

*St. Margaret's Parish*  
Burlington, MA



Create in me  
a clean heart,  
O God

Psalms 51:10

*First Sunday of Lent*  
March 1, 2009

# St. Margaret's Parish

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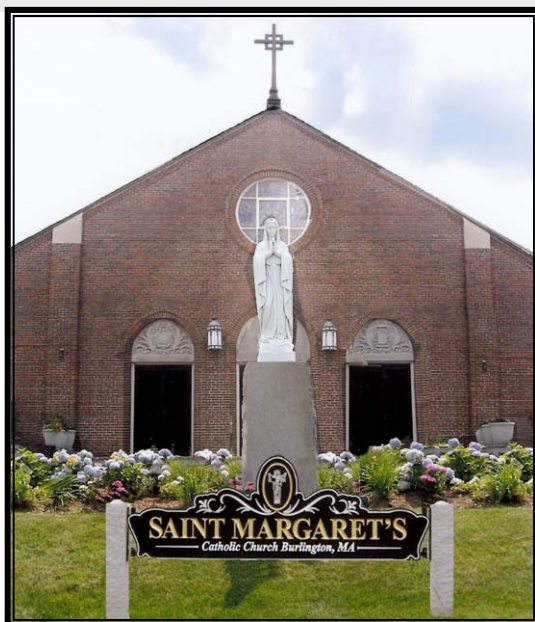


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## Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Date: February 8, 2009

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

1. Steve Morecroft responded to our bulletin request asking for volunteers to join us as council members. Thank you Steve!
2. All major projects have been completed. Throughout the past Spring, Summer, and Fall volunteers have cleaned out the entire area at the far end of the parking lot, from Winn St. to the top of the hill. The place was a jungle and a lot of work went into removing trash and deadwood. The neighbors have thanked us for eliminating an eyesore. Leaks in the rectory roof forced us to replace the twenty-five year old roof with architectural shingles which look very nice and match in color the slate tiles on the church. All the windows in the church have been re-glazed. The trim of both the church and rectory has been repainted to soften the contrast and people have commented favorably. Please note the golden cross on top of the church! The sacristy and elevator corridor were repainted because of water damage when the sacristy roof was repaired last Fall. The ceiling fans in the church were replaced and donated by a parishioner. The motors had burned out and were not functioning correctly. Our gardening committee has planted another 150 bulbs that will bloom in the Spring, and trees and vines on the hill behind the church have been cut down. The woodwork throughout the church has been refinished. It may well have been untouched since the church was built (1956). It was dried out, it had shoe marks along the aisles, and water stains in the sanctuary area. All projects had multiple bidders and the Finance Committee is convinced we received very good quality work at the best price.
3. The one serious problem to be solved is the front stairs. On numerous occasions throughout the years, the mortar and caulking hasn't held. Twice in the past two years we have had work done and it doesn't hold together. It seems that every slab of granite has to be pulled up to see what the problem is underneath. It may well be there is a spring beneath the ground, because water is getting in there and undermining everything. This could be a very expensive project and will be addressed come good weather.
4. The need for a spiritual development program was again identified as necessary to prime the pump for our parish. The diocese has the "Arise" program and we will gather information and address it at the next meeting.
5. Our religious education program is progressing. Given the fact that we have not been in compliance with the child advocacy diocesan guidelines over these past four years, we have a difficult task before us. We have sent lay representatives from our parish to be trained at two day sessions for both child protection and "talk about touching" programs. In turn, they are currently beginning to train our teachers and inform parents as to what this is all about. All this has been mandated by a state-diocese agreement and at the end of this school year, we hope to be in compliance. Our ninth graders attended a chastity program presentation which was well received. Our confirmation students will have a retreat program in the Spring. Our high school students meet monthly and it is one of the few programs existing in the diocese. First Communion and First Penance parent meetings communicated all requirements and if parents cooperate, then this program will be a meaningful one.
6. Our personnel department in the archdiocese currently has no priest available for full-time assignment. We will have to get along with just weekend help. This poses a terrible problem for us. How it will be resolved is yet to be determined.
7. The Spring festival is planned for Sunday, May 17, 2009. The Raffle Committee determined the \$100 per ticket raffle be cancelled given the state of the economy.

