

CELEBRATING LIFE



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In his hand is the *life* of every creature
and the *breath* of all mankind.

Job 12:10

St. Margaret's Parish

Burlington, MA

October 4, 2009

Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Respect Life Sunday

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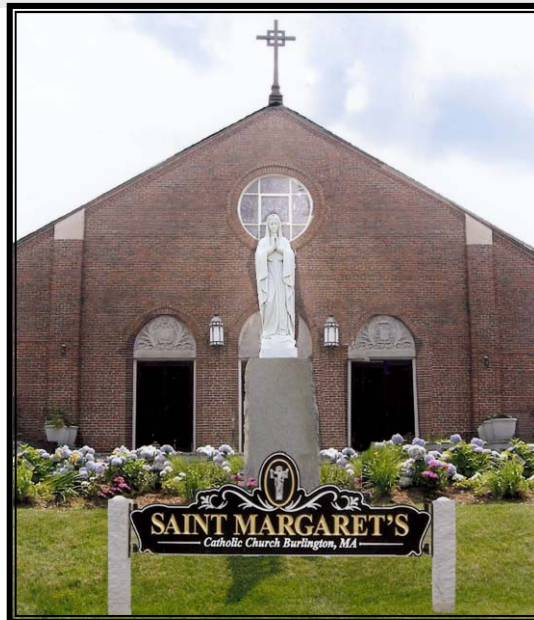


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Dear Parishioners:

Today is Respect Life Sunday. It is one more day to reflect on the dignity and worth of human life. Man is the highest form of life made in the image and likeness of his creator. Our intelligence, free will, and the invitation to live eternally in the Kingdom of God is what separates and distinguishes us from all other creatures.

We were not born in isolation, we were born in relation to one another. No man is an island cut off from the mainstream of life. We are one another's brother. We are called by God to look out for one another from the moment of conception until natural death. It is a life long task, responsibility, and obligation. It is what makes the Christian different in this world. We are pro-life through and through. When it comes to social justice, there has been no better spokesperson than the Catholic Church. We have set the norms and we have taken the lead when it came to protect and defend man's rights and dignity. Our Church has had and continues to have a great heritage and tradition when it comes to "life". Deacon Dick has an additional article on "life" on pages 9 and 10 in this bulletin.

Although this next topic is not on the same level as what has been written above, never-the-less, I need to mention this is the first week of our Grand Annual Collection. We really need to get over \$100,000 these next two months. That amount is very reasonable given the amount of parishioners. So many people are working hard for this parish in so many ways. We are making progress, but the challenges are never-ending.

Fr. Robinson

**Saint Margaret's
Grand Annual Collection
Begins
October 3, 2009
Continues
Through October and November
And Ends
November 22, 2009
Please Consider Participating**



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

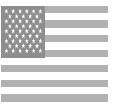
Saturday	Oct. 3	9:00 am	Martha Busa (5th Anniversary)
		4:30 pm	Arthur & Imelda MacDonald & Helen & Russell Bosworth
		7:30 pm	Esther Kennedy (1st Anniversary) Robert Kennedy (5th Anniversary)
Sunday	Oct. 4	7:30 am	Gregory MacDonald
		10:00 am	Connie Sullivan
		12:00 pm	Richard Warrino
Monday	Oct. 5	6:45 am	Stephanie & George Hanafin
		9:00 am	Gladys Milano (Month's Mind Mass)
Tuesday	Oct. 6	9:00 am	Albert Cangiano Sr. (1st Anniversary)
Wednesday	Oct. 7	6:45 am	Margaret A. Hanafin
		9:00 am	Sabina Meehan
Thursday	Oct. 8	9:00am	Rose & William Boudreau & Doug Jorgenson
Friday	Oct. 9	6:45 am	Connie Hanafin
		9:00 am	Frank Presti
Saturday	Oct. 10	9:00 am	John Kiernan & Gladys McDonald
		4:30 pm	Joseph Margi
		7:30 pm	Francis Garvey (1st Year)
Sunday	Oct. 11	7:30 am	Sandy & Eric Lawlor
		10:00 am	Sabina Meehan
		12:00 pm	Rev. James Shaughnessey



