

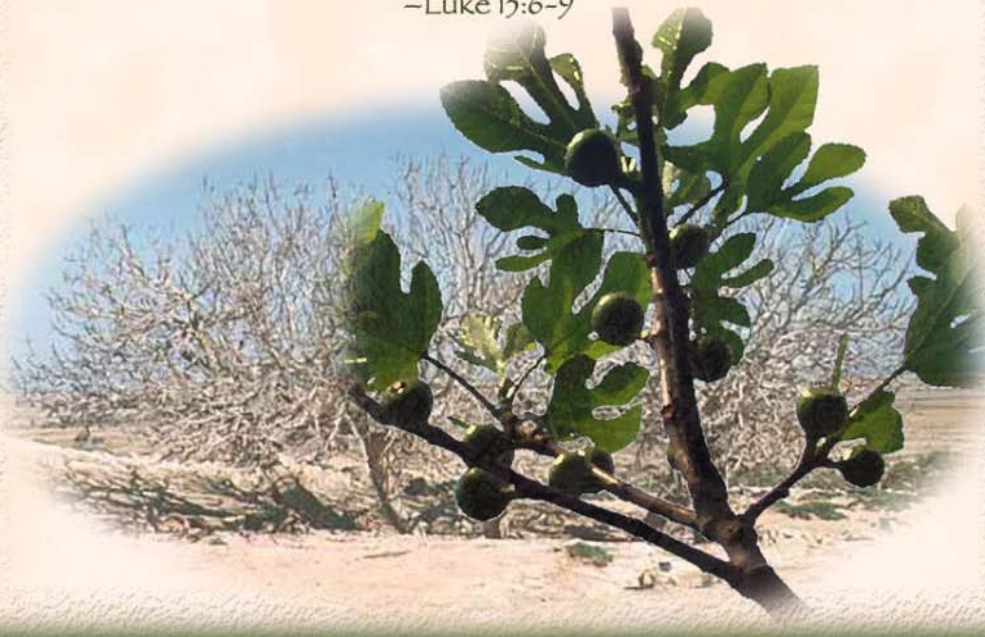
St. Margaret's Parish

Burlington, MA



Third Sunday Of Lent

". . . And He began telling this parable:
'A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard;
and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any.'
"And he said to the vineyard-keeper,
'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on
this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down!
Why does it even use up the ground?'
"And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too,
until I dig around it and put in fertilizer;
and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down.'
-Luke 13:6-9



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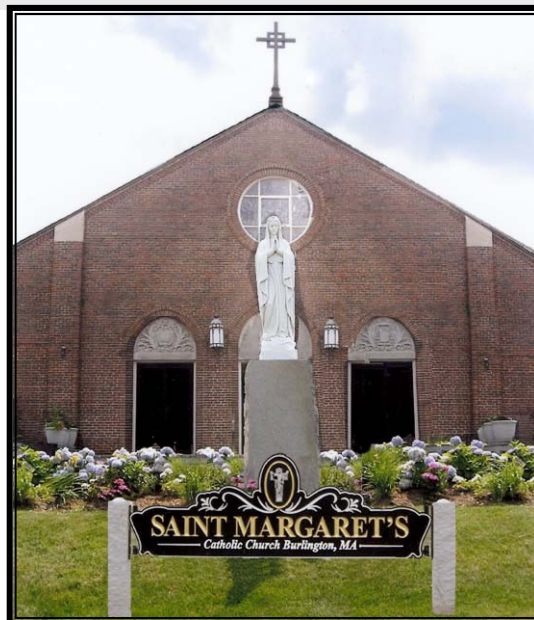


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Dear Parishioners:

