

Saint Margaret's Parish
Burlington, MA



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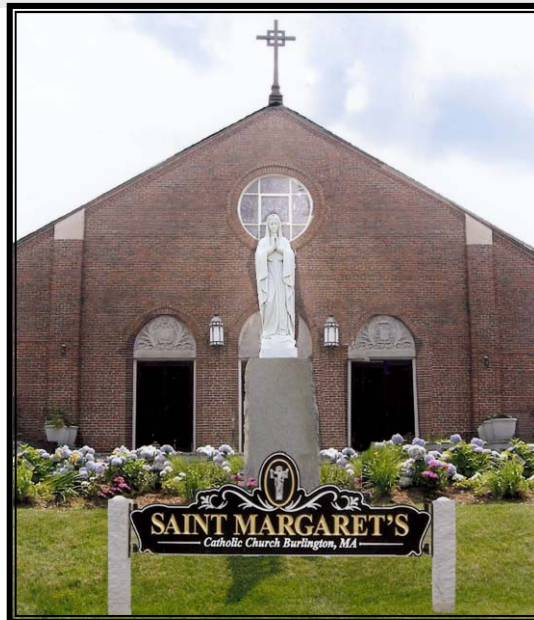


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Dear Parishioner,

By now we are well into the Lenten season. We have settled into our routine of prayer, fasting and almsgiving-those traditional Lenten practices that have proved to have been so effective in the lives of Catholics for so many centuries. Prayer nourishes our spirits. Fasting disciplines our bodies helping us seek the Lord with greater intensity and puts us in solidarity with those who suffer. Works of charity enlarge our hearts as we commit ourselves to the good of others.

Last Sunday we read in the Gospel where Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert where he fasted and prayed for 40 days (As a point of interest all three synoptic Gospels-Matthew, Mark, Luke-include this story.) As disciples we seek to follow St. Paul's call to "pray always." Lent is a time when we concentrate our prayer on the double meaning of this season: conversion from our sinful ways and renewal of our baptismal promises. Participating in the Eucharist and praying with Scriptural readings, on a weekly or even daily basis, are helpful ways of prayerfully entering into the season. Private prayer, family prayer, and communal prayer all work together to deepen our prayer life not just during this season of Lent but all year long.

Our Lenten fasting is modeled on Jesus' 40 day fast in the desert. Just as He fasted in preparation for his baptism in the Jordan and his public ministry, we fast to remind ourselves of our baptismal commitment and need for renewal. Fasting can take many forms-usually eating less, but we can also fast from other things-enjoyable activities or bad habits. But remember, fasting for Lent is not like dieting where our goal is to improve and health of beauty of our bodies. Fasting reminds us not only of our dependence on God, but of the needs of the hungry and the poor. By fasting, we place ourselves in solidarity with suffering people everywhere.

In today's world the gulf between the rich and the poor seems to be ever widening. As it gets tougher to make ends meet we sometimes feel resentful or jealous of others who have more. Yet when we see pictures of starving children we feel guilty about what we have. Lent is a good time to break out of our cycle of envy and guilt by cultivating a spirit of gratitude for what we have. The most precious commodities we have-health, love, friendship, the beauty of creation-are pure gifts from God. Without these our material possessions are worthless. We must be grateful for what we have and this should prompt us to do something for those in need, not out of guilt, but out of compassion. Compassion and generosity towards others involve giving not only from our surplus but also from our substance.

Jesus is continually challenging us-challenging us to be the person God created. He is always with us on our journey and gives us all we need to meet those challenges. Lent offers us the opportunity to show Him who we really are.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Harry





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 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	Feb. 27	4:30 pm	Winifred Brown
		7:30 pm	Angelina Costa (7th Anniversary)
Sunday	Feb. 28	7:30 am	Paul Day
		10:00 am	David LeBlanc (3rd Anniversary)
		12:00 pm	Joseph M. Moroney Jr. (5th Anniversary)
Monday	Mar. 1	9:00 am	William Morrissey
Saturday	Mar. 6	9:00 am	The O'Keeffe & Lalime Families
		4:30 pm	Gary & Thomas Faretra
		7:30pm	Robert Westwater (2nd Anniversary)
Sunday	Mar. 7	7:30am	Donal Dignan
		10:00am	Grace DiTucci (3rd Anniversary)
		12:00pm	Patrick Gandolfo



