**\$30,038 - Budget Surplus Year to Date**

**Upcoming Second Collections**

**February 15 - Building Fund**

# The Peace Scholarship

Each year, the Burlington Interfaith Clergy Council sponsors a Peace Scholarship which is available to high school seniors who are graduating that year. This year, up to two scholarships of \$1,000 each are available. The following congregations sponsor the scholarships: Presbyterian Church, St. Malachy's Church, St. Margaret's Church, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Temple Shalom Emeth, United Church of Christ, Congregational.

The purpose of the award is to recognize seniors who have contributed in significant ways to establishing a climate of understanding, mutual acceptance, and resolution of conflict within and beyond their school. They have succeeded in raising awareness of the importance of these values at a time when preventing violence and accepting differences are of vital importance.

Any high school senior who either lives or attends school in Burlington is available. Anyone may nominate a student for the scholarship. The nomination form is on the next page. The deadline for making nominations this year is March 20<sup>th</sup>. The nominations are reviewed by a special awards committee which represents the sponsoring congregations. Based on the review, students will be invited to an interview with the awards committee. After the interviews have been completed, the awards will be determined.

Guidelines for selection of awardees are as follows:

- > This scholarship is for student peacemakers. We will consider only nominees for whom specific activities in the area of peacemaking, or contributions to the cause of peaceful relations in school and/or community, are described. We are specifically interested in peace-promoting activities rather than general community service.
- > This is a unique scholarship, emphasizing character and achievement in an area with fewer measurable standards than most others. We hope that no student would be precluded from consideration either because of receipt of other awards, or of lack of qualifications for other awards.
- > This award is not based, in any way, on academic performance.
- > The further education toward which a student aspires may be of any nature.
- > It is suggested that nominees might have contributed either to programs relating to multicultural, racial, or sexual understanding, or to peer mediation. However, it is our hope that any student who has shown character in a particular act or course of action, or pattern of behavior, regardless of connection to particular programs, be considered for this award.

If you think you know of a student who may be deserving of this scholarship, please fill out the nomination form as soon as possible.

**PEACE SCHOLARSHIP OF \$1,000  
FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR FROM BURLINGTON  
SPRING 2009  
NOMINATION FORM**

Please see attached description of this scholarship,  
its purpose and selection guidelines

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the student and in what capacity?

Reasons for nomination:

How has this student fulfilled the purpose for this scholarship? **Please attach one or two pages, describing in detail (with specifics) how this student has promoted peace** through  
1) contributions to programs in school or community and/or 2) an action or patterns of behavior unrelated to membership in any program. We are interested in **peace-promoting activities** rather than general community service or scholarship.

We plan to select and interview candidates in April, prior to final decision. May we contact you for further information? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this nomination **by March 20** to:

Deacon Richard Bilotta  
3 Ruping Drive  
Burlington, MA 01803