

# 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*

Paul St.Cyr  
*Facilities Manager*

Karen Miller  
*Business Manager*

Barry Lloyd  
*Permanent Deacon*

Debra McAndrews  
*Administrative Coordinator*

Joanna Bazzinotti  
*Director of Faith Formation & Religious Education*

Pamela Quinn  
*Coordinator of Religious Education*

Kelly Paradise-Brothers  
*Coordinator of Confirmation Program, Grades 11*

Ernest Houle  
*Director of Music*

### **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. Margaret School**

**"It is good for us to be here."**

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Sr. Lori Fleming, SND  
*Principal*

## **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.

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 9, 2015**

**+ Mass Intentions +**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>	
Aug 08	Saturday	4:00pm	Thomas A. Golden, Sr.	10th Anniversary	Fr. Ray
Aug 09	Sunday	7:30am	People of St. Margaret Parish	Special Intention	Fr. Ray
		9:00am	Jackie Hilla	1st Anniversary	Fr. Ray
		11:00am	Wayne Fairbrother	34th Anniversary	Fr. Raju
Aug 10	Monday	8:30am	Miriam Pearsall	12th Anniversary	Fr. Raju
Aug 11	Tuesday	8:30am	Members of the Spiritual Society	Special Intention	Fr. Raju
Aug 12	Wednesday	8:30am	Christina Addae	Birthday	Fr. Raju
Aug 13	Thursday	8:30am	Joan Butler	Memorial	Fr. Ray
Aug 14	Friday	8:30am	Rev. James Robichaud	Memorial	Fr. Ray
Aug 15	Saturday	8:30am	Joan Butler	Memorial	Fr. Ray
		4:00pm	Daniel J. MacMaster	7th Anniversary	Fr. Ray
Aug 16	Sunday	7:30am	Joan Butler	Memorial	Fr. Raju
		9:00am	People of St. Margaret Parish	Special Intention	Fr. Ray
		11:00am	Mary M. and James T. Murphy	Memorial	Fr. Ray

**+ Steeple Bells +**

Our Steeple Bells will ring this week in loving memory of Wayne Fairbrother.

**+ Sanctuary / Altar Lamps +**

Our Sanctuary & Altar Lamps will burn this week:

- . Sanctuary Lamp (Church): In loving memory of Ida M. Flynn.
- . Sanctuary Lamp (Chapel): In loving memory of William A. LePon.
- . Sacred Heart Lamp (Church): Special Intentions for Timothy Vaughan.
- . Blessed Mother Lamp (Church): Special Intentions for Mary T. Heffernan.

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

**+ In Memoriam +**

During the week of July 26, 2015

The Rite of Christian Burial was celebrated for

Brendan T. Durkin, Sr. Mary A. Fitzgerald Robert L. Perry

Let us remember them and their loved ones in our prayers.

**2016 CORI FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL VOLUNTEERS**

Massachusetts State law requires any person 17 years of age and older, who serves as a volunteer in any parish ministry, must complete a CORI form (Criminal Offense Record Information). This form requires verification of identity with a photo document (e.g. Massachusetts Drivers License or passport). There are no exceptions to this requirement!

Fulfilling this legal requirement is one way we demonstrate our commitment to protect all our parishioners and all who visit with us ..especially the children and the elderly, who are the most vulnerable among us. Please, come to the rectory office any day Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30am and 2:30pm to complete the CORI Form for 2016. We thank you for your cooperation!

