

St. Margaret's Parish
Burlington, MA



Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 18, 2009

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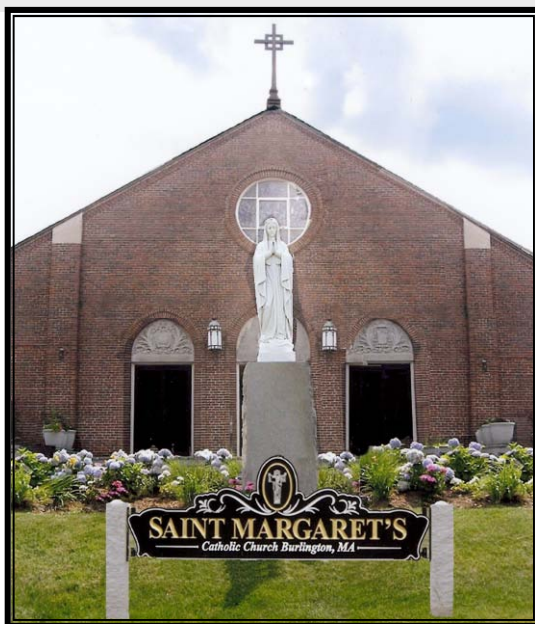


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Dear Parishioners:

We ought not take lightly national holidays. There are legitimate reasons these days are so special. On Monday this week we celebrate the life and person of Martin Luther King, Jr. He is the symbol of the struggle of a persecuted people. Like Ghandi he led his people to the freedom of a promised land by preaching and practicing non-violence. On Monday we recognize the distance covered in the history of our nation with regards to race relations, and we need to pray that the progress continues.

On Tuesday we inaugurate the forty-fourth President of the United States. He is a man with an unique name and a different color from past presidents. It may be the ultimate achievement, namely that the president was elected on the content of his character and not the color of his skin. These back to back days are a time to pause and reflect on just how far this nation has come. Anyone who lived through the twentieth century is aware of the problem of racism and the havoc and pain it inflicted on our country. Let's pray that those days will never raise their ugly head ever again.

The celebration of Sunday is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together, remembering that on the first day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion. Sunday as a day of play and worship is a sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time now and for ever.

What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday, like all sacraments, is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living.

Thank you to those who constantly watered our poinsettias this past Christmas season. They held up real well. And another thank you to everyone who shovels our snow and opens us up after every storm. Everyone is encouraged to be extremely careful around the front steps to the church during the wintertime.

Fr. Robinson





Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	4:30 pm 7:30 pm
Sunday	7:30 am 10:00 am (Upstairs) 10:00 am (Downstairs) 12:00 noon
Weekday	6:45 am 9:00 am
Saturday	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) 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

Saturday	Jan.	17	9:00 am	Michael Duggan (5th Anniversary)
			4:30 pm	Callahan & Orrino Families
			7:30 pm	Evie Balkan (Month's Mind Mass)
Sunday	Jan.	18	7:30 am	Adeline Price (1st Anniversary)
			10:00 am (u)	Lolly Gilgun
			12:00 noon	Dorothy A. Ryder
Monday	Jan.	19	9:00 am	Angelo Capodilupo
Tuesday	Jan.	20	9:00 am	Thomas Boudreau
Thursday	Jan.	22	9:00 am	Patricia M. Shea
Friday	Jan.	23	6:45 am	Connie Hanafin
Saturday	Jan	24	4:30 pm	Winifred Brown
			7:30 pm	Angelina Costa (6th Anniversary)
Sunday	Jan.	25	7:30 am	Patrick Gandolfo
			10:00 am (u)	Roland J. Igo (3rd Anniversary)
			12:00 noon	James Lawlor

Memorial Prayers: Russell Rizza, Mary Rossetti



Prayers for the Sick



Jack Pessotti	John O'Connor
Brian Joseph	Donald Welch
Spike Lawless	Robert Menzies
Sis	Sandra Davis
Helen Boyle	Fr. Richard Brady
Patrice Guanci	Dick Butler
Irene Grace	Scott M.
Baby Hannah	Nicholas
Chuck Hanafin	John Nagle
Bea Reese	Baby Haley
Brandina	John Presti
Stephen	Ollie Muir
Elizabeth Walsh	Fr. Ryan
Bella Russo	Alice Welch
Rebecca	Helen Feehan
Cathy Fichtner	Michael Munafo
Connie Tedesco	Ann Martin
Carl Christiansen	Paul Donovan
Jean Simpson	Peggy McGarry

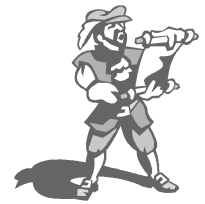


Prayers for Protection



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

With regards to the prayers for healing and protection, there is a need to keep the list current and not outdated. Please call us in regards to that.