Lent marches on! Given that this season in our Church has always been known as a penitential one, it is a reminder to all of us that penance, fasting, and almsgiving ought to be a part of our everyday lives. If this were to happen it would be a routine that would impact our lives in a very positive manner. This three-fold discipline emphasizes our role in the creature-creator relationship (vertical) and in our neighbor to neighbor relationship (horizontal). Man is the only creature with an intellect, a free will, and a conscience. Guilt, sorrow, restitution, and a firm purpose of amendment are wonderful characteristics of an authentic Christian life. If we understand that Jesus used gentle persuasion in motivating people to change their ways, then we can appreciate the dynamic to this call for change. If change comes from within, it will take root and become second nature to us. If it is forced or legislated from without, the odds are that it will not withstand. All our Lenten rules and regulations are guidelines that if followed (accepted) will enhance our Christian lives. There are no penalties attached to them. In the old days the impression was that anyone who ate meat on Friday was going to Hell. Not so! We need this season of Lent. It can be a real help in defining who we truly are and where we are, on this journey toward eternal life. I encourage all to use the time in sincere and honest reflection and thought. And let us keep our eyes on the prize, the joy of Easter.

Whenever the soloist or the choir sing, it is intended that the musical piece be a meditation song. The melody and the lyrics ought to put our hearts and minds at ease. It is a time for reflection, meditation and inspiration, all in the atmosphere of quietude. I have communicated to all our musicians just how effective and appreciated they are. What they do for us enhances our worship services. And whenever it is our time to sing a community song, please join in. All pastors have a dream that their parish will "raise the roof" in song, but they seem to go to their grave not having accomplished it. But they keep on trying!

Fr. Robinson

Eternal Truths



Absolute Principles

- S The value of man resides in what he gives and not in what he is capable of receiving.*
- S If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.*
- S If you see a friend without a smile, give him one of yours!*
- S Everyone thinks of changing humanity and nobody thinks of changing himself.*
- S The most important things in life aren't things.*



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	Mar. 6	9:00 am	The O'Keeffe & Lalime Families
		4:30 pm	Gary & Thomas Faretra
		7:30 pm	Robert Westwater (2nd Anniversary)
Sunday	Mar. 7	7:30 am	Donal Dignan
		10:00 am	Grace DiTucci (3rd Anniversary)
		12:00 pm	Patrick Gandolfo
Monday	Mar. 8	6:45 am	Ray & Yolanda Valla
		9:00am	Margery Pelletier (11th Anniversary)
Tuesday	Mar. 9	6:45 am	Eileen O'Connor (21st Anniversary)
		9:00am	Elsie Correia & Lorraine Forni
Wednesday	Mar. 10	9:00am	Joseph & Lena Carbone
Thursday	Mar. 11	9:00am	Frank & Marion Meaney
Saturday	Mar. 13	9:00am	Lorna Damon (1st Anniversary)
		4:30pm	Alonzo Despres (6th Anniversary)
		7:30pm	James Marchese
Sunday	Mar. 14	7:30am	Lorna Damon & Jack Hanafin
		10:00am	John & Dolores Hickey (25th Anniversary)
		12:00pm	Michael Fazio, Sr. (1st Anniversary)



Prayers for the Sick



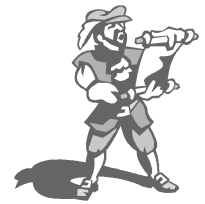
Maryellen C.	Barbara Churchill
Grace Tramantozzi	Barbara Danner
Lisa Aylian.	John Archer
Mary Presti	Robert Menzies
Sis	Ruth M.
Baby Barry	Harry B.
Chandra	Carlos Rodriguez
Jim R.	Dick Butler
Ginnie Petrone	Joe Baldrate
Jean Simpson	John Nagle
Bea Reece	Baby Haley
Francis Ellis	Baby Courtney
Baby Declan	Ollie Muir
Helen Vaughn	Joe C.
Mary C.	Alice Welch
Colleen	Helen Feehan
Cathy Fichtner	Michael Munafo
Cathy Sullivan	Bob Craven
Noah M.	William Morrissey
Charles Corlin	Marisa Coppola
Robert W. Taylor II	Ronald Magliozzi
Stephen D. Taylor	John F. Taylor
John M.	Madeline Kadilak
Tommy G.	Lee Milano



