

# Call to Adoration



When Blessed Mother Theresa was asked: "What will convert America and save the world?"  
She replied: "My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in  
the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer."

## **St. Margaret's Parish**

**Burlington, MA ~ November 29, 2009**

### **First Sunday of Advent**

# St. Margaret's Parish

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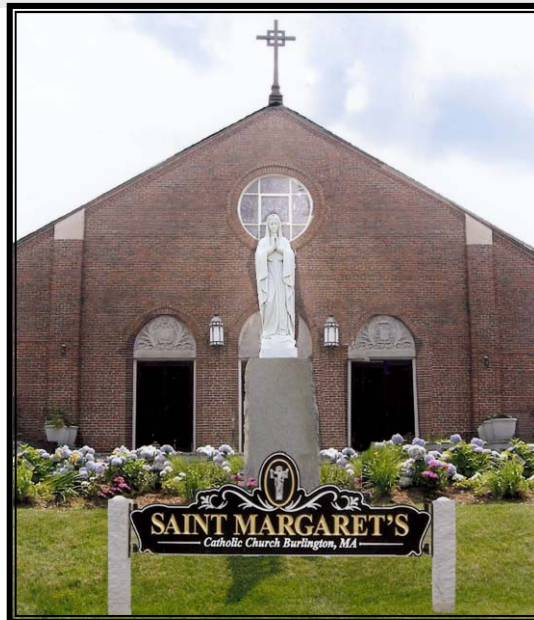


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Dear Parishioners:

The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year for our Church. Expectation is the theme of this season. Simply put, as the world awaited the first coming of the Messiah, we await His second coming. But let's not forget that He comes to us in so many ways on a daily basis. If we lose sight of this reality then it is very easy to despair. A recognition that He is alive and well and living in our midst brings hope to a fallen world. Hope is a necessary ingredient to a meaningful and purposeful life. May this Advent season prepare us for His coming.

Entering and exiting our church premises can be very dangerous. I ask that everyone be extremely careful, always on the look-out for pedestrians, especially children. Please drive very slowly. God has been with us! Why we haven't had any accidents is beyond me. With the amount of people and cars coming and going we have been very lucky. Again, drive defensively.

Also, if anyone notices others having a difficult time coming up or going down our stairs, please offer assistance. Many of our parishioners are determined to attend Mass even though their age and health have taken a toll on them. Take the time to look around for anyone who needs assistance.

While our Grand Annual Collection officially ended last week feel free to contribute at anytime if you haven't done so already. Our count stands at \$77, 532 and that money will go a long way in helping us to pay our bills and remain in the black at the end of the current fiscal year in June. I thank everyone for your generosity. It is greatly appreciated.

I thank all who were involved with our Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Service last Monday night. Our choir again gave of their time and contributed to a very nice evening. It is the one time during the year that all of us townsfolk come together and pray.

Father Peter Shen is no longer in Natick. He has moved to St. Bridget's in Framingham. And Father Romain is living at St. Irene's in Carlisle, having moved from Medford some time ago. Father Ed McCabe, who was stationed here at St. Margaret's in the 1970's, was the chaplain on duty at Fort Hood in Texas on the day of the shootings. He ministered to the victims and has been recognized in the press and other media. Well done Father Edward!

*Fr. Robinson*

## **Saint Margaret's Grand Annual Collection**

<u>Week</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
1	\$28,347	\$17,969	\$38,304
2	\$38,012	\$21,393	\$51,773
3	\$48,112	\$26,079	\$61,923
4	\$54,102	\$30,244	\$66,533
5	\$59,837	\$34,964	\$78,973
6	\$64,452	\$38,044	\$83,693
7	\$68,927	\$40,167	\$83,993
8	\$77,532	\$63,417	\$84,343



