

# Saint Margaret Parish

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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.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Rev. Raymond P. Benoit  
*Administrator*

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## St. Margaret School

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Sr. Lori Fleming, SND  
*Principal*

### 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 **978-459-0175**. All calls and visits are strictly confidential.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2015

<u>+ Mass Intentions +</u>					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>	
Jul 11	Saturday	4:00pm	Catherine Hatch	9th Anniversary	Fr. Ray
Jul 12	Sunday	7:30am	People of St. Margaret Parish	Special Intention	Fr. Ray
		9:00am	Wayne R. Peters	4th Anniversary	Fr. Ray
		11:00am	Joseph Sweeney	6th Anniversary	Fr. Raju
Jul 13	Monday	8:30am	James Gallagher	Memorial	Fr. Raju
Jul 14	Tuesday	8:30am	Members of the Spiritual Society	Special Intention	Fr. Raju
Jul 15	Wednesday	8:30am	Katherine B. Haley	Birthday Memorial	Fr. Raju
Jul 16	Thursday	8:30am	Bartholomew Ryan	Memorial	Fr. Ray
Jul 17	Friday	8:30am	Mrs. Christine Laflamme	Memorial	Fr. Ray
Jul 18	Saturday	8:30am	Marguerite Fitzgerald Hebert	Memorial	Fr. Ray
		4:00pm	Richard T. Ryan	3rd Anniversary	Fr. Ray
Jul 19	Sunday	7:30am	People of St. Margaret Parish	Special Intention	Fr. Ray
		9:00am	Kathleen Diamantopoulos	Memorial	Fr. Ray
		11:00am	Claudette Barnes	Memorial	Fr. Ray

+ Steeple Bells +

Our Steeple Bells will ring this week in loving memory of Joseph McNamara.

+ Sanctuary / Altar Lamps +

Our Sanctuary & Altar Lamps will burn this week:

- . Sanctuary Lamp (Church): In loving memory of Rita C. Sakalinski.
- . Sanctuary Lamp (Chapel): In loving memory of Wayne R. Peters.
- . Sacred Heart Lamp (Church): In loving memory of Joseph E. Sweeney.
- . Blessed Mother Lamp (Church): In loving memory of Ruth H. Burrows.

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

**It's Time to be Part of the Mission**  
*By James Gaffney*

At the community college, a local band put on a mini-concert to publicize their upcoming appearance. They performed over the lunch hours in the cafeteria. Many students got up and danced, or clapped, nodding their heads in rhythm with the band. In an article in the newspaper, one student was quoted as saying, "With music, you just have to dance. It is not a spectator event."

Jesus sends the Apostles out, two by two, to proclaim the Gospel. It was not a time to watch and see, but rather a time to say and do. They expelled demons, anointed the sick and cured many. The Kingdom of God comes in power, moving aside anything that stands in its way. It is music to the soul that causes its listeners to proclaim, to love, and to serve. Faith is not a spectator sport!

God calls each one of us. From the moment of your Baptism, you are given spiritual gifts to be used for the sake of the whole community. You are to serve as best you can, advancing the cause of the Gospel and announcing in all you say and do that the Kingdom is at hand. By word and deed, we live the Gospel, witnessing to the saving power of grace, and the joy of faith that gives life purpose, meaning and power. Are you still on the sidelines watching? It's time to be part of the mission, time to find and use your gifts. Pray, work, serve, and lead. It's time to be His disciple.

**Today's Scripture Readings** - Catholic Community Hymnal # 621

♪ Hymns ♪

• Entrance	360	Bring Forth the Kingdom
• Offertory	325	Healing River
• Communion	467	Remember Your Love
• Recessional	267	Lord, You Give the Great Commission

PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

July 4-5, 2015

. 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: Weekly Offertory

# of Envelopes: 197  
 Envelopes: \$3,303.00  
 Non-Envelope: \$ 596.00  
 Total: \$3,899.00

. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Peter's Pence

# of Envelopes: 157  
 Envelopes: \$1,494.00  
 Non-Envelope: \$ 408.00  
 Total: \$1,902.00

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*2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend: Parish Renewal & Renovation  
 With heartfelt gratitude for the very generous sharing of your treasure  
 ..and thank you for accepting the financial responsibility for St. Margaret Parish.*



**Monday - Friday, July 20th - 24th, 2015**  
**Daily from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon**  
**St. Margaret School in John J. Nangle Hall**  
**Open to All Children Entering Grades K through 5!**

Enrollment Forms & Payment Will Be Accepted Right Up to July 19th!