The date of the next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be published in the bulletin.



## 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.</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Anthony &amp; Marion Kuczynski</b>
			<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Winifred Brown</b>
			<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Helen Carr</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10:00 am(u)</b>	<b>William Morrissey</b>
			<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Joseph Michael Moroney Jr.(4th Anniversary)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mar.</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Laszio Toth &amp; Family</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mar.</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Joseph Valerio</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mar.</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Peter Finnerty</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar.</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6:45 am</b>	<b>Connie, Margaret, Connie Jr., George, Jim Hanafin &amp; Donal Dignan</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar.</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>O'Keeffe &amp; Lalime Families</b>
			<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>The Delaney Family</b>
			<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Cesar Matos</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar.</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Patrick Gandolfo</b>
			<b>10:00 am(u)</b>	<b>Callahan &amp; Orrino Families</b>
			<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Rev. James Shaughnessey</b>

**Memorial Prayers: Fr. Martin E. Ryan, S.J.**



### Prayers for the Sick



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



### 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
Kerry McDonough	Air Force	Iraq
MA-3 James Marchese	Navy	Italy
Tech Sgt. Jeremy Brooks	Air Force	Iraq
Pvt. 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	US Navy	USA
LCPL Patrick Harrington	Marines	Iraq
Lt. Col. Mark Merlino	Army	Iraq

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 some of our "little" parishioners. We congratulate the parents & rejoice with them.  
Mairead Isabelle Niedermeier      Olivia Ryan Brady      Kyleigh Rose Rabazzi.

**Funerals**- This past week, St. Margaret's presided at the funerals of James Gillis and Philip Luongo. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

**Eucharistic Ministers** - The diocese is holding a regional workshop in our parish hall on Tuesday evenings March 3 and March 10 from 7-9 p.m. Please see Fr. Robinson if interested.

**Pro-Life Issue** - There are postcards at all entrances to the church for those of you interested in addressing them to members of Congress, stating your opposition to the Freedom of Choice Act. The National Conference of Bishops is designating this group postcard mailing as one way to witness our pro-life stance on the abortion issue.

**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.

**Catholic Appeal** - The weekend of March 7-8 will be Catholic Appeal Weekend here at St. Margaret's. Cardinal Sean is asking every Catholic household to participate in the 2009 Catholic Appeal, which funds the many central ministries and services of the Archdiocese of Boston. The Catholic Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish so your participation and support are critical. For more information, please visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org).

**Bible Study** - will resume on March 4th.

**Eucharistic Adoration** - will be held First Friday, March 6, 2009 after the 9am Mass from 9:30am-5:00pm ending in Benediction. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited at 3pm by Deacon Counihan. Sign up sheets will be at the back of the church to ensure we have coverage for all hours. If you can't come for an hour, please come at your convenience.

**How To Be A Catholic In A Changing Church (and In A Changing World)**- March 5 at St. Irene's Parish Hall (lower level) 187 East. St. Carlisle. Theologian & popular author Michael O'Laughlin, Th.D at 7:30pm.

**Stations of the Cross** - Will not be held on Friday, March 6 and will resume on March 13.

**St. Margaret's Family Festival Meeting** - Wed., March 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rectory. Anyone who would like to help plans this years festivities is welcome. Please contact Lydia at (781) 272-0420.



# Religious Education

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**GRADE 8: Home school** students must attend class on **Monday March 9th** to see the final required video. All home school packets and books must be returned **before April 1st** for credit. Please contact Mr. Moreno at 781-272-5375 with questions.

**GRADE 8** is in dire need of a CCD instructor. Classroom assistants can be arranged. It is a most rewarding experience. Call Mr. Moreno at 781-272-5375 for information.

