



ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

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“The Pew Buddy”

The Weekly Parish Bulletin

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00AM-4:00PM
Closed from 12:00PM until 1:00PM for Lunch

STAFF/TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS

Rev. Jamin S. David, J.C.L. (Ext. 102) *Pastor*
Mary E. Herbert (Ext. 105) *Administrative Assistant*
Lanie Borum (Ext. 101) *Receptionist*
Lucie Hanewinkel (Ext. 103) *Religious Ed. Coordinator*
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Ansleigh Barras (Ext. 148) *Youth Minister*
Steve Baham *Sexton*
St. Vincent de Paul Hotline (Ext. 144)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

4:00PM Saturday Vigil (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)
8:00AM (*St. Thomas Chapel, Springfield*)
10:00AM (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)
5:30PM (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)

There is no Mass scheduled on Monday or Tuesday!

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday Mass

7:00AM (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)

RECONCILIATION: The Sacrament is offered weekly at 3:00PM on Saturday at St. Margaret Church or by acceptable scheduled appointment.

MARRIAGE: Interested parties should contact the Parish Office at least six (6) months prior to their desired date and must complete an acceptable Marriage Preparation Program.

BAPTISM: Attendance at a baptismal seminar is required. Contact Mary Herbert for more information or to register for these seminars.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Visits to the hospitalized and infirm are made regularly. Contact Fr. Jamin for home or hospital visits.

FUNERALS: Call the parish office during normal business hours. After hours, call Mary Hooks at 985.974.1991.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

03/04 JUNE 2017

LIKE TONGUES OF FIRE

In the Old Testament, God promised that, in the last days, in the days of the Messiah, he would pour out his Spirit on all of his people. The apostle Peter quotes this promise to explain what is happening when the apostles speak in tongues at Pentecost. This outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost marks the beginning of the period promised so long ago. But why would God want to mark this great new beginning, the fulfillment of the Messianic promise, the start of the Church, by having the apostles speak in all the myriad languages of the polyglot world of their time? There are so many other things the Spirit might have done! Later, filled with the Spirit, the apostles heal the lame, cure the sick, cast out demons. Why didn't God mark the beginning of the outpouring of his Spirit by something more glorious than the ability to communicate with others without a translator? Here we should remember the story of the Tower of Babel, told early in Genesis, not so long after the Fall. The people building the Tower of Babel all spoke one language; but they used the power that the commonality of language gave them for evil, to build a tower that reached to heaven. God defeated them by the simple expedient of multiplying their languages and leaving them unable to understand each other. Now, in the new age, Christ offers all people salvation from their sin, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. In this age of the Spirit-filled Church, all human beings are invited into communion with the Lord and with each other. Human beings can be trusted with unity when they are incorporated into the one body of the Lord. And maybe that is why God marks the beginning of the reign of his Spirit in the Church by overturning the babel of human language. Filled with the Holy Spirit, human beings can be given again what they lost at the Tower of Babel, not for storming heaven, but for proclaiming the kingdom of heaven on earth. -*Eleonore Stump*

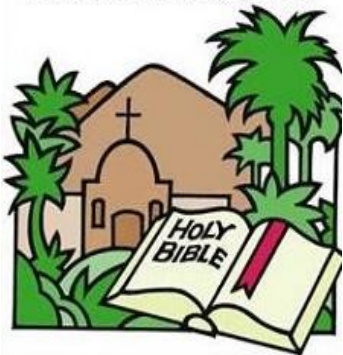


Events Around the Parish

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

This weekend, St. Margaret is pleased to welcome Reverend **Fabian Rodas Aguilar**, a priest of the Missionary Fraternity of Mary, currently on assignment in Guatemala. He is a native of the country and was ordained in 1993. Fr. Fabian studied in Rome and received a Masters degree in Sacred Scripture. He worked at a seminary in Guatemala and he served as the General Superior of his Fraternity. He speaks Spanish, English and Italian, and he'll be asking for your assistance in his ministry. The Fraternity started as an answer to the Lord's call to proclaim the Good news to those in need. The primary mission today is to provide pastoral care to the marginalized within the Church. Priests here serve in mission evangelizing where the need is the greatest. They also minister to youth by organizing retreats which help deepen their faith, their discernment of a vocation in life, and their understanding of the gospel. Their youth participate in the "Exodus for Youth" movement. The 150 priests of the Fraternity serve 70 missions in 41 dioceses in 11 countries. They also support the formation of 92 seminarians. In order to help their ministry thrive, though, they need your help. In your packets was a "Mission Appeal" envelope. The second collection this weekend will be to help Fr. Fabian and the Missionary Fraternity of Mary to continue to assist their missions located in extremely poor areas where parishioners cannot offer much support. Please be generous in helping those who are most in need, the least of God's people, and thank Fr. Fabian for his ministry to our friends and neighbors in Central America!

