



St. Margaret's Parish
Burlington, MA

July 18, 2010

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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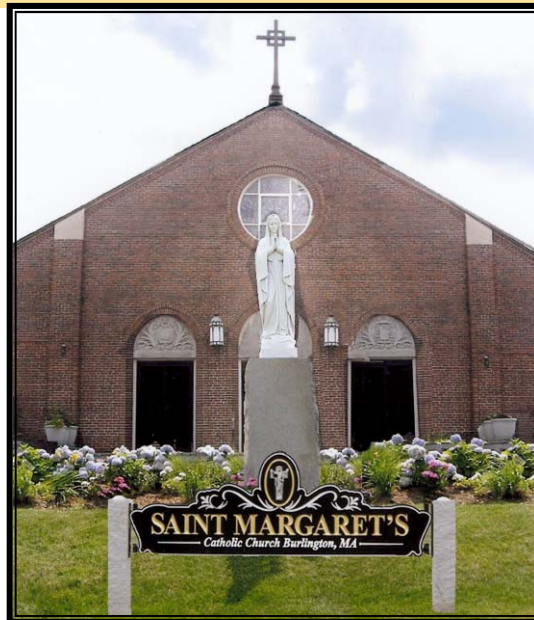


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Dear Parishioners,

'Lord, teach us to pray!' Prayer is necessary for us. It is such a richly rewarding gift. But faithfulness in prayer also requires patient effort on our part. Those who wish to pray must recognize the need for discipline, the need to develop the habit of prayer. One way to begin is to concentrate on morning prayer, evening prayer and daily meditation.

A pattern of morning prayer might include praise of God, thanks for past goodness, an act of faith in God and His saving word, an act of hope in God above this world, an act of love of God, a resolution to imitate Jesus Christ today and an offering to Him of all the prayers, works and sufferings of the day ahead.

As for night prayer, before retiring for the night, it ought to include expressions of thanks for the gifts God has given and of sorrow for one's failings during the day, and then commending oneself and your loved ones to God. The official "Night Prayer" of the Church always concludes with a prayer to the Blessed Mother and this could be a good practice for all to follow.

It is the daily meditation that presents the most challenges. Ideally one could set aside a period of time, perhaps 15 to 30 minutes, for mental prayer each day. But even if this is not possible one can take a few minutes in a quiet place to maintain our communication with God. Our ability to maintain a good prayer time is important. It is difficult to pray correctly if one is tense or pressured. By acknowledging His presence in our lives and our need for His help we maintain our daily link to God which transforms our character and life.

Parents should of course be mindful that their children should understand the importance of prayer and that it is a part of their lives too. This is so even for the very young so that the little child may learn to call upon the God who loves us and protects us. Children should be taught by example the habit of prayer, at morning, at night and at meals. Special instruction should be given in the liturgy of the Mass so that they will know what the Mass is, understand its parts and participate in it.

Mother Teresa said, "I don't think there is anyone who needs God's help and grace as much as I do. Sometimes I feel so helpless and so weak. I think this is why God uses me. Because I cannot depend on my own strength. I rely on Him 24 hours a day. All of us must cling to God through prayer. My secret is simple: I pray. Through prayer I become one in love with Christ. I realize that praying to him is loving Him.

We cannot find God in noise and agitation. Nature: trees, flowers, and grass grow in silence. The stars, the moon, and the sun move in silence. What is essential is not what we say but what God tells others through us. In silence He listens to us; in silence He speaks to our souls. In silence we are granted the privilege of listening to His voice." (Mother Teresa, cited in *The Power of Prayer*)

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Harry





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** – Suspended for the summer. Will resume in October.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	July 17	9:00 am	Joseph Mantone (15th Anniversary)
		4:30 pm	Lorraine Latalien
		7:30 pm	The Smith Family
Sunday	July 18	7:30 am	Mike & Ann Margaret McDade (living 2nd Wedding Anniversary) Dom & Robin Fazio (living 24th Wedding Anniversary)
		10:00 am	Mass of Thanksgiving
		12:00 pm	Nicola Francescucci
Wednesday	July 21	9:00 am	Connie O'Brien
Friday	July 23	9:00 am	Helen Comaskey
Saturday	July 24	9:00 am	Patricia Hackel
		10:30 am	Memorial for Barbara Redfern
		4:30 pm	Iris McInally (3rd Ann.) & Stanley Poniatowski (11th Ann.)
		7:30 pm	Patricia Clement
Sunday	July 25	7:30 am	Virginia Cotta
		10:00 am	James Meehan, Sr. (23rd Anniversary)
		12:00 pm	Angela Venti (1st Anniversary)

