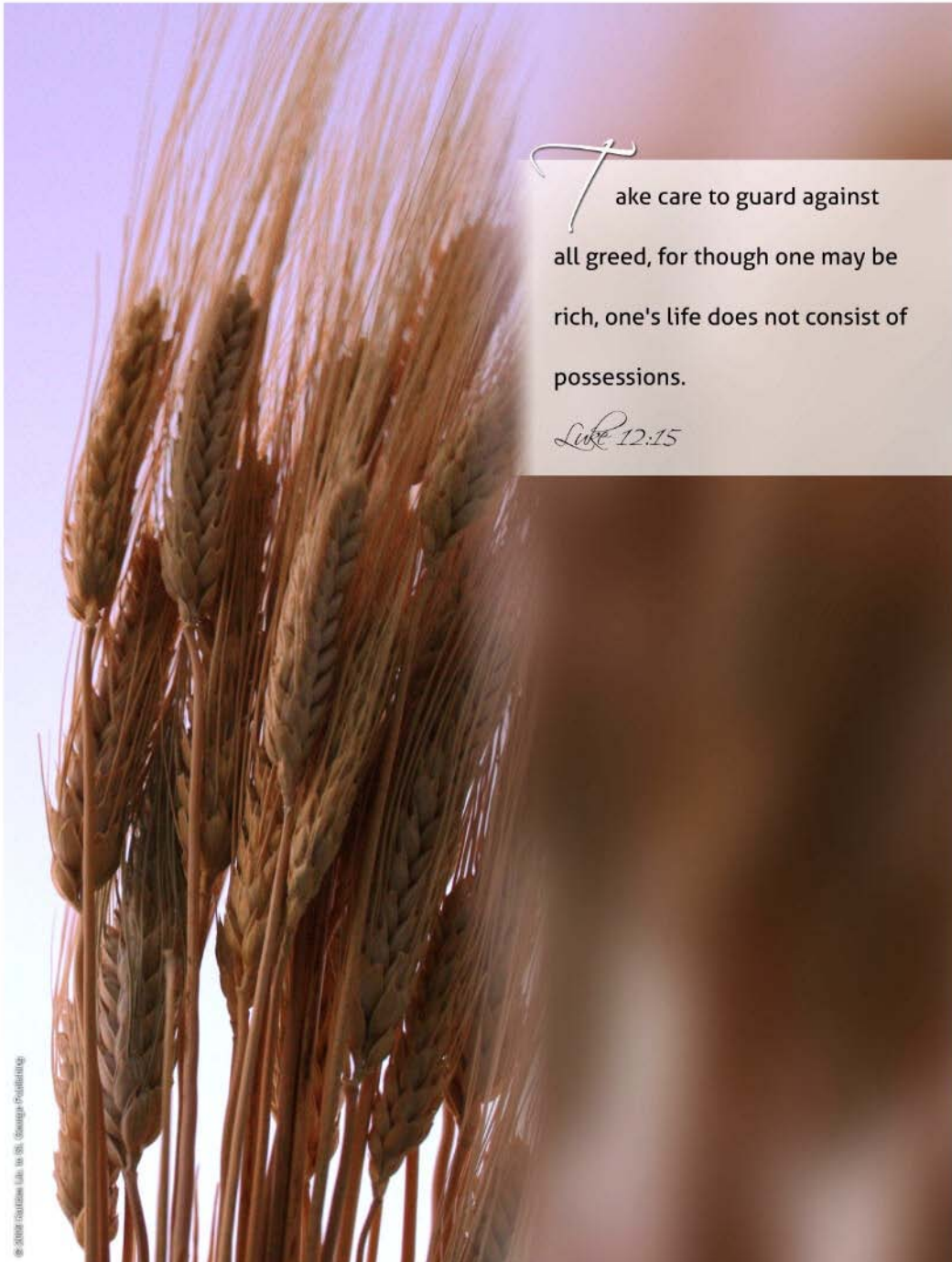


*St. Margaret's Parish  
Burlington, MA*



*T*ake care to guard against  
all greed, for though one may be  
rich, one's life does not consist of  
possessions.

