



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
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STAFF/TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS

Rev. Jamin S. David, J.C.L. (Ext. 102) *Pastor*
Deacon Byrd Corbett (Ext. 108) *Permanent Deacon*
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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.

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12/13 AUGUST 2017

THE CHAOS OF FAITH

In the Second Reading, Paul enumerates the many blessings God gave his people in the time of the Law and the Prophets: the adoption as children of God, covenants, commandments and an order of worship. They had God’s promises, and the promise of glory was among them. But Paul makes the list of these blessings with great sorrow, as he says, because it is hard for him to see any of the promised good things in the current state of God’s people. It can certainly seem to a Christian as if the same list and the same sorrow are suitable for Christians now. Christians are also promised adoption as children of God. They have a covenant, a new covenant, with God, and a new worship to go with it. They are promised glory too, the glory of holiness and union with the Lord. But, for Christians now as for God’s people then, it is often very difficult to see the fulfillment of these promises in one’s own life. Does anyone have even one day in which he feels that his life has shown the fruit of these promises on that day? So, for every Christian, there is a sorrow of the sort Paul expressed, because the sins and failures of one’s life can seem so hard to square with the promises of God. Where is the adoption and the glory? What are God’s people to do in this condition and its sorrow? The Gospel gives us a picture for an answer. As long as he has faith and doesn’t look down, Peter comes to the Lord, walking on water. No matter how sorrowful a person’s failures, he can nonetheless come to the Lord. Doing so may feel like walking without any solid ground under foot. But faith is a kind of walking on water, too, isn’t it. As long as one doesn’t look down, as long as one keeps his eyes fixed on Jesus in faith, even walking on nothing to come to him is possible. All the promises of God are fulfilled in him. -*Eleonore Stump*



Events Around the Parish

MINISTERS TRAINING

New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion interested in serving at our liturgies and all old ministers are required to participate in a training session to review the “nuts-and-bolts” of service at the altar. Father Jamin will conduct this session and will take place on **23 August 2017** at 6:30PM in the Hall of Saints. 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) or Tracy Andry (tkandry@charter.net).



PEACE OF MIND SEMINAR

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



CALLED TO SERVE

Please join in congratulating St. Margaret parishioners **Mike Barras** and **Randy Waguespack** who will begin formation for the Permanent Diaconate. In honor of their decision to discern in formation, 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!

BAPTISM PREPARATION

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, 13 September 2017** at 6:30PM 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!



YUMMY FOR YOUR TUMMY

Come and grow in community while getting to know your fellow parishioners! This month's “Yummy for Your Tummy” is next Saturday. The theme will be “Secret Family Recipe Dishes” and will be held in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, 12 August 2017** at 5:00PM. Bring your favorite family secret recipe. Join us for food, fun and fellowship!

BURSTING AT THE SEAMS

The parishioners of St. Margaret and St. Thomas welcome all the newest members of our faith community including **Peggy Desselle, The Freeman Family (Brian, Aimee, Benjamin and Joshua), and Casey Lamonte!** Thank you for becoming members of the St. Margaret community. Remember to “officially” register if you have not done so; registration forms are available on our website!



MARY'S ASSUMPTION

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day in celebration of our Blessed Mother. Masses will be celebrated on **Monday, 14 August 2017** at 6:00PM at St. Margaret Church and **15 August 2017** at 8:00AM at St. Thomas Chapel. Please make plans to attend!

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, Kitty Derveloy, 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 Stillely, Hilma Stolf, Joseph Stolf, Marie Elaine Tassin, Rose Threeton, Jennifer Vicknair, Rita Vuljoin, Steve Vuljoin, 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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 12/13 August 2017

4:00PM Vigil
Sat., 12 Aug.
St. Margaret
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Patsy Bush (By Joseph & Sylvia Bush)
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)
Hannah Leigh Kraft (By Mom, Dad, and Evan)
John Kropog (By Helen Kropog & the Family)

8:00AM
Sun., 13 Aug.
St. Thomas
Jerry A. Adamcewicz (By the Family)
Evelyn Douglas (By Herb & 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)
The Living & Deceased Members of the Corbett Family (By Byrd & Debbie)
The Living & Deceased Members of the Scalisi Family (By Byrd & Debbie)

10:00AM
Sun., 13 Aug.
St. Margaret
Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

Mon., 14 Aug. (6:00PM) - St. Margaret
Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (S)
Lynette Piffner
(By Pete Piffner & the Family)

Wed., 16 Aug. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Melba Ferina
(By Toni Nee)

Thurs., 17 Aug. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Anne Sherman
(By Dr. Ken Sherman)

Tues., 15 Aug. (8:00AM) - St. Thomas
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)
Philip Leon, Sr.
(By Tommy & Mona Watkins)

Fri., 18 Aug. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Kelsey Martin
(By George & Kim Navarre)

Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Piffner & the Family)
Lynette Piffner (By Charles & Irene DeMars & the Family)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Piffner (By Pete Piffner & the Family)
Steve & Lois Piffner (By Pete Piffner & the Family)
Steve J. Piffner, Jr. (By Pete Piffner & the Family)
Vivian Wales (By Glen Wales & the Family)
Souls in Purgatory (By A Friend)

Aurora Martinez (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)
Mary Resetar (By Charles & Marjorie Resetar)
Stabile Family (By Mary Stabile)
Souls in Purgatory (By Mary Stabile)
Mary Idis Williams (By Sylvia & Ernie Bush)
All who have no one to pray for them (Intercessors of Prayer)

5:30PM
Sun., 13 Aug.
St. Margaret
Eric Navarre
(By George & Kim Navarre)



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



SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary will be selling tickets after **all** Masses this weekend 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!

