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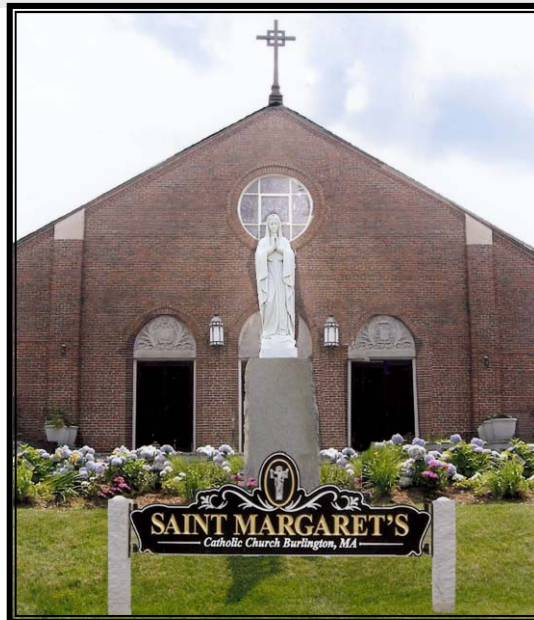


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Dear Parishioners:

Today is Palm Sunday and in the world of religion it is a special day. It is a reminder of Jesus' triumphal entry into the City of Jerusalem, the city where in a mere few days He would be condemned as a common criminal and receive the death penalty as punishment. Today we Christians recognize Christ as our King and that His Kingdom is not of this world.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, with the Sacred Triduum being the holiest of all the days in our calendar. The schedule of services this week is to be found below. I encourage as many of you as possible to participate with us on those nights. It really is the highlight of our liturgical year.

All our worship services remind us that we are called to be different and to leave our little corner of the world in better shape than we found it.

We live in a world where it seems civility has gone out of style; where good manners and kindness have given way to rudeness and impatience. Whether we're driving our cars, standing in line, or exploring the internet, we are likely to come up against meanness and anger over everything from the ridiculous to the sublime.

Some attribute this bad-temperedness to our high-tech mentality. Time-saving gizmos from microwaves to e-mail, have made us less patient, and their facelessness has emboldened some of us to say things we'd otherwise keep to ourselves.

Such incivility can be so discouraging that we might think, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em". We don't have to fall in step with harbingers of bad manners and bad moods. By keeping ourselves above the fray, we might even bring civility back into fashion, even if it's just in our own backyard.

Fr. Robinson



HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Holy Week Services

Sunday	March 28	Palm Sunday	Regular Schedule
Thursday	April 1	Holy Thursday	7:30 p.m. Mass
Friday	April 2	Good Friday	7:30 p.m. Service
Saturday	April 3	Easter Vigil	7:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday	April 4	Easter Sunday	Regular Schedule



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

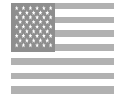
Monday	Mar. 29	6:45am John & Ruth Crowley 9:00am Bridget, Christopher & Malachy Browne
Tuesday	Mar. 30	6:45am Richard Silva 9:00am Michael Hickey
Wednesday	Mar. 31	6:45am Dennis & Nellie Crowley 9:00am Harry & Mary Lawson

Memorial Prayers: Harold Bernstein

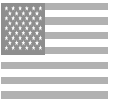
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Prayers for the Sick



Prayers for Protection



Jean Patrick	Barbara Churchill	PFC Paul Marchese	Army	Afghanistan
Grace Tramantozzi	Barbara Danner	Ens. Stephen Dutton	Navy	At Sea
Lisa Aylia.	John Archer	Lt. Christopher Hanafin	Marine	Afghanistan
Mary Presti	Robert Menzies	T.Sgt.Kerry McDonough	Air Force	Iraq
Sis	Gail	MA-3 James Marchese	Navy	Bahrain
Baby Barry	Leo	LCPL Steven Colombo	Marines	Afghanistan
Chandra	Carlos Rodriguez	Lt. Vince Lynch	Army	Germany
Jim R.	Dick Butler	STS2 Kyle J. Marchese	Navy	At Sea
Ginnie Petrone	Joe Baldrate	CW02 Scott Munger	Marines	Hawaii
Jean Simpson	John Nagle	TSGT.Jeremy Brooks	Army	Iraq
Bea Reece	Baby Haley	Lt. Jennifer M. Delaney	Navy	USA
Francis Ellis	Baby Courtney	Sgt. Shawn Weidman	Marines	USA
Baby Declan	Ollie Muir	Sgt. Kaitlyn Guastaferra	Army	USA
Helen Vaughn	Sharon	SPC Todd Miller	Military Police	Iraq
Mary C.	Alice Welch	Patrick Hurley	Army	Iraq
Colleen	Helen Feehan	Staff Sgt. Brian Ladner	Marines	USA
Cathy Fichtner	Michael Munafo	Sgt. Mark Orr	Marines	USA
Cathy Sullivan	Bob Craven	A1C Michael L. Flanagan	Air Force	Iraq
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.	Peter Vallas			
William Petrillo	Arthur Huse			