*Luke 12:15*

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**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*August 1, 2010*

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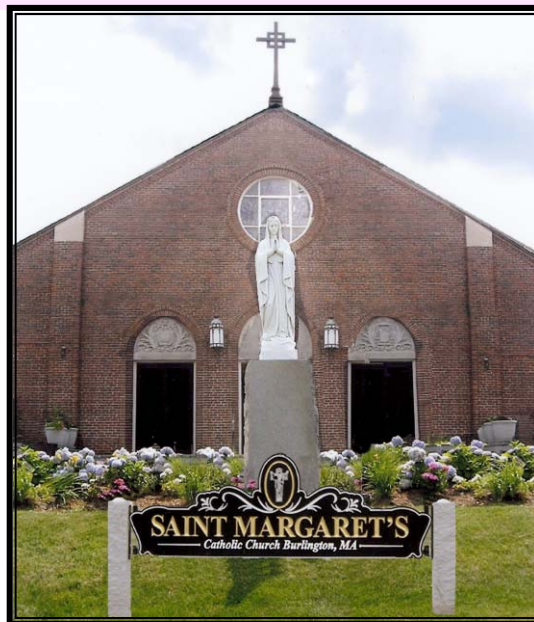


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Dear Parishioners,

We are in the midst of a crisis in the church-one that effects the very basis of our beliefs. We are witnessing the lowest level of church attendance in history with a ever higher number of Catholics failing to attend Mass on Sunday. Not only are they failing to observe the Sabbath/Lord's Day and the directions of the third commandment but they are missing the very essence of our faith-the reception of the Eucharist which unites us with Christ and helps us grow in grace. But many ask, "What does this have to do with us who are active participants and attendees?? Why should I concern myself about those who don't care or don't want to come to Church?" The greatest commandment is love and in love we must offer our service to others. Our example, our concern, our love can and should serve as an imitation of Christ to others and help them back to the Church. And if we don't try, who will???

We need to start the groundwork for proclaiming the need to restore Sunday to its rightful position as a day of observance first. God gave us the ten commandments as guidelines for our lives within the community of faith. The giving of the Lord's Day was not meant to be burden but to reflect God's compassion on His people. The real meaning of the Lord's Day was to acknowledge the creative act of God who made the heavens and earth in six days and rested on the seventh day. In the Old Testament the Jews' celebration of the Sabbath separated them from other nations just as our obligation to attend Mass distinguishes us from other faiths. For the Jewish people their observance of the Sabbath is synonymous with fidelity to the Covenant, the pact between Israel and God. When this fidelity failed, the people found themselves fighting with the wrath of God. Yet in spite of their sinful ways God, ever merciful and forgiving, offers the people hope and a chance for renewal of the Covenant. But after their release from captivity we see that religion was no longer as important as it was to their ancestors and they turned to rebuilding their lives and land. Such a situation mirrors our own development as a people with humble backgrounds to one where material wealth dominates.

We can see such parallels between what the Jewish people were doing and saying so long ago and our own statements today. We read in Nehemiah that he had been sent by the emperor to rebuild the city (Jerusalem) and make it the center for preserving their faith. But Sabbath law was becoming a memory. Nehemiah sees that the Jews are continuing their daily work on the Sabbath, so how good business was by adding a day (sound familiar). They rebelled against observing the Sabbath because it got in the way (once again such a familiar excuse). How could the people constantly abandon the covenants they had made and regress into the evil practices that had been repeatedly corrected?

In the New Testament much of Jesus' work was done on the Sabbath and yet no mention of this was made at His trial. Jesus was preparing the people for the new Sabbath. Over time many additions were made to the law and it was becoming burdensome to the people. So if God made the Sabbath should not God's Son be superior to the Sabbath. With His resurrection a new Sabbath would be proclaimed. In the Lord's Day we have a great possession. The Lord's Day is a day of rest-to help us revive ourselves, to meet family and friends. It is a day when we seek to enter more deeply in learning, in reading, in study and in discussion into the meaning of the faith. A day when we remember those who are lonely and are in need and who are less fortunate than us. But more important it is the day when in worship we realize the presence of God.

But we try to find ways to get around our obligation. The Blue Laws have been amended to make Sunday just another day of commerce. Sport events are scheduled and take precedent over our Mass obligation. In the Old Testament the temple was the center of life for the Jewish community, the center for proclaiming the greatness of God and the goodness He gave His people. Only a generation ago the church was the center of life for the community, all life evolved around it. Times do change but the rules are the same but now many ignore them in the name of a new generation, one centered everywhere but the Church.

