



“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*
Shirley Darouse (Ext. 104) *Contributions Manager*
Gill Scioneaux (Ext. 150) *Maintenance Supervisor*
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.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

10/11 JUNE 2017

ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIP

The Gospel reading for this week is very rich. It invites us to reflect on the difference between true love and its false imitation, between real Christianity and its fake lookalike. It encourages us to exercise ourselves in the care of all God’s children. It prompts us to reflect on all the different kinds of hunger there are in the world, and the very different kinds of feeding those various hungers require. These are all good things to ponder, but there is still more to see. Here is one more thing. Think about what it is for God himself to be incarnate. A human woman took the Lord to her breast and suckled him there. The apostle John reclined by the Lord and laid his head on the bosom of the Lord. A woman washed the Lord’s feet with her tears, and a woman rubbed his feet with lotion. How did those people get so lucky? Of all the millions and millions of God’s people, how can it be that so few touched God in the flesh, that only one woman anointed his feet? Wouldn’t you have liked to be among these very lucky people? It is good to have a God who enters human history, but anything in history is local, constrained

in time and space, cut off from so many things that aren’t right here, right now. How can it be that only those few people, who were there then with Jesus, had access to the Lord flesh to flesh? In desperately sad and stricken moments, what wouldn’t you yourself have given to lay your weary head on the breast of your Lord? The answer to these questions and the consolation the questions seek is in the Gospel reading: whatever you did to one of the least of my own, the Lord says, you did it to me. -*Eleonore Stump*



Events Around the Parish

CONGRATULATIONS FR. RYAN!



Father Ryan Hallford will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Margaret this weekend for everyone who missed his First Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Church! A reception for Father Ryan will be held after the 4:00PM Mass in the Parish Hall on **10 June 2017**. Come congratulate last summer's intern on his recent priestly ordination! And don't forget to welcome **Deacon Timothy Grimes** to our parish at the same reception and at the three other receptions held this weekend on Sunday, 11 June 2017. Please make plans to join us!

BAPTIZED IN THE WATER

Need your young one baptized? We always look forward to celebrating this special event with your family at St. Margaret! Don't forget that you will need to attend a baptism seminar, and the next one scheduled will be on **Wednesday, 14 June 2017 at 6:00PM** in the Katharine Drexel Room of the Hall of Saints. Come prepare to show off your "little one" and let us welcome him or her into the faith we profess through water and the Holy Spirit!



STAFF PLANNING DAY

The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, 15 June 2017** all day for our yearly staff planning day. The staff uses the day to plan ahead for all dates and ministerial endeavors for the coming year. If you are a ministry chair, please submit your potential dates to the parish office so that we can include them on the calendar.

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!



MISSION KREWE FUNDRAISER

Our friends and visitors who join us in mission will be arriving from Portland, Oregon in just a couple of weeks! We need your help to offset the cost of the venture. Our Youth Group will be selling tickets for their 2017 Mission Krewe Raffle. A \$2.00 chance can possibly win you a \$250 cash prize, a \$200 gift card to Salon 51, a gas leaf blower, a \$100 Mary Kay gift basket, or a Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Gift Basket. Tickets will be available in the coming weeks outside of Mass, or grab one of our youth and support this worthy cause!



PERMANENT DEACONS ORDAINED

St. Margaret would like to congratulate the men ordained this Saturday, 10 June 2017 to the permanent diaconate including **Deacon William "Byrd" Corbett** and **Deacon Tim Messenger**. Both are assigned to St. Margaret, Byrd as Deacon John's replacement and Tim in addition to his ministry at LCiW in St. Gabriel!



