



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
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*
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*
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.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26/27 AUGUST 2017

LIKE A ROCK

In the Gospel Reading, Christ tells Peter that Peter is the rock on which Christ will found his church. And, Jesus promises, the gates of hell will not prevail against this rock or against the church built on it. This is a comforting thought, isn't it? In the darkness of the world, there is something—the apostle Peter, the Church—that evil cannot wreck! The problem is that it so often looks as if the gates of hell *have* prevailed against Christ's church. Actually, the problem begins with Peter. The apostle, who was supposed to be the rock of the Church, betrayed the Lord he loved in his Lord's worst need. A betrayal like that seems to have something hellish about it, doesn't it? As far as that goes, how does Peter differ from Judas?

Judas betrayed Christ too, of course. In fact, the Gospel of John says that Satan entered into Judas before he went to the Pharisees to conspire with them to get Jesus. There is certainly something hellish about the treachery of Judas if Satan entered into him. So why not think that the gates of hell prevailed against Peter too, in *his* betrayal of Christ? What is left of Jesus' promise that the gates of Hell will not prevail



against Peter or against Christ's Church? But notice that there *is* a difference between Judas and Peter. You might think the difference is that Peter repented and Judas didn't. But there you would be mistaken. The Gospel of Matthew makes it clear that Judas repented, too. So, here is the real difference between them. When Judas saw the sin of his betrayal for what it was, he killed himself. He threw himself away as hopeless, as irredeemable. But Peter came back to Christ. He cleaved to the Lord he loved even in the face of his own betrayal of him. And that is why Peter is the rock on which the Church is founded. The Church is not a collection of the sinless, and it was not meant to be. The Church was founded on Peter, who loved, and sinned, and held on to the Lord anyway. The gates of Hell cannot prevail against this kind of love. This *is* a deeply comforting thought. -*Eleonore Stump*

Events Around the Parish

HELP FOR THE IMPRISONED

In his short time here, Deacon Tim Messenger has been inspired by the interest and support in Women's Prison Ministry that many parishioners have expressed to him personally. Unfortunately because those brief discussions have taken place after Mass, Deacon Tim is unable to capture or remember the individuals who have offered to help in various ways. If you have some interest in supporting this ministry directly or indirectly, please contact Deacon Tim at 419.957.9848 or by email at ttmessenger1@gmail.com. After allowing enough time for you to respond, he may schedule an information meeting to discuss how your time and talents might best be utilized. Deacon Tim and the women he serves greatly appreciate your interest and willingness to serve in this wonderful ministry.



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) coming soon! 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 through our "Open Doors" Ministry!



IN THE SPOTLIGHT: PRAYER LINE MINISTRY

My name is Frances Dantin, and I am the leader of the Prayer Line Ministry. The group consists of 32 members who offer prayers for those in need. Almost daily, I receive phone calls and emails from those requesting prayer for themselves or loved ones. Then I contact members by phone or email, activating a prayer chain of "pray-ers." Each member in turn notifies a prayer partner (or partners) until all of us are lifting up the intentions to God in petition. It is gratifying to realize that we are connected by prayer and helping those in need with spiritual support. If you would like to join our group or want to request prayer, you can reach me by phone at 225.209.6537 or



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YUMMY FOR YOUR TUMMY

Come and grow in community while getting to know your fellow parishioners! Next month's "Yummy for Your Tummy" theme will be "Carnival Cravings" and will be held in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, 09 September 2017 at 5:00PM.** Bring your favorite Carnival foods such as hotdogs, hamburgers, cotton candy, funnel cakes, pretzels, popcorn, chili cheese fries, or even a few fried Oreos! Join us for food, fun and fellowship once a month in the Parish Hall!



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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time — 26/27 August 2017

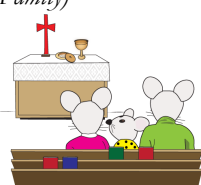
4:00PM Vigil Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Sat., 26 Aug. Jeanne Davis (By Liz Varnado)
St. Margaret Walter Hakenjos (By Rose Hakenjos)
Doris Haydel (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)
David & Elizabeth Haydel (By the Family & Children)
Hannah Leigh Kraft (By Mom, Dad, and Evan)
John Kropog (By Helen Kropog & the Family)
Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pfflner & the Family)
Stephen "Bubba" Matherne (By Wednesday Pokeno Friends)

Lynette Pfflner (By Charles & Irene DeMars & the Family)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfflner (By Pete Pfflner & the Family)
Steve & Lois Pfflner (By Pete Pfflner & the Family)
Steve J. Pfflner, Jr. (By Pete Pfflner & the Family)
Andy & Elizabeth Prokop (By the Family)
Anne Sherman (By Dr. Ken Sherman)
Michael Thomassie (By the Family)
Mary Idis Williams (By Sylvia & Ernie Bush)
Souls in Purgatory (By A Friend)

8:00AM Jerry A. Adamcewicz (By the Family)
Sun., 27 Aug. Floyd "Boogie" Johnson (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)
St. Thomas Lawrence Kluka (By the Family)
Ernest Kropog (By Oscar Vickery & the Family)
John LaGrange (By Edie & the Family)

Stephen Matherne (By Byrd & Debbie Corbett)
Frances Reine (By the Family)
Steve & Mary Resetar (By Charles & Marjorie Resetar)
Stabile Family (By Mary Stabile)
Souls in Purgatory (By Mary Stabile)

