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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*
Deacon Byrd Corbett (Ext. 108) *Permanent Deacon*
Deacon Tim Messenger (Ext. 108) *Permanent Deacon*
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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*
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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.

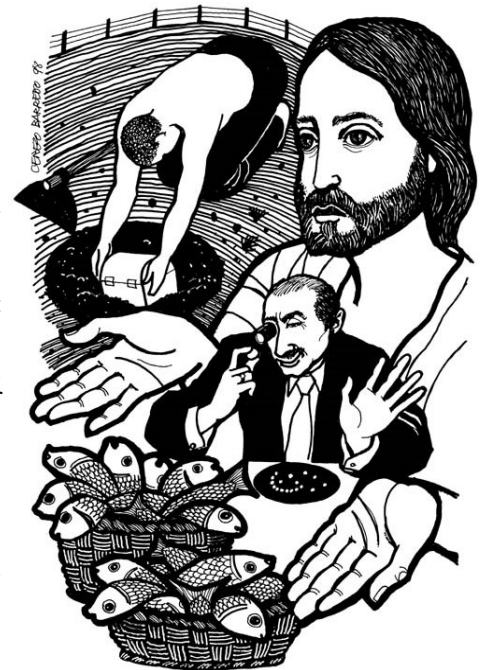
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29/30 JULY 2017

FINDERS KEEPERS

Yamaha says, “Beat thy neighbor.” Nike Corporation has even mounted an entire advertising campaign on the celebration of pleasure: “We are all basically hedonists. That’s what makes us human. And we all want, all we’ve ever wanted is to have a good time. If it feels good, then just do it.” It was not a marketing huckster, but Solomon’s God who offered in a dream, “Ask something of me and I will give it to you.” As it turned out, it was not a good time that Solomon sought. While most people might ask for bliss or some prized object identified with fulfillment—an advertiser’s dream, to be sure—Solomon requested wisdom. Perhaps that is why God seems a bit amazed (if God can be amazed) by the fact that Solomon’s deepest desire is not for a long life or riches or success over enemies, but for a heart that can distinguish right from wrong.

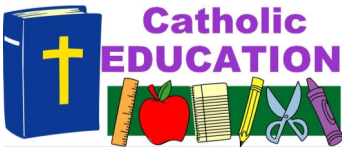
Solomon, famous for his riches, found his real treasure in a wise and understanding heart. It was in knowing right from wrong that he found joy. What is our treasure that, once found, is worth all we can sell or trade? What is the pearl of great price for which we would sacrifice everything. This is what the gospel’s reign of God is about: our hearts’ desire, our deepest existential longing. Some seek pleasures in every variation imaginable. They fall away sated but rest-



less. Some build shrines to the ego’s power. They die alone, unloved, and uncaring. Others collect their things to die, like the movies’ Citizen Kane, empty of substance. Solomon dreamed long ago that a higher wisdom and deeper joy might be found. It would not be grasped in the accumulation of things, the collection of earthly delights, or dominance over others, even though these would be given to him in good time. His deepest desire was to know a good that was fully worth loving. His highest hope was to know what was right and to be able to do it. God saw this higher wisdom in him, this pearl of great price, and Solomon’s wish was granted. For the treasures of his heart, not his mines, Solomon is rightly remembered. -John Kavanaugh, SJ

Events Around the Parish

PSR REGISTRATION DUE



Registration for PSR is due by **Tuesday, 01 August 2017**. You can bring your registration to the office or place it in the normal offertory collection. PSR classes will resume on **Sunday, 13 August 2017** from 11:15AM until 12:30PM for grades kindergarten through seventh grade. Eighth through tenth and eleventh grades will meet from 6:45PM until 8:00PM on Sunday evenings. Please register now!

A SOLUTION TO YOUR GRIEF

Have you recently experienced the death of a loved one? St. Margaret will host a grief recovery ministry called **GriefShare** on Wednesdays at 6:00PM beginning on **02 August 2017** in the Ignatius of Loyola Room of the Hall of Saints. This support group will help you face the challenges of grief while moving toward rebuilding your life. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Kropog, the ministry leader, by email at debbiekropog@gmail.com or call the parish office for more information. All are invited to attend regardless of your status as a parishioner!

