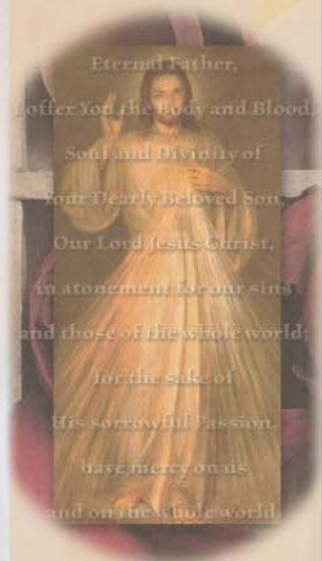


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Divine Mercy Sunday

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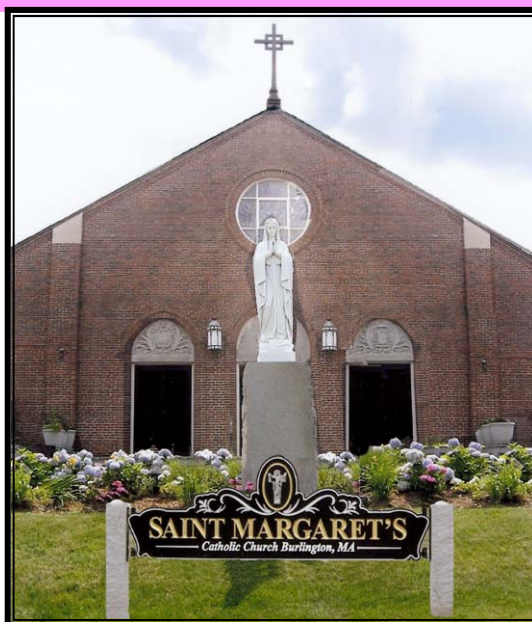


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Dear Parishioners:

I hope everyone had a good Easter. I thank all who came to Holly Week services, and the attendance at Mass of Easter Sunday was just great as usual. Solidarity shores up our faith and results in a greater hope for ourselves, our nation, our church, and our world. May we keep this Easter spirit all the days of our lives.

I am a product of a Catholic school education from grammar school through high school. In my senior year of high school in religion class, the perils of atheistic communism was the main focus. There was no mention of any other historical moral problems that faced the world. It wasn't until I was in my early twenties that I read The Anguish of the Jews by Edward Flannery that I became aware of centuries of anti-Semitism and the word Holocaust became part of my vocabulary. Years later I watched a P.B.S. documentary that showed the most horrible scenes of the death camps of World War II. To this day I have not seen anything comparable, or so moving to the human heart. It is very difficult to comprehend how man could have been so cruel to his fellow man.

Recently I saw a movie entitled The Boy in the Striped Pajamas and while I am not a movie buff or critic, I was really moved and my conclusion was this was a wonderful tool for parents to use with their kids to educate them in regards to the Holocaust. A little education before hand will prepare the kids for a riveting attention getter and conclusion. The relationship between family members is thought provoking and will generate a great discussion. I highly recommend The Boy in the Striped Pajamas.

Today (April 11) is Holocaust Memorial Day throughout the world, whereby the world confronts itself and pledges never to let this ever happen again. As Jesus felt He was abandoned by His Own Father, so must the Jew have had the same experience. This historical moment has no understanding to it; it was forced upon us and can only be accepted. However, the atmosphere that all allowed it to happen needs to be confronted and overcome.

It is also appropriate that today is Divine Mercy Sunday. God knows that man is in constant need of His mercy. Please refer to the announcement page of today's bulletin for the schedule.

