


*St. Margaret's Parish
Burlington, MA*



Eternal Father,
Offer You the Body and Blood
Soul and Divinity of
Your Dearly Beloved Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins,
and those of the whole world;
for the sake of
His sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us
and on the whole world.

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2009

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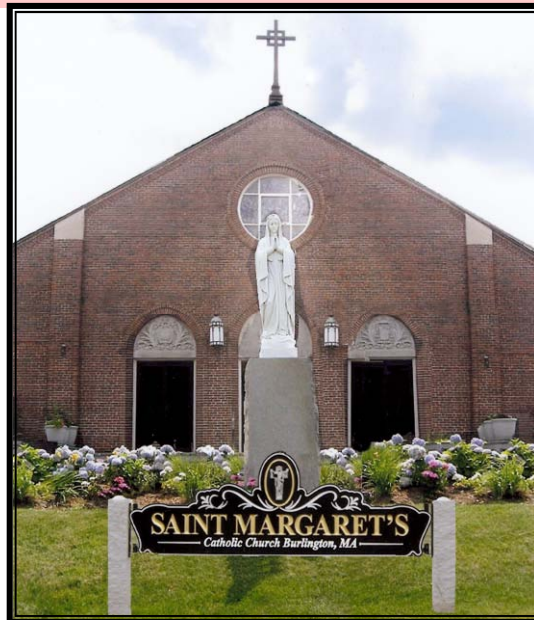


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Dear Parishioners:

Easter was such a great day. It is inspiring to see so many families come together to church. And everyone seems to enjoy the day so much. There is a real sense of family and community to it. It is very much like a reunion where everybody comes together. Love and hope are the virtues of the Easter season. We shall reap what we have sown. May the message of Jesus bear fruit in us "in season and out of season". The crowds at our Easter services were just great!

From the flower arrangements, courtesy of Janet Atkinson & her daughter, to the choir and altar servers and to the entire cast of people who helped during Holy Week, I sincerely thank you. I truly appreciate your time, effort, and good will.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and it reminds us once again that God continually pursues us, encouraging us to take advantage of His constant willingness to forgive us. There is no sin man can commit that cannot be forgiven. It is to our benefit if we behave like Peter after his denial of Christ, rather than like Judas after his betrayal of the Master. Hope, rather than despair, ought to be "the" virtue of every sinner.

I encourage you to visit our website. It has been upgraded for some time now and people who have browsed it claim it is impressive. I am computer illiterate. So, I truly appreciate those of you who have labored so long and so hard to produce such an informative piece of work. The pictures and color make it appealing and the links are so easy to use.

All of us try hard every week to edit and produce an attractive bulletin. It requires hours of labor and I thank every one of you who give of your time and effort. Most parishes have a four or six page bulletin. Our bulletin is twelve pages long and we are always looking for new ideas. Keep in mind that the bulletin is not just to communicate, but to educate. While I haven't had the time to give to the latter, I am very pleased with the product. We use large print to accommodate those of us who can't see so well. I hope you enjoy it.

Fr. Robinson

Mite Boxes - I want to thank everyone of you who gave mite boxes this Lent. You are to be congratulated and every one of your sacrificial offerings is greatly appreciated.

Cole Capobianco	Samantha Marchese	Kevin Cox	Ashley Capobianco
Paige Brand	Nelson Claude	Marcia Haley	Harold Wallace
David Peletier	The Donovan Family	Patrick Pape	Nick Whitney
Geraldine Degurski	John Degurski	Anthony Ponzini	Stephen Anderson
The Clemens Family	The Sheldon Family	The Bova Family	Timothy Cox
Ryan	Brian Cox	Joey Salvucci	Sean Cox
Isabelle Claude	Sean	Alyson Pinkham	Ellen Sheehan





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

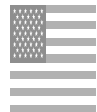
Saturday	April 18	9:00 am	The Families of Cunha & Oley
		4:30 pm	Ruth Reynolds
		7:30 pm	Glen, Marion & Lewis McMahon
Sunday	April 19	7:30 am	Ralph Christiano
		10:00 am	Michael Fazio Sr.
		12:00 noon	All deceased members of the Lombardi & Braceland Fam., Wally Munger, Bill Durney, Jonathan Miller, Ron, Maria, Bert Caserta, Helen Joyce, Lou Sarto
Monday	April 20	6:45 am	Donal Dignan
		9:00 am	Evan Charles Hansen (3rd Anniversary)
Tuesday	April 21	6:45 am	Harold Smith (Month's Mind Mass)
		9:00 am	Ida Chiricosta & Carl Giannelli
Wednesday	April 22	6:45 am	Leo Parkes
		9:00 am	Fr. Richard Egan
Thursday	April 23	9:00 am	Joseph Fokum
Friday	April 24	9:00 am	Fred McMahon
Saturday	April 25	9:00 am	Terry Femino
		4:30 pm	Bob Robbins
		7:30 pm	Antonio & Alice Oliveira
Sunday	April 26	7:30 am	Mary Comeau - Second Anniversary
	Graduation	10:00 am	Davidson Gwanvalla & Joseph Fokum
		12:00 noon	Maria & Francesco Iacco



