



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.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 02/03 SEPTEMBER 2017

TRUE HAPPINESS?

Does God want us to be happy? How could anyone answer ‘no’? How could anyone suppose God is loving if it is not true that he wants us to be happy? And yet look at Christ’s line in the Gospel Reading. Deny yourself, Jesus tells his faithful followers; take up your cross and follow me. Denying yourself seems the opposite of going for happiness, doesn’t it? And the cross is an instrument of torture. Why would God want these things for his people? Does God want us to be *unhappy*? A man divorcing his dowdy wife to marry a much younger, prettier woman explained his decision to his devastated wife this way: “God wants me to be happy,” he told her, “and I can’t be happy with *you*. I *will* be happy with her.” It seems never to have crossed the mind of this man that God might have any care for the happiness of his wife. As far as his wife was concerned, the husband’s full view of the matter could be put this way: “God wants *me* to be happy, but God doesn’t give a damn about *you*.” This little story is common in its selfishness. But we should not let our familiarity with its callous disregard for the suffering of others blind us. Whether it is these familiar evils or the terrible shocking evils we see in the news, these evils show us the sickness of the post-fall human condition. We are willing to privilege



our own power or pleasure over any greater goods, even at the cost of cruelty to others. We can’t be happy in *this* condition. No one can be happy whose heart has deep within it a willingness to crush others to get what he wants. Well, then, what is to be done with us. That *will* make us happy? What will save us from the evil that infects us and leaves us so willing to afflict others? This is where Christ’s cross comes into the story. Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. The cross of Christ is our only route to the happiness God does want for us. Taking up our cross with Christ is healing for our sinful condition. It is the way to life, and to true joy. -*Eleonore Stump*

Events Around the Parish

YUMMY FOR YOUR TUMMY

Come and grow in community while getting to know your fellow parishioners! September'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!



COME JOIN OUR JR. YOUTH GROUP

The Jr. Youth Group (Grades 6-8) will meet next **Sunday, 10 September 2017** from 12:30 until 2:00PM immediately following PSR class. This year promises to be an adventurous one where we learn more about each other and how to grow together as a community of faith. Please make plans to join us for fun filled activities, faith sharing, and prayer! Contact Ansleigh Barras in the Parish Office for more information on how you can participate or help!



THANKS FOR HELPING

The St. Margaret Ladies Auxiliary would like to sincerely thank everyone who donated supplies and snacks for our seminarians. The collection was a great success! We are sure that the seminarians will be both surprised and grateful to receive your generous gifts! Remember to pray for more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, and those currently engaged in formation, especially our native son Nick Lyons!



THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE



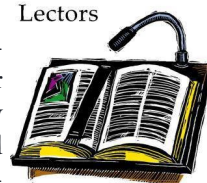
Our next installment of Theology in a Bottle, our adult education ministry, will be held on **Sunday, 17 September 2017 from 6:45PM until 8:00PM** in the St.

Margaret Room of the Hall of Saints. Deacon Tim Grimes will be this month's presenter for his presentation entitled "More than Pint Sized Musings: The Interaction Between Faith and Reason." Do consider joining us and spread the word about learning the faith with a cold brew in hand!

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

Lectors

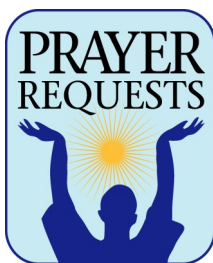
Our lector workbooks that aid our lectors in proclaiming God's word at our Eucharistic celebrations are available now in the sacristy of both St. Margaret and St. Thomas. All currently scheduled lectors are welcome to pick up their copy of the workbook today. If you are interested in becoming a lector at our churches, contact Heidi Comish or Charlie Martin - the ministry chairpersons - or Fr. Jamin at the Parish Office for more details!



SACRAMENT OF 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, 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!

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

4:00PM Vigil **Karen Chemay** (By Mark Chemay)
 Sat., 02 Sept. **Jeanne Davis** (By Donna & Leon Dauterive)
 St. Margaret **Jason Degenhardt** (By the Degenhardt Family)
Fred Gauthier (By Rose Gauthier & the Family)
Walter Hakenjos (By Rose Hakenjos)
David & Elizabeth Haydel (By the Family & Children)
Doris Haydel (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)
Frank & Margaret Koles (By June, Margaret Ann & Frank)
Hannah Leigh Kraft (By Mom, Dad, and Evan)
John Kropog (By Helen Kropog & the Family)
Living & Deceased Members of Corbett Family (By Byrd & Debbie)
Living & Deceased Members of Scalisi Family (By Byrd & Debbie)
For All Who Have No One to Pray for Them (Intercessors of Prayer)

8:00AM **Jerry A. Adamcewicz** (By the Family)
 Sun., 03 Sept. **Floyd "Boogie" Johnson** (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)
 St. Thomas **Lawrence Kluka** (By the Family)
Ernest Kropog (By Oscar Vickery & the Family)

10:00AM **Missa Pro Populo**
 Sun., 03 Sept. **(The Mass for All Parishioners)**
 St. Margaret

Wed., 06 Sept. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Communion Service

Thurs., 07 Sept. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Communion Service

Fri., 08 Sept. (7:00AM)
Nativity of the BVM (F)
Communion Service

There will be no 7:00AM Mass this week as Fr. Jamin returns from vacation on Friday!

Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pffiffner & the Family)
Stephen "Bubba" Matherne (By Wednesday Pokeno Friends)
Lynette Pffiffner (By Jim & Sue Novak)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pffiffner (By Pete Pffiffner & the Family)
Steve & Lois Pffiffner (By Pete Pffiffner & the Family)
Steve J. Pffiffner, Jr. (By Pete Pffiffner & the Family)
Andy & Elizabeth Prokop (By the Family)
Dennis Rabalais (By Frank & Margaret Goetz)
Mary Idis Williams (By Sylvia & Ernie Bush)
Souls in Purgatory (By A Friend)

John LaGrange (By Edie & the Family)
Stephen Matherne (By Byrd & Debbie Corbett)
The Stabile Family (By Mary Stabile)
Souls in Purgatory (By Mary Stabile)

5:30PM Ernest Kropog
 Sun., 03 Sept. (By Rita & Friends)
 St. Margaret



The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret this week is given in memory of **Jason Degenhardt** by the Degenhardt Family.

WOMEN'S PRISON MINISTRY

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 ttmes-senger1@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 appreciates your interest and willingness to serve in this wonderful ministry.



HELP WITH YOUR GRIEF

Have you recently experienced the death of a loved one. You are not alone! St. Margaret hosts a grief recovery ministry called **Grief Share** on **Wednesdays** at 6:00PM in the Ignatius of Loyola Room of the Hall of Saints. 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.



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

The work of catechesis in the Parish is never limited to the pastor alone. The cooperation of many lay leaders is necessary to continuously spread the faith. Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated on **17 September 2017** this year. Fr. Jamin will even offer our catechists a special blessing at the 10:00AM Mass. Join us in thanking these men and women for their commitment and sacrifice to preach the Gospel!



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1155



Jeremiah 20:7-9
Jeremiah rebukes God for his suffering.

Romans 12:1-2
We are called to live sacrificial lives.

Matthew 16:21-27
Jesus rebukes Peter for denying that he must suffer.

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time —

09/10 September 2017

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-1; Matthew 18:15-20

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 26/27 August 2017

Weekly Church Support Collection \$6,409.00



Thank you for your generous support!

The Special Collection next weekend is for the Catholic University of America in Washington!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 03 September 2017

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

9:AM & 11:00AM—Coffee & Donut Ministry

Monday, 04 September 2017

Happy Labor Day!

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

Tuesday, 05 September 2017

6:00PM—RCIC, Bosco Room

7:00PM—Adult Confirmation Class, Vianney Room

7:00PM—Knights of Columbus, Ignatius Room

7:00PM—Ladies Auxiliary, Goretti Room

Wednesday, 06 September 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

7:00PM—KC Fourth Degree, Goretti Room

Thursday, 07 September 2017

5:30PM—Youth Group Core Team, Vianney Room

7:00PM—Bible Study, St. Margaret Room

Friday, 08 September 2017

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!



Saturday, 09 September 2017

Catholic University of America Special Collection!

FAMILY FORMATION SESSIONS

Our first Family Formation Session is on **10 September 2017** and Fr. Jamin's presentation is entitled "Bringing it All Home: The "Why" of Family Formation". This session will be held from **11:30AM to 12:30PM** in the St. Margaret room of the Hall of Saints. Remember at least one parent per child is required to attend a family formation session or Theology in a Bottle every month! All Family Formation Sessions are open to all parishioners as well!



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

In a culture where we are continually told to seek more, acquire much, and deserve the greatest, "losing" in no way seems to help us fulfill our lives; losing is not easy. Yet, today's Scripture helps challenge that mentality by showing that "losing" more can actually lead to a healthier spiritual life.

Poor Peter, just when everything seems to be going well for him, this happens. You remember last weekend's Gospel? When faced with a tough question, he is the only one of the disciples bold enough to give a declaration of faith that is intimate and personal. In today's Gospel, when Jesus prefigures the suffering and death he will endure on Calvary before being raised – that he has to become a loser – it really doesn't sit well with Peter's vision of a Messiah. Why doesn't he just overthrow the establishment and bring about a reign of peace and prosperity? The rebuke that Jesus gives Peter isn't to scold him for bad intentions; he wants good things to happen. He gets in trouble for setting his sights on human desires and ambitions rather than on the reversals of the divine way.

Really that's the message of today's Gospel – to "win," we must "lose." We have to lay down our notions and trappings of human security and success (which are often bogus) in return for what seems so insecure, things like suffering or even rejection. Sounds scary? It is, since we're not comfortable with the notion of failure. It reminds me of the CBS show *The Biggest Loser*. The show highlights people on a journey to lose a bunch of weight. Surely, that's difficult in itself. But here's the kicker – if they fail, they do it on national TV, in the most public way possible. Contestants are forced to put themselves out there to win by losing.

Maybe that's the question we should focus on as we celebrate the Eucharist – do you really have what it takes to be a loser for Christ? The world teaches us to win at all costs and never to lose. Yet, Christians are called to be the biggest losers in the world. God really knows what he is doing in our life. God sometimes makes us losers in order to become winners in the long run. Fellow losers, you're in good company.

This weekend I'm out on vacation (and I need one pretty bad!) **Fr. Chris Palladino**, my dear friend from Boston, wanted to experience the heat and humidity of south Louisiana, so he'll be with you at all of our liturgies. I join you in prayer too for all our friends and neighbors in Texas. We'll do something to show our support to them. Let's plan some Texas-sized recovery efforts!

Father Jamin