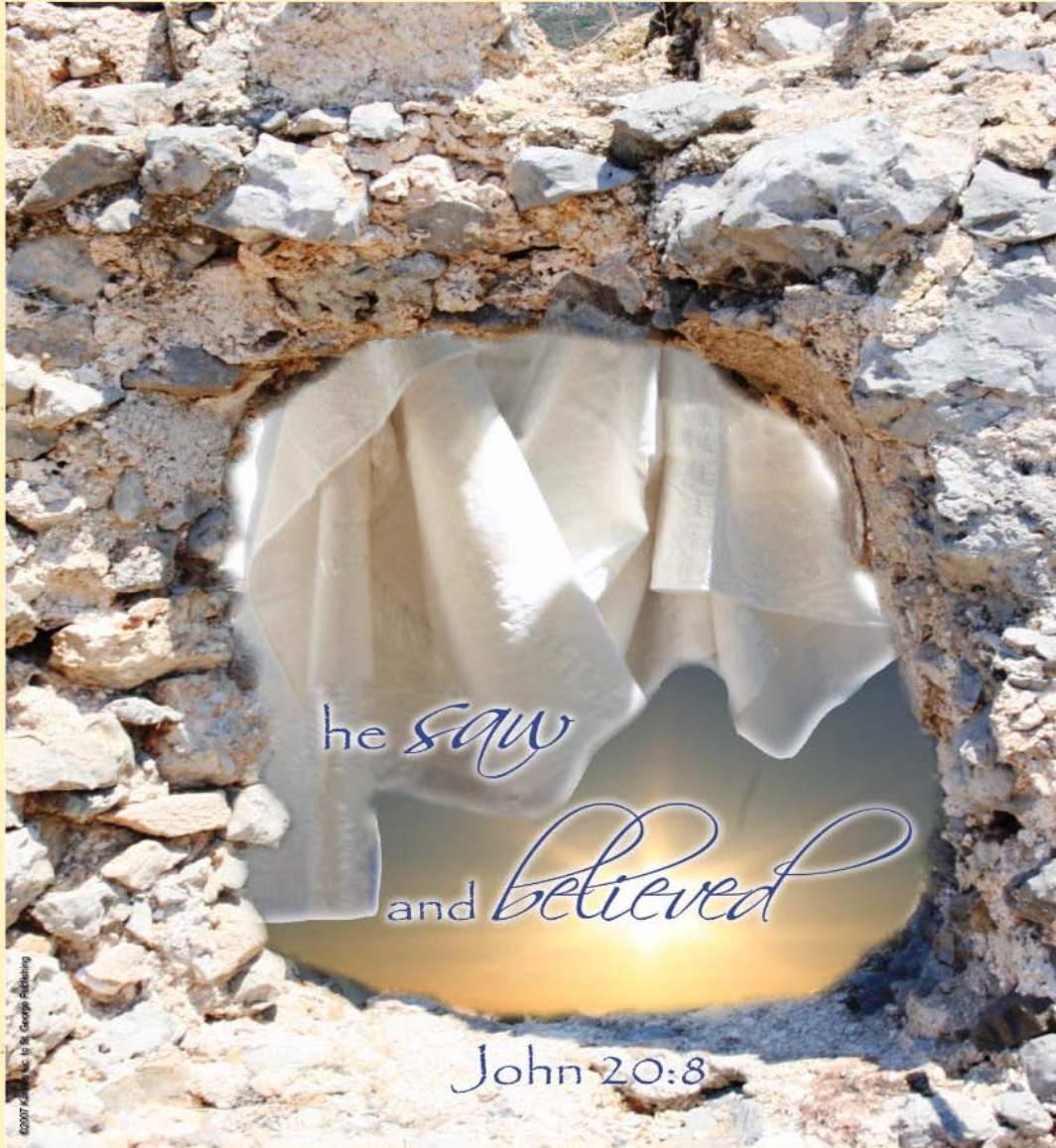


# St. Margaret's Parish

Burlington, MA



*Third Sunday of Easter*

April 26, 2009

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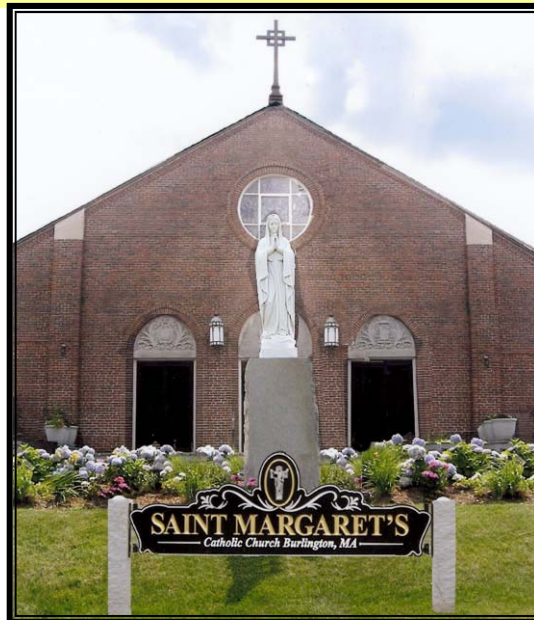


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Janet Fitzgerald  
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Dear Parishioners:

Our ten o'clock Palm Sunday morning Mass was quite the experience. I could not find a priest to help us, so I had to combine the two Masses. To start with, Palm Sunday always attracts noticeably more worshipers, then we had one hundred Confirmation candidates on retreat, in addition to all our religious education young people. It was standing room only! We had our First Communicants sitting in the sanctuary and the front foyer was packed out onto the front steps. We had no problem with crowd control. I thank everyone for their patience.

First Penance went extremely well. The interaction between the confessor and the penitent was superb. These kids are terrific. They sing their hearts out at Mass! They are perfectly behaved! There are an inspiration! St. Margaret's looks forward towards their First Communion. I thank Paige Brand, Nicole Scola, and our violinist Cecilia (Cece) Chiang for helping us at the First Penance Service.

Now that our religious education is at an end for the 2008-09 season, I thank everyone involved in teaching. Without you we would have failed to achieve what is our prime responsibility. From a very grateful pastor, I again thank you.