Prayers for the Sick



Jack Pessotti	Steve
Grace Tramantozzi	Barbara Dannner-
Jim Connors	Donald Welch
Spike Lawless	Robert Menzies
Sis	Sandra Davis
Marie Perriello	Sal Solimine
Patrice Guanci	Dick Butler
Dottie Halley	John M.
Baby Hannah	Nicholas
Jean Simpson	John Nagle
Bea Reese	Baby Haley
Francis Ellis	Baby Courtney
Baby Declan	Ollie Muir
Josh	Helen Vaughn
Bella Russo	Alice Welch
Rebecca	Helen Feehan
Cathy Fichtner	Michael Munafo
Connie Tedesco	Ann Martin
Carl Christiansen	Paul Donovan
Peggy McGarry	Joe Brown
Cathy Sullivan	Ginnie Petrone

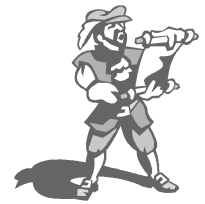


Prayers for Protection



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
PFC 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
CPO David Sweet	Navy	Iraq
Sgt. Kaitlyn Guastafarro	Army	USA

Memorial Prayers: Robert Griffin



Announcements

Funerals - This past week, St. Margaret's presided at the funeral of Thomas Adams. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Banns of Marriage - I Gregory Caggiano & Katherine Bonczar
III Gregg Gavin & Erin Many

Divine Mercy Sunday - Plan to attend service on Sunday, April 19 at 2 p.m. in the lower church. There will be a video, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Chaplet and confessions. Any questions call Helen Dignan at 781-272-2431.

Wedding Anniversaries - Sean Cardinal O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. Invites all couples of the Archdiocese of Boston who are marking their 25th & 50th wedding anniversaries in 2009 to join him at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Sunday, June 7; 11:30am Mass for renewal of vows. Family & friends of participating couples may attend. Please register with the parish office by May 11, 2009 to attend. A formal invitation & more information will be sent to couples. Congratulations on your anniversary!

Project Bread - "Walk for Hunger" takes place in 2 weeks. Please, donate to help hungry people across the state. Or better yet, do the 20 mile walk and ask others to sponsor you. Pick up a brochure at the back of the church. Go to <www.ProjectBread.org/walk> or call Project Bread at (617) 723-5000. Last year food was provided for more than 43.4 million people.

Blood Drive - Burlington Community Blood Drive Tuesday April 21; 1:30 pm-7:30pm American Legion Hall, Winn Street, Burlington. All presenting donors may enter to win Red Sox tickets as "Blood Donor of the Game". For an appointment call 1-800-GIVE LIFE. Positive ID required.

Burlington Letter Carriers Food Drive - May 9, 2009. Please only donate non-perishable items with an expiration date of either June-December 2009, or anytime in 2010, 2011, or 2012. Please do not donate food with an expiration date earlier than June of 2009, or a product code you cannot interpret. If you want to volunteer sorting the donated food or transporting the items back to the food pantry, please call Jay B. Barnes of the Burlington Food Pantry at 781-270-6625. Adults, teenagers, and children eight and older accompanied by an adult are welcome to volunteer.

Breakfast - On Sunday, April 19 from 9 to Noon, the Burlington Sons of Italy offer a very complete breakfast at the church hall. \$10. for adults & \$5. for children under 10. Join us for a spring break.

Family Festival - There will be a meeting for the Family Festival on Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. We are still looking for volunteers. For more information contact Lydia at (781) 272-0420. We are also looking for donations. **Wanted:** donations to make gift baskets. Items needed are; coffee, tea, gardening items, crafts for kids, summer fun toys, wine, crackers, coffee & tea cups, wine glasses, gift cards, etc. Premade gift baskets are also welcome.



Religious Education

Mary Murgo – Director

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Stmargccd@hotmail.com



GRADE 4: Grade 4 students are invited to participate in the May Procession on Sunday, May 3rd. Fourth graders will carry a statue of the Blessed Mother, flowers, and banners around the church and up to the school building, followed by the First Communion Class. Parents, please send an email to stmargccd@hotmail.com if your fourth grade child would like to participate in the May Procession.

GRADE 5: Any grade 5 students who have siblings in second grade are also invited to participate in the May Procession. Please contact Mary Murgo at stmargccd@hotmail.com asap if interested.

GRADE 9: All community service forms must be returned no later than April 14, 2009. No forms will be accepted after that date. If you have any questions, please call Joanne Mackey at 978-439-0017.

GRADE 2: Congratulations to Olivia Cannalonga, Brandon Cascio, Nicholas Pazzia, Nicholas Ricci, Christopher Roberto, and Marco Savi for successfully passing their oral prayer tests!

GRADE 3: Congratulations to Simon Chiang, Christopher Dalton, Ryan Farrow, Christopher Murgo, and Navya Sebastian for Perfect Attendance!

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GRADE 5: Congratulations to Caroline Covenno, Raybien Felizardo, and Elizabeth Surabian for Perfect Attendance!