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FAREWELL DEACON JOHN AND LISA

Since August 2013, Deacon John Veron and his wife Lisa have diligently served our community of St. Margaret as our Permanent Deacon. Bishop Muench recently reassigned Deacon John to serve St. George Catholic Church in Baton Rouge and her parishioners. We'll miss them both! We would like to thank John and Lisa for their ministry with two special receptions held after the **8:00AM and 10:00AM Masses on Sunday, 18 June 2017**. Please try to attend one of these services and thank our friends for being such an integral part of our community of faith!



SUPPORT OUR DEACONS

Don't forget that the two men assigned to St. Margaret as deacons (William "Byrd" Corbett and Tim Messenger) will be ordained soon! On **Saturday, 10 June 2017**, five other men will be ordained to the permanent diaconate with them. They include Stephen Brunet (ICC, Denham Springs), Kirk Duplantis (ICC, Denham Springs), George Hooper (St. Thomas More, Baton Rouge), Gary Mooney (St. Gabriel), and Minos Ponville (St. Jude, Baton Rouge). The ceremony will take place at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge at 10:00AM. Receptions in honor of those being ordained will be held after the ordination at the Catholic Life Center located at 1800 South Acadian Thruway in Baton Rouge. Join the entire diocesan community in celebrating God's gift to our local Church by supporting these men, especially those who have served and will serve the people of St. Margaret so diligently in the coming years! All are welcome to attend.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Coy Behler, Baby Camille Blank, Philip Brabham, Cindy Brasington, Bruce & Judy Buras, Baby Cameron, Frances Cicet, Kristie Cleveland, Angelo & Beverly Colombo, Debbie Contorno, Phillip Contorno, Richard & Vickie Curr, Dwayne Davis, Hattie Davis, Irene DeMars, Beverly Dominique, Tracey Doran, Paul Fontenot, Helen Galladora, Ed Garro, Hermine Rayborn Gleeson, Justin Goelz, Elizabeth & Jimmy Harrison, Diana Henton, Mary E. Herbert, Lynn Holden, Tracy Kenny, Joseph & Mary Kropog, Rita Kropog, Leon Latino, Sandra Latino, Leon "Lenny" Latino, Therese Lydon, Beverly Martin, Curtis Mitchel, Joseph Mocsary, Mitchel Nesse, Daisey Raborn Norman, Rosemary Novak, Madison Peco, Brenda Peirce, Michael Penn, Wayne Pepitone, Marietta Planchard, Tawana Purvis, Carl Rabalais, Baby Maverick Ryder, Craig Scivicque, John Spano, III, Barbara Stallcup, Brittany Stillely, Hilma Stolf, Joseph Stolf, Marie Elaine Tassin, Rose Threton, Jennifer Vicknair, those in the Armed Services, victims of the flooding, and all who are in need of our prayers.



Want to add someone to the prayer list? Call the parish office for more information.

Want our parishioners to pray for your intentions? Contact Frances Dantin at 225.209.6537 or fdantin@bellsouth.net.

MASS INTENTIONS

Pentecost Sunday — 03/04 June 2017

4:00PM Vigil Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Fred Gauthier (By Rose Gauthier & the Family)
Elizabeth "Tootsie" Haydel (By the Family & Children)
Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz (By the Family)
Hannah Leigh Kraft (By Mom, Dad, and Evan)
John Kropog (By Helen Kropog & the Family)
Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)
John Langan (By Pat Tucker Lobue)
Jackie Moore (By Larry & Marci McKnight)
Lynette Pfiffner (By Iris Stille)

Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)
Steve & Lois Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)
Janet Sarran (By 4th Degree Knights of Columbus #2801)
Anne Sherman (By Dr. Ken Sherman)
Darrell Stutes (By Joseph & Sylvia Bush)
Aaron Sziszak (By His Mother)
Andrew & Irene Sziszak (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Paul Sziszak, Jr. (By Pat Tucker Lobue)
Souls in Purgatory (By A Friend)

8:00AM Betty Breland (By Boogie & Rose Johnson)
Raymond Drude, Sr. (By David Drude)
Anthony & Anna Friedman (By the Family)
Judy Friedman (By the Family)
Floyd "Boogie" Johnson (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)

Lawrence Kluka (By the Family)
Ernest Kropog (By Raymond & Tina Bodenbeimer)
John LaGrange (By Edie & the Family)
Chucky Martin (By the Family)

10:00AM Missa Pro Populo
Sun., 04 June (The Mass for All Parishioners)
St. Margaret

5:30PM Frances Reine
Sun., 04 June (By the Family)
St. Margaret



Wed., 07 June (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time

Thurs., 08 June (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time

Fri., 09 June (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret this week is given in memory of Ernest Kropog by Family and Friends.

There will be No 7:00AM Mass Wednesday and Thursday as Fr. Jamin and the Group will be returning from Italy!