*Fr. Robinson*

A sincere thanks to those business donors who so graciously donated prizes to our upcoming Family Festival. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Café Escadrille	\$50.00 Gift Certificate
Dandelion Green Restaurant	\$25.00 Gift Certificate
Emerald Rose Restaurant	2 - \$25.00 Gift Certificates
Flatbread Company	2 - \$25.00 Gift Certificates
Cheesecake Factory	\$25.00 Gift Certificate
Not Your Average Joe's Restaurant	\$25.00 Gift Certificate
99 Restaurant - Middlesex Turnpike	2 - \$25.00 Gift Certificates
Doubletree Bedford Glen Hotel	Overnight and breakfast for two
Rick's Café - Chung King	\$20.00 Gift Certificate
LaCascia's Bakery	\$25.00 Gift Certificate
Friendly's - Billerica	\$20.00 Gift Certificate
Roma's Bakery - Billerica	\$15.00 Gift Certificate
Brigham's - Burlington Mall	Cone & Sundae Certificates
Woburn Bowladrome	One Hour Glow Bowl & free shoe rental

**Mite Boxes** - I want to thank everyone of you who gave mite boxes this Lent. You are to be congratulated and every one of your sacrificial offerings is greatly appreciated.

Mark Stephen

Rachel Gavin

Jessica Gavin



## Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	4:30 pm 7:30 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am 10:00 am (Upstairs) 10:00 am (Downstairs) 12:00 noon
<b>Weekday</b>	6:45 am 9:00 am
<b>Saturday</b>	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](http://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** – Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory.

# Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 25</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Terry Femino</b>
		<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Bob Robbins</b>
		<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Antonio &amp; Alice Oliveira</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 26</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Mary Comeau (2nd Anniversary)</b>
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Davidson Gwanvalla &amp; Joseph Fokum</b>
		<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Maria &amp; Francesco Iacco</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 27</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Patricia M. Shea</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 28</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Malachy Browne</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 29</b>	<b>6:45 am</b>	<b>Catherine Morrissey</b>
		<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Ann Marie Harrington</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 30</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Joseph Hrubí (3rd Anniversary)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Joe &amp; Marilyn Baldrate 61st Wedding Ann.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 2</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Estelle Delaney ( 2nd Anniversary)</b>
		<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Antonetta Morena</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 3</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Emilio &amp; Agata DiPietros</b>
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Peter &amp; Maria Rabazzi</b>
		<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Salvatore Scenna</b>

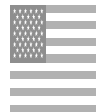
## Memorial Prayers: Members of Passanisi Family



### Prayers for the Sick



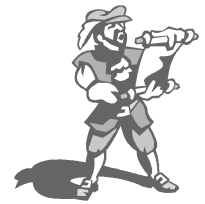
Jack Pessotti	Fred
Grace Tramantozzi	Barbara Dannner-
Jim Connors	Donald Welch
Spike Lawless	Robert Menzies
Sis	Sandra Davis
Marie Perriello	Sal Solimine
Patrice Guanci	Dick Butler
Dottie Halley	John M.
Ginnie Petrone	Nicholas
Jean Simpson	John Nagle
Bea Reese	Baby Haley
Francis Ellis	Baby Courtney
Baby Declan	Ollie Muir
Josh	Helen Vaughn
Bella Russo	Alice Welch
Rebecca	Helen Feehan
Cathy Fichtner	Michael Munafo
Connie Tedesco	Ann Martin
Carl Christiansen	Paul Donovan
Peggy McGarry	Joe Brown
Cathy Sullivan	Mary



### Prayers for Protection



PFC Paul Marchese	Army	Afghanistan
Ens. Stephen Dutton	Navy	At Sea
Sgt. Joseph P. Surette	Army	Korea
CPL Richard Schaufus	Marines	Okinowa
Kerry McDonough	Air Force	Iraq
MA-3 James Marchese	Navy	Italy
PFC Steven Colombo	Marines	USA
Staff Sgt. Eric Leverone	Army	Afghanistan
Lt. Vince Lynch	Army	Germany
STS2 Kyle J. Marchese	Navy	At Sea
Capt. Chris Brooks	Army	Afghanistan
CW02 Scott Munger	Marines	Hawaii
Lt. Jennifer M. Delaney	Navy	USA
LCPL Patrick Harrington	Marines	Iraq
Lt. Col. Mark Merlino	Army	Iraq
CPL Shawn Weidman	Marines	At Sea
CPO David Sweet	Navy	Iraq
Sgt. Kaitlyn Guastaferró	Army	USA



# Announcements

**Banns of Marriage** - II Gregory Caggiano & Katherine Bonczar

**Baptisms** - This past week St. Margaret's celebrated the new life of Baptism with some of our "little" parishioners. We congratulate the parents and rejoice with them.

Mikaela Rhiannon Budina    Charlize Renee Budina    Adrianna Marie Budina

**Congratulations** - Jeremy Wilson & Stephanie Deldon were married this past week.

**Wedding Anniversaries** - Sean Cardinal O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. Invites all couples of the Archdiocese of Boston who are marking their 25th & 50th wedding anniversaries in 2009 to join him at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Sunday, June 7; 11:30am Mass for renewal of vows. Family & friends of participating couples may attend. Please register with the parish office by May 11, 2009 to attend. A formal invitation & more information will be sent to couples. Congratulations on your anniversary!

**Project Bread** - "Walk for Hunger" takes place May 3rd. Please, donate to help hungry people across the state. Or better yet, do the 20 mile walk and ask others to sponsor you. Pick up a brochure at the back of the church. Go to <[www.ProjectBread.org/walk](http://www.ProjectBread.org/walk)> or call Project Bread at (617) 723-5000. Last year food was provided for more than 43.4 million people.

