



# “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*  
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## 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 BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

17/18 JUNE 2017

# STRENGTH FOR THE WEAK

When the Israelites came out of Egypt, God did one miracle after another for them. He got water from a rock for them; and, when they were hungry, he fed them with bread from heaven. “Mah nah?—what is this?” the Israelites asked when they saw it; and ‘manna’ has been its name ever since. Why didn’t God just miraculously produce real, ordinary bread for them? Moses answers this question in his speech to the people: God fed them with manna so that they might know one does not live by bread alone. If God had fed them ordinary bread, they wouldn’t have learned the lesson. As it was, first they hungered, and then they were fed miraculously with the who-knows-what-this-is bread from heaven. And so they learned to trust in God, who fed them with what they needed to live. But this is only half the lesson, as Moses explains it: one does not live by bread alone; what else is needed is the word of God. And so, when the time was right, the only-begotten Word of God came so that people might not perish but have everlasting life. That is why Christ said that he was the true bread from heaven. One does not live by bread alone but by this true Word of God. And, by a miracle which completes the lesson of the manna, this Word is the bread of life for all the faithful. The Word of God and the bread from heaven are present here as one. In the Eucharist, then, there is everything that one needs to live, if one will only learn the lesson and trust in the God who feeds his people with himself. *-Eleonore Stump*



# Events Around the Parish



## 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 this 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 Project**



## MISSION KREWE FUNDRAISER & ASSISTANCE

Our friends and visitors who join us in mission will be arriving from Portland, Oregon next weekend! 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 are available outside of Mass, or grab one of our youth and support this worthy cause! Fr. Jamin also invites you to be a good steward and to welcome Fr. Vuky and the gang. Ways that you can contribute to the *Mission Krewe* endeavor can be found in the bulletin. Finally, join us for the concluding banquet in the Parish Hall on 02 July 2017 after the 10:00AM Mass! Thanks for your generosity.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMING SOON!

VBS will be held at St. Margaret **17-21 July 2017**, with the theme "Maker Fun Factory." All children ages Pre-K through 5th grade are encouraged to enroll. Registration forms are available in the back of each church and on our website. Please return the enrollment form with the \$25 registration fee to the church office, or drop it off in the collection basket as soon as possible. Teen and adult volunteers are always welcome to participate. Contact Lucie or Ansleigh at the church office at 225.567.3573.

## WE WELCOME YOU THROUGH BAPTISM

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, 05 July 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!



## SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

The flowers in the Sanctuary this weekend at St. Margaret are given in memory of her father, **Albert J. Herbert** by Mary E. Herbert. If you would like to have flowers given in memory of a loved one, call Lanie at the Parish Office to schedule in advance. This simple memorial helps enhance our worship as a community of faith by providing extra beauty to our sanctuary space.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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, Diane Dufour, Paul Fontenot, Helen Galladora, Ed Garro, Hermine Rayborn Gleeson, Justin Goelz, Elizabeth & Jimmy Harrison, Diana Henton, Mary E. Herbert, Lynn Holden, John Huszar, 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, Carl Rabalais, Baby Maverick Ryder, Craig Scivicque, John Spano, III, Barbara Stallcup, Brittany Stillely, Hilma Stolf, Joseph Stolf, Marie Elaine Tassin, Rose Threeton, 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 Body and Blood of Christ — 17/18 June 2017*

**4:00PM Vigil**  
 Sat., 17 June  
 St. Margaret

**Patsy Bush** (By Joseph & Sylvia Bush)  
**Karen Chemay** (By Mark Chemay)  
**Merrill Cooper** (By Martha Cooper & D'Wayne)  
**Frank Faldetta** (By Mr. & Mrs. Sal Faldetta)  
**Fred Gauthier** (By Rose Gauthier & the Family)  
**Lamar Gauthier** (By Rose Gauthier & the Family)  
**Jonas Hanks** (By Ethel Bailey)  
**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)  
**Philip Leon, Sr.** (By Tommy & Mona Watkins)

**Jackie Moore** (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)  
**James, Julia & Jerry Novak** (By Jim & Sue Novak)  
**Alex & Franca Petho** (By the Kraft Family)  
**Lynette Pfiffner** (By Edward & Lena Pauli)  
**Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner** (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)  
**Steve & Lois Pfiffner** (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)  
**James "Daniel" Roberson** (By the Kraft Family)  
**Elster Scallan** (By Rose Gauthier & the Family)  
**Anne Sherman** (By Dr. Ken Sherman)  
**Josie Stanga** (By Bill & Carolyn Powers)  
**Tommy Ray Sykes** (By the Kraft Family)  
**Andrew & Irene Sziszak** (By Marci & Larry McKnight)  
**Paul Sziszak, Jr.** (By Pat Tucker Lobue)  
**Souls in Purgatory** (By A Friend)

**8:00AM**  
 Sun., 18 June  
 St. Thomas

**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)  
**Eva Monnerjahn** (By David Drude)

Happy Father's Day

**10:00AM**  
 Sun., 18 June  
 St. Margaret

**Missa Pro Populo**  
 (The Mass for All Parishioners)



**5:30PM**  
 Sun., 18 June  
 St. Margaret

**Eric Navarre**  
 (By George & Kim Navarre)

**Wed., 21 June (7:00AM)**  
*Aloysius Gonzaga (M)*  
**Eric Navarre**  
 (By George & Kim Navarre)

**Thurs., 22 June (7:00AM)**  
*Weekday in Ordinary Time*  
**Michael Darouse**  
 (By the Family)

**Fri., 23 June (7:00AM)**  
*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (S)*  
**Philip Leon, Sr.**  
 (By Tommy & Mona Watkins)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret  
 this week is given in memory of  
**Eric Navarre**  
 by George & Kim Navarre.