**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! 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](http://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 [jbazzinotti@stmargaretlowell.org](mailto:jbazzinotti@stmargaretlowell.org). 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!!*

**VIRTUS: PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN**

All volunteers of St. Margaret Parish and School are required to complete VIRTUS Training. If you are currently a volunteer who has not yet taken this workshop, please, call the rectory to register for the next session to be offered here at St. Margaret Parish:

Monday, July 13th from 6:30pm - 8:00pm Sacred Heart Hall

**ST. MARGARET PARISH ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY COOKOUT**

Come celebrate with St. Margaret Parish friends and families at our Annual Fourth of July Cookout on this Sunday, July 12th, at 12:00 noon. Our festivities will once again take place on the south lawn of the church.

We will also have our Early Bird Drawing for our Annual \$10,000 Cash Bonanza. You can purchase a ticket at the cookout. You could be the lucky winner of \$100.00, and your ticket will still be eligible to win the \$10,000 Cash Bonanza Grand Prize to be drawn on September 11th!

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amos 7:12-15      Ephesians 1:3-14      Mark 6:7-13

**With God's Grace Strengthening Us, We Can Accomplish All God Asks of Us**

If we are doing the right thing for the right reason, we would like to think that people would welcome us into their midst. We might even expect that they would thank us for our efforts, especially if what we do is to fulfill God's will and to be of service to God's holy people. The cool reception given to the Old Testament prophets and the martyrdom that awaited many of our Christian ancestors would suggest that this is more wishing thinking than reality.

The prophet Amos would certainly have attested to this. Amos was living a peaceful life as a shepherd when he was called by the Lord to serve him. This was around the year 750 B.C. This was a time of relative peace and prosperity for the Jewish people. But they had been divided into a northern kingdom known as Israel, and a southern kingdom known as Judah. Amos was called to leave Judah and go to Israel, where the prosperity of the people there had brought a lack of fidelity to God. The people preferred to live a life of merriment and frivolity, with no thought of listening to God or changing their ways. They were unconcerned about the idolatry and injustices that existed in their midst.

So God sent Amos from the land of Judah into the kingdom of Israel to preach a message of repentance. When Amos finally prophesied exile to the people, destruction of the temple and death for the king, the anger of the priest Amaziah was stoked into a furor. He banished Amos from the king's court, warning him to stay silent. In the verses that follow today's reading, Amos reissues his God-inspired warnings before setting off, at the Lord's command, to move his mission of prophecy back to his own people in Judah.

The disciples, who were sent forth two by two in today's Gospel, would require the same level of determination as Amos to fulfill God's will. They were sent only with the comfort of their companion and the knowledge and faith in all they had seen and heard Jesus do and say. They were instructed to accept both hospitality and hostility. If the hands of welcome were not extended to them, or if their message was rejected, they were to leave the town, shake the dust from their feet and keep moving. Jesus encouraged his disciples to waste no time, but to keep preaching the Kingdom of God to anyone who would listen.

While it would be very easy to lose heart and to give up because of discouragement or lack of results, true disciples of Christ will keep their eyes fixed on Jesus. In this way, we can continue to be faithful to the work Jesus has called us to do, even in the midst of suffering and tribulation. While most of us would like a warm welcome and great success as we try to live as Jesus taught, we are to be prepared to accept our fair share of hostility. To help us, we can recall the words of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta: *God calls upon us not to be successful, but to be faithful.*

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The success of our Religious Education programs depends on dedicated individuals willing to share their time, talent and faith with our youth. We need of Catechists, Teacher Aides, and Confirmation Team Members. Would you be willing to donate your time and giftedness in our Religious Education Program (Grades 1-8) or 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 would wish to give about these programs.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I. Lauren Wakeman & Michael Molloy

Mass Intention - July 14@ 8:30am  
for Members of St. Margaret Parish Spiritual Society