Altar Ministries – Mar. 27/28



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

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.

March 21 , 2010
Latest Financial Figures

\$7,059 - Weekly Offertory Collection
\$1,000 - Gift
\$8,786 - Weekly Amount Banked For The Parish
\$470,134 - Amount Banked YTD
\$399,000 - Budget YTD
\$71,134 - Budget Variance YTD

Second Collections

April 11 - 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.



Announcements

Funerals - This week St. Margaret's presided over the funerals of Owen Griffin, Mary Magliozzi & Ronald Hannon.. We ask that all of us remember these parishioners and their families in Mass and prayers.

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions - First Sunday after Easter- April 11th at 2p.m. Video , Blessing of Mercy Image, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Chaplet, & Confessions will be heard during the video and after the services. Our Lord's words to Sister Faustina:" I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, especially poor sinners. Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."

Catholic Appeal - "What shall I return to the Lord for all the Lord has given to me?" Christian stewards recognize Christ as the source of all good things. God calls us to share what we have to help others. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for Christ and for one another. The Catholic Appeal is one way to use our gifts for the Church. We would very much like to increase participation. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a prayerful, thankful pledge to the Appeal this weekend. For more information, please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Thank you!

Garden Committee - We are in need of volunteers, please call Mary Lou McQuinn at 781-272-9237.

Trip to Mohegan Sun - The Rotary Club of Burlington is running a fundraiser trip to Mohegan Sun on Saturday, April 17th leaving the Town Hall at **2:45** and returning to Burlington by 11:45 p.m. \$30 pp If interested contact Jim Tigges at 781-910-3303 or Janet Fitzgerald (781) 244-9519 sullivanfh@comcast.net

Bible Study - There will be no Bible Study on March 31st. Bible Study will resume on April 7th.

"The Legacy of Vatican II" - St. Irene's, Carlisle on Thursday April 8th, at 7:30pm at the Parish Hall (lower level) 187 East St., Carlisle.

Noon Mass Lectors & Eucharistic Minister- There is an urgent need for new lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the Sunday noon Mass. Training will be provided. If interested, please contact Dick Donovan at 978-670-2660.



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.

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

March 21
March 28
April 11
April 25

GRADES 3, 4, 5

March 21
March 28

GRADES 6, 7

March 25

GRADE 8

March 22
March 29

GRADE 9

March 23
March 30
April 6

GRADE 10

April 11- 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
May 2 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
May 16 Confirmation:
A - L: 2:00 p.m.;
M - Z: 5:30 p.m.

GRADES 11, 12

March 21

GRADE 2: Congratulations to Skyla Blouin, Brady Doherty, Julianna Lombardo, John Pascale, Mckenzie Lyons, Daniel Archibald, Samuel Gillis, Cameron Soda, Lindsay Baxter, Stefan Kolesnik, Daniel Sullivan, Jade Sweeney, Dale Sweeney, Ronald Esposito, Patrick Pape, Andre Comeau, Matthew Bonanno, Antonio Capelo, Caitlin McGeoghean, David Centoni, Joseph Ranieri, Seamus Gallagher, and Clayton Mathieson for successfully passing their prayer tests! All students should have received a certificate and a prize. Please contact Mrs. Murgio if your son/daughter did not receive a certificate or a prize. Many thanks to all of the parents and teachers who worked with the students to help them learn their prayers.