Fr. Robinson

Eternal Truths



Absolute Principles

- I*
- I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose, I would always greet it in a garden.*
 - I Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.*
 - I If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.*



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	April 10	9:00am	John Presti
		4:30pm	Ruth Reynolds
		7:30pm	Vincent S. Michienzi (2nd Anniversary)
Sunday	April 11	7:30am	Max Stubbs
		10:00am	Graduation -Jean Malvone (2nd Anniversary)
		12:00pm	Pavincich Family
		2:00pm	Divine Mercy Service Downstairs
Monday	April 12	6:45am	Monty & Pearl Coolidge
Tuesday	April 13	9:00am	Domenic & Robert Capodilupo
		6:45am	Michael & Wanda Ostrowski
Wednesday	April 14	9:00am	Mary, Jerry & John McGillicuddy
		9:00am	Eric Lawlor
Thursday	April 15	9:00am	Al & Lorraine Blais (Healing)
Friday	April 16	9:00am	Angelo Nappa
Saturday	April 17	9:00am	Patricia Shea
		4:30pm	Albert & Sara Russo (22nd Anniversary)
		7:30pm	Raymond Ciano (36th Anniversary)
		7:30am	Emilio & Agata DiPietro
Sunday	April 18	10:00am	Maria Pietro Rabazzi
		12:00pm	For all deceased members of Braceland Family



Prayers for the Sick



Maryellen C.	Barbara Churchill
Grace Tramantozzi	Barbara Danner
Lisa Aylian.	John Archer
Mary Presti	Robert Menzies
Sis	Gail
Baby Barry	Leo
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	Ruth M.
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.	Peter Vallas
William Petrillo	Arthur Huse
Gloria	Paul



Prayers for Protection



PFC Paul Marchese	Army	Afghanistan
Ens. Stephen Dutton	Navy	At Sea
Lt. Christopher Hanafin	Marine	Afghanistan
T.Sgt. Kerry McDonough	Air Force	Iraq
MA-3 James Marchese	Navy	Bahrain
LCPL Steven Colombo	Marines	Afghanistan
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
Sgt. Kaitlyn Guastaferrro	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

Altar Ministries – April 10/11



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

Saturday
7:30 PM
Fr. Kaufman

 Michael & Andree Wheeler
 Ashley Poland, Olivia Varghese

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

Sunday
10:00 AM Upper Church
Fr. Robinson
 Christine Field
 Dick Hanafin, Bill Boudreau, Keavan Stryker
 Kevin, Brian, & Mary Cox

10:00 AM Children's Mass
Celebrant: Discontinued until the Fall
Cantor:
Eucharistic Team:
Server(s):

12:00 Noon
Fr. Kaufman
 Christine Field
 Paul Mazzocca, Mary Lou McQuinn
 Samantha Marchese, Paige Brand

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.

April 4 , 2010
Latest Financial Figures

- 0 - Weekly Offertory Collection**
- \$10,290 - Clergy Benefit Trust**
- \$680 - Mite Boxes**
- \$780 - Weekly Amount Banked For The Parish**
- \$482,170 - Amount Banked YTD**
- \$420,000 - Budget YTD**
- \$62,170 - Budget Variance YTD**

Second Collections

- \$1,195 - Holy Land Collection**
- 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

Banns of Marriage - II Christopher Pesce & Lauren Cook

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."

Project Bread's Walk for Hunger - Save the date! Sunday, May 2, 2010. Any questions, please contact John Herda at 781-273-0532.

Young Adults - Come join hundreds of your peers from across the City of Boston on April 23rd & 24th for our third annual Archdiocese of Boston Eucharistic Congress for College Students & Young Adults. Meet new people, listen to dynamic speakers, pray in new ways, celebrate Mass with Cardinal Sean O'Malley, enjoy delicious food catered by the Italian restaurants of the North End, and participate in an evening Eucharistic procession. For more information please visit our website at www.eucharisticcongress.org.

First Confession - If any second grader needs to make one's First Confession before First Communion, please bring him (her) to the Confessional Room in the lower church on any Saturday from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Introduce the child to the priest. If this is not convenient, contact Father Robinson for an appointment.

Finance Council Meeting - Next meeting is Sunday, April 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in rectory.

Mite Boxes - Frances Turni
Priscilla Sheldon
Ella Buzzotta

Anna Matthew
Teresa Kelly

Ed Sheldon
Jan Campbell

**Blessed are you, who use your envelopes regularly.
Blessed are you, who use the correct envelope of the day.
Blessed are you, who do not scotch tape it shut!
Blessed are you, who don't use staples.
Blessed are you, who mark the amount you've given.
Blessed are you, for your support of St. Margaret's Parish**

Thank You!