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our annual Vacation Bible School Program is a fun filled summer experience for children ages Pre-K through fifth grades. Based upon a theme that changes yearly, the weeklong "camp" teaches Bible lessons to our youth in fun and creative ways. Bible School is usually held the third week of July from 9:00AM until 12:00PM, Monday through Friday in the Hall of Saints! Children learn songs about their faith and perform for their families at a community pot luck on Friday. St. Margaret is always looking for volunteers to help decorate, coordinate activities and lessons, and plan fun snacks. We're also always looking for young men and women willing to participate in Bible School and learn more about God during the summer. Interested in participating? Call Lucie Hanewinkel for more information at the Parish Office (225.567.3573). Stay tuned for future announcements including the yearly theme, cost per participant, and anticipated dates. Let's attempt to make our Vacation Bible School Ministry the best it has ever been!



WELCOME DEACON TIM GRIMES!

Next weekend, Fr. Jamin and the whole St. Margaret family welcome Deacon Tim Grimes, one of our diocesan seminarians, to St. Margaret for his five month internship. While here, Tim will learn more about what it's like to live the life of a diocesan priest. Welcome him, invite him to dinner, and show him the hospitality of St. Margaret and our community of faith!



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1083



Acts 2:1-11

God's mighty acts empower and unify.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

The unifying power of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-23

Jesus equips the disciples to be instruments of forgiveness.

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

The Most Holy Trinity — 10/11 June 2017

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13;

John 3:16-18

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 27/28 May 2017

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$6,591.00
Catholic Communications Special Collection	\$615.00



Thank you for your generous support!

*The Second Collection next weekend will be for
Building & Maintenance Fund!*



THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 04 June 2017

Annual Mission Appeal Weekend!

Monday, 05 June 2017

10:00AM—Altar Society, St. Margaret & St. Thomas
6:00PM—VBS Planning Meeting, Vianney Room

Tuesday, 06 June 2017

7:00PM—Knights of Columbus, Ignatius Room
7:00PM—Ladies Auxiliary, Goretti Room

Wednesday, 07 June 2017

5:30PM—Bible Study, Bosco Room
6:30PM—Open Youth Room, JP II Room

Thursday, 08 June 2017

6:00PM—St. Vincent de Paul, Seton Room

Friday, 09 June 2017

8:30AM—Altar Society, St. Margaret

Saturday, 10 June 2017

Welcome to St. Margaret Deacon Tim Grimes!

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

10:00AM—Permanent Deacon Ordination, Cathedral
4:00PM—Fr. Ryan's Mass of Thanksgiving
5:00PM—Reception to Honor Fr. Ryan and
Welcome Deacon Tim Grimes

VBS PLANNING MEETING

We are looking for energetic volunteers interested in helping with VBS for 2017. If you can assist, please contact Lucie Hanewinkel in the Parish Office. There will be a meeting of VBS volunteers on **Monday, 05 June 2017** at **6:00PM** in the Hall of Saints! We hope to see you there!



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

Here's the curious thing about Pentecost – even though we constantly profess God's ability to create and redeem, most congregations are hesitant to dream, and I think it's for three reasons.

First, I wonder if somewhere along the way, we were taught that dreaming is for kids. Dreaming isn't something responsible adults should do. Take today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles for example. Who would have ever believed that people from every corner of the world would be able to gather together, not break into a huge fight, but instead could speak their own native language and do so with all their brothers and sisters able to understand them? Perhaps that's the Good News of the first reading. We need to think like a child and relearn how to question our assumptions. Who says our congregation can't grow? Why do we assume our neighbor will never come to Church with us? It's these "truths" that often need to be called into question so that we might be able to dream.

Second, perhaps, we're worried that dreaming can be divisive. What if our dreams are different? How do you figure out which dream is better? St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that there are always differences in the Christian body, but there is always something to be celebrated in this diversity. There are different spiritual gifts all mediated by the same Spirit. And sure, there might be some argumentation along the way, but we'll be fine if we remember we're all members of one body.

Finally, I wonder if we worry that if we dream, we might be disappointed. We take the "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" mentality. Dreaming often feels like getting your hopes up to only have them come crashing down. But look at today's Gospel. Jesus refuses to leave his disciples mired in fear. He crashes down the locked doors behind which they're hiding and he breathes his Spirit upon them. And he wants to do the same for us – knock down the doors that keep us from dreaming the impossible dream. I think what Pentecost is inviting us all to do is simply to dream a little bit. One of the things that constantly tires me like no tomorrow is to have someone constantly tell me "that's the way it is" or "that's how we've always done it." Dream past that! God's Spirit will pour generously into us, even if we're locked behind that obstacle of accepting the status quo.

Greetings from the Eternal City! As I write you, 23 other friends of St. Margaret are enjoying the sun of Bella Roma and a glass of wine (or two). Pray for our safe travels. See you all next weekend!

Father Jim