Memorial Prayers: Joseph Lombardi



Prayers for the Sick

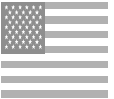


Maryellen C.
Grace Tramantozzi
Mary Presti
Sis
Baby Dylan
Chandra
William Morrissey
Ginnie Petrone
Jean Simpson
Bea Reece
Francis Ellis
Baby Declan
Helen Vaughn
Mary C.
Colleen
Cathy Fichtner
Cathy Sullivan
Noah M.
James Meehan
Robert W. Taylor II
Stephen D.
John M.
Tommy G.
Gloria DeRosa
Iris Covenno
Viola

Barbara Churchill
Lisa Aylia.
Robert Menzies
Bruce Cecere
Fred Sousa
Carlos Rodriguez
Dick Butler
Joseph Baldrate
John Nagle
Baby Haley
Baby Courtney
Ollie Muir
Fred
Alice Welch
Helen Feehan
Michael Munafo
Bob Craven
Marisa Coppola
Beth R.
Ronald Magliozzi
Peter Vallas
Madeline Kadilak
John F.
John Casey
Baby Lecomte
John Gorman



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
CPL Steven Colombo	Marines	Afghanistan
Capt.. Vince Lynch	Army	Afghanistan
STS2 Kyle J. Marchese	Navy	At Sea
CW02 Scott Munger	Marines	Hawaii
TSGT.Jeremy Brooks	Air Force	Afghanistan
Lt. Jennifer M. Delaney	Navy	USA
Sgt. Shawn Weidman	Marines	USA
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
SrA Michael L. Flanagan	Air Force	Iraq
LCPL Patrick McGarry	Marines	Afghanistan
PFC Michael Morgan	Army	Afghanistan
Lauren Mynette	Peace Corps	Tanzania
Lt.ColTimothy Lincoln	Air	Afghanistan
	Nat.Guard	
LCPL Sean Litchfield	Marines	Afghanistan
Sgt. Patrick Harrington	Marines	At. Sea

Altar Ministries – July 17/18



Saturday
4:30 PM
Celebrant: Father Robinson
Cantor: Christine Field
Eucharistic Team: Joanne Mackey, Joanne O’Keeffe, Elaine Wishneusky
Server(s): Caroline Peterson, Erin Mackey

Saturday
7:30 PM
 Father Kaufman

 Ron Kurtz, Stephen Morecroft
 Ashley Poland, Riley Feller

Sunday
7:30 AM
Celebrant: Father Robinson
Cantor: ---
Eucharistic Team: Beth Mackey, Lucy Bramanti, Joyce McPhail
Server(s): Jillian Ghio

Sunday
10:00 AM Upper Church
 Father Kaufman
 Christine Field
 Dick Hanafin, Bill Boudreau, Keavan Stryker
 Kevin, Brian, Mary & Tim Cox

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

12:00 Noon
 Father Kaufman
 Christine Field
 Paul Mazzocca, Mary Lou McQuinn
 James & John Kuczynski

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.

July 4, 2010 -Latest Financial Figures

\$5,898 - Weekly Offertory Collection
\$3,302 - Insurance Rebate
\$10,455 - Weekly Amount Banked
\$10,455 - Amount Banked YTD
 ? - Budget YTD
 ? - Budget Variance YTD

July 11, 2010 -Latest Financial Figures

\$6,820 - Weekly Offertory Collection
\$1,907 - Black & Native American
\$8,210 - Weekly Amount Banked
\$18,665 - Amount Banked YTD
 ? - Budget YTD
 ? - Budget Variance YTD

Second Collections

July 18 - Building Fund
July 25- Central And Eastern Europe

We are in the process of finalizing our annual financial report and until we do we are unable to project a budget. Hence, our figures will be incomplete for a short time.



Announcements

Funerals - This week St. Margaret's presided over the funerals of Santo Balba, David McHugh, Arlene Lefebvre & Ellie Bonfanti We ask that all of us remember these parishioners and their families in Mass & prayer.

Banns of Marriage - **III** Gabriel Donadio & Rebecca Lamattina

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

Haleigh Noelle Cassidy
Maximillian John Shvartsman

Laina Kaitlyn Mandracchia
Nicholas Saverio Tuliparo

2010 Catholic Appeal - Stewardship reminds us to count our blessings, acknowledge God's gifts to us, and express thanks to Him. We do this by a proportionate giving of our time, talent and treasure. We sincerely thank all who have made a gift to the 2010 Catholic Appeal. You are helping many people with many needs. God calls us to share what we have to help others. So far we have achieved 83.9% of our goal. Every gift matters. It is never too late to give. Packets are available at the church exits.

Ushers - We are temporarily retiring the blue & red bags . We will use the dark brown baskets in the crying room on the parking lot side. They will be quicker to use when unloading the collection baskets. When there are two collections just use the accompanying pieces of wood to separate the two. Try to get the basket to the altar as soon as possible. Please check the tables down front to see if they have enough bulletins. Remember to keep the windows and doors closed as much as possible throughout the summer.