<u>Member</u>	<u>Enrolled By</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Enrolled By</u>
John F. Abraham, Jr.	Dad & Mom	Christine & Chester Laflamme	Pat Laflamme
Gerard J. Atkinson	Gerry & Joan Fenlon	Rose Langlois	Nancy and Pauline
Dorothy P. Barrows	Kathleen & Sheila Sweeney	Bruce Leaver	Darryl & Jay
Paulette Bedard	Ray & Sue Morin	Ernest Lemieux	Raymond & Suzanne Morin
John & Nancy Begley	James & Mary Scanlon	Robert C. Lemire	Rita Lemire
Gerimamus Bekaah & Joana Bekyere	Mary Dery	Joseph & Mary Licata	The McAndrews Family
Blanche Beninati	Mary Ann Gray	Chester Lowrey	Ruth O' Hagan
Edwin Biwald	James & Eleanor Ryan	John Lyons	Darryl & Jay
Maria Biwald	James & Eleanor Ryan	Maciejewski Sisters -	Jane, Paula, Chris
George J. Breault	Mary P. Breault	Josie, Julie, Gladys	
Yolande Brodley	Sr. Linda and Sr. Mary Jean	Maciejewski Family - John Sr.,	The Gagan Family
Gertrude Burnham	St. Margaret Blessed Virgin Mary Society	Michael, Sara	
Paul Burton	James & Mary Scanlon	Bill Malavich	Paula Malavich
James & Helen Busby	Mary E. Quinlan	Peter Malavich	Paula Malavich
William F. & Susanna Busby	Mary E. Quinlan	William & Sophie Malavich	Malavich Family
Edward S. Byrne	Pat & Patti Laurent and the Caron Family	Brandon P. Mansur, Lauren M.	Virginia M. Gattenby
John Campbell	The Carolan Family	Mansur & Hannah N. Peters	
Marguerite Carlisle	Mary E. Quinlan	Gene & Leo Martin	The Fallon Family
Frank L. & Frank & Sade Carr	Mary E. Quinlan	Peter L. Mazzola	The Perry Family
Joe & Josie Colombo	Mary Ann Gray	Jack & Rosemary McDowell	Mr. & Mrs. James Fallon
Tony Colombo	Mary Ann and Cathie	James A. McLean	The Carolan Family
Tony Conway	The McAndrews Family	Mary E. (Kierce) McLean	The Carolan Family
Thomas Cox	The People of St. Margaret Parish	Frank Morrissey	Mary E. Quinlan
Paul F. Creegan, Sr.	Friends	Andrew Moynihan	James & Mary Scanlon
Paul F. Creegan, Sr.	Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Wakeham	Grace C. Moynihan	Martha E. Hickey
Joseph & Grace Curry	Mary E. Quinlan	Grace C. Moynihan	Virginia R. Fitzgerald
Agnes Copley Daley	Peter Daley	Carol J. Murphy	Kathleen & Sheila Sweeney & Connor & Reilly Murphy
Anna E. Daley	James & Mary Scanlon		The Nangle Family
Gordon M. Dery	Mary Dery	William F. Nangle, Sr.	Fr. Ray Benoit, Janice Phaneuf & Estelle Girard
Anne Dietsch	The James P. Ryan Family	Eugene "Gene" M. Negrone	Mary Neylon
Lisa C. DiLiegro	Barbara Woodbury		Mary E. Quinlan
Nancy A. Dube	Eileen, Don & Mary	Thomas Neylon	James & Eleanor Ryan
John, Rachel & Gail Dunn	Jim & Mary Scanlon	Ellen B. Nilsson	Virginia M. Gattenby
Carla T. Espinola	Carol & Bob McGowan	David O'Brien	Virginia Gattenby
Mary J. Faias	Barbara Cawley & Barbara Gross	O'Brien & Gattenby Families	David & Debra St. Jean
William "Bill" J. Floyd III	The Carons, Pat Laurent & Patti Laurent & Family	Phillip F. O'Brien, Jr.	Ruth O'Hagan & Family
	Frances Franciose	William J. O'Donnell	James & Eleanor Ryan
Franciose and Miller Families	Frances Franciose	Thomas L. O'Hagan	His Loving Family
Jerome & Theresa Miller Friedman	Eileen Gagnon Bovio	Muiris O'Meara	Helen O'Neil
Alfred & Mary Gagnon	Mr. & Mrs. James Fallon	Walter J. O'Neil	James & Mary Scanlon
Phyllis Gilbride	Mary E. Gilbride	Walter J. O'Neil	Barbara Cawley & Barbara Gross
Stephen J. Gilbride	The Carolan Family	Thomas Pacht	Jim & Kay Fallon
Joyce Gilligan	Mary Ann Gray	Ella L. Parent	Pender-Phaneuf Family
Bill Gray	Mary Ann Gray	Miriam Pearsall	Raymond & Suzanne Morin
The Gray Family	Barbara Gross	Edmund & Carole Pender	Mary E. Quinlan
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Gordon Hamilton	Bill & Laura Wilson	Garrett Quinlan	Mary E. Quinlan
Charles J. Heslin	Jack & Helen Picanso	Mary Jo Quinlan	Tucker, Terry & Pam Quinn
The Hickey Family	Martha Hickey	Thomas, Hanora & Onia Quinlan	Mr. & Mrs. James Fallon
John "Jack" Hickey, Sr.	Mary Hirbour	Thomas & Florence Quinn	St. Margaret Prayer Shawl Ministry
Donald F. Hirbour	Pat Laurent & Family	Patricia & Dennis Rawnsley	James & Mary Scanlon
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Thelma Bedard	Aida Shepard & Family	Marguerite & Patricia Royal	Malavich Family
Juan Jimenez	Rickie, Judy, and Teri	Ronald Russell	Mary Ryan
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Donna Elaine Laferriere		Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Saab, Jr.	