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

III. Carla A. Bettencourt & Diogo R. Maia

**Today's Scripture Readings - Catholic Community Hymnal # 633**

**♪ Hymns ♪**

- Entrance 312 Sing of the Lord's Goodness
- Offertory 351 Where Charity and Love Prevail
- Communion 429 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
- Recessional 306 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

**PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT****August 1-2, 2015****1<sup>st</sup> Collection: Weekly Offertory**

# of Envelopes: 191  
 Envelopes: \$3,640.00  
 Non-Envelope: \$ 915.00  
 Total: \$4,555.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Relief Services**

# of Envelopes: 158  
 Envelopes: \$1,448.00  
 Non-Envelope: \$ 672.00  
 Total: \$2,120.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend: *Missionary Cooperative Appeal***

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

**MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL WEEKEND - AUGUST 8-9**

At all Masses this weekend, Sr. Pat Conner, SNDdeN will speak on behalf of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur ministries. She currently works at the Notre Dame Congregational Mission Office in Ipswich, MA and has served as a school principal in both Lowell and Tyngsboro.

Sr. Pat will be speaking about and asking for support of the SND missions in South America and Africa and will focus on the Photovoltaic Solar Power Project in Africa. And so the Second Collection this weekend will be to support this Missionary Cooperative Appeal.

The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, were founded in 1804 by Marie Rose Julie Billiard, a French peasant woman. The vision and hope of St. Julie Billiard was that her sisters would go throughout the world, proclaiming God's loving care for all peoples. Today, the Sisters of Notre Dame serve in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the United States.

Throughout their long history as an educational order they have always emphasized the care of those living in poverty in the most abandoned places. They are women of courage and faith, unafraid of the personal cost of the living out of the Gospel. They stand with the poor through a diversity of educational ministries at all levels of society.

**IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

We are truly blessed by members of our Saint Margaret Parish family! So many of you offer your time and talents to build the Kingdom of God. It is through caring, sharing and praying that our community grows in love and support of one another. The success of our Religious Education programs depends on the 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 late August 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 would wish to give about these programs.

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 Claire Gagnon  
 Joan Butler  
 Robert Hebb, Sr.  
 Peter F. Martin  
 Joan Butler

**MANY THANKS TO OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS!***Why You Do What You Do...*

A message from *Joanna Bazzinotti* - Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization

The kids loved all the crafts with the glitter, paint, and glue. They loved to sing the songs and do the hand motions, too. They loved the skits and characters - they know all their names! They enjoyed delicious snacks and played some silly games. Of course, there's the Bible time with lessons from God's Word. These stories teach a lesson that's important to be heard. All this makes up Bible School - it's such a busy week. We were all worn out by Friday, too tired to even speak. But it's okay that you are tired - you know why you do what you do. It's because of the love of Jesus! Yes, He's the reason, it's true. He gives new life abundantly! He can change your very heart. He loves the children, oh so much. He wants you to be a part. He wants you to love and teach them. He wants you to plant the seeds - the seeds that become a harvest when these young lives proceed. He asks you to wrap your arms around some very special kids. You see, when the warmth of your arms is felt, He's using your arms as His.

**OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER TEAM**

Sara Ames	Hilde Gilman	Katherine Nduati	Danielle Savoie
Emilie-Rose Bazzinotti	Colin Kuczek	Thao Pham	Alyssa Silva
Veronika Bazzinotti	Sean Le	Lorraine Primeau	Lisa Skaff
Mercy Beale	Paula Malavich	Christian Ruggiero	Lily Skaff
Charisa Beale	James McBreen	Rowan Ruggiero	Anna Woodlock
Nam Bui	Cristin McDonough	Abigail Savoie	Kelianne Woodlock
Alexa Carolan	Katherine McMahon	David Savoie	Michael Woodlock

A very special *thank you* to all our parish families who helped make Hometown Nazareth a success through your prayers and support, your service and your kind donations of props and household items that made our vacation bible school really feel like home!



***By James Gaffney***

The pastor visited the junior high students in religious education class to discuss their notion of faith. He asked them if they knew what he meant if he said that faith is more than a great idea. After a bit of silence, one student said, "I think that means we have to do stuff." Stuff might not be a theological word, but it is exactly what we need to do. Faith is a way of life, not just a way to think.

