



# “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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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.

**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 05/06 AUGUST 2017**

# IN IT FOR THE LONG HAUL

What happens if we listen to Jesus? Most of us have been listening for years. Supposedly that is one of the reasons we still show up in church. It's his call we are heeding. He is our new Moses, our lawgiver. He is our greatest prophet, more glorious for us even than old Elijah. We've been listening to him. Now what? So it is that we want to get on with it, to have things finished once and for all. Let there be a conversion, complete and dramatic. At least let there be some progress. We get tired of waiting. We've heard the call over and over, but not much seems to get done. We can understand why Peter, James, and John wanted to build a tent. At least they've had a mountain experience. They saw Jesus in his glory standing with the mightiest prophet and the greatest lawgiver. No wonder they wanted to stop things right there. Surely it would be all downhill after the mountaintop. Surely there was not much more glory to see and savor. Those of us who don't have a mountain experience tend to settle down, too. If you're fifty-five, you might well expect that there are not many more journeys to take or conversions to make. What was going to happen has pretty much happened. Even some of us who are only thirty or forty might be inclined to believe that we have finally "arrived" at the person we were becoming. There is always more. There is always a further call as long as we tread this earthly road. Just think how many centuries it will take for us to delve into the mystery of God. We believe in the resurrection of a body far more glorious than our present meager skins. But I no longer think of rushing it. We need not build the tent here and now.

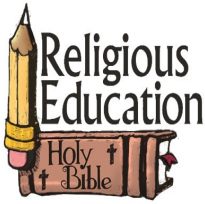
*-John Kavanagh, SJ*



# Events Around the Parish

## PSR BEGINS NEXT WEEK

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. If you still have not registered, please contact Lucie Hanewinkel in the office during regular working hours.



## MANDATORY PARENT MEETING

On **Sunday, 13 August 2017**, there will be a **mandatory meeting** for all parents and guardians of children in PSR! The two meetings will coincide with PSR classes. The meeting times will be at **11:15AM** in the St. Margaret Room and **6:45PM** in the St. Jean Vianney Room of the Hall of Saints. This time will be utilized to review PSR policies and the calendar, and to answer any questions about PSR. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

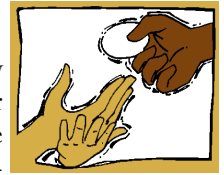
## CALLED TO SERVE US

Please join in congratulating St. Margaret parishioners **Mike Barras** and **Randy Waguespack** who will begin their Formation for the Permanent Diaconate in a couple of weeks at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University in Baton Rouge! In honor of their discernment and decision to become deacons, there will be a gathering for Mike and Randy on **Sunday, 13 August, 2017** at 6:30PM in the St. Margaret Room. Please join us to congratulate these two men!



## SERVING AT THE TABLE

New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion interested in serving at our liturgies and all current ministers are invited to participate in a training session to review the “nuts-and-bolts” of service at the altar. Father Jamin will conduct this session, and it will take place on **23 August 2017** at 6:30PM. Attending this training is required by Bishop Muench! Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend! If you would like further information please contact the parish office or our ministry leaders Susan Martin ([amartin7@bellsouth.net](mailto:amartin7@bellsouth.net)) or Tracy Andry ([tkandry@charter.net](mailto:tkandry@charter.net)).



## CATECHISTS' MEETING

There will be a meeting of all religious education catechists on **Thursday, 10 August 2017** at 7:00PM in the St. Jean Vianney Room in the Hall of Saints to discuss the upcoming school year. All catechists are strongly encouraged to attend.

## CELEBRATE THE ASSUMPTION

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation in honor of our Blessed Mother. Masses will be celebrated in our faith community this year on **Monday, 14 August 2017** at 6:00PM at St. Margaret Church and on **Tuesday, 15 August 2017** at 8:00AM at St. Thomas Chapel. Please make plans to attend. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!



## 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, , Baby Maverick Ryder, Kennedy Seale, John Spano, III, Barbara Stallcup, Brittany Stille, 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](mailto:fdantin@bellsouth.net).



## MASS INTENTIONS

*Transfiguration of the Lord — 05/06 August 2017*

**4:00PM Vigil**  
Sat., 05 Aug.  
St. Margaret

**Karen Chemay** (By Mark Chemay)  
**Melissa Degenhardt** (By the Degenhardt Family)  
**Fred Gauthier** (By Rose Gauthier and the Family)  
**Edward Goelz, Sr.** (By Francis & Margaret Goelz)  
**Walter Hakenjos** (By Rose Hakenjos)  
**Doris Haydel** (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)  
**Elizabeth "Tootsie" Haydel** (By the Family & Children)  
**Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz** (By the Family)  
**Frank & Margaret Koles** (By June, Margaret Ann & Frank)  
**The Living & Deceased Members of the Corbett Family** (By Byrd & Debbie)  
**The Living & Deceased Members of the Scalisi Family** (By Byrd & Debbie)

**Hannah Leigh Kraft** (By Mom, Dad, and Evan)  
**John Kropog** (By Helen Kropog & the Family)  
**Vernon & Dorothy Landry** (By Pete Pffiffer & the Family)  
**Jackie Kerek Moore** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**Lynette Pffiffer** (By Charles & Irene DeMars & Family)  
**Peter J. & Elizabeth Pffiffer** (By Pete Pffiffer & the Family)  
**Steve J. Pffiffer, Jr.** (By Pete Pffiffer & the Family)  
**Souls in Purgatory** (By A Friend)  
**All who have no one to pray for them** (Intervisors of Prayer)