**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: Congratulations** to Christopher Boyle, Jake Doherty, Robby Griffin, Jenna Heffler, Michelle Johnson, Carly Konikowski, Chloe MacNeil, Hannah MacNeil, Mitchell Maida, Flynn Reardon, Alicia Scioli, and Lucas Trabucco for successfully passing their oral prayer tests! (*Parents, thanks for your help!*)

**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).

**Please Note** - Any religious education teacher in grades seven through twelve, who is interested and has the time, St. Margaret's will sponsor for an all-day symposium for adolescent catechesis featuring the Cardinal and other presenters at the new Pastoral Center in Braintree on Tuesday, March 5, 2009 from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Lunch is included. Please see Fr. Robinson as soon as possible as seats are limited.

**Altar Ministries – Feb 28 / Mar 1**



**Saturday**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Celebrant:** Father Robinson  
**Cantor:** Chuck Carnell  
**Reader:** Janet Fitzgerald  
**EMHC(s):** Joanne O’Keeffe, Elaine Wishneusky,  
 Rosella Bilotta  
**Server(s):** Jake Hanafin, Nicole Scola

**Saturday**  
**7:30 PM**  
 Father Robinson  
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 Michael Fazio  
 Frances Fazio, Jean Field  
 Marie Fazio, Riley Feller

**Sunday**  
**7:30 AM**  
**Celebrant:** Father Robinson  
**Cantor:** ---  
**Reader:** Beth Mackey  
**EMHC(s):** Lucy Bramanti, Dawn Dionne  
**Server(s):** Annabelle Dionne, Ashley Poland

**Sunday**  
**10:00 AM Upper Church**  
 Father Kilroy  
 Christine Field  
 Dick Hanafin  
 Bill Boudreau, Keavan Stryker  
 Matt, Mike, & Rob Ackerman

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

**12:00 Noon**  
 Father Kilroy  
 Christine Field  
 Paul Mazzocca  
 Arthur Huse  
 Joe & Sean Maguire

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

**February 22, 2009**  
**Latest Financial Figures**

**\$7,227 - Weekly Offertory Collection**  
**\$8,217 - Weekly Amount Banked**  
**\$410,521 - Amount Banked YTD**  
**\$382,500 - Budget Year to Date**  
**\$28,021 - Budget Surplus Year to Date**

**Upcoming Second Collections**

**March 8 - Catholic Appeal**  
**March 15 - Building Fund**

## The Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a remarkable sign of God's great love for us. In his merciful efforts to bring us safely to himself in heaven, God seems to have gone to the very limit. Jesus has given us the sacrament of Baptism, in which original sin and all pre-Baptismal sins are cleansed from the soul. Allowing for mankind's spiritual weakness, Jesus also gave us the sacrament of Penance, by which post-Baptismal sins could be forgiven. Finally, as though to make doubly sure that no one, except through his own deliberate fault, would lose heaven or even spend time in purgatory, Jesus instituted the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

### A special sacrament for the sick & suffering

The Catechism of the Catholic Church's section on [the Anointing of the Sick](#) defines the purpose of the sacrament as "the conferral of a special grace on the Christian experiencing the difficulties inherent in the condition of grave illness or old age." (*Catechism*, 1527) In his Gospel St. Mark (6:12-13) gives us an indication of this sacrament of the sick when he tells us that the apostles, going forth, "preached that men should repent, and they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many sick people, and healed them." However, the classical description which the Bible gives of the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is found in the Epistle of St. James: Is anyone among you sick? Let him bring in the presbyters [priests] of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he be in sins, they shall be forgiven him. (*James 5:14-15*)

#### When should you receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick?

This sacrament remains one of the least understood in the Catholic Church. Years ago, this sacrament was known as *Extreme Unction* and given only when a person was near death. However, the reforms of the Second Vatican Council made it clear that this sacrament is intended for anyone who is seriously ill, about to have surgery, etc. even if the person is not expected to die.

Catholics are encouraged to take advantage of this sacrament any time it is warranted by the state of their health. There is no limit as to the number of times this sacrament can be received.