**Burlington Letter Carriers Food Drive** - May 9, 2009. Please only donate non-perishable items with an expiration date of either June-December 2009, or anytime in 2010, 2011, or 2012. Please do not donate food with an expiration date earlier than June of 2009, or a product code you cannot interpret. If you want to volunteer sorting the donated food or transporting the items back to the food pantry, please call Jay B. Barnes of the Burlington Food Pantry at 781-270-6625. Adults, teenagers, and children eight and older accompanied by an adult are welcome to volunteer.

**Family Festival** - There will be a meeting for the Family Festival on Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. We are still looking for volunteers. For more information contact Lydia at (781) 272-0420. We are also looking for donations. **Wanted:** donations to make gift baskets. Items needed are; coffee, tea, gardening items, crafts for kids, summer fun toys, wine, crackers, coffee & tea cups, wine glasses, gift cards, etc. Premade gift baskets are also welcome.

**Eucharistic Adoration** - will be held on First Friday, May 1st, after the 9 am Mass from 9:30 am to 5 pm concluding with Benediction. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited at 3 pm by Deacon Gene Counihan. Sign up sheets will be at back of the church. Church law requires us to have two persons signed up each hour. Jesus said, "Come to me and I will give you rest."

**Bible Study** - The final Bible Study session for will be on April 29th. Will resume in the Fall.

**2009 Catholic Appeal** - So far, St. Margaret's has contributed \$34,679 which is 70.1% of our goal. It's not too late to contribute. Call 617-779-3700. Every gift matters!



# Religious Education

**Mary Murgo – Director**

**School Phone: 781-272-5810**

**Stmargccd@hotmail.com**



**GRADE 4:** Grade 4 students are invited to participate in the May Procession on Sunday, May 3rd. Fourth graders will carry a statue of the Blessed Mother, flowers, and banners around the church and up to the school building, followed by the First Communion Class. Parents, please send an email to [stmargccd@hotmail.com](mailto:stmargccd@hotmail.com) if your fourth grade child would like to participate in the May Procession.

**GRADE 5:** Any grade 5 students who have siblings in second grade are also invited to participate in the May Procession. Please contact Mary Murgo at [stmargccd@hotmail.com](mailto:stmargccd@hotmail.com) asap if interested.

**GRADE 9:** All community service forms must be returned no later than April 14, 2009. No forms will be accepted after that date. If you have any questions, please call Joanne Mackey at 978-439-0017.

**GRADE 2: Congratulations** to Olivia Cannalonga, Brandon Cascio, Nicholas Pazzia, Nicholas Ricci, Christopher Roberto, and Marco Savi for successfully passing their oral prayer tests!

**GRADE 3: Congratulations** to Simon Chiang, Christopher Dalton, Ryan Farrow, Christopher Murgo, and Navya Sebastian for Perfect Attendance!

**GRADE 4: Congratulations** to Rachel Bolognese, Andrew Bonaventura, Isabella Gaudio, Kevin Lynch, Peter Lynch, and Joey Peluso for Perfect Attendance!

**GRADE 5: Congratulations** to Caroline Covenno, Raybien Felizardo, and Elizabeth Surabian for Perfect Attendance!

**GRADE 6: Congratulations** to Kelsey Daniels-O'Brien, Kristin Johnson, Alison Oliver, Samantha Porter, and Tommy Taranto for Perfect Attendance!

**GRADE 7: Congratulations** to Cecilia Chiang, Daniel Federico, and Kyle Kurtz for Perfect Attendance!

**GRADE 8:** Congratulations to Kelly Coluci, Anthony Cruz, Kimberly Johnson, Braden Parker, and Samantha Sweeney for Perfect Attendance!

**FIRST COMMUNION DRESS CODE:** Boys will wear white shirts, red ties, dark pants (black or navy) and dark shoes. Girls will wear white dresses, white socks/tights, white shoes. Veils are optional. Please NO gloves, purses, or other accessories.

