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Parish Mission Statement

- . The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Margaret of Scotland, founded in 1910, is an urban, archdiocesan parish located in the Highlands section of Lowell, Massachusetts. The parish is a multi-ethnic, socially, culturally, and educationally diverse faith community.
- . Deeply committed to Jesus Christ, we endeavor to become a unified community of faith, worship, and service. We strive to be a warm, welcoming and caring parish in which the gifts and talents of all, young and old, are recognized and graciously used to nourish others.

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Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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MASS SCHEDULE

~ Main Church ~

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM Sunday Masses - 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM

~ Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel ~ Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday, 8:30 AM

PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

~ Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel ~

The Rosary: Monday - Saturday, 8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration: September - April, Thursdays, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:15 to 3:45 PM, or by appointment.
Baptism
Second Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM.
Marriage
Please call at least six months in advance.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-8 begins with the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass.
Confirmation students meet Sunday evenings.

St. Vincent de Paul Society "Helping Those in Need."

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Margaret Parish witnesses to God's love through works of charity and justice, making no distinction in those served. If you are in need of help, please call <u>978-459-0175</u>. All calls and visits are strictly confidential.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2015

+ Mass Intentions +									
Date	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention</u>						
Jun 20	Saturday	4:00pm	Margaret & Paul Golden	Memorial	Fr. Ray				
Jun 21	Sunday	7:30am	People of St. Margaret Parish	Special Intention	Fr. Raju				
		9:00am	Stephen S. Skaff	Memorial	Fr. Ray				
		11:00am	Robert C. Lemire	9th Anniversary	Fr. Ray				
Jun 22	Monday	8:30am	Paul J. Murphy	Memorial	Fr. Raju				
Jun 23	Tuesday	8:30am	Deceased Members of		•				
	·		St. Vincent de Paul Society	Memorial	Fr. Raju				
Jun 24	Wednesday	8:30am	John J. Horan	10th Anniversary	Fr. Raju				
Jun 25	Thursday	8:30am	James Carolan	17th Anniversary	Fr. Ray				
Jun 26	Friday	8:30am	Walter Deputat	Memorial	Fr. Ray				
Jun 27	Saturday	8:30am	Carl, Barbara, & Edward Gross	Memorial	Fr. Ray				
	·	4:00pm	Adelard (Ed) Trudel	1st Anniversary	Fr. Ray				
Jun 28	Sunday	7:30am	People of St. Margaret Parish	Special Intention	Fr. Ray				
	J	9:00am	Gail Morse	9th Anniversary	Fr. Rav				
		11:00am	Mary Theodoros	1st Anniversary	Fr. Raju				

+ Steeple Bells +

Our Steeple Bells will ring this week in loving memory of Kevin J. Cregg, Sr.

+ Sanctuary / Altar Lamps +

Our Sanctuary & Altar Lamps will burn this week:

Sanctuary Lamp (Church):
Sanctuary Lamp (Chapel):
Sacred Heart Lamp (Church):
In loving memory of Pauline M. Coffey.
In loving memory of Helen Marie Lane.
In loving memory of Leo F. McCue, Sr.

. Blessed Mother Lamp (Church): In loving memory of Theresa "Tess" M. McWha.

For information about Steeple Bells or Sanctuary/Altar Lamps, please, call the rectory office.

MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF ST. MARGARET PARISH

Dear Fellow St. Margaret Parishioners:

As I read Ray Gendron's article in the bulletin several weeks ago, I was amazed, impressed and humbled that St. Margaret's Parish has been a part of St. Paul's Soup Kitchen for so long. St. Paul's has recently celebrated its 20th year of service, and we presented Rose and Walter, founders, with a plaque honoring them for the vision they had 20 years ago and the unwavering commitment they have shown over time. We continue God's work of feeding the hungry, body mind and spirit.

This is the reading that inspired Rose and Walter 20 years ago. "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Truly, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it for me."

On behalf for the Board of Directors, thank you so much for all you do.