Announcements

Baptisms - This past week, St. Margaret's celebrated the new life of Baptism with Briana Pamela Thomas and Erin Elizabeth Reilly. We congratulate the parents & rejoice with them.

Funerals - This past week, St. Margaret's presided at the funeral of Morton Robinson. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Finance Council - Next meeting Monday January 26, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the rectory.

Parish Council - Next meeting Sunday February 8, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the rectory.

Bulletin Sponsor - Burlington Acupuncture is an alternative medicine facility. Douglass Funeral Home in Lexington tends to our needs at the end of life. Dr. Joseph Spinali has a Burlington office practicing in general dentistry.

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

Confessions - Our penance room has worked out just fine. Just remember to leave the door open when you finish. The room is spacious, well-lighted, and comfortable. If your children are with you, please explain to them the option of the kneeler or the chair.

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.

Open House - St. Charles School in Woburn Tuesday and Wednesday, January 27 and 28 from 9 - 11 a.m. Call (781) 273-0885 with questions.

Archdiocesan Baby Shower- Please bring baby gift to Mass on Jan.17 & 18. Items needed: baby bottles, newborn or size 1 disposable diapers, diaper bags, sweaters, crib sheets, socks nightgowns, blanket sleepers, baby powder, receiving blankets, pacifiers. All proceeds benefit Pregnancy Help Office. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make check payable to Fund for the Unborn or Heartbeat.

Please Note (Nota Bene)! - Anyone who uses the hill behind the church does so at their own risk and the risk of their children. It is a dangerous place to sled. St. Margaret's does not give permission to anyone to use that hill for any purpose.

Senior Valentine Day Dinner Dance - The Rotary Club of Burlington is hosting this event. There is a complimentary turkey dinner with dancing and entertainment. It will be held at the Wilmington K of C on Sunday, February 8 from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. Come meet some new friends and enjoy a home cooked dinner. For reservations contact Janet Fitzgerald at (781) 244-9519.

New Altar Servers - On Jan. 31, we will be starting 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.



Religious Education

Mary Murgo – Director

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CONGRATULATIONS to second grade students Sydney Alesse, Joseph Bonanno, Fatima Caldwell, Ashley Capobianco, Erica Carney, Jaimee Carney, Daniel Castellarin, Matthew Collina, Victoria Cruz, Casey Damon, Brandon Dubuque, Cynara Ferrao, Emily LoRusso, and Lillian Worthington for successfully completing their oral prayer tests!

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 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 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.

Christmas Pageant - will take place after the 10am Mass on Sunday January 25, 2009

PARENTS PLEASE HELP your son/daughter practice the Hail Mary, Glory Be, Our Father, and Act of Contrition at home. See www.schoolnotes.com for copies of the required prayers. Each child receives a certificate and a small prize after passing his/her oral prayer test.

THANK YOU to **Joan Gordon** and to **Cynthia Kendall** for donating prizes to the second grade class. The medals, pins, necklaces, rosary beads, etc. will be given to the children as they complete their oral prayer tests. If anyone would like to donate religious items which could be used as small prizes, please mark them "Attn: Mary Murgo" and drop them off at the rectory or at the CCD office.

Altar Ministries – Jan 17/18



Saturday
4:30 PM
Celebrant: Fr. Robinson
Cantor: Christine Field
Reader: Joanne Mackey
EMHC(s): Rosella Bilotta, Joanne O’Keeffe,
 Elaine Wishneusky
Server(s): August Kaminski, Olivia Varghese

Saturday
7:30 PM
 Fr. Robinson

 Ron Kurtz
 Mary Lou McQuinn
 Jake Hanafin, Kevin Coluci

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

Sunday
10:00 AM Upper Church
 Fr. Kilroy
 Christine Field
 Dick Hanafin
 Bill Boudreau, Keavan Stryker
 Rachel & Emily Murgó

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
 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 978-670-2660. Assignments above are subject to change.

January 11, 2009
Latest Financial Figures

\$4,610 - Building Fund
\$5,126 - Weekly Offertory Collection
\$10,436 - Weekly Amount Banked
\$356,425 - Amount Banked YTD
\$315,000 - Budget Year to Date
\$41,425 - Budget Surplus Year to Date

Upcoming Second Collections

January 25 - Latin America

An Historic Week

This week plays witness to a number of important events in American history. On January 19th we remember Dr. Martin Luther King, a man who led the fight for equal rights for a segment of our population for whom those rights were being systematically denied. Then, only a day later, on January 20th, we inaugurate the first African-American President of the United States, Barack Obama. Finally, On January 22nd, we remember the infamous 1973 Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision – a decision which systematically denied another segment of our population their most basic civil right – the right to life. When viewed in this way, it really is quite an amazing confluence of events.

