

# St. Margaret's Parish Burlington, MA



*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*  
December 28, 2008

# St. Margaret's Parish

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## Parish Staff

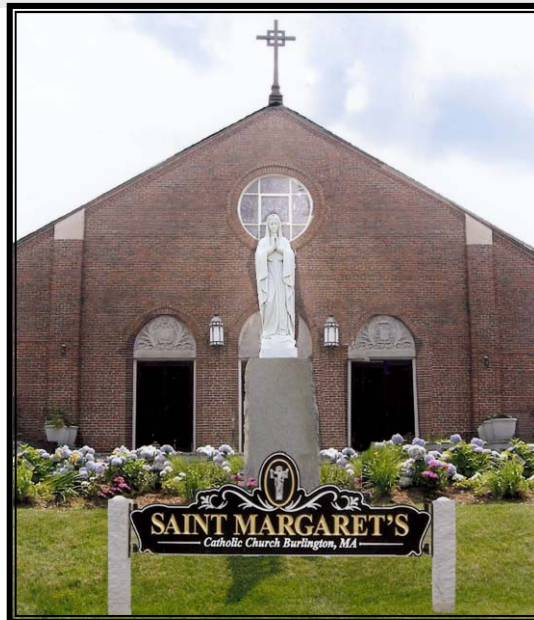


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 Peter O'Keeffe  
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Bob Rigby

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Jim Brine  
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Mary Peck

### Baptisms

Eleanor Hutchinson  
Andrea Lamb

### Confirmation

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Lydia Brown  
Simone Tigges

### Helping Hands

Peg Kelly

### Ushers

Frank McGonagle

### Altar Servers

Judy Hanafin  
Matthew Hanafin

### Bulletin

Deacon Dick Bilotta  
Tina Braceland  
Janet Fitzgerald

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family and it offers to us a model of unity. All three individuals had unique and diverse vocations in God's plan, yet they were united in a community of love and mutual support. Christian family life, based on this model, will respect individuality without giving up values of common sharing.

Thursday of this week, January 1, 2008, is the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule is on the announcement page.

Thank you to all who prepared for and participated in our Christmas Masses. It is always uplifting to witness families gathering in church to celebrate that one moment in time that truly made a difference in our world. I thank the choir for their time and talent in rehearsing and then singing at so many Masses. I thank Janet Atkinson and her family for decorating as usual again this Christmas. It all makes a difference - a very nice setting.

Although the Grand Annual Collection is officially over, we never say "no" to late returns. Our current figure is \$59,782, well below our target of \$100,000. We are very thankful to all who gave, especially when we consider the troubled economy. Please refer to page 9 for results.

As we look forward to the New Year 2009 let us continue to pray for our church and country that all human authority recognize the supremacy of almighty God when they render decisions for the common good. It will take years to recover the recent economic losses, but there are other aspects to life, namely spirituality and worship, where we can have a more rapid recovery, if we only have the will to do so. That would be a great resolution for the new year.

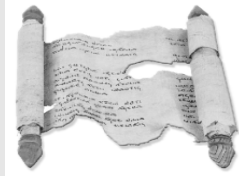
Thank you ever so much for your contributions to the Retired Sisters collection and the Priest's Healthcare and Pension collection. All of us greatly appreciate your giving in this manner. Going to press early prevents our publishing the latter figure today. It will be in next week's bulletin.

Finally, let me thank everyone who gave either myself or the parish a Christmas gift. It is truly appreciated and understand that all gifts will be spent thoughtfully and wisely to improve our parish.

Happy New Year Everybody!

*Fr. Robinson*

*Eternal Truths*



*Absolute Principles*

- S To Love one's self is the beginning of a lifelong romance.*
- S Knowledge speaks but wisdom listens!*
- S Opportunity is missed by most people because they are dressed in overalls and it looks like work.*
- S It is not good enough that we do our best; sometimes we have to do what is required.*



## 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>Dec.</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Paul &amp; Alice Mackey</b>
			<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>George &amp; Mary Dykas</b>
			<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Mary &amp; Clarence Westberg &amp; Grace &amp; Sam Patti</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Donal Dignan</b>
			<b>10:00 am (u)</b>	<b>David LeBlanc</b>
			<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>John &amp; Mary DeLuca</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Healing Mass for Shirley Faretra</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Peg &amp; Al Wilde</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Frank Presti</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4:30 am</b>	<b>Lillian Pyszczynski</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Vincent S. Michiengi</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Sally Meaney</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10:00 pm</b>	<b>Joseph Nacinovich</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Roy Springer</b>

**Memorial Prayers: Norman Comeau, Mary Comeau, Gordon S. Watkins**



## Prayers for the Sick



Jack Pessotti	John O'Connor
Brian Joseph	Donald Welch
Spike Lawless	Robert Menzies
Sis	Bella Russo
Tony Sulfaro	Sandra Davis
Helen Boyle	Fr. Richard Brady
Audrey Christiansen.	Dick Butler
Irene Grace	Scott M.
Baby Hannah	Nicholas
Chandra	John Nagle
Joyce Munger	Baby Haley
Brandina	John Presti
Stephen	Ollie Muir
Jean Simpson	Elizabeth Walsh
Robbin Durney	Alice Welch
Rebecca	Helen Feehan
Cathy Fichtner	Michael Munafo
Ronald Magliozzi	Connie Tedesco
Carl Christiansen	Paul Donovan
Fr. Ryan	Peggy McGarry
Patrice Guanci	



## 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



# Announcements

**Holy Day Schedule** - Feast of Mary, Mother of God, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Thursday, January 1, 2008 6:45 a.m.**

**Thursday, January 1, 2008 9:00 a.m.**

**Thursday, January 1, 2008 7:30 a.m.**

**Baptisms** - This past week St. Margaret's celebrated the new life of Baptism with some of our "little" parishioners. . We congratulate the parents and rejoice with them.