Sincerely,

Heather Kirwin

St. Paul's Soup Kitchen

Treasurer and St. Margaret's Parishioner

•	Entrance	304	All the Ends of the Earth
•	Offertory	404	This Day God Gives Me
•	Communion	446	In the Breaking of the Bread
•	Recessional	338	How Can I Keep From Singing?

PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

June 13-14, 2015

. 1st Collection: Weekly Offertory . 2nd Collection: Parish Renewal & Renovations

of Envelopes: 214 # of Envelopes: 176

Envelopes: \$3,470.00 Envelopes: \$1,639.00 Non-Envelope: \$ 582.00 Non-Envelope: \$ 429.00 Total: \$4,052.00

2nd Collection this weekend: Monthly Church Maintenance

With heartfelt gratitude for the very generous sharing of your treasure ... and thank you for accepting the financial responsibility for St. Margaret Parish.

ACTUAL VS. BUDGET PARISH INCOME REPORT Fiscal Year-to-Date: July 2014 Through May 2015

		ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
•	OFFERTORY (First) COLLECTION . In-Church Stewardship Collection . E-Giving Stewardship Collection . Holy Day Offertory Collection	213,457.11 15,105.80 11,222.00	227,225.00 16,500.00 10,000.00	93.9% 91.6% 112.2%
	>>> Total Offertory (First) Collection	239,784.91	253,725.00	94.5%
•	MONTHLY (Second) COLLECTIONS . In-Church Renewal & Renovation * . E-Giving Renewal & Renovation . In-Church Monthly Church Maintenance . E-Giving Monthly Church Maintenance . In-Church Utilities & Fuel Assistance . E-Giving Utilities & Fuel Assistance	19,783.50 1,133.00 30,343.00 2,013.00 12,584.50 179.00	27,500.00 1,325.00 28,500.00 1,390.00 10,000.00 150.00	71.9% 85.5% 106.5% 144.8% 125.8% 119.3%
	>>> Total Monthly (Second) Collections	66,036.00	68,865.00	95.9%
•	<u>OFFERTORY + MONTHLY TOTALS</u> :	305,820.91	322,590.00	94.8%
•	GRAND ANNUAL	84,465.00	80,000.00	105.6%

- * Renewal & Renovation Collection on July 12-13 in the amount of \$3,100 donated to: "The Branch Street Fire Victims Relief Fund."
 - Renewal & Renovation Collection on September 20-21 in the amount of \$3,097 donated to: "Middle East Collection 2014" (Special Collection authorized by Cardinal Seán O'Malley)
 - Renewal & Renovation Collection on May 9-10 in the amount of \$4,235 donated to:
 - "Nepal Earthquake Relief" (Special Collection authorized by Cardinal Seán O'Malley)

IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The success of our Religious Education programs depends on dedicated individuals in our parish who are willing to share their time, talent and faith with our parish youth. We encourage all parishioners, young and old alike, to help out in some way. We are in need of Catechists, Teacher Aides, and Confirmation Program Team Members.

Would you be willing and able to donate your time and giftedness on most Sunday mornings from September through May in our Religious Education Program (Grades 1-8), or one Sunday evening a month from September through May to witness to your faith with our Confirmation students? All training and materials will be provided! Volunteer Registration forms are available in all the wall racks at the back of the Church. Please, contact Joanna Bazzinotti or Pam Quinn at the rectory office if you have any questions or suggestions you wish to offer about these programs.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Job 38:1, 8-11 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 Mark 4:35-41

We Are to Love Jesus and Serve Him with Humble and Grateful Hearts

Each of us has many reasons to be thankful for the abundance of God's grace in our lives. It may be that we can be grateful for the new day in which to show God's love to someone. We may give thanks for the food we eat, the beauty of a summer day or for our loved ones, living and deceased.

However, fostering an attitude of gratitude can be a challenge in the midst of life's problems and difficulties. Most of us also face a litany of burdens every day that can include illness, suffering, economic trouble, pain, addiction and loss, to name a few. Yet, we hear in today's Scripture readings that we are not alone. God invites us to bring our burdens to him so that he can help to ease our load!