More than that – That the presidential inauguration falls between the other two memorials is symbolic of the role that President Obama will play in linking the realities that those memorials represent: on the one hand, breaking down societal inequalities based on a person's race; on the other, establishing societal inequalities based on a person's stage of development. What President Obama has done for the former is clear; what he will do for the latter is yet to be determined. But, there is cause for concern. It is well known that there are those in the U.S. Congress who wish to enshrine the pro-choice principles of Roe v Wade in legislation, called the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), that would make it difficult to impossible to legally protect the lives of the unborn in any way in this country. On the campaign trail, Candidate Obama said that, as President, he would sign this legislation. It is expected by many that, soon after the inauguration, this legislation will be presented to Congress for action and passage.

With that in mind, at their November 12th annual fall assembly, the US Congress of Catholic Bishops issued the following statement, written by Cardinal Francis George of Chicago, which expresses their welcome to the incoming Obama administration, hope for the future, and concern over what passing FOCA would mean for our country.

Deacon Dick

STATEMENT of the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

"If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do its builders labor; if the Lord does not watch over the city, in vain does the watchman keep vigil." (Psalm 127, vs. 1)

The Bishops of the Catholic Church in the United States welcome this moment of historic transition and look forward to working with President-elect Obama and the members of the new Congress for the common good of all. Because of the Church's history and the scope of her ministries in this country, we want to continue our work for economic justice and opportunity for all; our efforts to reform laws around immigration and the situation of the undocumented; our provision of better education and adequate health care for all, especially for women and children; our desire to safeguard religious freedom and foster peace at home and abroad. The Church is intent on doing good and will continue to cooperate gladly with the government and all others working for these goods.

The fundamental good is life itself, a gift from God and our parents. A good state protects the lives of all. Legal protection for those members of the human family waiting to be born in this country was removed when the Supreme Court decided Roe vs. Wade in 1973. This was bad law. The danger the Bishops see at this moment is that a bad court decision will be enshrined in bad legislation that is more radical than the 1973 Supreme Court decision itself.

In the last Congress, a Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) was introduced that would, if brought forward in the same form today, outlaw any "interference" in providing abortion at will. It would deprive the American people in all fifty states of the freedom they now have to enact modest restraints and regulations on the abortion industry. FOCA would coerce all Americans into subsidizing and promoting abortion with their tax dollars. It would counteract any and all sincere efforts by government and others of good will to reduce the number of abortions in our country.

Parental notification and informed consent precautions would be outlawed, as would be laws banning procedures such as partial-birth abortion and protecting infants born alive after a failed abortion. Abortion clinics would be deregulated. The Hyde Amendment restricting the federal funding of abortions would be abrogated. FOCA would have lethal consequences for prenatal human life.

FOCA would have an equally destructive effect on the freedom of conscience of doctors, nurses and health care workers whose personal convictions do not permit them to cooperate in the private killing of unborn children. It would threaten Catholic health care institutions and Catholic Charities. It would be an evil law that would further divide our country, and the Church should be intent on opposing evil.

On this issue, the legal protection of the unborn, the bishops are of one mind with Catholics and others of good will. They are also pastors who have listened to women whose lives have been diminished because they believed they had no choice but to abort a baby. Abortion is a medical procedure that kills, and the psychological and spiritual consequences are written in the sorrow and depression of many women and men. The bishops are single-minded because they are, first of all, single-hearted.

The recent election was principally decided out of concern for the economy, for the loss of jobs and homes and financial security for families, here and around the world. If the election is misinterpreted ideologically as a referendum on abortion, the unity desired by President-elect Obama and all Americans at this moment of crisis will be impossible to achieve. Abortion kills not only unborn children; it destroys constitutional order and the common good, which is assured only when the life of every human being is legally protected. Aggressively pro-abortion policies, legislation and executive orders will permanently alienate tens of millions of Americans, and would be seen by many as an attack on the free exercise of their religion.

This statement is written at the request and direction of all the Bishops, who also want to thank all those in politics who work with good will to protect the lives of the most vulnerable among us. Those in public life do so, sometimes, at the cost of great sacrifice to themselves and their families; and we are grateful. We express again our great desire to work with all those who cherish the common good of our nation. The common good is not the sum total of individual desires and interests; it is achieved in the working out of a common life based upon good reason and good will for all.

Our prayers accompany President-elect Obama and his family and those who are cooperating with him to assure a smooth transition in government. Many issues demand immediate attention on the part of our elected "watchman." (Psalm 127) May God bless him and our country.