



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.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 09/10 SEPTEMBER 2017

POINTING OUT OUR FAULTS

Today’s Gospel provides a practical scenario on community relations: “If your brother should commit some wrong against you, go and point out his fault, but keep it between the two of you. If he does not listen, summon another, so that every case may stand on the word of two or three witnesses.” Only after these careful encounters is the conflict to be referred to the entire church. Then, if recalcitrance persists, there is separation. Sounds simple enough. The problem is, it depends upon behaviors that do not come easily. We don’t often enjoy directly confronting another person, especially someone with whom we are having difficulties. Some families will go years before addressing a problem. Grudges or resentments within a community more often die with those who hold them rather than come to resolution in quiet conversation. Misdeeds of friends or relatives are usually discussed with anyone but the accused. Encountering the truth with another person daunts us because it makes us face another being who cannot be reduced to our own desires or projections. We may try to make others a function of our egos, but it fails. Rather than enter the struggle, we ignore it. If, however, we seriously love another person as an “other,” and not a mere instrument of our wills, we experience the kind of self-transcendence that is required in our relationship to God. Is it any wonder, then, that what we bind and loose on earth is somehow bound and loosed eternally? Our human relationships mirror our relationship with God. Whenever we encounter each other—not only in prayer—Jesus is in our midst. *-John Kavanaugh,*



Events Around the Parish

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed for our monthly staff meeting on **14 September 2017** from 9:00AM until 1:00PM. Please take care of all business that you might have before or after these times.

Thanks for your cooperation as our staff prepares for the many activities that are constantly happening in our community of faith!



It takes a big heart to help shape little minds. 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! We thank our catechists for their hard work!

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!



LECTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

New Lectors 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 proclaiming God's word. Fr. Jamin will conduct this session and will take place on **18 September 2017** at 5:30PM in the St. Margaret Room of 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: Charlie Martin (amartin7@bellsouth.net) or Heidi Comish (heidi3289@yahoo.com).



JOIN A NEW MINISTRY



When I was lonely, you offered me hope.

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 appreciates your interest and willingness to serve in this wonderful ministry. Let's look for the Lord's presence even in individuals we would never expect!

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, C. B. Sledge, Sr., John Spano, III, Barbara Stallcup, Brittany Stillely, Hilma Stolf, Joseph Stolf, Marie Elaine Tassin, Rose Threton, 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time — 09/10 September 2017

4:00PM Vigil **Karen Chemay** (By Mark Chemay)
 Sat., 09 Sept. **Jeanne Davis** (By Donna & Leon Dauterive)
 St. Margaret **Walter Hakenjos** (By Rose Hakenjos)
Donald Harelson (By Delores Wheat)
David & Elizabeth Haydel (By the Family & Children)
Doris Haydel (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)
Andy & Eleanor Ivanyisky (By John & Pat Friedman)
Hannah Leigh Kraft (By Mom, Dad, and Evan)
John Kropog (By Helen Kropog & the Family)
Gail Landry (By Francis & Margaret Goelz)

8:00AM **Jerry A. Adamcewicz** (By the Family)
 Sun., 10 Sept. **Anthony & Anna Friedman** (By the Family)
 St. Thomas **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)
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 (By Intercessors of Prayer)

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

Wed., 13 Sept. (7:00AM)
St. John Chrysostom (M)
Lynette Pfiffner
 (By 4th Degree Knights)

Thurs., 14 Sept. (7:00AM)
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (F)
Michael Darouse
 (By the Family)

Fri., 15 Sept. (7:00AM)
Our Lady of Sorrows (M)
Eric Navarre
 (By George & Kim Navarre)

Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)
Stephen "Bubba" Matherne (By Wednesday Pokeno Friends)
Lynette Pfiffner (By Jim & Sue Novak)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)
Steve & Lois Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)
Steve J. Pfiffner, Jr. (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)
Andy & Elizabeth Prokop (By the Family)
Josie Stanga (By Bill & Carolyn Powers)
James R. & Robert K. Wheat (By Delores Wheat)
Mary Idis Williams (By Sylvia & Ernie Bush)

Chucky Martin (By the Family)
Stephen Matherne (By Byrd & Debbie Corbett)
Joseph Reine (By the Family)
C. B. Sledge, Sr. (By David & Bonnie Anderson)
Stabile Family (By Mary Stabile)
Souls in Purgatory (By Mary Stabile)

5:30PM Ernest Kropog
 Sun., 10 Sept. (By Rita & Friends)
 St. Margaret



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

THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next installment of Theology in a Bottle, our adult education ministry, will be held next **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! Parents of PSR students are reminded to attend either Theology in a Bottle or Family Faith Formation Sessions to emphasize to their children the importance of putting faith first!



