

# St. Margaret's Parish

Burlington, MA

August 2, 2009

*Do not work for food*

*that perishes but for  
the food that endures  
for eternal life, which  
the Son of Man will  
give you. For on him  
the Father, God, has  
set his seal.*

*Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

John 6:27

# St. Margaret's Parish

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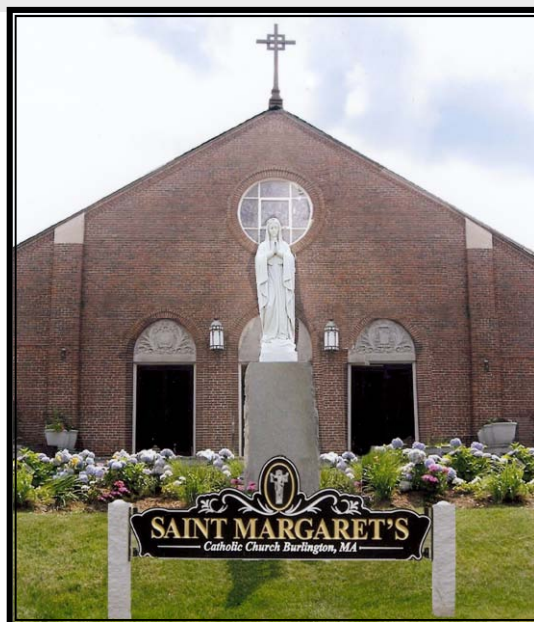


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Dear Parishioners:

Again, I welcome Father Harry and I pray that his assignment to St. Margaret's is a most satisfying experience. Priesthood is not what it used to be. Growing up in the fifties there was no more respected profession than Priesthood. How times have changed! It all started to go downhill in the sixties when priests and nuns not only protested in civil rights marches, but also stood against the war in Vietnam. Then they began to leave their vocations behind. These public demonstrations stirred great debate over the place and role of religion in our church. I dare to say public opinion started to turn against us and continues even today, even though history has proven we were on the right side. The abuse crisis has taken a terrible toll on priests. We now are ranked together with the proverbial "used car salesman". Where we go from here is anybody's guess.

The clergy shortage has increased the work load and the increased role of the laity calls for more consultations (meetings). The priest no longer has the power or the control over the parish or parishioners he once had. He can't rule as he once did. So he has to adjust and directives from Chancery hold him more accountable than ever before. The priest is now far more an administrator than a priest. Things have changed and it impacts the priest far more than anyone else. He has to work even harder to restore his credibility.

Perhaps you have seen recent publicity about a Marist priest losing his diocesan pension. I am not privy to this particular situation. What I do know is that Father Phil Laplante has been a legend in this diocese for many, many years, serving all shipmates who came to Boston. He also ministered to the poor in the City of Boston. Simply put, he was a great priest. Given all the recent proposed changes (cut-backs) in priest's health-care & pensions, it is hard to fathom it all. When the diocese demands to see the priests tax returns to determine the amount of health coverage and pension, then things have gone too far!

And now we have just been informed by the Cardinal that no priest in good health can retire at the current norm of age 70. All those priests must work until age 75. What is behind all this? Some of it is the clergy shortage, but I am afraid to say that a big part of it is the shortage of money in the retirement funds. By raising the age of retirement by five years the diocese is smart enough to know that by no paying out new money from central coffers, they give themselves time to replenish those funds. It's all about money!!! The diocese wants parishes to pay these priests. This trend started some time ago with regards to emergency response priests and priests who became sick. Parishes must now come up with a surplus fund to pay these priests. No longer does the diocese assume responsibility. They are doing their best to get more bang for the buck, but it all comes at the expense of the priests and parishes. Some of us will literally go to the grave over this "change in the ninth inning".

We priests have never had good morale in this diocese in my forty-one years of priesthood, but there was a time when we priests used to have some fun. Those days of three and four priests in a rectory are gone. We celibates are dying off and as long as the Vatican refuses even to discuss the issue of celibacy, I don't see priesthood as a viable option for young men who find the ministry part attracting. The facts speak for themselves. We are a dying breed and there is no one out there taking our place.

Congratulations to Jim Rice upon his induction to baseball's Hall of Fame. This was long overdue and once again proves that good things can happen to those who wait. As I watched the introduction of the past electees, it was a reminder that age catches up to all of us. However, Bob Feller (aka rapid robert) at age 90 looked better than anybody on that stage! Let's pray that the Sox bats come alive and start seeing the ball the way James Edward Rice's bat did so well and for so long. The man who came up to the big leagues as part of the "goldust twins" deserves our praise.