There are a multitude of reasons for the falling attendance and they are as varied as the number of people who don't come. We have a history of a people in the Old Testament who were chosen by God yet constantly turned away from Him, were punished, fought forgiveness, were forgiven and started the process all over again. We will not be carried off into captivity but we complain about society and all its ills yet in listing the cures no one brings up the need to revitalize our faith and to return to the religious values that made us community of God. What better way to reestablish those values than by attendance at Mass where we hear the word of God and participate in the Eucharist.

Faith is a challenge and a commitment and it requires a strong effort on our part to spread the good news again.

*Sincerely Yours, Father Harry*



## 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** – Suspended for the summer. Will resume in October.



# Announcements

**Funerals** - This week St. Margaret's presided over the funeral for Mary Flaherty. We ask that all of us remember Mary and her family in Mass & Prayer.

**Banns of Marriage** - II Michael Ricci & Courtney Sorenson

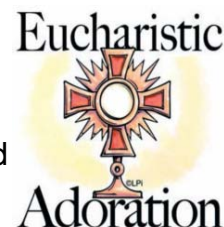
**2010 Catholic Appeal** - Stewardship reminds us to count our blessings, acknowledge God's gifts to us, and express thanks to Him. We do this by a proportionate giving of our time, talent and treasure. We sincerely thank all who have made a gift to the 2010 Catholic Appeal. You are helping many people with many needs. God calls us to share what we have to help others. So far we have achieved 83.9% of our goal. Every gift matters. It is never too late to give. Packets are available at the church exits.

**Lost & Found Box** - Located at the front entrance to the church beneath the table. You may just find in there something you lost months ago. Surprise yourself and take a look!!!

**The Life Center** - located on the second floor at 61 Center St., Burlington. They conduct through interviews for any resident of the town in need & they give the necessary referrals. The phone # is 781-270-1961.

**Finance Council** - The next Finance Council will be held on Thursday evening, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**- will be held First Friday August 6th after the 9am Mass from 9:30 to 5:00pm ending in Benediction. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited at 3:00pm. Sign up sheet is at the back of the Church. For those who cannot sign up for one hour, please come at your convenience. Come and sit in the peaceful presence of Jesus who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.



**Fall Festival Meeting** - will be held on Thursday, August 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Lydia Brown at (781) 272-0420. This is a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and for students to complete community service hours.



# *Mass Intentions*

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 31</b>	<b>4:30 pm William Lynch</b>
		<b>7:30 pm Albert Russo</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 1</b>	<b>7:30 am Alice Gandolfo (4th Anniversary)</b>
		<b>10:00 am Frank Melanson (2nd Anniversary)</b>
		<b>12:00 pm Rev. James Shaughnessey</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 3</b>	<b>9:00 am Betty Levinson</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 4</b>	<b>6:45 am Arlene Lefebvre (Month's Mind)</b>
		<b>9:00 am Special Intention</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 5</b>	<b>9:00 am Alicia Ryes</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 7</b>	<b>4:30 pm Ruth Reynolds</b>
		<b>7:30 pm Anthony Provenzano</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 8</b>	<b>7:30 am Claire Collins (1st Anniversary)</b>
		<b>10:00 am Donal Dignan (3rd Anniversary)</b>
		<b>12:00 pm Luzavec Family</b>

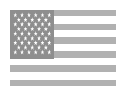


## Prayers for the Sick



Maryellen C.  
 Grace Tramantozzi  
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 Baby Dylan  
 Chandra  
 William Morrissey  
 Ginnie Petrone  
 Jean Simpson  
 Bea Reece  
 Francis Ellis  
 Baby Declan  
 Helen Vaughn  
 Mary C.  
 Colleen  
 Cathy Fichtner  
 Cathy Sullivan  
 Noah M.  
 James Meehan  
 Robert W. Taylor II  
 Stephen D.  
 John M.  
 Tommy G.  
 Gloria DeRosa  
 Iris Covenor  
 Maggie Smalios