**The Oil of the Sick** The oil used in administering the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is called Oil of the Sick. It is one of the three Holy oils blessed by the bishop of the diocese at his cathedral on Holy Thursday morning, the other two Holy Oils being Holy Chrism and the Oil of Catechumens, which is used in Baptism. Oil of the Sick is pure olive oil—nothing being added except the blessing of the bishop. Its appropriateness as part of the outward sign of Anointing of the Sick is evident from the healing and strengthening effects which are characteristic of olive oil. The **essence** of the sacrament lies in the actual anointing and the short prayer which accompanies the anointing. In giving the sacrament, the priest anoints the sick person on the forehead and hands. During this anointing, the priest says: "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up."

### Graces of the sacrament

In common with all the sacraments, Anointing of the Sick confers sanctifying grace.

It is an increase in sanctifying grace that Anointing of the Sick gives, since it presupposes that the recipient already is free from mortal sin. Thus there is intensified in the soul that supernatural life, that oneness with God, which is the source of all spiritual strength as it is also the measure of our capacity for the happiness of heaven.

Besides this increase in sanctifying grace, Anointing of the Sick gives its own special sacramental grace. The primary purpose of the special grace of Anointing of the Sick is to comfort and to strengthen the soul of the sick person.

- This is the grace that quiets anxiety and dissipates fear.
- It is the grace which enables the sick person to embrace God's will and to face the possibility of death without apprehension.

It is the grace which gives the soul the strength to face and conquer whatever temptations to doubt, despondency, or even despair may mark Satan's last effort to seize this soul for himself.

### **Secondary effects**

This spiritual tranquility and strength is further increased by the second effect of Anointing of the Sick. This is the preparation of the soul for entrance into heaven by the forgiveness of venial sins and the cleansing of the soul from the remains of sin. If we are so blessed as to receive the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick in our last illness, we may have every confidence that we shall enter into the happiness of heaven immediately after death. We hope that our friends still will continue to pray for us after death, since we never can be sure of the adequacy of our own dispositions in receiving this sacrament; and if we do not need the prayers, someone else will profit by them. Yet we should have a high degree of confidence, once we have received Anointing of the Sick, that we shall look upon the face of God moments after our soul leaves our body. The soul has been cleansed from all that might hold it back from God, from venial sins and from the temporal punishment due to sin. The "remains of sin" from which Anointing of the Sick cleanses the soul include that moral weakness of soul which is the result of sin, both of original sin and our own sins. This weakness—even to the point of spiritual indifference—is likely to afflict that person especially who has been a habitual sinner. Here again, the soul of the sick person is tempered and prepared against the possibility of any last-moment conflict with the world, the flesh, and the devil.

### **The Anointing of the Sick complements Confession**

Since Penance (Confession) is the sacrament by which God intends our mortal sins to be forgiven, a sick person who has mortal sins to confess must receive the sacrament of Penance before he receives the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. However, it is a comfort to know that Anointing of the Sick does forgive mortal sin also if the critically ill person is unable to receive the sacrament of Penance. This could happen, for example, if Anointing of the Sick were administered to an unconscious person who had made an act of imperfect contrition for his mortal sins before losing consciousness.

### **Healing the sick**

It is plain that the principal purpose of the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a spiritual one: to prepare the soul for death, if death is to eventuate. However, there is a secondary and conditional effect of Anointing of the Sick: the recovery of bodily health by the sick or injured person. The condition under which this secondary effect can be expected to operate is stated by the Council of Trent: "When it is expedient for the soul's salvation." Any recovery, however, is not likely to be a sudden miraculous recovery. God does not multiply marvels unnecessarily. Whenever possible he works through natural causes. In this instance, recovery will be the result of the powers of nature, stimulated by the graces of the sacrament. By eliminating anxiety, abolishing fear, inspiring confidence in God with resignation to his will, Anointing of the Sick reacts upon the bodily processes for the physical betterment of the patient.

*Recommended by Deacon Dick*