**8:00AM**  
Sun., 06 Aug.  
St. Thomas

**Jerry A. Adamcewicz** (By the Family)  
**Angie Deliberto** (By the Family)  
**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 Oscar Vickery & the Family)  
**John LaGrange** (By Edie & the Family)  
**Aurora Martinez** (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)  
**The Stabile Family** (By Mary Stabile)  
**Souls in Purgatory** (By Mary Stabile)

**10:00AM**  
Sun., 06 Aug.  
St. Margaret

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



**5:30PM**  
Sun., 06 Aug.  
St. Margaret

**Ernest Kropog**  
(By Rita & Friends)

**Wed., 09 Aug. (7:00AM)**  
*Weekday in Ordinary Time*  
**Communion Service**  
**Today!**

**Thurs., 10 Aug. (7:00AM)**  
*Saint Lawrence (F)*  
**Lynette Pffiffer**  
(By Pete Pffiffer & the Family)

**Fri., 11 Aug. (7:00AM)**  
*Saint Clare (M)*  
**Karen Chemay**  
(By Mark Chemay)

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

## BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, join us for RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) 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. We would love to welcome you as a full member of our faith community! And don't be ashamed to 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!



## 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! Five preparatory sessions will be held beginning **22 August 2017** to assist you in preparing to receive the sacrament. Sessions will discuss Confirmation, 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 1204*



**Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

*Daniel's inspiring vision in a time of persecution.*

**2 Peter 1:16-19**

*Christ has truly been sent from God.*

**Matthew 17:1-9**

*Jesus exceeds the law and the prophets.*

## ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 12/13 August 2017*

**1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Romans 9:1-5;**

**Matthew 14:22-23**



## SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary will be selling tickets after all Masses this weekend and next for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to be held on **20 August 2017** from 11:00AM

until 2:30PM in the Parish Hall. The tickets are \$8.00 per plate and will also be available at the door. Please support this worthy cause!

## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 29/30 July 2017

Weekly Church Support Collection \$6,882.00

*Thank you for your generous support!*

*The Second Collection this weekend  
is for the Building & Maintenance Fund!*



## BIBLE STUDY IS NOW!

Deacon Tim Grimes, our summer deacon intern, will be offering an eight week Bible Study on the Book of Revelation. The evening sessions have already begun, and morning sessions will begin **09 August 2017**. 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](mailto:tgrimes@nds.edu).



## THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, 06 August 2017

*Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!*  
*Knights & Ladies Sell Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sales!*  
9:00AM & 11:00AM—Coffee & Donut Ministry

### Monday, 07 August 2017

10:00AM—Altar Society, St. Margaret & St. Thomas

### Tuesday, 08 August 2017

*No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!*



### Wednesday, 09 August 2017

10:30AM—Bible Study, St. Margaret Room  
6:00PM—GriefShare, Ignatius Room  
6:30PM—Youth Night, John Paul II Room  
7:00PM—KC Fourth Degree, Goretti Room

### Thursday, 10 August 2017

6:00PM—St. Vincent de Paul, Bosco Room  
7:00PM—Catechists' Meeting, Vianney Room  
7:00PM—Bible Study, St. Margaret Room

### Friday, 11 August 2017

*No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!*

### Saturday, 12 August 2017

*Knights & Ladies Sell Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sales!*  
*Welcome Back to St. Margaret Bishop Muench!*  
4:00PM—Deacon Candidate Mass, St. Margaret  
6:00PM—mp3 Youth Event, St. George, Baton Rouge



## Sundry Ruminations

*A Weekly Column from Your Pastor*

In the *Harry Potter* series, the students of Hogwart's School of Witchcraft and Wizardry have to take a course in "Transfiguration." Really, it's an opportunity for them to change teacups into rats or flowers into candles.

I wonder if that's what's really in our mind when we think of the Transfiguration — Jesus changed from one thing into something quite different. The Greek word used in this Gospel passage is the same one from which we derive the word "metamorphosis," and for us it conjures up caterpillars turning into butterflies. But that association doesn't seem apt for what happened to Jesus on the mountaintop that day. Jesus didn't change from one being into a different one.

For 2000 years now, the Church has struggled with the tension that Jesus was one person with two natures — human and divine — and these natures co-existed in Jesus without confusion or mixture. So when he's transfigured today, he doesn't become less human or more divine, as if he had been less of one all along. Rather, I think it best for us to view the episode as Jesus showing something that he had been all along in a different way. When he says things like, "If you have seen me, you have seen the Father," he didn't just mean this one incident of blazing glory. This had been true all his life. Believe it or not, Peter actually helps in the Gospel today. He makes the suggestion that they capture the moment by staying there forever and building some tents. We'd like to dwell in the glory too. But that's the kicker — Peter didn't need it. The tabernacle Peter sought had been with him all along in the person of Jesus. But had anything really changed? Was Jesus less glorious than he had been a few minutes earlier? If only the disciples would listen and open their eyes, they would see glory right in front of them. I don't think things are different today.

Our modern time is enamored of glitz and glitter and spectacles as any era has ever seen. The media and people are drawn to megachurches full of music and whistles. Our attention is grabbed by celebrity superstars. But true glory lurks in unexpected places and in humble wrappings. It lurks in every believer in this Church. If we only listen to the Word of Jesus proclaimed and in our brothers and sisters, we can find the glory we miss.

We don't have to look too far. Glory is found in humility and suffering. Can you open your eyes long enough to catch a glimpse, or are you too busy trying to transfigure others into something they're really not?

*Father Finn*