THANK YOU to **Lorraine Gledhill, Diane Creedon, Robert Ackerman** and **Kimberly Johnson** for all of your hard work, for going above and beyond the "call of duty," and for your positive attitudes. It was a pleasure working with you in the religious education office.

Reminder: there will be no Children's Mass after Easter. Grade 2 students will meet in the upstairs church for Mass on **April 11th** and **April 25th**. Grade 2 students will have a First Communion rehearsal on April 25th in the church immediately after Mass. Students will be brought up to the religious education building after rehearsal for dismissal at 11:45 a.m.

Reminder: Classes end for grades 3, 4, and 5 on March 28th.

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.

Mark Stepaan
Emily Mozzicato
Jessica Poulin
Chloe McGonagle
Brandon Cascio
Sean Desrochers
Billy Waisnor
Audrey Waisnor

Julia Oliver
Brady McGonagle
Allison Mozzicato
Rachel Bolognese
Samantha Poulin
Andrew Bonaventura
Kerry Urquhart

Simon L.
Mikayla D.
Riley Hillis
Liam Murphy
Megan Burke
Dennis Gosselin
Samantha Murphy

“It is Finished”

“‘It is finished,’ he said, And bowing his head, he handed over his spirit.” These are the words that John used to describe Jesus’ last moments as he ends his life on this earth. With this short phrase, “it is finished,” Jesus closes the book of his life on earth by saying that has completed what he set out to do. He came here for a purpose. That purpose has been fulfilled and now it is time to go home. These are words of victory; words of triumph. In modern terms, we might say – “mission accomplished.”

But, just what was Jesus’ mission? Looking back at Jesus’ life on earth, in practical, down to earth terms, just what sort of things did he do while he was here?

First and foremost, he went about spreading the good news – the good news that God was now going to fulfill that which had been foretold by the ancient prophets; the good news that God’s kingdom was at hand. With good example and great patience, he went about teaching what it meant to be a citizen of God’s kingdom. He explained that God loves us as a parent loves a child and that God wanted only that we should do two things: first, most importantly, love God; secondly to love one another. He made it clear that this was a love that was manifested by obedience to the will of God and by doing what is good for each other. He called us to holiness and extended an invitation to all people to come and live in peace and harmony in God’s kingdom.

He did all these things in what he said and in the way that he lived his life. His purpose was to change the direction in which human society was headed – to redirect it away from its sinful ways and toward a deeper relationship with God. He educated, he encouraged, he corrected, he cajoled, he healed, he performed miracles, he forgave, he sacrificed. He did whatever it took to move people in a direction toward God. And, he did it with patience and compassion and mercy and, most importantly, without compromising his core principles.

Now, think about that. Think about all those things that Jesus did while he was on earth. Is there anything among them that you or I cannot do? No, there isn’t. In fact, we are called in our lives to do everything that Christ did when he walked this earth. We, too, are called to love, to teach, to live the gospel message in the same way, with the same uncompromising dedication and fidelity exhibited by Jesus Christ. Can we do it alone? No, we cannot. But, we don’t have to. Christ is always with us. As long as we let him work in and through us, then together, as a People of God, we can do anything and everything that Jesus did while he walked this earth.

It’s important to understand that. It’s important to understand that, as his followers, we are called to do what Jesus did. As individuals, we may do that in different ways and in differing degrees. But, we should all be working together toward the same goal. It’s important that we have a sense of awareness – a sense of purpose - that our mission in life is the same as that of Jesus Christ: to do our part to lead the world to the cross of Christ; to show them the way to God’s kingdom; to bring hope to a world that badly needs it -- to change the world.

That’s the power of the cross – the power that each of us has within us if only we choose to use it. And, Christ wants us to use it. Jesus looks down at us from the cross and calls us, with his help, to continue the work that he started so many years ago. To the ancients, the cross was an instrument of death. But, to a Christian, the cross is a source of power; a connection to God. An ancient Roman would look at a cross with despair and see a dead end. A faithful Christian will look at a cross and, with the hope born of the power of the Holy Spirit working in us, see a gateway to life.

So, in our reflection today we think back to those three little words that Christ spoke just before he died. We think of what he did. We think of what we must do and we ask ourselves what will the words - “it is finished” - mean on our lips at the end of our lives?

Deacon Dick