## 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>Nov. 28</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Hartigan &amp; DeRosa Families</b>
		<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Mary Cullinane</b>
		<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Emin &amp; Surabian Families</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov. 29</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Peter Daly</b>
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Florena Hagan</b>
		<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Alice &amp; Raymond Conway &amp; Lawrence Conway II</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov. 30</b>	<b>6:45 am</b>	<b>Miriam Kniaz</b>
		<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 1</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Elizabeth Walsh</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>6:45 am</b>	<b>Connie Hanafin</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 4</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Malachy Browne (1st Anniversary)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 5</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Antony J. Pallan (2nd Anniversary)</b>
		<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Donald Glasser</b>
		<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Robert &amp; Mary Laffin</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Ralph Christiano</b>
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Robert Sheehan (7th Anniversary)</b>
		<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Edna, Peter &amp; Pete Boszynski</b>

**Memorial Prayers: Annie & Nicky DeRosa, Anne Strychalski, Robert Sorrentino, Rose M. DiPerna, Christopher T. DiPerna**

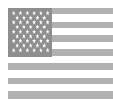


## Prayers for the Sick



Maryellen C.  
Grace Tramantozzi  
Lisa Ayliau.  
Laura  
Sis  
Jim R.  
Chandra  
Joan MacDonnell  
Ginnie Petrone  
Jean Simpson  
Bea Reece  
Francis Ellis  
Baby Declan  
Helen Vaughn  
Mary C.  
Colleen  
Cathy Fichtner  
Cathy Sullivan  
Brian  
Charles Corlin  
Ruth Halley  
James Griffiths

Barbara Churchill  
Barbara Danner  
Maria DaRosa  
Robert Menzies  
Ruth  
Harry  
Doris F.  
Dick Butler  
Nicholas  
John Nagle  
Baby Haley  
Baby Courtney  
Ollie Muir  
Bella Russo  
Alice Welch  
Helen Feehan  
Michael Munafo  
L. Dalton  
William Morrissey  
Marisa Copp  
Jeanne Mazzolla



## Prayers for Protection



PFC Paul Marchese	Army	Afghanistan
Ens. Stephen Dutton	Navy	At Sea
Lt. Christopher Hanafin	Marine	Afghanistan
CPL Richard Schaufus	Marines	Okinowa
T.Sgt.Kerry McDonough	Air Force	Iraq
MA-3 James Marchese	Navy	Italy
LCPL Steven Colombo	Marines	USA
Staff Sgt. Eric Leverone	Army	Afghanistan
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
CPL Shawn Weidman	Marines	At Sea
CPO David Sweet	Navy	Iraq
Sgt. Kaitlyn Guastaferro	Army	USA
SPC Todd Miller	Military Police	Iraq
LCPL.Jeffrey Kelley	Marines	Afghanistan
Patrick Hurley	Army	Iraq
Staff Sgt. Brian Ladner	Marines	USA



# Announcements

**Funerals** - This week St. Margaret's presided over the funerals of Bernie Haney & Peggy McGarry. We ask that all of us remember these parishioners and their families in Mass & prayer.

**Ushers** - We have been short-handed recently. Do the best you can in recruiting people from the congregation to help us. With winter on our doorstep we need to keep closed the inside doors to the body of the church. Thanks for your constant help!

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers** - The schedules of assignments for 2010 are available in the upper church sacristy. You may call Dick Donovan at 978-670-2660, if you have any questions.

**Finance Council** - Next meeting is Monday evening December 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

**Basic Needs for People Helping People** - Small size containers best. Maple Syrup, Tuna, Progresso Soup, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Vegetables needed. Please leave in the parking lot crying room! Thank you.

**Flu Prevention** - The Holy Water fonts will continue to be drained, cleaned, & refilled twice a week. The distribution of the Precious Blood from the cup is suspended. The sign of peace is to be offered without any physical contact. All Eucharistic Ministers need to be cautious not to touch the tongue or the hand of the communicant, and please use the sanitizers before distributing Communion. If any parishioner even suspects they have the flu, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation. They should remain at home & return to church when they are well. These directives remain in effect until the flu season has come to an end.

**The Giving Tree** - refer to page 9

**Forty Hours Devotion** - refer to page 10.

**Project Bread** - If you know someone who is hungry, please give them this number 1-800-645-8333. It's the Project Bread Food Source Hotline. The calls are completely confidential, and the counselors will provide information about all the ways the callers can get food in their own neighborhood. Help is available to protect your health and keep children learning in school during the winter months ahead.