Lost & Found Box - Located at the front entrance to the church beneath the table. You may just find in there something you lost months ago. Surprise yourself and take a look!!!

The Life Center - located on the second floor at 61 Center St., Burlington. They conduct through interviews for any resident of the town in need & they give the necessary referrals. The phone # is 781-270-1961.

Finance Council - Next meeting Thursday evening July 29 at 7:00pm in the rectory.

Church Fall Festival - A meeting will be held at the Rectory July 28th at 7:00 p.m. For more info Contact Lydia Brown (781) 272-0420. Without volunteers we can't have a festival.



St. Margaret's School of Religion

Registration for Grade 1 through Grade 12

September 2010- May 2011

Registration fee is \$60 per student with a \$200 maximum per family. There are no other fees during the school year. Please mail this form with tuition payment to: 111 Winn Street, Burlington, MA 01803 or drop form and payment into the church collection box **by August 1, 2010.** Checks should be made payable to "**St. Margaret's Parish.**"

NEW Students: Please include a copy of your son/daughter's **Baptismal Record** with this registration form if your child did not attend St. Margaret's School of Religion last year.

Contact Information [Please print!]

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Home Address: _____ City, State: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Father's Cell Phone: _____ Mother's Cell Phone: _____

Student Information [Please print!]

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Grade (1-12): _____

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******Any family currently experiencing financial difficulty should please pay what you can afford.******

To Be Free

Freedom.

What a wonderful concept! It's part of our human nature to desire to be free, to be in control of our lives, to be able to make our own decisions and choices. What makes humans unique among all other forms of life is that only we have free will – the ability to think for ourselves and decide for ourselves what course our lives will take.

Free will is one of God's great gifts to humanity. In effect, it is the gift of self-determination. And, from the time we are very young children, it is a gift that we jealously seek to protect - a gift that we vigorously defend, even if we must go to war to do it. We recently celebrated Independence Day, remembering a time when our forebears rebelled against the most powerful country in the world in order to secure the right to live as a free people.

It should come as no surprise that freedom is so important to us. After all, our free will makes us master of our own lives. And, what could be more fundamentally human than that? What could be more important than determining for ourselves what we do in life or more desirable than being free to seek happiness on our own terms?

And, yet, if we are honest and wise, we will understand that complete freedom is a two-edged sword. For, the same free will that gives us the ability to make good choices in life also gives us the ability to make bad ones. One of the great ironies of human existence is that, all too often, when we use our free will in search of happiness, we just end up creating trouble and unhappiness for ourselves and for others.

God gave us this wonderful gift of free will. Unfortunately, he did not give us the ability to use it perfectly and without error. Truth is – being master of our own lives isn't necessarily the be-all and end-all that we humans like to think that it is.

You know, one of the reasons why God came to earth and walked among us, as one of us, in the person of Jesus Christ, is that he wanted to guide us in the right way to use our free will. He wanted to teach us how to use our free will in such a way that it would lead to true happiness in our lives – both in this life and in the next. And, he did that both by the words that he spoke and the example that he set in the way He lived His life.

What's really quite remarkable is that He taught us that the road to happiness lies not so much in being master of our own lives, but, rather, in recognizing God as the master of our lives. Jesus made it abundantly clear that, although God gives us free will, he also sets boundaries on how we may use it. A good parent sets boundaries on what a child may or may not do. The parent will do that for the child's benefit – to protect the child, to help nurture the child to maturity.

It's exactly the same with God. We are God's children. And, just like any good parent, he sets boundaries on our behavior – boundaries that he wants us freely to choose to live within during the course of our lives. He sets these boundaries for our own good, knowing that if we cross the boundaries it can lead to sadness, pain, and suffering. And, he made it quite clear that our willingness to stay within the boundaries would be the indication of our love for Him. Jesus said: "If you love me, you will obey my commandments."

How do we know where the boundaries are? That's why Christ established the Church. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the Church's mission is to teach us where the boundaries lie and to help us live our lives within them so that we can live lives that are holy and pleasing to God.

St. Paul wrote: "None of us lives to himself and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord; if we die, we die to the Lord; so, then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." [Romans 14: 7-8] In other words, we are under God's authority in this life, as well as when we die. We will be judged on how well we have obeyed God's commandments and lived within the boundaries that He has set for us.

We should never lose sight of the fact that the Spirit of God lives within those who are faithful to Him and that, as God's children, we are called to reflect His image to the world around us. Therefore, God calls each of us, in humility, to acknowledge Him to be the master of our lives and to use our gift of free will in obedience to His will and in service to Him.

It's counter-intuitive. But, the wise will recognize it as the truth. In the eyes of God, freedom is not about doing anything we would; it's about being free to do as we should. The great paradox of our spiritual life is that, in a sense, the best way to make good use of the gift of free will that God has given us is --- to freely give it back to God. God Bless.

Deacon Dick