St. Paul gives a great description of one way we practice the discipline of faith. He tells the Ephesians to get rid of bitterness, malice and anger and be kind to others, showing compassion and love. Forgiving others as Christ forgives us will help us imitate God and allow us to follow the way of love. It pretty much sums up the "stuff" that faith can move us to do. After all, the goal of faith is to make us more like Christ, who gave His life for all.

Make it a point to practice your faith. Be considerate of others in the parking lot, at the store and in your own home. Try to see things from someone else's point of view and resolve your differences. Don't make a big deal out of other's faults and try to be as patient and gentle as you can be. The change will amaze you and you will see just how great this "faith stuff" can be!

**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.



**Mass Intention - August 11 @ 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	Ernest Lemieux	Raymond & Suzanne Morin
Paulette Bedard	Ray & Sue Morin	Robert C. Lemire	Rita Lemire
John & Nancy Begley	James & Mary Scanlon	Joseph & Mary Licata	The McAndrews Family
Gerimannus Bekaah & Joana Bekyere	Mary Dery	Lillian Lovely	James & Mary Scanlon
Blanche Beninati	Mary Ann Gray	Chester Lowrey	Ruth O' Hagan
Edwin Biwald	James & Eleanor Ryan	Maciejewski Sisters - Josie, Julie, & Gladys	Jane, Paula, Chris
Maria Biwald	James & Eleanor Ryan	Maciejewski Family - John Sr., Michael, Sara	The Gagan Family
George J. Breault	Mary P. Breault	Peter Malavich	Paula Malavich
Gertrude Burnham	St. Margaret Blessed Virgin Mary Society	Bill Malavich	Paula Malavich
Paul Burton	James & Mary Scanlon	William & Sophie Malavich	Malavich Family
James & Helen Busby	Mary E. Quinlan	Brandon P. Mansur, Lauren M.	Virginia M. Gattenby
William F. & Susanna Busby	Mary E. Quinlan	Mansur & Hannah N. Peters	
Joan M. Butler	St. Margaret Parish Crafters	Gene & Leo Martin	The Fallon Family
Joan M. Butler	Kay & Jim Fallon	Peter F. Martin	Mary Neylon
Joan M. Butler	St. Margaret Parishioners	Peter L. Mazzola	The Perry Family
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John Campbell	The Carolan Family	Mary E. (Kierce) McLean	The Carolan Family
Marguerite Carlisle	Mary E. Quinlan	James A. McLean	The Carolan Family
Frank L. & Frank & Sade Carr	Mary E. Quinlan	Frank Morrissey	Mary E. Quinlan
Joe & Josie Colombo	Mary Ann Gray	Andrew Moynihan	James & Mary Scanlon
Tony Colombo	Mary Ann and Cathie	Grace C. Moynihan	Martha E. Hickey
Tony Conway	The McAndrews Family	Grace C. Moynihan	Virginia R. Fitzgerald
Thomas Cox	The People of St. Margaret Parish	Carol J. Murphy	Kathleen & Sheila Sweeney
Paul F. Creegan, Sr.	Friends		& Connor & Reilly Murphy
Paul F. Creegan, Sr.	Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Wakeham	William F. Nangle, Sr.	The Nangle Family
Joseph & Grace Curry	Mary E. Quinlan	Eugene "Gene" M. Negrone	Fr. Ray Benoit, Janice Phaneuf & Estelle Girard
Anna E. Daley	James & Mary Scanlon		Mary Neylon
Agnes Copley Daley	Peter Daley		Mary E. Quinlan
Gordon M. Dery	Mary Dery		James & Eleanor Ryan
Anne Dietsch	The James P. Ryan Family	Thomas Neylon	Virginia M. Gattenby
Lisa C. DiLiegro	Barbara Woodbury	Ellen B. Nilsson	Virginia Gattenby
Nancy A. Dube	Eileen, Don & Mary	David O'Brien	David & Debra St. Jean
John, Rachel & Gail Dunn	Jim & Mary Scanlon	O'Brien & Gattenby Families	Ruth O'Hagan & Family
Carla T. Espinola	Carol & Bob McGowan	Phillip F. O'Brien, Jr.	James & Eleanor Ryan
Mary J. Faia	Barbara Cawley & Barbara Gross	William J. O'Donnell	His Loving Family
William "Bill" J. Floyd III	The Carons, Pat Laurent & Patti Laurent & Family	Thomas L. O'Hagan	Helen O'Neil
	Frances Franciose	Muiris O'Meara	James & Mary Scanlon
Franciose and Miller Families	Frances Franciose	Walter J. O'Neil	Barbara Cawley & Barbara Gross
Jerome & Theresa Miller Friedman	Eileen Gagnon Bovio	Walter J. O'Neil	Jim & Kay Fallon
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Stephen J. Gilbride	Mr. & Mrs. James Fallon	Ella L. Parent	Raymond & Suzanne Morin
Phyllis Gilbride	The Carolan Family	Miriam Pearsall	Mary E. Quinlan
Joyce Gilligan	Mary Ann Gray	Edmund & Carole Pender	Garrett & Mary E. Quinlan
Bill Gray	Mary Ann Gray	Helen Price	Mary E. Quinlan
The Gray Family	Barbara Gross	Thomas, Hanora & Onia Quinlan	Tucker, Terry & Pam Quinn
Carl, Barbara and Edward Gross	Mary Santos	Mary Jo Quinlan	Kathy Hand and Family
Gordon Hamilton	Bill & Laura Wilson	Garrett Quinlan	Mr. & Mrs. James Fallon
Charles J. Heslin	Jack & Helen Picanso	Thomas & Florence Quinn	St. Margaret Prayer Shawl Ministry
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Thelma Bedard	Aida Shepard & Family	Daniel Reilly	Mary Ryan
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John Saab Joseph	Rickie, Judy, and Teri	Ronald Russell	Joan Ryan & Family
Peter Saab Joseph	Claire King	Richard T. Ryan	Rickie, Judy, and Teri
Francis V. & Mary T. King	Mary E. Quinlan	Mary & Edward Ryan	
Rita (Morrow) Krikorian	David & Debra St. Jean	William P. Ryan, Sr.	
Donna Elaine Laferriere		Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Saab, Sr.	