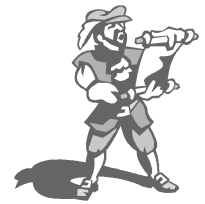
Prayers for the Sick



Prayers for Protection



Maryellen C.	Barbara Churchill	PFC Paul Marchese	Army	Afghanistan
Grace Tramantozzi	Barbara Danner	Ens. Stephen Dutton	Navy	At Sea
Lisa Aylian.	John Archer	Lt. Christopher Hanafin	Marine	Afghanistan
Mary Presti	Robert Menzies	CPL Richard Schaufus	Marines	Okinawa
Sis	Ruth M.	T.Sgt.Kerry McDonough	Air Force	Iraq
Baby Barry	Harry B.	MA-3 James Marchese	Navy	Bahrain
Chandra	Carlos Rodriguez	LCPL Steven Colombo	Marines	USA
Jim R.	Dick Butler	Lt. Vince Lynch	Army	Germany
Ginnie Petrone	Joe Baldrate	STS2 Kyle J. Marchese	Navy	At Sea
Jean Simpson	John Nagle	CW02 Scott Munger	Marines	Hawaii
Bea Reece	Baby Haley	TSGT.Jeremy Brooks	Army	Iraq
Francis Ellis	Baby Courtney	Lt. Jennifer M. Delaney	Navy	USA
Baby Declan	Ollie Muir	Sgt. Shawn Weidman	Marines	USA
Helen Vaughn	Joe C.	CPO David Sweet	Navy	Iraq
Mary C.	Alice Welch	Sgt. Kaitlyn Guastafarro	Army	USA
Colleen	Helen Feehan	SPC Todd Miller	Military Police	Iraq
Cathy Fichtner	Michael Munafo	Patrick Hurley	Army	Iraq
Cathy Sullivan	Bob Craven	Staff Sgt. Brian Ladner	Marines	USA
Noah M.	William Morrissey	Sgt. Mark Orr	Marines	USA
Charles Corlin	Marisa Coppola	A1C Michael L. Flanagan	Air Force	Iraq
Robert W. Taylor II	Ronald Magliozzi			
Stephen D. Taylor	John F. Taylor			
John M.	Vincent Magliozzi			
Tommy G.	Lee Milano			
Madeline Kadilak				



Announcements

Funerals - This week St. Margaret's presided over the funeral of Anthony Provenzano. We ask that all of us remember this parishioner and his family in Mass and prayer.

Catholic Appeal - Next weekend, March 6-7, will be Catholic Appeal Weekend here at St. Margaret's Parish. As a Catholic community, we are called during this season of Lent to love and share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We do so by continuing to participate as fully as we are able in the building up of His kingdom. This month, Cardinal Sean is asking every Catholic household to participate in the 2010 Catholic Appeal, which funds the many central ministries and services of the Archdiocese of Boston. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish-so your participation and support are critical. Because of the economic downturn, support of the Catholic Appeal is even more urgent this year.

Tour of Ireland - Sponsored by St. Malachy's Church, May 13-21, 2010. For information call the Maloney's at 781-272-6236.

2010 Census - One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. It's easy, important and safe, and your participation is vital. By law, the U.S.Census Bureau cannot share an individual's personal information with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. Please complete and mail back your census form and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same. For more information, visit 2010.census.gov.

Finance Council - Next meeting is Sunday March 7 at 7:00p.m. in the rectory.

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday during Lent at 3:00 p.m. in the upstairs church. However, there will be no Stations of the Cross on March 5th due to our First Friday observance.

Woburn Men's Retreat - St. Francis Retreat Guild, March 19-21 at Campion Retreat Center in Weston. For further information contact Joe Pecora 781-933-2616 or Joe Sallèse 781-935-2417.