**RED TIES:** Any student who needs to purchase a red clip-on tie for First Communion should bring in exact change (\$7.00) or a check made out to "St. Margaret's Parish." Ties are in the CCD office.

**NEED HELP?** If you need help getting a First Communion outfit for your son/daughter, please send an email to [stmargccd@hotmail.com](mailto:stmargccd@hotmail.com) or contact Father Robinson. We can help you!

**GRADES 2 and 3: On Sunday, April 26th**, all second and third grade students should sit with their teachers/classmates at the front of the **UPSTAIRS** church. Second graders will remain in the church for First Communion practice after the 10:00 Mass. Third grade students will file up to the school building as soon as Mass is over. All students will be dismissed from the school building as usual.

**THE FIRST COMMUNION BREAKFAST** will be held at the school hall on **Sunday, May 3rd**. All First Communicants and their families are invited to attend. Students should wear their First Communion outfits to the 10:00 Mass in the upstairs church. Second graders will follow the fourth graders up to the school building. The breakfast will immediately follow the May Procession.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has sent in raffle baskets for the Family Festival which will take place on Sunday, May 17th. Donations (coffee, tea, arts & crafts, movie tickets, gardening items, baskets, etc.) may be dropped off at the rectory.

## Altar Ministries – Apr 25/26



**Saturday**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Celebrant:** Father Robinson  
**Cantor:** ---  
**Reader:** Joanne Mackey  
**EMHC(s):** Joanne O'Keeffe, Elaine Wishneusky,  
Rosella Bilotta  
**Server(s):** Kathleen & Kerri Mackey

**Saturday**  
**7:30 PM**  
Father Robinson  
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Michael Fazio  
Frances Fazio, Jean Field  
Marie Fazio, Riley Feller

**Sunday**  
**7:30 AM**  
**Celebrant:** Father Robinson  
**Cantor:** ---  
**Reader:** Beth Mackey  
**EMHC(s):** Lucy Bramanti, Dawn Dionne  
**Server(s):** Annabelle Dionne, Nicole Scola

**Sunday**  
**10:00 AM Upper Church**  
Father Robinson  
Christine Field  
Dick Hanafin  
Bill Boudreau, Keavan Stryker  
Matt, Mike, & Rob Ackerman

**10:00 AM Children's Mass**  
**Celebrant:** Discontinued until the Fall  
**Cantor:**  
**Reader:**  
**EMHC(s):**  
**Server(s):**

**12:00 Noon**  
Father Robinson  
Christine Field  
Paul Mazzocca  
Arthur Huse  
Nicholas Whitney, Kevin 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.

### April 19, 2009 Latest Financial Figures

**\$6,825 - Weekly Offertory Collection**  
**\$4,798 - Building Fund Collection**  
**\$12,852 - Weekly Amount Banked for the Parish**  
**\$484,703 - Amount Banked YTD for the Parish**  
**\$472,500 - Budget Year to Date**  
**\$12,203 - Budget Surplus Year to Date**

### Upcoming Second Collections

**None**

# The Acts of the Apostles

During the weeks following Easter, the First Reading at Mass, instead of coming from the Old Testament, comes from the *Acts of the Apostle*. *Acts* is a unique book in the New Testament. It is the only history of the earliest formative period of the Christian community which was penned by a first generation convert. Starting in Jerusalem with Jesus' ascension, its story line leads us through a series of episodes, covering about three decades and climaxing with the proclamation of the Gospel in the capital of the Roman Empire.

*Acts* is believed to have been written sometime between 70 and 100 AD. Prior to that, the Gospels and numerous pastoral letters had already been telling the world about Jesus of Nazareth. However, more and more time was separating second generation Christians from the years of Jesus' public ministry and the dramatic days of the crucifixion and resurrection. *Acts* was written to assure both them and all future believers that what had been happening during those intense intervening years of missionary activity was truly the divinely directed development of what Jesus had begun.