Joshua Robert Hollenbec  
Brady Raymond McDonald

Paul Joseph Giovanniello Jr.  
Drew Michael Arrington Graziano

**Funerals** - This past week St. Margaret's has presided at the funerals of Josephine Sano, Alfonse Zajac & Evelyn Hennessey. Please remember them & their families in your prayers.

**The Pilot** - At the entryway to the church are subscription cards for home-delivery of our archdiocesan newspaper, The Pilot. We also leave a number of copies weekly on the tables at the entryway.

**Thank You** - to all who responded so generously to the food drive in November for People Helping People and thanks to John Reale & Sonny DiRienzo who delivered all the food to the Pantry. Thank you to all the parishioners who sat at the Wish Tree at the Mall.

**Clutter** - there are all kinds of worthy causes that send us posters and fliers for advertising purposes. We will publicize them in the announcement page of the bulletin itself, but we do not post them in or around the church building itself. The entrance way to the church is a clutter free zone. Please do not post anything on the walls or the tables.

**Teacher Needed** - we are in need of one eighth grade C.C.D. teacher on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. If you can help us, please call Pat Moreno at 781-272-5375

**Bulletin Sponsor** - Stelio's Family Restaurant in Billerica is a "hangout" for many of our Knights of Columbus members who gather for a monthly breakfast. Little Folks Day School in Cummings Park, Woburn provides day care while you work. And Custom Interiors does any job from wall papering to painting. St. Margaret's thanks all these sponsors.

**Eucharistic Adoration** - will be held First Friday, January 2 in the upstairs church after the 9:00 a.m. Mass from 9:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m. ending in Benediction. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 3:00 p.m. by Deacon Eugene Cournihan. Sign up sheets will be available at the back of the church. If you cannot sign-up for an hour, please come at your convenience. Start the new year, spending time adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



# Religious Education



**Mary Murgo – Director**

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

**Stmargccd@hotmail.com**

**ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS** must complete a **CORI** form every year. Please see your grade coordinator or the Religious Education Director to get your CORI form. If you completed a CORI form at St. Margaret's last year, you need to complete a **WHITE** form. If you are a **NEW** volunteer, you need to complete a **BLUE** form. CORI forms must be *personally verified* by a grade coordinator or the Religious Education Director. **Identification** must be presented. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

**KCS Training for Grades 4-8** will be offered on January 26, 2009 from 8 am to 4 pm at Saint Julia Parish in Weston, MA. Lunch will be provided. Any teachers or parents who would like to attend a one-day training session in the personal safety/abuse prevention curriculum called "Keeping Children Safe" should send an email to [STMARGCCD@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:STMARGCCD@HOTMAIL.COM) at your earliest convenience. The KCS curriculum reviews safety rules, discusses peer pressure and power, babysitting, Internet/online safety, etc. *St. Margaret's is **required** to include the KCS curriculum in our religious education classes for grades 4-8.*

**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.

**Altar Ministries – Dec 27/28**



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

**Saturday**  
**7:30 PM**  
 Father Robinson  
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 Ron Kurtz  
 Janice Lentine, Mary Lou McQuinn  
 Marie Fazio, Riley Feller

**Sunday**  
**7:30 AM**  
**Celebrant:** Father Robinson  
**Cantor:** ---  
**Reader:** Carl Humphreys  
**EMHC(s):** Arthur Hughes, Brian Walsh  
**Server(s):** Kevin Coluci, Nicole Scola

**Sunday**  
**10:00 AM Upper Church**  
 Father Kilroy  
 Christine Field  
 Laurie Glasser  
 Dick Donovan, Donna Donovan  
 Matt, Mike & Rob Ackerman

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

**12:00 Noon**  
 Father Kilroy  
 Christine Field  
 Paul Blanchard  
 Kathleen Blanchard, Jean Murphy  
 Sean Costa, Ross Griffin

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.

**December 21, 2008**  
**Latest Financial Figures**

**\$2,600 - Gifts**  
**\$8,165 - Grand Annual**  
**\$5,330 - Weekly Offertory Collection**  
**\$16,695 - Weekly Amount Banked**  
**\$321,454 - Amount Banked YTD**  
**\$281,250 - Budget Year to Date**  
**\$40,204 - Budget Surplus Year to Date**

**Upcoming Second Collections**

**None Scheduled**



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

**Ends  
December 21, 2008**

**Goal - \$100,000**

<u>Week</u>	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
1	\$ 8,333	\$17,969	\$38,304
2	\$ 16,666	\$21,939	\$51,773
3	\$ 24,999	\$26,079	\$61,923
4	\$ 33,332	\$30,244	\$66,533
5	\$ 41,665	\$34,964	\$78,973
6	\$ 49,998	\$38,044	\$83,693
7	\$ 58,331	\$40,167	\$83,993
8	\$ 66,664	\$42,167	
9	\$ 74,997	\$45,672	
10	\$ 83,330	\$48,392	
11	\$ 91,663	\$51,617	
12	\$100,000	\$59,782	\$84,343



*Thank You*



Thank you  
To Everyone  
Who Helped Make  
2008  
A Good Year  
For  
Saint Margaret's



*Thank You*