Eucharistic Adoration - will be held First Friday, March 5th, after the 9am Mass from 930am -5pm ending in Benediction. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited at 3pm. Sign up sheets are at the back of the church. If you can not sign up for an hour, please come at your convenience. In this Year of the Priest, during Lent take time to pray before the exposed Blessed Sacrament for our priests and an increase in vocations.

Ushers - I realize you are understaffed. Try your best to recruit from the congregation. Thanks for everything.

St. Irene's Carlisle - The Legacy of Vatican II. Thursday, March 11 7:30 p.m. St. Irene's Parish Hall, 181 East St. Carlisle. Presented by popular theologian, author, & professor At Boston College, Tim Muldoon, PH.D

Altar Ministries – Feb. 27/28



Saturday
4:30 PM
Celebrant: Fr. Robinson
Cantor:
Eucharistic Team: Joanne Mackey, Joanne O’Keeffe,
 Elaine Wishneusky, Rosella Bilotta
Server(s): Samantha Marchese, Paige Brand,
 Nicole Scola

Saturday
7:30 PM
Fr. Kaufman

 Michael & Frances Fazio, Jean Field
 Marie Fazio, Riley Feller

Sunday
7:30 AM
Celebrant: Fr. Kaufman
Cantor: ---
Eucharistic Team: Beth Mackey, Lucy Bramanti, Joyce McPhail
Server(s): Jillian Ghio

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

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

12:00 Noon
Fr. Robinson
 Christine Field
 Paul Mazzocca, Arthur Huse
 Ross Griffin, Olivia Varghese

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 21 , 2010
Latest Financial Figures

- \$7265 - Weekly Offertory Collection**
- \$4485 - Building Fund**
- \$15,980 - Weekly Amount Banked For The Parish**
- \$433,666 - Amount Banked YTD**
- \$357,000 - Budget YTD**
- \$76,666 - Budget Variance YTD**

Second Collections

March 7 - Catholic Appeal

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

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GRADE 8: On **March 8th**, eighth grade students will watch "Romance without Regret," a 90-minute chastity talk given by Jason Evert and his wife Crystalina. Students are asked to **arrive at 6:30 p.m.** and go straight to the school hall since the video will begin promptly at **6:30 p.m.** and run until **8:00 p.m.** All HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS are encouraged to attend. Please check www.pureloveclub.com and www.catholic.com/seminars/evert.asp for information regarding Jason Evert and his "Romance without Regret" talk. Any parents who would like to preview the DVD at the religious education building on February 22, March 1, or March 4 should contact me at stmargccd@hotmail.com to make arrangements.

GRADE 7: On **March 11th**, seventh grade students will watch "Romance without Regret," a 90-minute chastity talk given by Jason Evert and his wife Crystalina. Students are asked to **arrive at 6:30 p.m.** and go straight to the school hall since the video will begin promptly at **6:30 p.m.** and run until **8:00 p.m.** Dismissal will be at **8:00 p.m.** All HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS are encouraged to attend. Please check www.pureloveclub.com and www.catholic.com/seminars/evert.asp for information regarding Jason Evert and his "Romance without Regret" talk. Any parents who would like to preview the DVD at the religious education building on February 22, March 1, or March 4 should contact me at stmargccd@hotmail.com to make arrangements.

GRADES 4 and 5: We are looking for strong readers for the Children's Mass. If you would like to become a "junior lector," please send an email to stmargccd@hotmail.com. Interested students will be invited to attend a training session.

GRADE 2: FIRST PENANCE will take place on **Sunday, March 21st**. Second grade students will not have their regularly scheduled class on that day. Students in rooms **1, 2, 5, and 6** will attend the **2:30 p.m.** session and students in rooms **3 and 4** will attend the **4:00 p.m.** session. If your child is unable to attend either session, please contact Fr. Robinson to make other arrangements.

