

St. Margaret's Parish
Burlington, MA



Happy
the sinner
whose fault
is removed,
whose sin is
forgiven.

Psalm 32:1

Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2009

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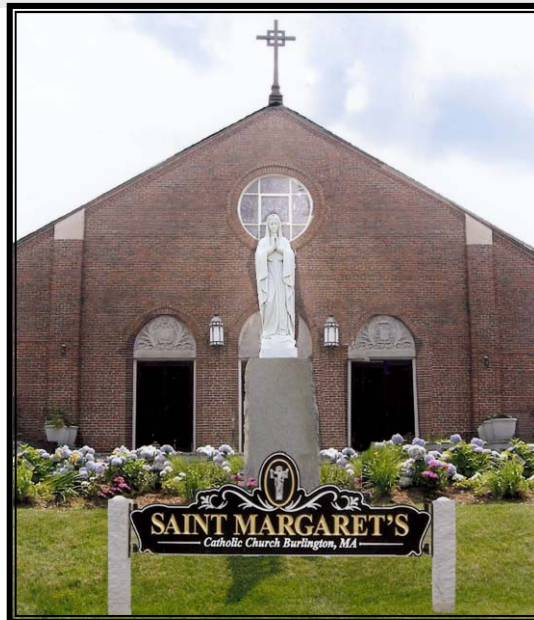


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Dear Parishioners:

Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend and it is so good to have the darkness pushed back. Spring officially arrives on March 20, when our tulips will begin to sprout. Our gardening committee expects a real splash of color this year, the result of a lot of hard work planting bulbs last Fall.

Lent continues and its spirit of sacrifice and repentance is of a personal nature. No one knows but ourselves to what extent we are motivated and participating in this penitential season. While the Church offers guidelines, only the individual sets the goals to be achieved these forty days. Let's pray for one another that we draw ourselves closer to our God as we approach Easter.

This weekend is the Catholic Appeal. This is our diocesan collection for all those central ministries that identify us as a Church with a mission to serve others. Whatever you can do for our diocese, given the troubled economy, will be greatly appreciated.

Our parish Spring Festival will take place on Sunday, May 17, 2009 in the upper parking lot from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., at which time all the raffle drawings will be held. We have cancelled the \$100 per ticket raffle this year because of the economic situation. However, we will again have numerous raffle baskets - more information will follow in future bulletins.

Our parish is invited to join Catholics across the country in sending a message to Congress: Please oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) and retain laws against government funding and promotion of abortion. You will have the opportunity to sign postcards to your U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators. Please plan to participate in this important event. More information about FOCA can be found on the website of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops at <http://usccb.org/profile/issues/FOCA/>. The postcards require a twenty-seven cent stamp. The cards are at the exits of the church.

Neighboring parishes have paid up to \$20,000 for snow removal this winter. It costs us nothing simply because we have volunteers. Needless to say, we are most appreciative to all of you who give of your time and energy in this task. Thank you so much!

Fr. Robinson

Eternal Truths



Absolute Principles

I Believe that life is worth living and your belief will help create the fact.

I Every man dies. Not every man really lives.

I All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better.

I Life consists not in holding cards but in playing those you hold well.



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	Mar.	7	9:00 am	Cyril Myatt
			4:30 pm	The Delaney Family
			7:30 pm	Cesar Matos
Sunday	Mar.	8	7:30 am	Patrick Gandolfo
			10:00 am(u)	Callahan & Orrino Families
			12:00 noon	Rev. James Shaughnessey
Monday	Mar.	9	6:45 am	Ray & Yolanda Valla
Tuesday	Mar.	10	9:00 am	Mary Ellen Gorman
Wednesday	Mar.	11	9:00 am	Frank & Marion Meaney
Saturday	Mar.	14	9:00 am	O'Keeffe & Lalime Families
			4:30 pm	William Cronin & Robert M. Dolan
			7:30 pm	Valentino Maganzini & Costanza Maganzini & Leonard MacNeil & Benjamin MacNeil
Sunday	Mar.	15	7:30 am	G.Valeria Ryan
			10:00 am(u)	Joseph Nacinovich (4th Anniversary)
			12:00 noon	Grace DiTucci (2nd Anniversary)



Prayers for the Sick



Jack Pessotti	Maria Caserta
Grace Tramantozzi	Brian Joseph
Barbara Danner	Donald Welch
Spike Lawless	Robert Menzies
Sis	Sandra Davis
Helen Boyle	Sal Solimine
Patrice Guanci	Dick Butler
Dottie Halley	Patti F.
Baby Hannah	Nicholas
Jean Simpson	John Nagle
Bea Reese	Baby Haley
Francis Ellis	Baby Courtney
Baby Declan	Ollie Muir
Elizabeth Walsh	Josh
Bella Russo	Alice Welch
Rebecca	Helen Feehan
Cathy Fichtner	Michael Munafo
Connie Tedesco	Ann Martin
Carl Christiansen	Paul Donovan
Peggy McGarry	Joe Brown
Peg Matarazzo	John M
Jim Connors	Steve