GRIEF



SUPPORT

PEACE OF MIND SEMINAR

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home will sponsor a seminar designed to give you peace of mind for your final wishes. You will learn how to plan your preferences for final arrangements which will shield your family from unnecessary emotional and financial burden. This seminar will be held in the St. Margaret Room on **16 August 2017** at 6:00PM. Join us!



THANK YOU ST. MARGARET



We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the wedding stoles and gifts you gave each of us as well as the tremendously warm welcome you have shown us. We are experiencing first hand what we've heard before arriving that St. Margaret is one of the most welcoming parishes for newly ordained deacons. You have once again proven that to be true. We look forward to getting to know all of you and growing as deacons in our sacramental and pastoral service. God Bless! *Deacons William (Byrd) Corbett, Tim Grimes and Tim Messenger*

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic? Is there someone that you know who may be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) sessions and RCIC (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children). **RCIA** sessions will begin at 6:30PM on **Wednesday, 30 August 2017**. **RCIC** sessions will begin at 6:00PM on **Tuesday, 29 August 2017**. All sessions will be held in the Hall of Saints. Please call Sandy Raborn, Lucie Hanewinkel, or Fr. Jamin at the parish office for more information or to express your interest! We would love to welcome you as a full member of our faith community! Invite more people to be part of our community of faith. Remember that a personal invitation from YOU is the best way to be vehicles of evangelization for our Church!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY



Paul Bates, Coy Behler, Baby Camille Blank, Philip Brabham, Cindy Brasington, Bruce & Judy Buras, Baby Cameron, Joann Chatelain, Frances Cicet, Kristie Cleveland, Angelo & Beverly Colombo, Debbie Contorno, Phillip Contorno, Baby Parker Cotham, 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, John Spano, III, Barbara Stallcup, Brittany Stilley, 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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 29/30 July 2017

4:00PM Vigil
 Sat., 29 July
 St. Margaret

Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Jeanne Davis (By Lucy Whiddon)
Melissa Degenhardt (By the Degenhardt Family)
Walter Hakenjos (By Rose Hakenjos)
Donald Ray Harelson (By Jean Taylor)
Doris Haydel (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)
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)

8:00AM
 Sun., 30 July
 St. Thomas

Evelyn Douglas (By Herbert & Jan Pretus)
Floyd "Boogie" Johnson (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)
Lawrence Kluka (By the Family)
Ernest Kropog (By Oscar Vickery & the Family)
John LaGrange (By Edie & the Family)

10:00AM
 Sun., 30 July
 St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)
Jackie Kerek Moore (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Lynette Pfiffner (By Frank & Denise Schilling)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)
Steve & Lois Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)
Steven J. Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Anne Sherman (By Dr. Ken Sherman)
Michael Thomassie (By the Family)
Souls in Purgatory (By A Friend)

Grace Notariano (By the Hooks Family)
Mary Pauli (By Edward & Lena Pauli)
Stabile Family (By Mary Stabile)
Souls in Purgatory (By Mary Stabile)

5:30PM
 Sun., 30 July
 St. Margaret

Ernest Kropog
 (By Rita & Friends)



Wed., 02 August (7:00AM)
 Weekday in Ordinary Time
Valentine Langlois
 (By the Family)

Thurs., 03 August (7:00AM)
 Weekday in Ordinary Time
Eric Navarre
 (By George & Kim Navarre)

Fri., 04 August (7:00AM)
 St. John Vianney (M)
Michael Darouse
 (By the Family)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret
 this week is given in memory of
Valentine Langlois
 by the Family.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT: LECTORS

Lectors are people of faith who have nurtured a relationship with God and have formed their lives based on the Gospel. This is the Lector's mission — to proclaim the Word of God. Lectors personally encounter the Word of God and the people of God embrace the Divine Word through them. They offer praise to the One who sits on the throne so that God might speak to us. Heidi Comish, one of our Lector Ministry

Leaders, reflected that when she moved back home to Albany, she returned to St. Margaret for weekly Mass. She said she felt like something was missing and she needed to become more involved. That is when she made the commitment to become a lector at Mass. If you are feeling like something is missing in your spiritual



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life or you are being called to become more involved in parish life, please contact the office or one of our lector ministry leaders, either Heidi Comish at St. Margaret (heidi3289@yahoo.com) or Charlie Martin at St. Thomas (amartin7@bellsouth.net). We could definitely use more ministry help at all of our Masses. We especially encourage our Youth to participate!