GRADE 2: FIRST COMMUNION will take place on **Saturday, May 1st, 2010**. Students in rooms **1, 2, 5, and 6** will attend the **9:30 a.m.** Mass and students in rooms **3 and 4** will attend the **11:30 a.m.** Mass. All students should be dropped off in the lower church by 9:00 a.m. (for the 9:30 Mass) and by 11:00 (for the 11:30 Mass.) Seats will be reserved for students and teachers only. A professional photographer will take photos as the children receive their First Communion and your photo will be mailed to your home address. Please refrain from using flash photography during the Mass.

GRADES 1-8: please make sure we have your updated e-mail address.

CONGRATULATIONS to second grade students Robert Aloisi III, Morgan Arrigo, Alexandra Bonanno, Mikaela Budina, Kevin Burkett, Jr., Kara Cecchini, Andre Comeau, Bridget Conceison, Madison Duggan, Hannah Elkins, Jordan Ferullo, Anthony Freda, Rachel Gavin, Nicholas Hernandez, Abigail Lane, Ryan LaPrise, Michael Melanson, Kiera Murphy, Samantha Murphy, Samantha Nicoloro, Phillip Nurse, Caroline O'Callaghan, Robert O'Connell, Julia Papisodoro, Jason Pellegrino, Khyle Pena, Leah Rinaldi, Jake Sarver, Zachary Soda, Ariella Tucci, Jennavieve Viglione, Audrey Waisnor, and Cameron Washisko for successfully passing their prayer tests. All students should have received a certificate and a prize. Parents, please continue to help your children practice their prayers.

FIRST COMMUNION DRESS CODE: Girls wear white dresses, white socks or tights, and white shoes or sandals. Veils are optional. NO purses or gloves, please. Boys wear white shirts, dark pants (black, navy, or brown), dark shoes and red ties. Father Robinson will purchase red ties for the boys. Boys may wear white suits if they prefer. If you need help getting your outfit (due to financial concerns or other reasons), please contact me or Father Robinson so we can help you.

The **MAY PROCESSION** will take place on Sunday, May 2nd, immediately after the 10:00 Mass. First Communicants should wear their First Communion outfits and sit at the front of the church. Immediately after the Mass, students in grades 4 and 5 will lead the second grade students in a procession up to the school hall where they will be joined by their families for a special breakfast.



2010 Religious Education Schedule

GRADE 2

February 28
March 7
March 14
March 21
March 28
April 11
April 25

GRADES 3, 4, 5

February 28
March 7
March 14
March 21
March 28

GRADES 6, 7

March 7
March 11
March 18
March 25

GRADE 8

March 1
March 8
March 15
March 22
March 29

GRADE 9

March 2
March 9
March 16
March 23
March 30
April 6

GRADE 10

March 7 Retreat 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
April 11

GRADES 11, 12

March 21

Lenten Fasting Program

FAST from worry, and FEAST on divine order trusting in God.

FAST from complaining, and FEAST on appreciation.

FAST from negatives, and FEAST on affirmatives.

FAST from unrelenting pressures, and FEAST on unceasing prayer.

FAST from hostility and FEAST on non-resistance.

FAST from bitterness, and FEAST on forgiveness.

FAST from self-concern, and FEAST on compassion for others.

FAST from shadows of sorrow, and FEAST on the sunlight of serenity.

FAST from idle gossip, and FEAST on purposeful silence.

FAST from judging others, and FEAST on the Christ within them.

FAST from emphasis on differences, and FEAST on the unity of life.

FAST from apparent darkness, and FEAST on the reality of light.

FAST from thoughts of illness, and FEAST on the healing power of God.

FAST from the words that pollute, and FEAST on phrases that purify.

FAST from discontent, and FEAST on gratitude.

FAST from anger, and FEAST on optimism.

FAST from personal anxiety, and FEAST on eternal truth.

FAST on discouragement, and FEAST on hope.

FAST from facts that depress, and FEAST on verities that uplift.

FAST from lethargy, and FEAST on enthusiasm.

FAST from suspicion, and FEAST on truth

FAST from thoughts that weaken, and FEAST on promises that inspire.

FAST from problems that overwhelm, and FEAST on prayer that undergirds.