

CELEBRATION OF THE MASS
OF THE RESURRECTION FOR
MAYOR THOMAS M. MENINO

BORN DECEMBER 27, 1942
BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE OCTOBER 30, 2014



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014, 12 p.m.

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH
HYDE PARK, MASSACHUSETTS

“The 20 years I’ve been Mayor, I don’t think I did anything special. I did what you are supposed to do — help people. Take positions on issues that you believe are right. Never sell your ideals for other people’s special interests. And I want to say, I’ve enjoyed every day of it.”

— Thomas M. Menino, December 2013

THOMAS MICHAEL MENINO was born on December 27, 1942, to Susan and Carl Menino. The lifelong Hyde Park resident who went on to confer with presidents, meet with royalty, travel the world, and greatly expand his reach and influence, remained rooted in his hometown.

A 1960 graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Tom Menino earned an associate degree from Chamberlayne Junior College in 1963, and, while a Boston City Councillor, a Bachelor of Arts in Community Planning from the University of Massachusetts Boston in 1988. While in office, Mayor Menino received several honorary degrees from institutions including Harvard University and Boston University. But his fondest memory of higher education was of doing homework alongside his daughter, Susan, while they were both completing their undergraduate degrees.

Tom Menino was elected to the Boston City Council in 1983, serving as the new District V’s first City Councillor. Overwhelmingly elected five times to the Boston City Council and then five times as Mayor, Tom Menino was the longest serving and most recognizable mayor in Boston’s history. Bostonians, regardless of race, income, or profession, felt they had a friend in Tom Menino — someone who “got” their issues and concerns. For neighborhood residents, he was the “urban mechanic”; for teachers and parents, the “Education Mayor.” Environmentalists hailed him as the “Green Mayor.” And many knew him simply as Tommy.

He was accessible. He listened with his heart. And he responded.

Believing that government should be about helping people, Tom Menino spent a lifetime building a better city for its 620,000 residents, its commuters, and its visitors. His people-focused approach defined his administration and produced remarkable results. Under his leadership, Boston Public Schools were nationally recognized, with schools that are now over-chosen. He invested millions of dollars in Boston’s neighborhoods and local Main Streets, strengthening communities and empowering local merchants. He focused on public health and environmental sustainability to make Boston a healthier and more livable city. And he kept the city’s economic outlook healthy also, leaving office with an AAA credit rating.

He opened the Seaport Waterfront and Innovation District as a breeding ground for technological advances, and improved constituent services by instituting state-of-the-art tools and services. As co-chair of Mayors Against Illegal Guns, Tom Menino led a national effort for gun reforms and spearheaded a drastic reduction of crime in Boston. The first Italian Mayor of Boston made the diversity of Boston a true strength, welcoming immigrants, demanding equality for all, and celebrating the different cultures and traditions that enliven Boston today.

He took tough stands. Early in his tenure, Mayor Menino refused to march in South Boston's St. Patrick's Day Parade because gays and lesbians were not included — and then, a few years later, hosted the state's first wedding celebrations for gay couples. Despite opposition, he fought to open Boston Medical Center, today a thriving hospital in the heart of the city. And in a few weeks, the former Ferdinand Building in Dudley Square will open as a multiservice center — a testament to Tom Menino's tenacity and his staunch commitment to enhance all Boston neighborhoods.

Tom Menino did all this big stuff, but he did the small and the not-so-small stuff, too. He resurrected the Frog Pond, counted the homeless and found them beds, opened the city's first Office of New Bostonians to welcome those new to the city. He started a summer camp for middle school children, fundraised for the city's scholarship fund, and each year gave awards to students from every Boston Public School. To ensure young people had a voice in city government, he created the Mayor's Youth Council and the ONEin3 Initiative, now models for other communities. He launched rolling rallies to celebrate championships. He started a vibrant bike program and fixed up schoolyards. Every December, Mayor Menino held a neighborhood holiday trolley tour and walked the streets of Bowdoin-Geneva, and each spring, hosted mothers' breakfasts in local parks. He drove around the city, scouting potholes, graffiti, and light outages — and getting them fixed. His home phone number was listed and he would often respond to constituent calls late into the night. Over half of Boston's residents claim to have met Tom Menino.

Following his final term in January 2014, Mayor Menino joined Boston University to serve as co-director of the newly founded Initiative on Cities, where he continued to help mayors and community leaders make cities safer, more prosperous, and more sustainable. He remained active in causes he cared deeply about, including the Boston Scholar Athletes and the One Fund Boston.

Tom Menino and his wife, the former Angela Faletra, have been the proud and devoted parents of Susan (and her husband, William) and Thomas, Jr. (and his wife, Lisa), and grandparents to six much-loved grandchildren, Giulia, Samantha, Will, Olivia, Taylor, and Thomas III.