Prayers for Protection



PFC Paul Marchese	Army	Afghanistan
Ens. Stephen Dutton	Navy	At Sea
Lt. Christopher Hanafin	Marine	Afghanistan
CPL Richard Schaufus	Marines	Okinawa
T.Sgt.Kerry McDonough	Air Force	Iraq
MA-3 James Marchese	Navy	Bahrain
LCPL Steven Colombo	Marines	USA
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
Sgt. Shawn Weidman	Marines	USA
CPO David Sweet	Navy	Iraq
Sgt. Kaitlyn Guastaferro	Army	USA
SPC Todd Miller	Military Police	Iraq
Patrick Hurley	Army	Iraq
Staff Sgt. Brian Ladner	Marines	USA
Sgt. Mark Orr	Marines	USA
A1C Michael L. Flanagan	Air Force	Iraq



Announcements

Baptisms - This week we welcomed our newly baptized into St. Margaret's Parish. We pray for them and congratulate the parents.

Greta Maeye Mitza
Shaylin Grace Hirsch
John Paul Connors

Zachary Tyler O'Connell
Cameron Joseph Murray

Hayden James Foley
Patrick Pio Connors

Funerals - This week St. Margaret's presided over the funerals of Vincent Magliozzi and Rejeanne Kamberg. We ask that all of us remember these parishioners and their families in Mass & Prayer.

Catholic Appeal - Cardinal Sean thanks all the families from St. Margaret's Parish that contributed \$44,074 to the 2009 Catholic Appeal. This year, we hope to have 300 households participate. Our financial goal is \$49,500. If we exceed our financial goal, we will receive 25% of all funds raised above the goal for use here in our parish. .

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.

Ushers - As long as you use the blue bag for the Offertory collection & the red bag for all second collections that is sufficient. Disregard the time marked on the bags. Merci!

Altar Servers Needed - New altar serving classes are scheduled to begin on Saturday, March 20th from 12:00 to 1:30pm. Please contact Matt Hanafin at 781-272-5696 if you are interested. Classes will be held each Saturday afternoon for approximately eight weeks. Anyone in the third grade or older is invited.

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

Mite Boxes - We sincerely thank all our young people who have participated in giving alms this Lent. Please forgive us if we have misspelled any names. You can return the mite boxes at Children's Mass or class on any Sunday & your names will appear in the next bulletin.

Papasedoro
Nick P.
Heather
Anonymous
Robert O'Connell

Nicholas Whitney
Sydney Scali
Kylee Reekie
Jordan Ferullo
Cam Washisko

Ashley Pefgamo
Jillian Peluso
Nick Hernandez
Kristopher Do
Grady Lawson

LOST & FOUND BOX - As you enter the church there is a lost and found box filled with winter gloves, hats, scarf's, etc. If you are missing anything, please check the box.

Altar Ministries – Mar. 6/7



Saturday
4:30 PM
Celebrant: Fr. Kaufman
Cantor:
Eucharistic Team: Janet Fitzgerald, Tom Bova, Judy Curtin, Rosemarie Hrubci
Server(s): Matt, Mike & Rob Ackerman

Saturday
7:30 PM
Fr. Robinson

Michael & Andree Wheeler, Jean Field
Kevin Coluci, Jake Hanafin

Sunday
7:30 AM
Celebrant: Fr. Robinson
Cantor: ---
Eucharistic Team: Carl Humphreys, Arthur Hughes, Brian Walsh
Server(s): August Kaminski

Sunday
10:00 AM Upper Church
Fr. Robinson
Christine Field
Dick & Donna Donovan, Frances Heartquist
Kevin, Brian, & Mary Cox

10:00 AM Children's Mass
Celebrant: Fr. Kaufman
Cantor: April Healy, George Vallas
Eucharistic Team: Mary Rigby, Jim Brine, David Murgo
Server(s): Nicholas Whitney, Olivia Varghese