MARGARET'S MEN



Fr. Jamin recently met with several men in the parish to formulate ideas for a new men's group. Life continues to change and gets tougher. Our society is becoming anti-Christian, and men need to be challenged to embrace leadership in their family and in the Church. Men can grow strong in their faith based on a simple invitation to be part of something greater than them. *Margaret's Men* desires to reach all men of St. Margaret and engage them in faith-building and life-changing presentations, spiritual exercises, charitable and leisure opportunities to equip them through this fellowship group to become spiritual leaders for their family, church, work and community. A kick-off event will be held on **Thursday, 28 September 2017** from 7:00PM until 8:30PM in the Church. All men are welcome to participate!

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1158

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Ezekiel is called to warn God's people.
Romans 13:8-10
Christian lives are summarized in love.
Matthew 18:15-20
Jesus reaches the process for reconciliation in the community.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 16/17 September 2017
Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 02/03 September 2017

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$8,436.50
Building & Maintenance Fund Collection	\$1,888.00



Thank you for your generous support!

The Second Collection next weekend is for our Parish School of Religion

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

New altar servers interested in serving at the table and all old servers are required to participate in a training session to review the “nitty-gritty” of serving. If you are interested in becoming an altar server - third grade through adult - please attend training on **13 September 2017** at 6:30PM in the Hall of Saints; or contact the parish office or the ministry chairperson, Daniel Fox (foxdanielj99@gmail.com). We could use new altar servers at all of our Masses.



THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 10 September 2017

Catholic University of America Special Collection!

11:15AM—Family Formation, St. Margaret Room

11:15AM—PSR (Grades K-7), Hall of Saints

12:30PM—Jr. Youth Group Meeting, JP II Room

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

Monday, 11 September 2017

10:00AM—Altar Society, St. Margaret

Tuesday, 12 September 2017

6:00PM—Missions & Retreats, Seton Room

6:00PM—RCIC, Drexel Room

7:00PM—Adult Confirmation Class, Vianney Room

7:00PM—Vocations Committee, Seton Room

Wednesday, 13 September 2017

10:30AM—Bible Study, St. Margaret Room

5:30PM—Feast of St. Margaret Planning, Goretti Room

6:00PM—GriefShare, Ignatius Room

6:30PM—Open Doors (RCIA), Seton Room

6:30PM—Altar Server Training, Goretti Room

6:30PM—Baptism Seminar, Drexel Room

6:30PM—Youth Night, John Paul II Room

Thursday, 14 September 2017

Parish Office Closed from 9:00AM until 1:00PM!

9:00AM—Staff Meeting, Cecilia Room

6:00PM—St. Vincent de Paul, Seton Room

7:00PM—Bible Study, St. Margaret Room

Friday, 15 September 2017

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Saturday, 16 September 2017

Religious Education Second Collection!



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

How do you deal with conflict resolution in your life? I'm sure there are various ways. For starters, you've ever heard of the old saying “His bark is worse than his bite?” Some of us threaten those who get on our nerves with no intention of ever really carrying out our plans of doom and destruction. Then you've heard of the old saying “Don't get mad – get even.” Most of us as Americans don't like the turn the other cheek attitude. Instead, we're more comfortable with blowing the source of our discontent out of the water. The Good News of the Gospel, though, is that there is a better way that can be more life-giving for us.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that the first step in dealing with conflict is simply confrontation. That is probably the most difficult step we can imagine simply because we don't enjoy conflict. Some families go years without addressing problems. I can't tell you how many tribunal cases I've witnessed where one spouse is miserable in the relationship and can't even dare to tell the other spouse what is going wrong; thirty years later, they wonder why they are divorcing! A first step in good conflict resolution is to confront the person who has offended you, and to do it in private to help avoid shame, misperceptions and ill talk. But as we know, sometimes even confrontation doesn't work. The second step is to negotiate some. Jesus says to take along two or three witnesses; they will back you up if your interpretation of the problem is correct. And Jesus says to keep trying – let truth and forgiveness rule. Still yet, if having a couple of witnesses doesn't work, the conflict should be resolved before the entire Church. Talk about trying to get folks to work together! Imagine instead of doing the commentator's introduction, each weekend we start Mass with problems that you face in your home or with your friends and you let everyone in St. Margaret resolve it?!

That all sounds nice on paper right, but did you notice the one assumption that Jesus makes in the Gospel. The reason that you do all of this isn't to prove that you're right and they're wrong nor is to even feel warm and fuzzy. No, the presumption is that there is a basis of care between you and the other person – that you're doing it all out of love.

Maybe that's where we should start as we prepare to celebrate the Eucharist today. Call to mind someone in your life with whom you need to be reconciled, a relationship that you need to confront that has been keeping you on pins and needles. Instead of avoiding it, turning the other cheek, or grabbing your bazooka to destroy them, seek healthy resolution to the conflict. But make sure that you check your motivations!

Father Jim