OPENING DOORS MINISTRY (RCIA)

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!



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**.

Upon completion of these sessions, candidates will be confirmed at a special Mass with the Bishop's approval.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1146

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

God is revealed in the tiny, whispering sound.

Romans 9:1-5

Paul affirms God's love for the Jews.

Matthew 14:22-23

Jesus calls Peter to walk on the water.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 19/20 August 2017

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32;

Matthew 15:21-28

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 05/06 August 2017

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$10,179.00
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$4,209.00

*The Second Collection next weekend
is for our local St. Vincent de Paul Society Chapter!*

Thank you for your generous support!



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

We've all experienced the storminess of South Louisiana. In an instant, it can go from extreme hot humidity with the sun beating down on your face to those hefty, pop-up thunderstorms. I remember once sitting on the back porch reading a book so engrossed in it that when I finally picked up my head, I realized all hell was about to break loose. Trees were bending from the force of the wind; lawn chairs were scattered from one end of the property to the other. I was a bit startled when I looked up at the black sky, and I felt just like the disciples — afraid — so I hurriedly picked up my wine glass and ran inside.

We tend to get Scripture stories confused, as if they make up one holistic story. It's interesting that in today's Gospel account from Matthew, the disciples are not portrayed as being scared by the storm; as fishermen, storminess would be quite the normal occurrence. The vision of the phantom, or ghost, coming toward the boat is the actual storm that they encounter that puts their faith to the test.

Did you also pay attention at the beginning of the Gospel story that Jesus forced them to get into the boat and leave him alone with the crowds? Not to mention that though the waves had been "tormenting them" for quite sometime, Jesus doesn't come to them until much later in the night. Though not necessarily afraid, they're surely tired, and Jesus comes to them in their exhaustion.

Yes, they find themselves in the midst of a storm, but strangely that's where Peter asks to meet the Lord. And Jesus doesn't calm the water to make it easier for Peter. No, it's the wind that causes Peter to sink in the first place.

Maybe that's the theological message for us today. Not that God "forces" us into the storms of our lives, but they are natural occurrences that seem to pop up out of nowhere. Sometimes these storms seem never ending and it can be utterly exhausting to keep our "boats" from sinking. But Jesus comes in the midst of these storms too. Can we be like Peter; even in the storm, with faith, can we simply walk toward him for a reprieve and solace?

This Saturday, we welcome **Bishop Muench** and **twenty deacon candidates and their wives** to St. Margaret for their annual "Back to School Mass." Take the opportunity to thank them for their vocation and discernment to serve the Church. Two of these men beginning this year are from St. Margaret — **Mike Barras (Trish)** and **Randy Waguespack (Patricia)**. Congratulate them especially!



THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 13 August 2017

Knights & Ladies Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sales!

11:15AM—PSR (Grades K-7), Hall of Saints
11:15AM—PSR Parents' Meeting, St. Margaret Room
12:30PM—Junior Youth Group, St. Margaret Room
6:30PM—Reception for M. Barras & R. Waguespack,
St. Margaret Room
6:45PM—PSR (Grades 8-10 and 11), Hall of Saints
6:45PM—PSR Parents' Meeting, Vianney Room

Monday, 14 August 2017

10:00AM—Altar Society, St. Margaret
6:00PM—Assumption of Mary Vigil Mass, St. Margaret

Tuesday, 15 August 2017

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary!
8:00AM—Feast of the Assumption Mass, St. Thomas
6:00PM—Missions & Retreats, Ignatius Room
7:00PM—Vocations Committee, Ignatius Room

Wednesday, 16 August 2017

10:30AM—Bible Study, St. Margaret Room
6:00PM—GriefShare, Ignatius Room
6:00PM—Peace of Mind Seminar, St. Margaret Room
6:30PM—Youth Night, John Paul II Room

Thursday, 17 August 2017

10:30AM—CDA Nursing Home Rosary, Off Campus
6:00PM—Catholic Daughters, St. Margaret Room
7:00PM—Bible Study, St. Margaret Room

Friday, 18 August 2017

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Saturday, 19 August 2017

St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection!
Knights & Ladies Spaghetti Dinner Tomorrow!
4:00PM—KC Quarterly Mass, St. Margaret
5:00PM—Yummy for Your Tummy, Parish Hall