10:00AM Missa Pro Populo
Sun., 27 Aug. (The Mass for All Parishioners)
St. Margaret



5:30PM Ernest Kropog
Sun., 27 Aug. (By Rita & Friends)
St. Margaret

Wed., 30 Aug. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Lynette Pfflner
(By 4th Degree Knights)

Thurs., 31 Aug. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Eric Navarre
(By George & Kim Navarre)

Fri., 01 Sep. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Michael Darouse
(By the Family)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret
this week is given in memory of
Teresa & Alex Bowman
by Barbara Stallcup.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT:
MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY
Ministers of Hospitality serve their parishes as both Greeter and Usher. Ministers of Hospitality are entrusted with promoting a sense of welcoming to the faithful assembled for worship. They are the first point of contact for the communal celebration of the Liturgy. Ministers of Hospitality open doors to make sure the entrance into the church is welcoming, greet parishioners with a "Good Morning/Evening", and smile which is a sign of welcome to all the faithful. During the Liturgy, ministers of hospitality assist with seating, ask parishioners to bring forth the gifts at the Offertory, circulate the collection baskets, and facilitate the Communion procession. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, Ministers of Hospitality distribute the parish bulletins and any other pertinent materials. They assist in preparing the worship space for the next Liturgy by making sure it is well organized and free from clutter. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of Hospitality - men, women, teens, adults - contact the parish office at 225.567.3573 and our ministry chairperson will get back in touch with you.



HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

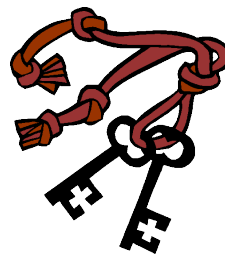
JUST TO SAY THANKS

The family of David Haydel would like to extend heartfelt thank you to the parishioners of St. Margaret for all the prayers and support they received at the loss of their father. A special thanks is extended to the bereavement committee for the abundance of delicious food prepared, and to Fr. Jamin for all of his compassion, comfort, faith and support during a time of such tremendous grief and loss. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1152



Isaiah 22:19-23
God bestows authority upon Eliakim.
Romans 11:33-36
Peter gives praise to an inscrutable God.
Matthew 16:13-20
Jesus bestows authority upon Peter.

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time —
02/03 September 2017

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 19/20 August 2017

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$7,388.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society Collection	\$2,944.00

Thank you for your generous support!

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



THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 27 August 2017

Seminarian Back to School Supply Drive!

11:15AM—PSR (Grades K-7), Hall of Saints
6:45PM—PSR (Grades 8-10 and 11), Hall of Saints

Monday, 28 August 2017

10:00AM—Altar Society, St. Margaret

Tuesday, 29 August 2017

6:00PM—RCIC, Drexel Room
7:00PM—Adult Confirmation Class, Vianney Room
7:00PM—Youth Group Core Team, Seton Room

Wednesday, 30 August 2017

10:30AM—Bible Study, St. Margaret Room
6:00PM—GriefShare, Ignatius Room
6:30PM—Open Doors (RCIA), Seton Room
6:30PM—Youth Night, John Paul II Room

Thursday, 31 August 2017

7:00PM—Bible Study, St. Margaret Room

Friday, 01 September 2017

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Saturday, 02 September 2017

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!



SAVING WATERS THAT FLOW

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!



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

In our first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, we get a glimpse of what happens when we give a true answer to that question "Who am I to you?" The Lord gives us his authority. This authority is unquestionable and is bestowed upon those who are faithful to Him. The example we get in Isaiah is of Eliakim who is steadfast to the Lord's will and receives his place of honor.

In the Gospel reading, the disciples are posed that same question, "Who do you say that I am?" Some of the disciples offer various possibilities - John the Baptist, Elijah, or a Prophet - but in the end, it's Peter who gives the right answer to the question: Jesus is the revelation of God to the world. What's the result of Peter's answer to the Lord? He is rewarded, given a new name that reflects the answer to his question. He is called "the rock" because his answer is so fundamental to Jesus' mission on earth and to our Holy Church.

What happened with the disciples or in the first reading or with Peter is equally as true for us now as it was then. We are invited to some time or another accept or reject our faith. At some point, if we want our faith to move from being a set of to-do's and not to do's or just some lovey-dovey, pie in the sky imagery toward something we can experience, we have to take the Church's faith and make it our own by answering that simple question, "Who do you say that I am?" When we do so, we encounter the Lord, and we contribute to the building of God's Church. We become willing to bear the Good News to all that we meet because we have truly experienced who the Lord is.

"Who do you say that I am?" The Lord still asks us today. Is he simply a statue, a concept, an image? Or is he real - is he alive right here in our presence today? What would be your response if you were forced to answer the question "Who do you say that I am?"

Hailey DeLaune, a parishioner and our former youth minister, approached me about her desire to have a **Day of Eucharistic Adoration** each week at St. Margaret. I told her that if the parish has this desire, we can make it happen. The plan is to expose the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays after 7:00AM morning Mass and to repose it at 8:00PM after many parochial activities conclude. To make this happen, we need at least 24 committed adorers willing to give one hour each week. Are you interested? If so, contact Hailey for further information; email is best way to contact her: hdelaune@hgschool.org. It surely would be a powerful witness!

Father Jim