In today's first reading we hear of Job, who teaches us about gratitude in the face of difficulty. It is easy to stereotype Job as that poor guy in the Bible who lost everything. But there is more to the story of Job than his misery. Even though Job suffered the loss of family, property and health, God did not abandon him. In fact, even though Job had harbored doubts about his faith, he remained faithful to God, in spite of all that had happened to him. Job had seen the works of God in his own lifetime and heard of God's wondrous deeds through the various stories of faith in the lives of his Jewish ancestors.

In today's passage, God speaks directly to Job, and Job is reminded of God's awesome power. How reassuring this must have been for Job, knowing that God, who created and controlled the seas, considered his miserable life to be so important. Everything else had fallen away in Job's life - except for God's love. For Job, God had become the most important part of his life.

Another person who teaches us about being grateful for God's blessings is St. Paul. A driving force in the life of Paul was his sense of gratitude for God's gift of salvation, given through Jesus Christ. We know that Paul suffered many hardships for preaching the Gospel of Jesus. Yet, in spite of his life of suffering, Paul remained steadfast in his love for Christ. In today's second reading, Paul speaks of the fact that Christ died for all so that we could be reconciled to the Father. In Baptism we die in Christ to our old selves and become new creations in him. Paul says that our love of Christ can also drive each of us to do all things in and through Christ Jesus.

Finally, our gratitude can grow as we hear Jesus, himself, in today's Gospel, assure us of his love and protection. It is true that life can, at times, be both terrifying and awesome. In many ways, we are no different from those disciples who were in the boat with Jesus when the violent storm arose. Even though Jesus was with them, their instincts still took over, their adrenalin surged and they were overwhelmed with fear.

Most of us have experienced something akin to this. What is important is not that the disciples were in fear, but that they called on Jesus in their time of need. Most likely we, too, have called on Jesus. Like Job, doubts may plague our hearts and minds, but that does not mean that we forget our trust in Jesus. No matter what happens, we can count on Jesus to see us through the storms of our lives. He is with us in times of great joy, as well as in times of woe. Our response is to be one of humble, loving trust and gratitude.

Shalom! ...Feace be with you! ...Father Ray

FRANCO - AMERICAN FESTIVAL WEEK

Sunday, June 21st through Saturday, June 27th

For a complete schedule of all the exciting events taking place during Franco-American Festival Week, please visit our parish website at www.stmargaretlowell.org. Then look under "Parish News and Announcements." Many events are free, and all are welcome!

CARE ENOUGH TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

For the safety and security of our young children, please do not allow any child under your care to use the rest room facilities unless escorted by an adult. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

2015 CATHOLIC APPEAL: ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

St. Margaret Parish Results Thru Monday, June 15th

. <u>Goal</u>: \$53,000 . <u>Pledged to Date</u>: \$61,822 . <u>% of Goal</u>: 116.6%

. <u>Donor Goal</u>: 358 . <u>Donors to Date</u>: 381 . <u>% of Goal</u>: 106.4%

The Catholic Appeal contributions from the Second Collection on the weekend of May 30-31 have been tabulated by the Archdiocese of Boston. And this past Monday these contributions were posted to the Catholic Appeal totals for St. Margaret Parish.

This year's Catholic Appeal results surpass that of anything ever accomplished here at St. Margaret Parish in terms of total financial contributions and the total number of donors! This truly does highlight how compassionate and generous are the hearts of the people of St. Margaret Parish!!

I extend my deepest and most heartfelt thanks to the families/households of St. Margaret Parish who accepted the responsibility of sharing their treasure to support the more than 50 ministries in our archdiocese - ministries whose sole purpose is to continue the mission of Jesus Christ and to support the pastoral work of the Catholic Church. I also wish to express my gratitude and my appreciation to Mary Neylon and Brian Delaney who once again this year so faithfully and commendably served as Catholic Appeal Co-Chairs for St. Margaret Parish. $\sim \sim \sim$ Father Ray



By James Gaffney

A group of friends went on a sailing trip and while we were out at sea, a storm warning was issued and we were advised to head to the nearest harbor. We altered our course, and in a short time, sailed into the harbor of a small island and dropped anchor. As the storm hit, the waves rose in height and intensity, but it was nothing like the waves we could see out in the ocean. The harbor sheltered us from the brunt of the storm and we rode it out in safety.