Prayers for the Sick



Prayers for Protection

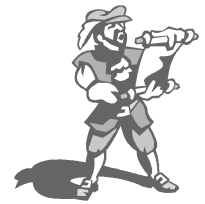


Mary Mazzola
Grace Tramantozzi
Lisa Aylian.
Laura
Sis
Jim R.
Chandra
Dottie Halley
Ginnie Petrone
Jean Simpson
Bea Reece
Francis Ellis
Baby Declan
Helen Vaughn
Mary C.
Fred & Toni
Cathy Fichtner
Cathy Sullivan
Charles Corlin
Peggy McGarry
Colleen

Barbara Churchill
Barbara Danner
Maria DaRosa
Robert Menzies
Marie Perriello
Harry
Doris F.
Dick Butler
Nicholas
John Nagle
Baby Haley
Baby Courtney
Ollie Muir
Bella Russo
Alice Welch
Helen Feehan
Michael Munafo
Ann Martin
Marisa Coppola
Jeanne Mazzola
Ruth

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Ens. Stephen Dutton
Sgt. Joseph P. Surette
CPL Richard Schaufus
T.Sgt.Kerry McDonough
MA-3 James Marchese
LCPL Steven Colombo
Staff Sgt. Eric Leverone
Lt. Vince Lynch
STS2 Kyle J. Marchese
CW02 Scott Munger
TSGT.Jeremy Brooks
Lt. Jennifer M. Delaney
CPL Shawn Weidman
CPO David Sweet
Sgt. Kaitlyn Guastaferra
Staff Sgt. Brian Ladner
Lance Corp.Jeffrey Kelley
Patrick Hurley

Army Afghanistan
Navy At Sea
Army Korea
Marines Okinowa
Air Force Iraq
Navy Italy
Marines USA
Army Afghanistan
Army Germany
Navy At Sea
Marines Hawaii
Army Iraq
Navy USA
Marines At Sea
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Marines Afghanistan
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Announcements

Banns of Marriage [] Joseph Procacini & Jessica Walden

Funerals- This week St. Margaret's presided over the funerals of Charles Chicarello, Marie Verrier & Philip Herlihy. We ask that all of us remember these parishioners & their families in Mass & prayer.

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

Owen Michael McGowan
Emma Margaret Fricke
Isabella Patricia LaFauci

Talia Reese Capezzuto
Anthony Louis Galarneau
Faith Margaret Hanafin

Lena Margaret Menkello
Marc Joseph LaFauci

Heartbeat - Join other pro-life walkers on Sunday Oct.4th for the annual MCFL Respect Life Walk or donate to raise funds for Heartbeat Pregnancy Help Center. We provide free assistance to pregnant and new mothers and their children. Lives are saved through this ministry!.

A bus will leave the parking lot at St. Margaret's Church, Burlington Oct.4 after the 12Noon Mass (about 1pm) and arrive at Boston Common. Festivities start at 1:30pm and the walk begins at 2:30pm. We will return to the parking lot around 4:30pm. Please call 781-229-7887 or email pregnancyma@verizon.net for sponsorship forms to sponsor a walker, or for more information.

Dinner with the Cardinal - Any young man in high school who is interested in the seminary is invited to an informal dinner with Cardinal Sean on the evening of Oct. 8, 2009. See Fr. Robinson for details. For more information on vocations go to www.vocationsboston.org or Call 617-650-6302.

Rosary Rally - October 10 at 12 noon at the Burlington Common.

Finance Council - Next meeting is Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Healing Service, Carlisle - On Tuesday, Oct.13, St. Irene Parish, 187 East St., will hold a Mass and healing service at 7pm with Rev. Mark Ballard as celebrant. For more details, call 978-256-7940..

Shaw's - If you are having difficulty registering for Shaws Community Cares Program, please call Paul & Claire Putnicki @781-272-6177 and they will help you register.

Congratulations - Amy & Pat Contrado, long-time parishioners, are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on October 16, 2009.