Deacon Ministry

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, Marietta Planchard, Tawana Purvis, Baby Maverick Ryder, Craig Scivicque, John Spano, III, Barbara Stallcup, Brittany Stilley, 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

The Most Holy Trinity — 10/11 June 2017

4:00PM Vigil
 Sat., 10 June
 St. Margaret

Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Elizabeth "Tootsie" Haydel (By the Family & Children)
Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz (By the Family)
Rudolph & Rosalie Kluka (By Beulah Kluka)
Frank & Margaret Koles (By June, Margaret Ann & Frank)
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 Pete Pfiffner & the Family)

James, Julia & Jerry Novak (By Jim & Sue Novak)
Lynette Pfiffner (By Edward & Lena Pauli)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)
Steve & Lois Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)
Anne Sherman (By Dr. Ken Sherman)
Darrell Stutes (By Joseph & Sylvia Bush)
Aaron Sziszak (By His Brother)
Andrew & Irene Sziszak (By Marci & Larry McKnight)
Paul Sziszak, Jr. (By Pat Tucker Lobue)
Souls in Purgatory (By A Friend)

8:00AM
 Sun., 11 June
 St. Thomas

Sr. Virginia Bourgeois (By David Drude)
Betty Breland (By Boogie & Rose Johnson)
Floyd "Boogie" Johnson (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)

Lawrence Kluka (By the Family)
Ernest Kropog (By Raymond & Tina Bodenheimer)
John LaGrange (By Edie & the Family)

10:00AM
 Sun., 11 June
 St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
 (The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM
 Sun., 11 June
 St. Margaret

Joseph Reine
 (By the Family)



Wed., 14 June (7:00AM)
 Weekday in Ordinary Time
Karen Chemay
 (By Mark Chemay)

Thurs., 15 June (7:00AM)
 Weekday in Ordinary Time
Lynette Pfiffner
 (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)

Fri., 16 June (7:00AM)
 Weekday in Ordinary Time
Michael Darouse
 (By the Family)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret this week is given in memory of **Albert J. and Florence V. Herbert** by the Family

WALK TO EMMAUS

Put aside the "hustle and bustle" of daily life and attend the men's Emmaus retreat the weekend of **14-16 July 2017**. The retreat is held at Rosaryville Spirit Life Center and retreat house in Ponchatoula, Louisiana. The retreat begins at 5:00PM Friday and ends after the 5:30PM Mass on Sunday. Please contact the following men for additional information: Johnny Fisk at 504.427.6601, David Drude 985.974.0657, or Norm Madere at 504.481.0411.



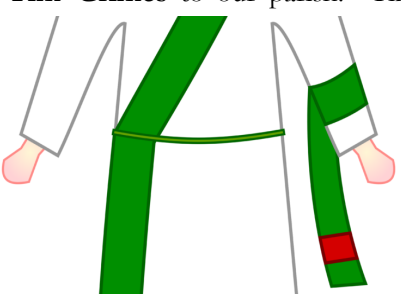
CONGRATS NEW OFFICERS

This weekend after the 10:00AM Mass, the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary of St. Margaret will install their new officers for 2017-2018. Congratulations to the men and women who lead these service organizations in our Church, and thank you all for your spirit of volunteerism in our parish! Interested in becoming a Knight or a member of the Ladies Auxiliary? Contact Charlie Roach or Julie Desselles for more information! Why join? Guided by the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, members work to overcome the hardships that people face in our communities.



WELCOME DEACON TIM GRIMES

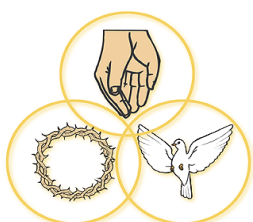
This weekend, St. Margaret is pleased to welcome **Deacon Tim Grimes** to our parish! Tim has been assigned by Bishop Muench to serve our parish for the next five months as a Deacon assistant, and during this period as he prepares for his priestly ordination, he will learn from Fr. Jamin the "tricks to the trade."



Our parish has been honored for three straight years now as a "teaching parish" for the men preparing for priesthood. Show your support to Tim by welcoming him here this weekend and take the time to tell him more about what makes our parish such a special and dynamic one!

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1086



Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9
God's mercy is revealed to Moses.
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Grace, love and fellowship.
John 3:16-18
"God gave his only Son."