**Parish Council** - Next meeting is Sunday December 13, 2009 at 7:00 p. m. in the rectory.

**Altar Ministries – Nov 28/29**



**Saturday**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Celebrant:** Father Robinson  
**Cantor:** Christine Field  
**Eucharistic Team:** Joanne Mackey, Joanne O'Keeffe, Elaine Wishneusky, Rosella Bilotta  
**Server(s):** Nicholas Whitney, Samantha Marchese

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

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

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

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

**12:00 Noon**  
 Father Kaufman  
 Christine Field  
 Arthur Huse, Paul Mazzocca, Steven Marcroft  
 Olivia Varghese, Jillian Ghio

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.

**November 22, 2009**  
**Latest Financial Figures**

**\$7,298 - Weekly Offertory Collection**  
**\$8,605 - Grand Annual**  
**\$16,783 - Weekly Amount Banked**  
**\$294,860 - Amount Banked YTD**  
**\$220,500 - Budget YTD**  
**\$74,360 - Budget Variance YTD**

**Second Collections**

**\$2,271 - Human Development**  
**December 6 - 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**

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

**Stmargccd@hotmail.com**



**REGISTRATION 2009-10:** Thank you to all who passed in their registration information. Any NEW or returning students who have not yet registered should check our parish website at [www.saintmargaretschurch.net/religiousEd.aspx](http://www.saintmargaretschurch.net/religiousEd.aspx) for registration information. Only registered students will be assigned a classroom. Classes began **Sunday, September 27th, 2009.**

**GRADE 1:** Our first grade program is a neighborhood school program. This means that parents volunteer to teach a group of children in their home. Anyone who is interested in teaching first grade students in your home should contact our grade 1 coordinator, Jim Brine, at [jbrine3@aol.com](mailto:jbrine3@aol.com) or at 781-272-1113. Jim will publish the name, address, and phone number of grade 1 teachers in the weekly bulletin. To enroll your son/daughter in a first grade class, you will need to call the teacher directly. First grade classes usually fill up quickly, so please call as soon as you see the teachers listed in the bulletin!

**GRADE 1 REGISTRATION:** All grade one students should use the **NEW Student Registration Form** which is in this bulletin and on the parish website. The registration fee for grade 1 is **\$50 per student**. If you have already paid your registration fee, thank you! If you have not, you may drop off a check or mail it to: St. Margaret's Parish, Attn: Mary Murgo, 113 Winn Street, Burlington, MA 01803. Checks should be made payable to "St. Margaret's Parish." Although there is no late fee for grade 1 students, we would appreciate receiving your payment as soon as possible.

**EMAIL:** Thank you to all parents who have provided us with an email address. Email addresses will not be shared and will only be used to send informational messages regarding our religious education program. Email is the fastest and easiest way to get information to you, however, information will also be available in our parish bulletin and on our website. All parents should have received an email confirmation letter for registered students. If your child is registered and you have not yet received a confirmation email, please send an email to [stmargccd@hotmail.com](mailto:stmargccd@hotmail.com) and include your child's name and grade.

**WEBSITE:** Parents, please check our parish website at [www.saintmargaretschurch.net](http://www.saintmargaretschurch.net) for religious education information. Please note that our bulletin is also available online. If you have any questions, please email [stmargccd@hotmail.com](mailto:stmargccd@hotmail.com).



# “ Saint Margaret’s Giving Tree”

In the spirit of loving thy neighbor, we welcome all parishioners to join us in this worthwhile cause, “The Giving Tree”.