12:00 Noon
Fr. Kaufman
Christine Field
Paul & Kathleen Blanchard
Ross Griffin, Ryan Farrow

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 28 , 2010 Latest Financial Figures

\$7,083 - Weekly Offertory Collection
\$8,023 - Weekly Amount Banked For The Parish
\$441,689 - Amount Banked YTD
\$367,500 - Budget YTD
\$74,189 - Budget Variance YTD

Second Collections **March 7 - Catholic Appeal** **March 14 - 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

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GRADE 1: Acceptance Ceremony will be held on **Saturday, March 20th, 2010** at the church. Mass begins at 9:00 and first grade students and their parents are invited to a reception immediately after Mass at the school hall.

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 Papasodoro, 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.

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 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 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.

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.

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



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

2010 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Called to Love and Share

The 2010 Catholic Appeal begins this weekend. The funds raised through the appeal provide the essential financial support needed for everything that we do as a Church at the Archdiocesan level. The Catholic Appeal accounts for fully 77% of the Archdiocese's Central Operating Fund. Please consider giving as generously as your means permit so that the Church of Boston will be able to continue its important work. Listed below are the many ministries and activities that your gift helps to support.

Education, Formation & Evangelization

- *Arise Together in Christ* Initiative
- Catholic School Office
- Office of Religious Education
- Youth Ministry
- Young Adult Ministry
- Office of the New Evangelization
- Life and Family Ministries
- Marriage Preparation, Enrichment and Education
- Natural Family Planning
- Family Faith Formation
- Separated/Divorced Ministry
- Bereavement Ministry
- Ministries to over 30 cultural, ethnic and language apostolates
- Lay Ecclesial Ministries
- Worship and Spiritual Life
- Logan Airport Chaplaincy
- Ecumenical Commission
- Campus Ministry
- Vocations Office
- Support to Seminarians and Priests in Graduate Studies
- Permanent Diaconate
- Massachusetts Catholic Conference
- Pro-Life Office
- Respect Life Office
- The Pilot
- Archdiocesan Communications & Website
- Cardinal Seán's Blog & Email
- Catholic Directory
- Radio Apostolate

General and Operational Services

- Chancellor's Office
- General Corporate and Professional Service Expenses
- Financial & Annual Reporting Initiatives
- Building Lease & Operational Costs
- Real Estate Costs

Cost of Appeal

- Catholic Appeal mailing, video, production and other direct costs

Cardinal's and Bishops' Ministries

- Cardinal's Office
- Regional Bishops
- Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia
- Canonical Affairs
- Archdiocesan Pastoral & Presbyteral Councils
- Clergy Support and Ongoing Formation
- Clergy Personnel Office
- Archives
- Delegate for Religious
- Archdiocesan fair-share of USCCB & Holy See operations
- Major liturgies at the Cathedral
- Cardinal's Special Initiative Fund

Specialized Services to Parishes

- Human Resources & Benefits
- Parish Financial Services
- Management Information Systems
- Insurance & Risk Management
- Facilities & Real Estate
- General Counsel & Legal Assistance
- Pastoral Planning and Research
- Marriage Tribunal
- Training Initiatives & Subsidies
- Mail Services
- Emergency parish staffing
- Fall Fundraising Forums & other parish fundraising counsel
- Planned Giving & Capital Campaign Consulting
- Parish Emergency Assistance
- Financial Support to Inner-City Parishes

"All that we have and all that we are is a gift. When we give to help others, we are acknowledging that we are not absolute owners of our possessions, but administrators of the goods God has entrusted to us. These are very challenging economic times and I am deeply grateful to all who do so much to support our Church. No gift is too small when given as a sacrifice and with love. Your offerings will mean much to those who are the beneficiaries and will bring God's blessings on you for your loving generosity."

~ **CARDINAL SEÁN O'MALLEY, O.F.M. CAP.**