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Louis M. Saab, Esq.	Rickie, Judy, and Teri	James & Margaret Speiran	James & Mary Scanlon
Arthur Santos	Mr. & Mrs. James Fallon	Henry Stupakewicz	Mom, Clara & Anna
Roger R. Santos	Theresa Santos	Margaret A. "Nana" Sullivan	The Perry Family
Frank Sousa Santos, Jr	Edward Robert Surprenant	Mary Patricia Sweeney	Sheila, Joe, Kathy, & Tim Sweeney
James & Helen Scanlon	James & Mary Scanlon	Doris Tereshko	Ruth O'Hagan
Donna M. Shaughnessy	Virginia Gattenby	William & Florence Tobin	William & Karen Tobin
Carolyn Sheedy	Sheedy - Sturzo Family	Marcel & Jeannette Vermette	Tucker, Terry, & Pam Quinn
Stephen Skaff	Skaff Family Friends	Hoang Thi Voc (Maria)	Her Family
Stephen Skaff	Lisa, Lily & Sara Skaff	Ann Walsh	Darryl & Jay
Brad & Eileen Smith	The Smith Family	Catherine Walsh	Tom & Priscille Murphy
Helen Veronica Smith	Virginia Fitzgerald	Mary Weems	Virginia Gattenby
John & June Sodre	Mary P. Breault	John & Mary Weir	Mrs. Mary Breault
John, Dorothy, Raymond,	Kucek & Owen Family	Mary Ryan Glenn Weiss	Joan Ryan & Family
Patricia Souza & Josephine		Robert H. Zaim	St. Margaret Religious Ed. Staff

SAINT MARGARET PARISH SPIRITUAL SOCIETY

**Members of the Spiritual Society are remembered in the celebration of Mass once a month. They are also remembered in the praying of the Rosary, Monday through Saturday, every week of the enrollment period. Each enrollment of one, two or three years includes a certificate of enrollment in a padded binder with a religious picture. To enroll someone into the Spiritual Society, please, call the parish rectory office for more information (978-454-5143).**

\$ 10,000 CASH BONANZA

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Grand Prize: \$10,000 Cash

2nd Prize: \$500 \* 3rd Prize: \$300 \* 4th Prize: \$200

Ticket price: \$100 per ticket.

*No more than 300 tickets to be sold!*

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

Early Bird Tickets!

Buy your ticket on July 12th at the Cookout for a chance to win \$100.00!

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 Ticket Order Form 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 www.stmargaretlowell.org 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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Rachel mourns her children; She refuses to be consoled, because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: "Cease from your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes... There is hope for your future."  
Jeremiah 31:15-17



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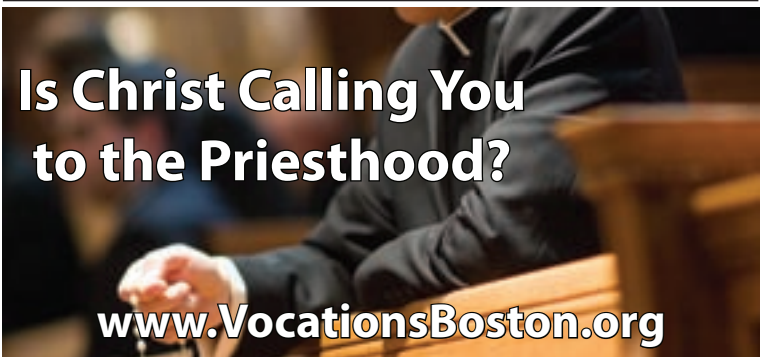
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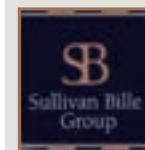


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