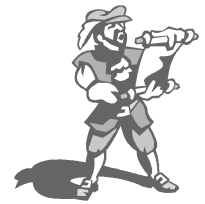


Prayers for Protection



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
Kerry McDonough	Air Force	Iraq
MA-3 James Marchese	Navy	Italy
Tech Sgt. Jeremy Brooks	Air Force	Iraq
Pvt. 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	Navy	USA
LCPL Patrick Harrington	Marines	Iraq
Lt. Col. Mark Merlino	Army	Iraq
CPL Shawn Weidman	Marines	At Sea

With regards to the prayers for healing and protection, there is a need to keep the list current and not outdated. With respect to those who are sick, please verify you have their permission, as not everyone wants the public to know he or she is ill. For those in the military, please give us their rank, branch of service, and where they are stationed.



Announcements

Funerals- This past week, St. Margaret's presided at the funerals of Frank Battistello, Thomas Collins and John Ivas. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Pro-Life Issue - There are postcards at all entrances to the church for those of you interested in addressing them to members of Congress, stating your opposition to the Freedom of Choice Act. The National Conference of Bishops is designating this group postcard mailing as one way to witness our pro-life stance on the abortion issue.

Catholic Appeal - This weekend of March 7-8 will be Catholic Appeal Weekend here at St. Margaret's. Cardinal Sean is asking every Catholic household to participate in the 2009 Catholic Appeal, which funds the many central ministries and services of the Archdiocese of Boston. The Catholic Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish so your participation and support are critical. For more information, please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org.

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday during Lent at 3:00p.m. in the upstairs church.

Save the Date - For all volunteers our appreciation dinner is scheduled for the time below. Please remember that you are entitled to bring a guest free of charge. Saturday, April 18, 2009. More information to follow.

New School - Announcing the all-new Academy of Our Lady of Nazareth, an all girls Catholic college preparatory high school opening in September 2009; a school of rigorous academics and premier performing arts. Check our website for details www.savenaz.com.

St. Margaret's Family Festival - We are looking for donations of items to make gift baskets for this year's festival. We are looking for; coffee, tea, cups arts & crafts, gardening items (bulbs), etc. beach and pool things, snacks, chocolate, sport items & wine. We are also looking for volunteers to help out. Please contact Lydia at (781) 272-0420.

GRADE 8 is in dire need of a CCD instructor. Classroom assistants can be arranged. It is a most rewarding experience. Call Mr. Moreno at 781-272-5375 for information.





Religious Education



Mary Murgo – Director

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Stmargccd@hotmail.com

BAPTISMAL FORMS are due! Any students who were not baptized in Burlington must provide us with a copy of their baptismal certificate before *First Penance* (April 4th.)

GRADE 2: There will be a mandatory parents' meeting on **Sunday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m.** in the school hall to discuss First Penance and First Communion. Please make every effort to attend.

GRADE 2: Congratulations to Jayson Blouin, Mikayla Bonaventura, Christopher Boyle, Robert Castelluccio, Connor Collins, Joshua Coughlin, Jake Doherty, Robby Griffin, Elijah Gullage, Jenna Heffler, Steven Humphreys, Cameron Impemba, Michelle Johnson, Carly Konikowski, Garrett Mallard, Chloe MacNeil, Hannah MacNeil, Mitchell Maida, Sean McGillivray, William Metcalf, Madison Metzdorf, Patrick Miniutti, Liam Murphy, Jillian Murray, Ryan O'Connor, Magdalena Papia, John Pestana, Alyson Pinkham, Timothy Pinkham, Anthony Ponzini, Jessica Poulin, Flynn Reardon, Alicia Scioli, Caitlin Shea, Lucas Trabucco, Anthony Uberti, Kevin Urquhart, and Cameron Wheelock for successfully passing their oral prayer tests!

FIRST PENANCE will take place on **Saturday, April 4th** at 9:30 and at 11:30 in the upstairs church. Students whose last names begin with **A-L** will make First Penance at **9:30 a.m.** Students whose last names begin with **M-Z** will make First Penance at **11:30 a.m.** Second grade students and their parents are invited to attend a reception at the school hall after the penance service.

Schedule Change: Due to the snow cancellations, the lessons on Child Safety will **not** be taught at the end of the weekly religious education lessons. Instead, all of the Child Safety lessons will be taught on Sunday, May 17th, 2009. Parent volunteers are needed to teach these lessons. Training is available for interested parents. To sign up for training or to find out more information, please send an email to stmargccd@hotmail.com.

GRADE 8: Home school students must attend class on **Monday March 9th** to see the final required video. All home school packets and books must be returned **before April 1st** for credit. Please contact Mr. Moreno at 781-272-5375 with questions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS: According to the Archdiocese of Boston, every religious education volunteer/teacher must attend a mandatory training class called "Protecting God's Children." This class is also known as the "VIRTUS" training program. You only have to attend a VIRTUS training class once in your life. Please send an email to stmargccd@hotmail.com to reserve your spot. You only need to take this class ONCE!