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Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Saab, Jr.	Rickie, Judy, and Teri	James & Margaret Speiran	James & Mary Scanlon
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James & Helen Scanlon	James & Mary Scanlon	Lillian F. Thibault	Barbara Gross
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Brad & Eileen Smith	The Smith Family	Catherine Walsh	Tom & Priscille Murphy
John & June Sodre	Mary P. Breault	Mary Weems	Virginia Gattenby
Pauline Sousa	Karen Finnegan	John & Mary Weir	Mrs. Mary Breault
Raymond K. Sousa	Pat & Pat Laurent & the Caron Family	Mary Ryan Glenn Weiss	Joan Ryan & Family
John, Dorothy, Raymond, Patricia	Kucek & Owen Family	Robert H. Zaim	St. Margaret Religious Ed. Staff
Souza & Josephine			

**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).

**RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

Are you interested in exploring Catholicism? Are you interested in receiving a deeper understanding of your Catholic faith? Do you know of a relative or friend who might want to "Come and See"?

RCIA is a process whereby the Catholic Church welcomes new or returning members to the Catholic. It is a very special period of time for reflection and prayer to:

- Learn more about the beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church;
- Explore the process for becoming a Catholic through the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation;
- Grow in one's appreciation of the fullness and richness of the Catholic faith.

St. Margaret Parish will offer the RCIA Program beginning this Fall. The program consists of approximately twenty-two sessions that begin on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 to Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016. This leads into Holy Week and culminates in the reception of the needed sacraments at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 26, 2016. If you or someone you know has any questions about RCIA, please, complete the form below, and return it to the Parish Rectory Office. Father Ray or Deacon Barry will contact you as soon as possible.

2015-08-09

**PLEASE, CONTACT ME ABOUT THE RCIA PROGRAM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BEST TELEPHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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