*Fr. Robinson*



## 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.

# Mass Intentions

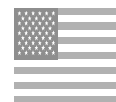
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug. 1</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Walter Feeney</b>
		<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>William Lynch</b>
		<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Tobio Miele(15th Anniversary)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 2</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Alice Gandolfo</b>
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Luzavec Family</b>
		<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Rev. James Shaughnessey</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug. 3</b>	<b>6:45 am</b>	<b>Antonio &amp; Maria Clemente</b>
		<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Rene Gogin</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Aug. 4</b>	<b>6:45 am</b>	<b>Leora M. Connors &amp; Michael J. Connors</b>
		<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Aug. 5</b>	<b>6:45 am</b>	<b>The Verrier Family</b>
		<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Joseph Valerio</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Aug. 6</b>	<b>6:45 am</b>	<b>William J. Reagan Sr.</b>
		<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Helen Fredette (M.M.Mass)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Aug. 7</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Malachy Browne</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug. 8</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Stanley Poniatowski (10th Anniversary)&amp; Iris McNally (2nd Anniversary)</b>
		<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Ruth Reynolds</b>
		<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Peggy Matarazzo</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 9</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Donal Dignan</b>
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Frank Melanson</b>
		<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Joseph Bramanti (1st Anniversary)</b>



## Prayers for the Sick



## Prayers for Protection



Claire C.  
Grace Tramantozzi  
Jim Connors  
Laura  
Sis  
Marie Perriello  
Chandra  
Dottie Halley  
Ginnie Petrone  
Jean Simpson  
Bea Reese  
Francis Ellis  
Baby Declan  
Helen Vaughn  
Richie Holland  
Rebecca  
Cathy Fichtner  
Cathy Sullivan  
Charles Corlin  
Peggy McGarry  
Toni & Fred L.

Barbara Churchill  
Barbara Danner  
Donald Welch  
Robert Menzies  
Sandra Davis  
Sal Solimine  
Mary Mazzola  
Dick Butler  
Nicholas  
John Nagle  
Baby Haley  
Baby Courtney  
Ollie Muir  
Bella Russo  
Alice Welch  
Helen Feehan  
Michael Munafo  
Ann Martin  
Marisa Coppola  
Jeanne Mazzola  
Rosa DaRosa

PFC Paul Marchese  
Ens. Stephen Dutton  
Sgt. Joseph P. Surette  
CPL Richard Schaufus  
T.Sgt.Kerry McDonough  
MA-3 James Marchese  
PFC Steven Colombo  
Staff Sgt. Eric Leverone  
Lt. Vince Lynch  
STS2 Kyle J. Marchese  
Capt. Chris Brooks  
CW02 Scott Munger  
Lt. Jennifer M. Delaney  
Lt. Col. Mark Merlino  
CPL Shawn Weidman  
CPO David Sweet  
Sgt. Kaitlyn Guastafarro  
Staff Sgt. Brian Ladner  
Lance Corp.Jeffrey Kelley

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# Announcements

- Banns of Marriage** I Michael Mead & Lauren LeBlanc  
II Jason Sweeney & Melissa Manent  
II James Harrington & Nerissa Estrosos

**Congratulations** - Charles Hanafin & Maryanne Ware who were married last week. St. Margaret's wishes them the very best as they begin their married life.

**Baptisms** - This week we welcomed our newly baptized into St. Margaret's Parish. We pray for them and congratulate the parents.

Shane Joseph Thivaharaja Nichelle Ann Thinagar Nicolas John Scalzilli Avery Anne Crispo

**Funerals** - This week St. Margaret's presided over the funeral of Elizabeth Oliva. We ask that all of us remember this parishioner and her family in Mass & prayer.

**First Friday** - Eucharistic Adoration will be held Friday, August 7th after the 9am Mass from 9:30am to 5pm ending in Benediction. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited by Deacon Coughlin at 3pm. If you can't offer an hour, please come anytime. Sign up sheets are at the back of the church. Please bring your children to this beautiful devotion which fosters heart to heart communication with Jesus.

**Please Note** - All doors within the church need to be kept closed in order for the air conditioning to work effectively. If you feel it is annoyingly too hot or too cold, please call Father Robinson.

**Confirmation Robes** - We are still missing three Girls' Confirmation Robes. Please return your daughter's robe as soon as possible, otherwise you may be charged to replace them (\$75.)