ADULT CONFIRMATION



Adult Confirmation

If you are an adult who has been baptized and received First Eucharist but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation, please call the parish office at 225.567.3573. Five preparatory sessions will be held beginning 22 August 2017 to assist you in preparing to receive the sacrament. Sessions will discuss Confirmation and the Sacraments, and Spirituality. Upon completion of these sessions, candidates will be confirmed at a special Mass with the Bishop's approval. Call Father Jamin if you have any further questions.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1140

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Solomon asks for, and is granted, a wise heart.

Romans 8:28-30
"All things work for good for those who love God."

Matthew 13:44-52
Jesus offers more parables about the kingdom of heaven.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK
Transfiguration of the Lord — 05/06 August 2017
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 22/23 July 2017

Weekly Church Support Collection \$7,297.00

Thank you for your generous support!

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



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

In the first reading from the first Book of Kings, God promises to Solomon anything he wants. Solomon realizes his unworthiness, and despite the temptation for riches, power, or fame, he simply asks God for wisdom. And what happens? In the end, God really does reward him. The second reading from Paul's letter to the Church of Rome reminds us that none of us really deserve God's favor. Yet, he does indeed reward those who love him by conforming them in the image of his Son that they too might be saved.

The shock value for us is hit home in today's parable. It starts out with a man who simply runs into a treasure in a field. Even though he's excited, he hides his joy and the treasure because he doesn't own the field and he doesn't want the owner to find out about his discovery. So he later sells everything to go to the bank and buy the piece of land. That tells us something about him automatically even though Jesus never really tells us anything about him: we automatically assume he doesn't deserve what he's found.

The interesting part of the parable is that even though he sells everything to buy the treasure, he can never go out and tell anyone else about it. Jewish law stated that if his actions ever were to come out, the treasure would immediately revert back to the rightful owner, and all he would be left with is a plowed up plot of land. The fellow has outsmarted himself. He doesn't deserve it, and in the end, he really doesn't possess it. The parable seems to be teaching a lesson: those who steal salvation never really have it to begin with. That's when the parable gets to us. Maybe we really don't deserve it either. Just like the man in the parable, we stumble upon God's salvation as sinners. We did not labor for it. We don't have to earn God's favor. It's a gift that we stumble upon.

The benefit is that we don't have to buy the field and worry about giving the treasure back. Christ owns the field bought by his blood on the cross, and he invites us to share and proclaim the treasure we've found to the whole world. Yes, it might seem like some people don't deserve God's salvation, but we don't either. God takes care of those who misuse his great treasure. When you stumble upon God's salvation that might seem hidden, what exactly are YOU going to do with it?

Mark your calendars for an upcoming Holy Day of Obligation in August with the Feast of the Assumption! Masses will be on 14 August at 6:00PM at St. Margaret and on 15 August at 8:00AM at St. Thomas! Enjoy your week!

STUDY THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Bible Study



Deacon Tim Grimes, our summer deacon intern, will be offering an eight week Bible Study on the Book of Revelation. There will be evening sessions beginning **03 August 2017** and morning sessions beginning **09 August 2017**.

The Word of Lord

Come and learn about one of the most interesting books of the Bible. There is no cost — just bring your bible and an openness to God's Holy Word. For more information, contact Deacon Tim at the parish office or by email at tgrimes@nds.edu.

Have You Heard?

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 30 July 2017

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Monday, 31 July 2017

10:00AM—Altar Society, St. Margaret

Tuesday, 01 August 2017

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

Wednesday, 02 August 2017

6:00PM—GriefShare, Ignatius Room
6:00PM—Baptism Seminar, Goretti Room
6:30PM—Youth Night, John Paul II Room

Thursday, 03 August 2017

(Parish Office will be closed from 9:00AM until 1:00PM!)
9:00AM—Staff Meeting, Cecilia Room
6:00PM—Cemetery Committee, Bosco Room
7:00PM—Bible Study, Vianney Room

Friday, 04 August 2017

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Saturday, 05 August 2017

*Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!
Knights & Ladies Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sales after Mass!*