When the Apostles are with Jesus, they are safe. Even though the storm threatens and indeed frightens them, they are secure. Jesus is with them and nothing will happen. They must have faith and believe in Him. His power calms the storms and restores peace. They have no reason to fear, or doubt again.

Life is full of storms and downpours, times when we are frightened, doubtful and uncertain. We can take comfort in the harbor of faith. Alter course and turn to the Lord. God does not remove the storm, but gives us the love, courage and hope we need to ride out the storm and find peace again. It is not a free ride, nor does everything go back to normal—whatever that may be. Instead, He guides us closer to Himself until at last we are in homeport for good. The anchor of faith will keep us close to Him always.

FATHER'S DAY BLESSING

Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit to encourage and strengthen all fathers so that they may always follow the example of St. Joseph, and imitate his faithfulness, humility, and self-giving love. Send your Holy Spirit to watch over all fathers awaiting the birth of their child. Give them courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Send Your Holy Spirit to all fathers who sorrow for children who have died, are ill or estranged from their families. Help them to rely on your mercy, compassion, and love for them and their children. And send your Holy Spirit to inspire all "spiritual fathers" ..those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others. Bless all of these men who cared for us when we were helpless, comforted us when we were hurt, and whose love for us is so deep that it can never be measured. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother. Amen.



Monday - Friday, July 20th - 24th, 2015
Daily from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon
St. Margaret School in John J. Nangle Hall
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Dear Parents:

This July, allow your child to experience a splendid recreation of the biblical town of Nazareth! Let your child's imagination soar as each day he or she becomes part of history - seeing, hearing, touching, and even tasting what it was like to live in Jesus' hometown! Led by an enthusiastic group of trained teen and adult volunteers, your child will explore authentic marketplace shops, visit Jesus' mother Mary, take part in games, dance to lively songs... making memories they'll cherish forever!

The cost for Vacation Bible School is only \$30.00 per child for all five days! Completed enroll form and payment is requested by Monday, June 29th. Enrollment forms can be found in the wall racks at all entrances of the church, or you may view and print the form from St. Margaret's website at www.stmargaretlowell.org. (Look under "Parish News and Announcements.")

Got questions? Please, call Joanna Bazzinotti at (978) 454-5143 x-18, or send Joanna an email at <u>jbazzinotti@stmargaretlowell.org</u>. Your child will thank you for this unique, fun-filled summertime adventure! But hurry... enrollment is limited, and town folks are already gathering!

See you in Hometown Nazareth!!

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Buy a ticket for yourself, or as a gift, or split a ticket with friends and family!

Early Bird Tickets!

Buy your ticket on or before July 12th for a chance to win \$100.00! Early Bird winners will be announced at our annual cookout on July 12th.

The \$10,000 Cash Bonanza drawing will take place on Friday, September 11th, in Sacred Heart Hall (lower church). Doors open at 6:00pm - Raffle begins at 6:30pm.

To purchase a ticket...

- Take home a <u>Ticket Order Form</u> located in the wall racks at all entrances of the church; complete the form, and mail it with your check for \$100.
- Buy a ticket in the rectory office, Monday thru Friday, from 8:30am to 2:30pm.
- ♦ Go to our parish website at <u>www.stmargaretlowell.org</u> then click on "\$10,000 Cash Bonanza" under Parish News and Announcements. From there you may print out as many Ticket Order Forms as you like!

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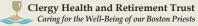
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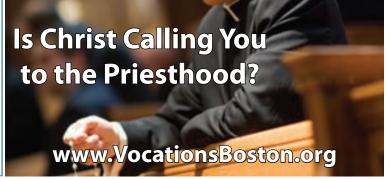
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