<u>Grade</u>	<u>Begins</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
2	September 27	10:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Church	\$75.00
3	September 27	10:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Church	\$50.00
4	September 27	8:45 - 10:45 a.m.	School	\$50.00
5	September 27	8:45 - 10:45 a.m.	School	\$50.00
6	October 1	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	School	\$50.00
7	October 1	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	School	\$50.00
8	September 28	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	School	\$50.00
9	October 6	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	School	\$75.00
10	October 4	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	School	\$75.00
11	September 27	6:15 - 8:00 p.m.	School	\$50.00
12	September 27	6:15 - 8:00 p.m.	School	\$50.00

Once your family has reached the \$175 maximum tuition, then there are no additional fees.

First Grade Teachers

Heidi Brosnan
10 Larson Circle
Burlington
781-270-0963

Ann- Marie Bairos
87 Lexington St.
Burlington
781-365-4007

Jolene Fogarty
227 Winn St.
Burlington
781-229-0057

Joanne Sweeney
10 Nelson Road
Burlington
(781) 362-4069

Elaine Wisneusky (Tuesday 3 pm)
135 Mill Street
Burlington
(781) 273-1736

Angela Hanafin
4 Maple Street
Burlington
(781) 229-4378

Altar Ministries – Oct. 3/4



**Saturday
4:30 PM**

Celebrant: Fr. Robinson
Cantor: ---
Reader: Joanne Mackey
EMHC(s): Rosella Bilotta, Joanne O’Keeffe,
Elaine Wishneusky
Server(s): Kathleen & Kerri Mackey

**Saturday
7:30 PM**

Fr. Harry Kaufman

Ron Kurtz
Mary Lou McQuinn, Stephen Morecroft
Riley Feller, Ashley Poland & Nick Whitney

**Sunday
7:30 AM**

Celebrant: Fr. Robinson
Cantor: ---
Reader: Dawn Dionne
EMHC(s): Lucy Bramanti, Beth Mackey
Server(s): August Kaminski & Ross Griffin

**Sunday
10:00 AM Upper Church**

Fr. Robinson
Christine Field
Dick Hanafin
Bill Boudreau, Keavan Stryker
Joe, Sean & Tim Maguire

10:00 AM Children’s Mass

Celebrant: Fr. Harry Kaufman
Cantor: April Healy, George Vallas
Reader: ---
EMHC(s): Nicole Griffin, Mary Rigby, Jolene Fogarty
Server(s): Rachel & Emily Murgo

12:00 Noon

Fr. Harry Kaufman
Christine Field
Paul Mazzocca
Arthur Huse
Kevin & Mary 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.

September 27, 2009
Latest Financial Figures

\$6,730 - Weekly Offertory Collection
\$3,333 - Missionary Collection
\$9,014 - Weekly Amount Banked
\$136,607 - Amount Banked YTD
\$136,500 - Budget YTD
\$107 - Budget Variance YTD

Upcoming Second Collections

October 3 - Grand Annual
October 11 - Building Fund
October 18 - Mission Sunday

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.

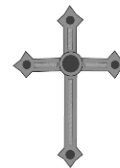


Religious Education

Mary Murgo – Director

School Phone: 781-272-5810

Stmargccd@hotmail.com



REGISTRATION 2009-10: Thank you to all who passed in their registration information. Any NEW or returning students who have not yet registered should check our parish website at www.saintmargaretschurch.net/religiousEd.aspx for registration information. Only registered students will be assigned a classroom. Classes begin **Sunday, September 27th, 2009.**

GRADE 1: Our first grade program is a neighborhood school program. This means that parents volunteer to teach a group of children in their home. Anyone who is interested in teaching first grade students in your home should contact our grade 1 coordinator, Jim Brine, at jbrine3@aol.com or at 781-272-1113. Jim will publish the name, address, and phone number of grade 1 teachers in the weekly bulletin. To enroll your son/daughter in a first grade class, you will need to call the teacher directly. First grade classes usually fill up quickly, so please call as soon as you see the teachers listed in the bulletin!

GRADE 1 REGISTRATION: All grade one students should use the **NEW Student Registration Form** which is in this bulletin and on the parish website. The registration fee for grade 1 is **\$50/student**. If you have already paid your registration fee, thank you! If you have not, you may drop off a check or mail it to: St. Margaret's Parish, Attn: Mary Murgo, 113 Winn Street, Burlington, MA 01803. Checks should be made payable to "St. Margaret's Parish." Although there is no late fee for grade 1 students, we would appreciate receiving your payment as soon as possible.