Thomas M. Menino, Boston's 53rd Mayor, devoted himself to the job he loved for 20 years, 5 months, and 25 days. His legacy will not be assessed in time but by the high bar he set for public servants, against which mayors everywhere will be measured.



Presiding: His Eminence Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap.
Principal Celebrant: Rev. John J. Connolly, Jr.
Concelebrants: Msgr. William M. Helmick
Msgr. Francis H. Kelley
Rt. Rev. John J. Ahern
Rev. Richard C. Conway
Rev. Ronald D. Coyne
Rev. John J. Unni

Ecumenical Representatives: His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston
Reverend Liz Walker
Pastor, Roxbury Presbyterian Church

Pallbearers: Frankie Bisceglia
Joey Coppola
Robert Donahue
William Fenton
Will Fenton
Michael Galvin
Michael Kineavy
David Menino
Thomas Menino III

ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Remembrance: The Honorable Martin J. Walsh, Mayor, City of Boston
The Honorable Deval L. Patrick, Governor,
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Gathering Hymn: "Be Not Afraid" (*Bob Dufford, S.J.*)

You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way.

You shall speak your words in foreign lands
And all will understand
You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come follow Me
And I WILL give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters
In the sea, you shall not drown
If you walk amidst the burning flames
You shall not be harmed.

If you stand before the pow'r of hell
And death is at your side
Know that I am with you, through it all.

Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come follow Me
And I will give you rest.

Blessed are your poor
For the Kingdom shall be theirs
Blest are you that weep and mourn
for one day you shall laugh.

And if wicked ones insult and hate you
All because of Me
Blessed, blessed are you!

Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come follow Me
and I WILL GIVE you rest...

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Micah 6:8 Proclaimed by Lisa Menino

Responsorial Psalm: "On Eagle's Wings" (*Michael Joncas*)

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. (**Refrain**)

3. For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. (**Refrain**)

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39 Proclaimed by Dot Joyce

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Homily: Rev. John J. Connolly, Jr.

General Intercessions: Giulia Fenton
Will Fenton
Taylor Menino
Thomas Menino III
Sister Jeanmarie Gribaudo

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Gifts: Amy Francoeur
Michael Phipps
Caroline Phipps
Lucas Francoeur
Tyler Francoeur

Hymn: “Panis Angelicus”

Holy, Holy, Holy: Mass of Creation (*M. Haugen*)

Acclamation: “We Remember”

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord’s Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God: Mass of Creation (*M. Haugen*)

Communion Songs:

“Prayer of St. Francis” (*Sebastican Temple*)

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there’s doubt, true faith in you.
Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
And where there’s sadness ever joy.

Refrain:

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.
Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

“All I Ask of You” (*Weston Priory*)

Refrain:

All I ask of you is forever to remember me as loving you.

1. Deep the joy of being together in one heart
and for me that’s just where it is. **Refrain**
2. As we make our way through all the joys and pain,
can we sense our younger truer selves? **Refrain**
3. Someone will be calling you to be there for awhile.
Can you hear their cry from deep within? **Refrain**
4. Laughter, joy and presence: the only gifts you are!
Have you time? I’d like to be with you. **Refrain**
5. Persons come into the fiber of our lives
and then their shadow fades and disappears.
But..... **Refrain**

“One Bread, One Body” (*John Foley, S.J.*)

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we though many, throughout the earth
We are one body in this one Lord
Gentile or Jew, servant or free
Woman or man, no more
Many the gifts, many the works
One in the Lord of all
Grain for the fields, scattered and grown
Gathered to one, for all.

Meditation Song: “Ave Maria”

Words of Remembrance: Olivia Fenton and Samantha Menino
Mitchell B. Weiss

FINAL COMMENDATION

Invitation to Prayer: His Eminence Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap.

Song of Farewell: "Jesus, Remember Me" (*Taizé*)

Jesus, Remember Me, When You Come Into Your Kingdom
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Recessional Hymn: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" (*Jill Jackson Miller and Sy Miller*)

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me,
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we,
Let me walk with my brother, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me!

Postlude: "My Way"



Mayor Menino will be laid to rest at Fairview Cemetery in Hyde Park.

Angela Menino and her children, Susan and Tommy, want to express their gratitude for the many prayers and words of comfort and support during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the *Thomas M. Menino Fund for Boston* so that the family can continue to support the programs that Mayor Menino embraced and that helped so many. *Thomas M. Menino Fund for Boston: 75 Arlington Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116*

“Be as good to each other as you have been to me.”

— Thomas M. Menino