Barbara Churchill  
 Lisa Aylia.  
 Robert Menzies  
 Bruce Cecere  
 Fred Sousa  
 Carlos Rodriguez  
 Dick Butler  
 Joseph Baldrate  
 John Nagle  
 John Nagle  
 Baby Haley  
 Baby Courtney  
 Ollie Muir  
 Fred  
 Alice Welch  
 Helen Feehan  
 Michael Munafo  
 Bob Craven  
 Marisa Coppola  
 Beth R.  
 Ronald Magliozzi  
 Peter Vallas  
 Madeline Kadilak  
 John F.  
 John Casey  
 Baby Lecomte  
 John Gorman



## Prayers for Protection



PFC Paul Marchese	Army	Afghanistan
Ens. Stephen Dutton	Navy	At Sea
Lt. Christopher Hanafin	Marine	Afghanistan
T.Sgt. Kerry McDonough	Air Force	Iraq
MA-3 James Marchese	Navy	Bahrain
CPL Steven Colombo	Marines	Afghanistan
Capt.. Vince Lynch	Army	Afghanistan
STS2 Kyle J. Marchese	Navy	At Sea
CW02 Scott Munger	Marines	Hawaii
TSGT. Jeremy Brooks	Air Force	Afghanistan
Lt. Jennifer M. Delaney	Navy	USA
Sgt. Shawn Weidman	Marines	USA
Sgt. Kaitlyn Guastaferrero	Army	USA
SPC Todd Miller	Military Police	Iraq
Patrick Hurley	Army	Iraq
Staff Sgt. Brian Ladner	Marines	USA
Sgt. Mark Orr	Marines	USA
SrA Michael L. Flanagan	Air Force	Iraq
LCPL Patrick McGarry	Marines	Afghanistan
PFC Michael Morgan	Army	Afghanistan
Lauren Mynette	Peace Corps	Tanzania
Lt.Col Timothy Lincoln	Air NG	Afghanistan
Capt. Bob Mongale	Air Force	Saudia Area

### Altar Ministries – July 31/ Aug 1



**Saturday**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Kaufman  
**Cantor:** Charles Carnell  
**Eucharistic Team:** Joanne Mackey, Janet Fitzgerald, Elaine Wishneusky  
**Server(s):** Nick Whitney, Olivia Varghese

**Saturday**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Fr. Kaufman**  
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 Michael & Frances Fazio, Jean Field  
 Marie & Victoia Fazio

**Sunday**  
**7:30 AM**  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Robinson  
**Cantor:** ---  
**Eucharistic Team:** Beth Mackey, Lucy Bramanti, Joyce McPhail  
**Server(s):** Jillian Ghio

**Sunday**  
**10:00 AM Upper Church**  
**Fr. Robinson**  
 Christine Field  
 Dick Hanafin, Bill Boudreau, Keavan Stryker  
 Jake Hanafin, Kevin Coluci, Ryan Farrow

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

**12:00 Noon**  
**Fr. Robinson**  
 Christine Field  
 Paul Mazzocca, Mary Lou McQuinn  
 Nicole & Jackie Scola, Paige Brand

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.

**The Financial Figures for the July 25 collection will be reported next week**

**Second Collections**

**August 8 - Catholic Relief**  
**August 15 - Building Fund**

**We are in the process of finalizing our annual financial report and until we do we are unable to project a budget. Hence, our figures will be incomplete for a short time.**

# St. Margaret's School of Religion

Registration for Grade 1 through Grade 12

September 2010- May 2011

Registration fee is \$60 per student with a \$200 maximum per family. There are no other fees during the school year. Please mail this form with tuition payment to: 111 Winn Street, Burlington, MA 01803 or drop form and payment into the church collection box **by August 1, 2010.** Checks should be made payable to "**St. Margaret's Parish.**"

**NEW Students:** Please include a copy of your son/daughter's **Baptismal Record** with this registration form if your child did not attend St. Margaret's School of Religion last year.

## **Contact Information** [Please print!]

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Student Information** [Please print!]

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***\*\*\*Any family currently experiencing financial difficulty should please pay what you can afford.\*\*\****

# To Know God

Our faith teaches us that God created us so that we could know Him, love Him, and serve Him. God didn't put us on this Earth just to have a good time and do whatever we feel like doing. God has a plan for us that is far beyond this Earth; far beyond anything that we can understand at this point in our existence. Holy Scripture tells us that 'eye has not seen nor ear heard' what awaits for those who love God. God desires all people to be united with Him for eternity.