EMAIL: Thank you to all parents who have provided us with an email address. Email addresses will not be shared and will only be used to send informational messages regarding our religious education program. Email is the fastest and easiest way to get information to you, however, information will also be available in our parish bulletin and on our website. All parents should have received an email confirmation letter for registered students. If your child is registered and you have not yet received a confirmation email, please send an email to stmargccd@hotmail.com and include your child's name and grade.

WEBSITE: Parents, please check our parish website at www.saintmargaretschurch.net for religious education information. Please note that our bulletin is also available online. If you have any questions, please email stmargccd@hotmail.com.

RESERVE THE DATE: On **Sunday, November 8, 2009** Kathy Kelley, from the Archdiocese of Boston's Office of Child Advocacy will teach a class regarding child safety to all religious education teachers (grades 1-8) and to any interested parents. The class is scheduled to run from **1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** and will take place at St. Margaret's. All teachers in grades 1-8 should make every effort to attend, since Kathy will be training teachers how to implement the child safety curriculum.

For the Love of Life

In his writings, St. Paul uses the analogy of the human body to explain our relationship to God and to each other. He makes the point that the human body is made up of many different parts and that each part of the body has a role to play. Each part, no matter how seemingly small or insignificant, is important. If the body is to be truly whole and healthy, then each and every part must be healthy and functioning properly. When one part of the body is hurt or missing, then the whole body suffers. Even a small scratch on your finger can affect the well-being of the rest of the body.

This analogy is a useful way to help us understand how God sees his relationship with humanity. We are supposed to be a community of God's people – a holy community – a community that reflects God's presence in the world. The Church uses the term 'Mystical Body of Christ' to describe this community. Jesus Christ is the head of that community and we are its members.

Each of us is part of Christ's Body. And, just as in the human body, the well-being of Christ's Body depends upon the health of each part, in other words, the spiritual health of each of us. No matter what our station in life, each and every human life is important to God. And, just as the entire human body may suffer when one of its parts is not whole physically, so does Christ's Body suffer when one of us is not whole spiritually. Each of us is called to do our part to be the holy person that God wants us to be – to work toward that intimate relationship that God wants to have with each of us – so that we may enjoy good spiritual health, so that we may be the holy community of God's people that He so earnestly desires.

St. Paul's analogous use of the human body to represent Christ's Body is important in another way - it should make clear to us the important value that God places on each human life. Which one of us does not place a high value on each and every part of our body? Who among us would say that it doesn't matter if we were to lose this part or that? Every part of our body is important to us. And, even if, due to medical necessity, we must lose a part of our body, we know that the part will be missed. We treasure each and every part of our bodies, no matter what it is.

In the same way, God places a high value on each and every part of His Mystical Body. God treasures each and every human life, no matter who that life is. From the moment of our conception, God knows us as an individual and welcomes us into His community of holy people. At the moment of our conception, God prepares a place in Heaven that, hopefully, we will someday occupy. God loves us with a love that will never die. He treasures our lives with a value that will never diminish. No matter who we are, no matter what we may have done in life, each and every one of our lives is precious in the sight of God. More than that – human life is sacred because, unlike any other form of life, it "*remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end.*" [ccc, no. 2258]

This is why the Church teaches that we must respect human life from conception to natural death. Life is a gift from God. In a sense, you could say that we are all God's gift to each other. Whether that life is the life of an unborn child, or the life of someone who is terminally ill, or even the life of a condemned criminal – all human life is a precious gift from God.

God gives us a right to life; He does not give us the right to take innocent human life, even our own. To deny any innocent person – including and especially an unborn child -- the right to life is to deny God as the creator of that life. And, although, in extreme circumstances, there may be times when taking another person's life may be justified, this may be licitly done only out of necessity for self defense or for the protection of society. It should never be done with vengeance or in anger. Nor should human life be taken if people's protection can be achieved by non-lethal means. Even when we are forced to take a life, we should nevertheless recognize that life as sacred and precious.