**Parish School Reunion** - In preparation of its 100th Anniversary, St. Mary's School, Melrose is looking for class lists/addresses of their graduates. The school was opened on Sept. 8, 1909 by the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus, and leading up to the year-long events marking this event a celebration commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of their Foundress, the Venerable Cornelia Connelly, will be held on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30am, followed by a reception at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Melrose. We hope families and classmates will share news of this event with each other. Other events are scheduled after the first of the year. Anyone interested or with information of graduates of the school may contact Sister Mary Samson on [msamson@shcj.org](mailto:msamson@shcj.org) or Marie Ryan at 781-665-8126 or [marieyan3@comcast.net](mailto:marieyan3@comcast.net).

**RN Health Care Coordinator** - The Archdiocese of Boston is seeking a full time, geriatric nurse with broad clinical skills and 5+ years of experience to oversee and manage the care for retired clergy. Clinical experience with sound understanding of the elder care system including services and payments mechanisms required. Prior experience in caring for elderly religious or clergy is desirable. Good communication skills required with ability to consult and advocate for the individual clergy. Familiarity in computer skills essential to assist in the implementation of a data system. Covenant Health System is assisting in recruitment of this position. Please send resumes to [david\\_fraser@covenanths.org](mailto:david_fraser@covenanths.org).



# Religious Education



**Mary Murgo – Director**

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

**Stmargccd@hotmail.com**

Dear Parents:

Registration for St. Margaret's School of Religion will take place from August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms were mailed last week to all returning students. Additional forms may be found at the entrance to the church and on our parish website at <http://www.saintmargaretschurch.net>. All forms and payments are due by **August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. *Any forms returned after this date must include an additional \$25/per family late fee.* Class schedules and room assignments will be provided to **registered** students in September. Please continue to check the bulletin and the parish website for additional information regarding religious education.

Please note, the mailed registration forms are for returning students only. For children entering our program for the first time, please complete the NEW Student Registration Form which is available on our website and at our religious education office. For NEW students who were baptized outside of Burlington, a copy of the student's baptismal certificate must be submitted with the registration form. All students entering Grade 1 Religious Education should use the NEW Student Registration Form.

Tuition for 2009-2010:

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8:	\$50/per child
Grade 2 (First Communion):	\$75/per child
Family Maximum:	\$175
<b>LATE FEE</b> ( <u>after August 16<sup>th</sup></u> )	<b>Additional \$25/per family</b>

Any family that is experiencing financial difficulty should pay what they can afford. Please contact me or Father Robinson if you have any questions.

We are currently in desperate need of teachers for grades 1-8. We need a **minimum of five** teachers at every grade level. Tuition will be waived for catechist's families. If you are interested in teaching a grade, please contact me via email at [stmargccd@hotmail.com](mailto:stmargccd@hotmail.com) and indicate your willingness to teach on the registration form. Catechists will be provided with training and must complete a CORI form.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Mary Murgo*

Director of Religious Education

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### Altar Ministries – Aug 1/2



**Saturday**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Harry Kaufman  
**Cantor:** ---  
**Reader:** Joanne Mackey  
**EMHC(s):** Joanne O’Keeffe, Elaine Wishneusky  
**Server(s):** Ashley Poland & Riley Feller

**Saturday**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Fr. Robinson**  
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**Ron Kurtz**  
**Mary Lou McQuinn, Stephen Morecroft**  
**Ryan Farrow & Jake Hanafin**

**Sunday**  
**7:30 AM**  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Kilroy  
**Cantor:** ---  
**Reader:** Dawn Dionne  
**EMHC(s):** Lucy Bramanti, Beth Mackey  
**Server(s):** Annabelle Dionne & August Kaminski

**Sunday**  
**10:00 AM Upper Church**  
**Fr. Kilroy**  
**Christine Field**  
**Dick Hanafin**  
**Bill Boudreau, Keavan Stryker**  
**Jillian Ghio, Nicholas Whitney & Samantha Marchese**

**10:00 AM Children’s Mass**  
**Celebrant:** No Mass  
**Cantor:** ---  
**Reader:** ---  
**EMHC(s):** ---  
**Server(s):** ---

**12:00 Noon**  
**Fr. Harry Kaufman**  
**Christine Field**  
**Paul Mazzocca**  
**Arthur Huse**  
**Kevin, Brian & Mary 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

**July 26, 2009**  
**Latest Financial Figures**

- \$5,971 - Weekly Offertory Collection**
- \$2,454 - Central & Eastern Europe Collection**
- \$6,691 - Weekly Amount Banked For the Parish**
- \$32,874 - Amount Banked YTD For the Parish**
- \$45,000 - Budget Year To Date**
- \$(12,126) - Budget Deficit Year To Date**