Our relationship with God is the key to gaining the promise of eternal life and happiness that is our destiny. Maintain a good relationship with God in this life, and we will take our place among the saints who have gone before us. Conversely, the prospects are grave, indeed, for those who put the things of this world above their relationship with God.

But, before we can be motivated to seek the relationship with God that He desires so much to have with us – before we can be inspired to love and to serve God – we must first come to know Him. Knowledge of who God is, what He has done for us, what He expects of us, who we are in relation to Him – all of these are a prerequisite for our ability to develop a loving relationship with Him. You can't love someone without first knowing them.

We are not born knowing about God. Knowledge of God and the relationship with Him that develops from that knowledge come only after many years of study. God expects us to make Him the center of our lives. How can we do that if we don't know Him? Christ wants us to go into the world and give the gift of His gospel message to those who have never heard it. But, how can we give what we don't have? First, we must learn.

Formal religious education is more important today than ever before. In our modern world, a general lack of respect for authority and many societal attitudes present great challenges to people's faith. The 'isms' – secularism, relativism, humanism – all present world views which, in some ways, are counter to God's will. Even many faithful Catholics are confused and have difficulty understanding and accepting moral teachings which are at odds with the message we constantly hear in our society today – a message which is self-centered, rather than God-centered. Consider the following:

- > We all know of God's love for us and of His infinite mercy. Many people have incorrectly interpreted this to downplay the effects of sin and managed to convince themselves that everyone goes to heaven, no matter how we live our lives.
- > Christ tells us to love one another. But, how many Christians today understand and can adequately explain what he really means by that and how that should affect the way we live our lives and relate to other people?
- > How many Christians can adequately explain simple truths such as why human life and 'personhood' begin at the moment of conception?
- > How many Christians can explain why abortion, the use of human embryos for medical purposes, euthanasia, gay marriage, and capital punishment are against the will of God?

- > How many Christians today understand and can explain that true science and true faith will never be at odds with each other; that true science and true faith must always go hand in hand?

I could go on, but you get the point. We live in a complex world. As time goes on, our world will become more and more complex. It will become increasingly more difficult for those with little or no religious training to be able to correctly interpret and understand what they hear and experience in this world in relation to Christ's gospel message and God's will. Thus, there is a greater risk that those people will be misled into activities or beliefs which are counter to God's will; a greater risk that they will turn away from God; a greater risk that they will lose the eternal gift that God has prepared for them.

It is not untrue to say that if we fail to educate ourselves about God, then we deprive ourselves in terms of our relationship with Him. And, if we fail to see that our children have a proper religious education and upbringing, if we don't set a good example for them, if we don't help them to see the importance of and develop a good relationship with God, then we may be cheating them. We may be sending them out into the world in a weakened spiritual state where they will be more vulnerable to the false attractions of this world that will lead them away from God; away from their destiny with Him.

This is why formal religious education is so important for all of us. I would argue that there is no more important education than religious education. Most people spend at least 12 years on their formal secular education, and many people much more than that. All of that effort is spent to have a better life in this world – a world that will pass away. Doesn't it make sense, then, that we should spend at least as much time on education that will help us to gain the eternal gift that God has prepared for us? Remember that when we leave this world we leave everything that we have acquired behind – wealth, power, fame, relationships – everything – except our relationship with God. That's the only thing that we acquire in this world that we take with us when we go. And, if we don't have that, then we truly leave this world with nothing.

For the sake of your children, who are the future of the Church, please be sure that they are enrolled in St. Margaret's Religious Education Program and attend regularly. Work with them and encourage them to learn and to grow in their faith. Set a good example for them. If you want the faith to be important in your children's lives, you must show them, by your example, that it is important in your life.

For anyone that is able, we are always in need of adults to come forward and help teach in the Religious Ed program. If the Religious Ed program is not staffed by St. Margaret's community, there is simply no one else to do it.

Christ said: "Love one another as I have loved you." An important part of loving one another is to help each other grow in our knowledge and love of God. It has been said that knowledge is power. If so, then knowledge of God is the key to understanding the greatest power in the universe and beyond. It is the key to unlocking that power in our own lives and the lives of others. It is the key to our ultimate destiny.

*Deacon Dick*