Religious Education

Mary Murgo – Director

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2010 Religious Education Schedule

GRADE 2

April 11

April 25

GRADES 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12

Schooling completed for the year

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 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 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.

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 ended for grades 3, 4, and 5 on March 28th.

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Date: March 21, 2010

Time: 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.

Announcements

1. Every parish budgets \$10,000 - \$20,000 per winter for plowing. St. Margaret's may well be the only parish that is plowed free of charge. We have had over the years a number of parishioners who have volunteered their trucks and their time to plow us out after every storm. We cannot thank these people enough. Because of them, snow is not a budget buster for us. In addition, P.J.'s Landscaping sands all our roadways and parking lot after every storm free of charge. Thank you everyone. All this is in addition to our own parish truck working night and day.
2. The Grand Annual final tally was \$83,057, which was a \$19,940 increase over the previous year. Again, thank you!
3. The retired Sisters collection amounted to \$4,492. The Priests' healthcare and pension collection was \$13,149. The Giving Tree Amounted to \$11,000 in gift certificates and 450 wrapped presents. St. Margaret's parishioners have paid their "fair share" when it comes to giving.
4. Our school tax came to \$19,789 and has been paid. The assessment is six percent of our offertory and grand annual collections. This tax helps pay the cost of our archdiocesan school system. Without it, the school system would shut down simply because tuition would be "out of sight."
5. We are in the process of researching the cost of upgrading our fire alarm system as mandated by the Fire Department. It will be somewhat expensive and needs to be completed by 2012.
6. The garden committee has prepared all the landscaping for the arrival of the mulch. Everything around the church rectory and school has been pruned and cleaned. The sweeper has done the parking lots. Soon, the lines will all be repainted.
7. It is the hope of the Finance Committee that, at the end of the current fiscal year (June 30, 2010), St. Margaret's will have recovered these past two years all of the money that was spent on the many projects these past three years. We should have more money in our accounts, come June, than when we started in December 2006. That is quite a comeback and all of us should be proud of our giving and saving as well as our hard work.
8. The new Catholic Directory is out and St. Margaret's ranks in the top ten attendance-wise at Sunday Mass. There are 291 parishes throughout the diocese, and while our numbers have increased slightly over the years, there was always a solid base on which to build. All of our Masses are 50 – 85% of capacity. The Church throughout the world is in crisis. Between the ever-spreading abuse crisis and falling Mass attendance, the result is less respect and confidence in the authority of our Church and less financial support for the institutional Church. In our diocese alone, weekend Mass attendance has dropped from 376,000 in the year 2000 to 287,000 in 2009.
9. The diocese has just informed us that the cost of health care insurance for each priest will increase from \$12,000 to \$18,000 per year. Keep in mind that this comes to \$36,000 for St. Margaret's in addition to three separate collections (Christmas, Easter, and Father's Day) which, last year, amounted to \$30,000. That is a total of \$66,000 that St. Margaret's contributed to the Clergy Benefit Trust Fund in one year!!

10. Our last Nor'Easter drove the rain through the front of the church and into the choir loft. The water came through the ceiling of the entryway into the church. We had that front rug cleaned immediately, but the stains are still there. We are waiting for everything to dry out before repairs are made. The sump pumps worked perfectly in the rectory basement with only very little damage to the walls. The only other little problem is the entryway to the rectory and one section of the front foundation of the rectory.

New Business

1. Given the fact that Confirmation conflicts with the scheduled date of our Festival, we will postpone the Festival till after Labor Day.
2. We have decided to hold off on our annual Appreciation Diner for volunteers and try something different to spur more volunteers to participate. Anyone with suggestions, please contact Fr. Robinson.

The date for the next Parish Council meeting will be published in the bulletin.

First Holy Communion
Saturday May 1, 2010
9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.



Confirmation
Sunday May 16, 2010
2:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.