Tradition tells us that the author of *Acts* is the same person who wrote the Gospel of Luke. These two volumes appear to complement one another. Luke was an active participant in the history that he was chronicling. Referred to by his colleague, Paul, as the 'beloved physician,' this well educated writer was one of the most talented proclaimers of the Christian message in the apostolic era. In writing *Acts*, Luke chose to focus primarily on two major figures – Peter and Paul – and two minor figures – Philip and Steven – selecting episodes from their careers which were typical of those precedent-setting times. Three important themes highlight the truths and values which Luke wanted to convey.

The first theme is the Good News and personal transformation. *Acts* frequently draws our attention to the topic of religious conversion. The first third of the book looks primarily at Peter's courageous leadership in Palestine, while later chapters describe Paul's missionary trips that extended from Damascus to Rome. These eager evangelizers had to challenge their listeners to a change of heart - to renounce sin and commit themselves to faith in Jesus. What may seem unexpected, though, is the way Luke emphasizes how both these men had to accept profound changes in their own thinking and actions in order to live up to so high a calling.

The second theme is the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit. *Acts* makes it clear that it is divine providence which guides and protects the spread of the faith. Frequent and explicit references to the activity of the Holy Spirit throughout the text are the most obvious affirmations of God's presence and direct role in the life of the Church. The apostles and disciples received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, which gave them the courage to go forth and do the work which Jesus had called them to do. But that was not simply an isolated moment. The special presence of the Spirit continues to permeate the community with many other expressions of the power that Jesus had promised. It could take the form of an infusion of knowledge or bring about decisive action. It could express itself in the discernment of God's Word or in the choice of individual missionaries. The reader of *Acts* is reminded time and again that the interventions of the Holy Spirit are as varied and as powerful and God's chosen ones need them to be.

The third theme is the great cost of faithful perseverance. It might be easy for later generations of Christians to look back on those early days and romanticize them as the 'good old days.' Indeed, Luke reports many instances of spiritual idealism, such as daily prayer in common, pooling of material resources, and heroic dedication to the spread of the faith in foreign lands. However, *Acts* is also a monument to the fact that the spread of the faith was achieved only at the cost of relentless toil and repeated bloodshed, external opposition and internal conflict. Civil violence and religious plots against the followers of Jesus thread their way throughout the book. Many Christians had to relocate to foreign cities because the Holy Land was no longer safe for them. James, the first bishop of Jerusalem was beheaded. Internal disagreements within the Christian community threatened to tear it apart.

As much as it chronicles the earliest days of Christianity, *The Acts of the Apostles* is also a book about God's people in every age. We, too, are called to conversion; to go forth and spread the gospel. The Holy Spirit is here to guide us no less than he was with the earliest Christians. The very human problems recorded in *Acts* remind us of similar issues that we face in modern times. What Luke, inspired by the Holy Spirit, captured in the *Acts of the Apostles* is only the first chapter in of a history that continues to unfold in the present day. In writing about the lives of the early Christians, Luke was also writing about us.

***Recommended by Deacon Dick***



The Burlington Food Pantry is looking for two or more dynamic individuals to serve as co-coordinators. The Pantry is an all volunteer organization. The pantry is housed on the grounds of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Burlington and serves residents of the town. Currently the pantry serves 130 families and is open from 3 – 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. The pantry has existed for 29 years and has seen continual growth. It is overseen by a Board of Directors comprised of community members, representatives from local congregations, a representative from the Burlington Community Life Center and a representative from the Clergy Association. Support also comes from 24 active volunteers.

This is an exciting time for the pantry as it expands into a brand new space and reaches out for support from the Boston Food Bank. The individuals who are interested in this volunteer service to the community will have the opportunity to effect change and really make a difference in people's lives.

If you are interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity, please contact Valerie Healey, Volunteer Coordinator, at [vhealey1207@peoplehelpingpeopleinc.org](mailto:vhealey1207@peoplehelpingpeopleinc.org).