The tree will be in the sanctuary the weekends of **November 29, December 6 and 13.**  
Your gifts this year go to the following:

St. Margaret's Parishioners  
Heartbeat  
People Helping People in Burlington  
St. Ann's Parish in Dorchester

Last year many less fortunate people had brighter holidays thanks to the generosity of St. Margaret's parishioners. We were able to reach out to many families, and hundreds of children. Your kindness and support is greatly appreciated and needed once again this year. So, with this in mind, **if you take a tag please commit to following through.** Take note of the person you have chosen and, if applicable, the age and desired request. Your gift should be a **newly purchased item** to avoid disappointing someone with a used gift. (**no violent toys please**). It is important you **tape the tag securely to the wrapped gift** ensuring it goes to the designated person.

**Gift Certificates** - those choosing to give **Gift Certificates please do not box or wrap the Certificate**. The gift certificate can be put in an envelope and deposited in the decorated box located near the “Giving Tree” We hope this is more convenient for you.

**FINAL RETURN DATE: DECEMBER 13TH BRINGING IN GIFTS EARLY AVOIDS BAD WEATHER, PROBLEMS, FORGETFULNESS, ETC.**

Please place all gifts under the tree in the sanctuary. Any questions, problems, please call Roselyn at 781-272-9424.

God Bless and Thank You for all your kindness and generosity.



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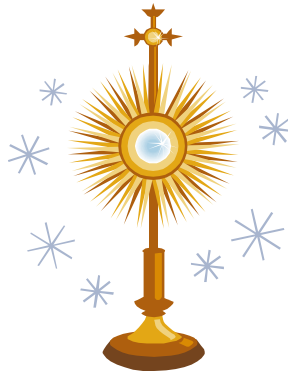
## 40 Hour Eucharistic Devotion

December 3 – 5, 2009

*St. Margaret's fifth annual 40 Hour Eucharistic Devotion will be held in the upstairs church starting with an opening mass at 9:00 am Thursday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, and will close Saturday morning, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at the 9:00am Mass and Benediction.*

### Please Sign Up for the 40 Hour Devotion

*Stop by on your way to work or school or after your long day to spend a few moments in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus asks "Do you really love me? Then come to me. Visit me before the Blessed Sacrament."*



***"I MYSELF AM THE LIVING BREAD COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN. IF ANYONE EATS OF THIS BREAD HE SHALL LIVE FOREVER. THE BREAD I WILL GIVE IS MY FLESH FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD."***  
*(JN 6:51)*

**Sign-up sheets are posted on a bulletin board on the side altar of the upstairs church.**

During the time of Exposition, there will be celebrations of the Liturgy of the Hours, time for guided meditation and reflection on scripture, public praying of the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The 40 Hour Devotion can be seen as a **parish mini-retreat or a mission**. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to this inspiring devotion, which helps them to experience the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to establish heart to heart contact with Him. Individuals and families, parish groups, Ministers of the Church, and altar servers are encouraged to sign up for one hour during this time of spiritual refreshment and renewal for our parish. In order to make this devotion successful, we need your prayers and your attendance. It is important that the exposed Blessed Sacrament have at least two people praying in attendance at all times during the 40 Hours. **For those signing up late night and early morning hours, sign up with a friend or family member.** We are hoping many will take advantage of this opportunity during Advent to prepare spiritually for our Lord's birth.

#### **Thursday, December 3, 2009**

9:00 am -- Opening **Mass** and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Reflective Rosary  
12:00 noon -- Angelus and Daytime Prayer  
3:00 pm -- Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
7:00 pm -- Evening Prayer  
9:00 pm -- Rosary and night prayer

#### **Saturday, December 5, 2009**

8:30 am - Morning Prayer  
9:00 am - Closing **Mass** followed by **Benediction**.

#### **Friday, December 4, 2009**

6:00 am ---Morning Prayer  
6:15-6:40 --Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6:45 am ----**Mass**  
8:30-8:55 - Sacrament of Reconciliation  
9:00 am ---**Mass** - followed by Reflective Rosary.  
12:00 noon - Angelus and Daytime Prayer  
3:00 pm -- Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
7:00 pm -- Evening Prayer / Guided Meditation  
9:00 pm -- Rosary and Night Prayer

If you need a ride, please call Jack O'Keefe (781-272-3362).

For more information, please call Paul & Claire Putnicki (781-272-6177) or Jerry Broderick (781-273-0823)