GRADE 6: Congratulations to Kelsey Daniels-O'Brien, Kristin Johnson, Alison Oliver, Samantha Porter, and Tommy Taranto for Perfect Attendance!

GRADE 7: Congratulations to Cecilia Chiang, Daniel Federico, and Kyle Kurtz for Perfect Attendance!

GRADE 8: Congratulations to Kelly Coluci, Anthony Cruz, Kimberly Johnson, Braden Parker, and Samantha Sweeney for Perfect Attendance!

FIRST COMMUNION DRESS CODE: Boys will wear white shirts, red ties, dark pants (black or navy) and dark shoes. Girls will wear white dresses, white socks/tights, white shoes. Veils are optional. Please NO gloves, purses, or other accessories.

RED TIES: Any student who needs to purchase a red clip-on tie for First Communion should bring in exact change (\$7.00) or a check made out to "St. Margaret's Parish." Ties are in the CCD office.

NEED HELP? If you need help getting a First Communion outfit for your son/daughter, please send an email to stmargccd@hotmail.com or contact Father Robinson. We can help you!

GRADES 2 and 3: On Sunday, April 26th, all second and third grade students should sit with their teachers/classmates at the front of the **UPSTAIRS** church. Second graders will remain in the church for First Communion practice after the 10:00 Mass. Third grade students will file up to the school building as soon as Mass is over. All students will be dismissed from the school building as usual.

THE FIRST COMMUNION BREAKFAST will be held at the school hall on **Sunday, May 3rd**. All First Communicants and their families are invited to attend. Students should wear their First Communion outfits to the 10:00 Mass in the upstairs church. Second graders will follow the fourth graders up to the school building. The breakfast will immediately follow the May Procession.

THANK YOU to everyone who has sent in raffle baskets for the Family Festival which will take place on Sunday, May 17th. Donations (coffee, tea, arts & crafts, movie tickets, gardening items, baskets, etc.) may be dropped off at the rectory.

Altar Ministries – Apr 18/19



Saturday
4:30 PM
Celebrant: Father Butera
Cantor:
Reader: Joanne Mackey
EMHC(s): Tom Bova, Judy Curtin, Rosemarie Hruby
Server(s): Kevin Coluci, Jake Hanafin

Saturday
7:30 PM
 Father Butera

 Ron Kurtz
 Mary Lou McQuinn, Stephen Morecroft
 Ashley Poland, Olivia Varghese

Sunday
7:30 AM
Celebrant: Father Kilroy
Cantor: ---
Reader: Carl Humphreys
EMHC(s): Arthur Hughes, Brian Walsh
Server(s): Ross Griffin, Nicholas Whitney

Sunday
10:00 AM Upper Church
 Father Kilroy
 Christine Field
 Dick Donovan
 Donna Donovan, Frances Hertquest
 Joe & Sean Maguire

10:00 AM Children's Mass
Celebrant: Discontinued until the Fall
Cantor:
Reader: ---
EMHC(s):
Server(s):

12:00 Noon
 Father Robinson
 Christine Field
 Paul Blanchard
 Kathleen Blanchard
 Jillian Ghio, 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 12, 2009
Latest Financial Figures

- \$2,772 - Mite Boxes**
- \$1,428 - Holy Land Collection**
- \$10,016 - Clergy Benefit Trust**
- \$3,715 - Weekly Amount Banked for the Parish**
- \$471,851 - Amount Banked YTD for the Parish**
- \$461,250 - Budget Year to Date**
- \$10,601 - Budget Surplus Year to Date**

Upcoming Second Collections

None

The Divine Mercy Chaplet

What is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy?

Saint Faustina was born Helena Kowalska in the village of Glogowiec west of Lodz, Poland, on August 25, 1905. She was the third of ten children. When she was almost twenty, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, whose members devote themselves to the care and education of troubled young women. The following year she received her religious habit and was given the name Sister Maria Faustina, to which she added "of the Most Blessed Sacrament," as was permitted by her Congregation's custom.

In the 1930s, Sister Faustina received from the Lord a message of mercy that she was told to spread throughout the world. She was asked to become the apostle and secretary of God's mercy, a model of how to be merciful to others, and an instrument for reemphasizing God's plan of mercy for the world.

The message of mercy that Sister Faustina received is now being spread throughout the world; she has been recognized by the Church as a "Saint"; and her diary, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, has become the handbook for devotion to The Divine Mercy. She would not have been surprised, for she had been told that the message of God's mercy would spread through her writings for the great benefit of souls.

Through Saint Faustina, Jesus also revealed special ways to live out the response to His mercy—one of which is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, as both a novena and a prayer. Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated each year on the Sunday immediately following Easter.

Our Lord said to Saint Faustina:

Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you ... Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death ... When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between my Father and the dying person, not as the Just Judge but as the Merciful Savior ... Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from my infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy ... Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will.



How to Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. At the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts the Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

Optional Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

Begin with the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed.

Then, on the large bead before each decade:

Eternal Father,
I offer you the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity,
of Your Dearly Beloved Son,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world.

On the ten small beads of each decade, say:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Conclude with (Say 3 Times):

Holy God,
Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us
and on the whole world.

Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