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

This week's Ministry Spotlight features our **Vocations Committee**. St. Margaret has been blessed to call forth young men and women from the parish to serve the Church as priests, deacons and as consecrated persons. Many young people often think about this potential call, but unless invited or called forth, this desire is often not actualized. The Vocations Committee, through works of prayer, promotion, and encouragement continues to foster a culture of vocations at St. Margaret. The committee meets monthly to arrange prayer events like the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, promotion events such as the Traveling Chalice for Vocations, and encouragement for the men engaged in seminary formation through our Seminarian Appreciation Crawfish Boil or our Adopt-A-Seminarian Christmas program. These are just a few ways that we continue to pray that God send more workers for His harvest. Fr. Jamin is the leader of the committee (but he's always looking for someone to lead in his stead!) Contact him at the Parish Office to volunteer or join the committee!



## A WAY TO SUPPORT THE KREWE

Enjoy a healthy meal at The Salad Station on Fagan Drive in Hammond on Wednesday, **21 June 2017** between 4:00PM and 7:30PM, and you'll help our *Mission Krewe* group! 10% of ALL proceeds from that evening (even if you aren't from St. Margaret!) will benefit our youth group. Invite all of your friends and neighbors — Catholics and non-Catholics alike. We hope to see you there!



## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

*Gather Hymnal Number 1089*



**Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14B-16A**

*Remember how God fed the Israelites in the desert.*

**1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

*We are one body when we share in the Eucharist.*

**John 6:51-58**

*Whoever eats my flesh has eternal life.*

## ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 24/25 June 2017*

**Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33**



## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

*Weekend of 10/11 June 2017*

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$6,059.00
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$2,573.00

*Thank you for your generous support!  
The Second Collection this weekend will be for  
our local chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society!*



## Sundry Ruminations

*A Weekly Column from Your Pastor*

Today we celebrate in a special way the gift of the Eucharist: the gift of Jesus present in bread and wine; the gift of Jesus present in word and sacrament; the gift of Jesus present in our midst. As one body in Christ, we offer him thanksgiving.

## WELCOME PERMANENT DEACONS

As Deacon John and Lisa move to his new assignment at St. George in Baton Rouge, Bishop Muench has appointed two permanent deacons to St. Margaret. Deacon Byrd Corbett and his wife Debbie will be assisting Fr. Jamin in the various ministries and liturgies at St. Margaret as will Deacon Tim Messenger and his wife Gloria. Tim's primary assignment, however, is as chaplain of the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women at St. Gabriel. On **08/09 July 2017**, we will welcome both deacons at special receptions after all of our Masses. Join Fr. Jamin in giving them both a characteristic St. Margaret welcome!



Might I use this weekend's column to give you a bit of an update about our Master Planning and construction plans. Foremost, thank you all who contributed for nearly the past year and a half to the Property Acquisition Project. As most of you know, in November 2015 St. Margaret purchased the 5.05 acres of property immediately to the east of St. Margaret Church. I negotiated the bank down to \$325,000 — the final price that we paid for the real estate. We completed the purchase by withdrawing \$175,000 out of our savings account; the remainder of the project was financed by taking out a loan with the Diocese of Baton Rouge in the amount of \$150,000. Since November of 2015, parishioners of St. Margaret have contributed just shy of \$200,000 toward the project. As monies were realized, I took half of the cash donated and paid off the debt; the other half was placed back in our savings account to replenish the monies that were withdrawn. As of 30 May 2017, we still owed approximately \$50,000 on the loan to the diocese. Because we had such an outstanding Fiscal Year (more about that later this summer!), I decided to take monies out of our operating account to pay off the loan. So today, St. Margaret is once again debt free (and it's all been done in a little over a year and a half!) Thanks for your generosity! Remember, though, that we did not realize the entire goal we set; in fact, we were \$125,000 short of it. We asked every family who was able to contribute \$520 or more to help. Any funds that you continue to contribute to this property will be returned to the Building Fund or devoted to the St. Margaret Parking and Church Renovation.

## THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, 18 June 2017

*Happy Fathers Day!*

*St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection!*

9:00AM—Farewell Deacon John, St. Thomas

11:00AM—Farewell Deacon John, St. Margaret

### Monday, 19 June 2017

10:00AM—Altar Society, St. Margaret

### Tuesday, 20 June 2017

6:00PM—Missions & Retreats Committee, Drexel Room

7:00PM—Vocations Committee, Drexel Room

### Wednesday, 21 June 2017

5:00PM—Mission Krewe Meeting, St. Margaret Room

5:30PM—Bible Study, Bosco Room

6:30PM—Open Youth Room, JP II Room

### Thursday, 22 June 2017

7:00PM—Pastoral Council Meeting, Ignatius Room

### Friday, 23 June 2017

*No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!*

### Saturday, 24 June 2017

*Peter's Pence Special Collection!*

*Mission Krewe Begins Tomorrow Evening!*



Speaking of our Renovation Project, you'll be seeing some "status thermometers" showing up in the Church soon. Since we've started soliciting in February of this year, we have raised **\$331,420.00** cash on hand. Much of this came from a substantial donation by a generous parishioner. We hope to break ground in January 2018, but we need to raise **\$900,000** to do so. I ask you and your family to prayerfully consider a generous gift to help in this regard, and I am grateful to all of you who have contributed your gifts to help us with the project. As the days pass, it is becoming more evident that the renovation project at the Church is absolutely essential given some problems that we continue to encounter. God is good to us, and you are too!

*Fr. Jamin*