Sunday, March 22 -- 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday, March 23 -- 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 29 --2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday, March 30 --6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

IF you have NOT taken the VIRTUS training class yet, I would greatly appreciate it if you could make an effort to attend the training class on one of the above dates. Please let me know ASAP which training session you would like to sign up for, since we need to make sure we have enough materials and refreshments for all attendees. Thank you!

Altar Ministries – Mar 7/ Mar 8



Saturday
4:30 PM
Celebrant: Fr. Butera
Cantor:
Reader: Janet Fitzgerald
EMHC(s): Tom Bova, Judy Curtin, Rosemarie Hrubci
Server(s): August Kaminski, Ashley Poland

Saturday
7:30 PM
Fr. Butera

Ron Kurtz
Mary Lou McQuinn, Stephen Morecroft
Joe & Sean Maguire

Sunday
7:30 AM
Celebrant: Fr. Robinson
Cantor: ---
Reader: Carl Humphreys
EMHC(s): Arthur Hughes, Brian Walsh
Server(s): Olivia Varghese, Riley Feller

Sunday
10:00 AM Upper Church
Fr. Robinson
Christine Field
Laurie Glasser
Dick Donovan, Donna Donovan
Matt, Mike, & Rob Ackerman

10:00 AM Children's Mass
Celebrant: Fr. Robinson
Cantor: April Healy, George Vallas
Reader: ---
EMHC(s): Nicole Griffin, Mary Rigby, Jolene Fogarty
Server(s): Rachel & Emily Murgo

12:00 Noon
Fr. Robinson
Christine Field
Paul Blanchard
Kathleen Blanchard
Ross Griffin & Kevin Cox

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.

March 1, 2009
Latest Financial Figures

\$7,214 - Weekly Offertory Collection
\$7,950 - Weekly Amount Banked
\$418,471 - Amount Banked YTD
\$393,750 - Budget Year to Date
\$24,721 - Budget Surplus Year to Date

Upcoming Second Collections

March 8 - Catholic Appeal
March 15 - Building Fund

The Peace Scholarship

Each year, the Burlington Interfaith Clergy Council sponsors a Peace Scholarship which is available to high school seniors who are graduating that year. This year, up to two scholarships of \$1,000 each are available. The following congregations sponsor the scholarships: Presbyterian Church, St. Malachy's Church, St. Margaret's Church, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Temple Shalom Emeth, United Church of Christ, Congregational.

The purpose of the award is to recognize seniors who have contributed in significant ways to establishing a climate of understanding, mutual acceptance, and resolution of conflict within and beyond their school. They have succeeded in raising awareness of the importance of these values at a time when preventing violence and accepting differences are of vital importance.

Any high school senior who either lives or attends school in Burlington is available. Anyone may nominate a student for the scholarship. The nomination form is on the next page. The deadline for making nominations this year is March 20th. The nominations are reviewed by a special awards committee which represents the sponsoring congregations. Based on the review, students will be invited to an interview with the awards committee. After the interviews have been completed, the awards will be determined.

Guidelines for selection of awardees are as follows:

- > This scholarship is for student peacemakers. We will consider only nominees for whom specific activities in the area of peacemaking, or contributions to the cause of peaceful relations in school and/or community, are described. We are specifically interested in peace-promoting activities rather than general community service.
- > This is a unique scholarship, emphasizing character and achievement in an area with fewer measurable standards than most others. We hope that no student would be precluded from consideration either because of receipt of other awards, or of lack of qualifications for other awards.
- > This award is not based, in any way, on academic performance.
- > The further education toward which a student aspires may be of any nature.
- > It is suggested that nominees might have contributed either to programs relating to multicultural, racial, or sexual understanding, or to peer mediation. However, it is our hope that any student who has shown character in a particular act or course of action, or pattern of behavior, regardless of connection to particular programs, be considered for this award.

If you think you know of a student who may be deserving of this scholarship, please fill out the nomination form as soon as possible.

**PEACE SCHOLARSHIP OF \$1,000
FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR FROM BURLINGTON
SPRING 2009
NOMINATION FORM**

Please see attached description of this scholarship,
its purpose and selection guidelines

Name of Student _____

Address _____ Phone(____)_____

High School _____

How long have you known the student and in what capacity?

Reasons for nomination:

How has this student fulfilled the purpose for this scholarship? **Please attach one or two pages, describing in detail (with specifics) how this student has promoted peace** through
1) contributions to programs in school or community and/or 2) an action or patterns of behavior unrelated to membership in any program. We are interested in **peace-promoting activities** rather than general community service or scholarship.

We plan to select and interview candidates in April, prior to final decision. May we contact you for further information? _____

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone (____)_____ Evening Phone (____)_____

Please submit this nomination **by March 20** to:

Deacon Richard Bilotta
3 Ruping Drive
Burlington, MA 01803