**Upcoming Second Collections**

- August 9 - Catholic Relief Services**
- August 16 - Building Fund**

**We will continue to use \$11,250 as the weekly amount needed until our Finance Committee determines the actual amount needed for the 2009 - 2010 budget.**

# The Holy Bible

The writings contained in Holy Scripture are the backbone of our understanding of God's revelation to humanity and the foundation of the teachings of our faith. Most of what we know about the life of Christ and His gospel message come from the Bible. It is, without doubt, the most important book ever produced. And, although the most recent of its writings is some 2000 years old, it contains a message which has been, and will continue to be, relevant and of supreme importance to humanity in every age and generation. For those reasons and more, it is unfortunate that the Bible is not read as widely as it should be and, even where it is read, often misunderstood.

With this article I am beginning an occasional series on some of the key books and personalities that are contained within the Bible. This will not be an effort to necessarily discuss the theological meaning of these writings. That is the stuff of homilies and reflections. Rather, the purpose of this series will be to explore the Bible from a more practical point of view. We will look at how the Bible is structured and what books it contains. Where relevant, we will put the writings in historical perspective. We will examine when and by whom and why they were written and show how they relate to what was happening in the lives of people and nations at the time. We will do all of this and more in an effort to help us better understand the meaning contained within. But first, an overview of what the Bible is – and what it is not.

The Bible is not a single book, written at one time by a single author or group of authors. Rather, it is a collection of different writings which were written by many different people over the course of many centuries. The works of the Old Testament were well known to the people of Christ's time. Their writing spanned about 1000 years and are believed to have been written during the first millennium BC. All of the books of the New Testament are believed to have been written in the first century AD. It was the Council of Trent (1546) that effectively canonized the Bible in its present form and definitively determined which books were to be considered Divinely inspired.

Perhaps the most important thing about the Bible is to understand that its books were written by human beings. We certainly believe that these authors were being inspired by God at the time of their writing. However, we also understand that they wrote from a perspective of their own life's experience. The various styles in which they expressed themselves, their thoughts, their ideas and concepts, would all have been affected by who they were, the culture in which they lived, who their audience was, and how they understood the world around them. Remember that these books were all written at different times by different people for reasons of their own who had no idea that, someday, their writings would be compiled into a single book.

Those who wrote the books of the Bible were true authors, not secretaries. They were not simply taking down God's dictation. Rather, inspired by God, they incorporated the truths of God's revelation into the very human stories and events that they wrote about and the ideas and concepts that they expressed. And, so, it is true to say that while the Bible is the Word of God, it is not the words of God.

This is what makes the Bible often so difficult to understand. We, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, do not have the same life's experience or understanding of the world as the authors who lived so very long ago in such very different cultures. Many concepts which we take for granted would have been unknown to them. Conversely, their writings often contain assumptions about the world around them which have long since been forgotten or overlooked. And, so, much of the Bible requires interpretation in order to fully understand God's revelation contained within. In order to do that, we must put ourselves in the author's place and time and try to see life from their point of view. We must attempt to read and understand the Biblical texts, not in a translation of our own language, but, rather, in the original language in which it was written. In the Bible, God's Word is being conveyed by human words. And, so, it is important to understand what those words meant in their original language and context. For these reasons and more, I always tell people that when they read the Bible, they should have the Bible in one hand and a good Biblical commentary (or maybe more than one) in the other.

Another important thing to understand about the Bible is that it is not a history book. For sure, many parts of the Bible are historically accurate, making the Bible a useful tool for historians who wish to understand the times in which its books were written. But, for the most part, the ancient authors were not that concerned about dates and times. Even for the life of the most important person in the Bible – Christ, Himself – we have precious little information about the dates associated with His time on Earth. The Bible does not tell us the exact date of His birth or death. Tradition says that his public ministry lasted about 3 years, but there are no dates in the Bible to confirm that.

Some of the books of the Bible are obviously fictional writings; some are prayers or songs meant to praise God, to thank Him, and /or to ask for His help. Some contain wisdom writings to help people have better lives. But they all contain the Word of God – God's revelation to humanity about Himself and about us, about His view of the world and how we should relate to it, about our ultimate destiny.

When you stop to think about it, the Bible is quite a remarkable document, as well it should be, befitting its status as the Word of God. In spite of the fact that its books were written so long ago, the meaning of its words have remained fresh and relevant in every age down to today. We should respect Holy Scripture for what it is. We should understand that when we read or hear Holy Scripture that it is God, Himself, who is speaking to us. The Church encourages every Catholic to read the Bible on a regular basis and reflect on what meaning it has for our lives.

## *Deacon Dick*