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

The Body and Blood of Christ — 17/18 June 2017
Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17;
John 6:51-58

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

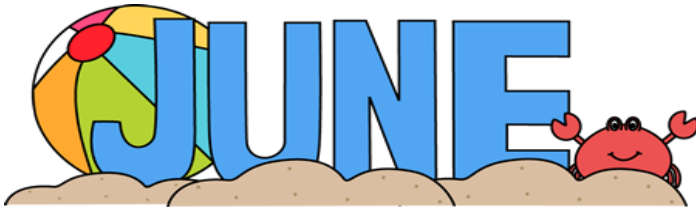
Weekend of 03/04 June 2017

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$8,667.00
Annual Mission Appeal Collection	\$2,139.00



Thank you for your generous support!

The Second Collection this weekend will be for the Building & Maintenance Fund!



THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 11 June 2017

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

Welcome to St. Margaret Deacon Tim Grimes!

9:00 & 11:00AM—Coffee & Donut Ministry

12:00PM—KC & Ladies Install. Banquet, Parish Hall

6:30PM—Deacon Tim Welcome, St. Margaret Room

Monday, 12 June 2017

10:00AM—Altar Society, St. Margaret

Tuesday, 13 June 2017

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!



THREE IN ONE

Wednesday, 14 June 2017

9:00AM—Bible Study, Bosco Room

6:00PM—Baptismal Seminar, Drexel Room

6:30PM—Open Youth Room, JP II Room

7:00PM—KC Fourth Degree, Goretta Room

Thursday, 15 June 2017

Parish Office Closed for Staff Planning Meeting!

6:00PM—Catholic Daughters, St. Margaret Room

Friday, 16 June 2017

8:30AM—Altar Society, St. Margaret

Saturday, 17 June 2017

Happy Father's Day!

St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection!

FATHER'S DAY NEXT WEEKEND

Don't forget that next weekend is Father's Day! Have you taken the opportunity to get dad something special to celebrate all he has done for you? Join us at St. Margaret for a special Father's Day blessing. You never know what kind of Father's Day gift will be waiting for you!



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

One of Christianity's most famous theologians and bishops was St. Augustine of Hippo. He lived in Northern Africa in the fourth and fifth century. As the story goes, one day Augustine was walking along the beachfront by the ocean and pondering the deep mystery of God and the Trinity. He met a boy there on the beach who had dug a hole in the sand and kept busy running back and forth from the hole to the ocean, collecting water and pouring it into the hole. Augustine was curious about this, so he asked the boy, "Son, what are you doing?" The boy replied, "I'm going to pour the entire ocean into this hole." Augustine then said, "That's impossible; the whole ocean will not fit into your hole." The boy looked at Augustine and said, "Neither will the mystery of the Trinity fit into your finite mind."

Trinity Sunday is a preacher's worst nightmare. Many of them dive into a pithy attempt to explain the mystery of the Holy and Undivided Trinity in five minutes or less. They are rarely successful and often are heretical. For example, I heard one preacher say that the Trinity is like water – sometimes its liquid, other times its ice, still other times its vapor. Describing God in such functional terms is a heresy called modalism. Or another preacher said that the Trinity is like three-in-one shampoo. This too is problematic since you can break down the different elements that perform each function – that's tritheism.

The Trinity is so much more – a rich mystery that does not lend itself to bumper-sticker summaries. What kind of God would he be if you could explain him in five minutes? We're programmed to look for answers in our own minds; we're trained to rationally define our reality and not seek something different. We're trained to be leaders, not followers. But Jesus says that we don't need to do any of that. We're freed from the pressure to act as if we have it all figured out. And imagine the implications. Imagine listening to God instead of informing him how we'd like things to work out.

The Good News this Trinity Sunday is that God can't be figured out any more than we can put the ocean in a hole. The mystery of the Trinity is simple – we need him more than he needs us. But the only way we'll realize that is if we make our lives less complicated.

We're back from **Rome** and the Holy Father sends his Apostolic Blessing to our friends and families. The tour group was delighted that the **Prefecture of the Papal Household** mentioned our Parish by name at the Papal Audience on June 7! What an honor! But it's surely good to be back home!

Father Sam