



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*
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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*
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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: Contact Mary Herbert for preliminary information and to schedule a home visit from the Baptism Prep Team.

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.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30 SEPT/01 OCT 2017

SELFISH INTERESTS

Which of these sons is the good son? Which one enters the kingdom of heaven? You might sensibly enough think that it is the son who says “YES” to his father. After all, what could be worse than saying “NO!” to God the father? Who would think that rebellious NO-sayers could be pleasing to God? Who would suppose that they could enter the kingdom of heaven? And so it seems clear that the YES-sayers are the ones who will enter the kingdom of heaven and those wretched NO-sayers will wind up in the other place. But this is not what Jesus says. He says that the NO-saying son is the one who did the will of his father. He is the one who entered the kingdom of heaven, and not the YES-saying son. Why would Jesus say this? Well, the son who says “YES” to his father doesn’t actually do what his father wants him to do. It is the NO-saying son who actually goes to work in his father’s vineyard. And so here is the thing for us to notice. What the NO-saying son *says* is contrary to God’s will. But what he *does* is in accordance with it. It is just the other way around with the YES-saying son. The words of the YES-saying son are obedient to God’s will, but his life is lived in opposition to it. The words of the YES-saying son are empty. His life, not his words, tell the real truth about his relationship to his father. The truth is that the YES-saying son rejects God’s will, however much acceptance there is in his words. Our ways need to be God’s ways. It is good if our words say YES to God. But what is crucial is that our lives say YES to God. Unless they do, our words are worthless. -*Eleonore Stump*



Events Around the Parish

FAMILY FORMATION SESSION

The next Family Formation Session will be on **08 October 2017** and the presentation is entitled "Sacred Scripture: A Journey through the Story of Our Family." This session will be held from **11:30AM until 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! Come learn more about our family's story!



LIFEFEST 2017 COMING SOON

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, 07 October 2017** for "LifeFest – Proclaiming the Gospel of Life as Missionary Disciples." Hear some excellent speakers including the keynote Dr. Brian Pedraza and deepen your understanding and commitment to defending the dignity of the human person in all forms. Breakout session topics will include End of Life Issues, Human Trafficking, Post-Abortion Ministry and more! This event is free and lunch is provided. This is an opportunity you don't want to miss! To register go online to www.mfldiobr.org. Please contact Gloria Messenger at 419.348.9674 if you have any questions.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Please mark your calendars for our various upcoming All Saints Day Events. Masses for All Saints Day will be on **Tuesday, 31 October at 6:00PM** (The All Hallow's Eve Candlelight Vigil Mass) at St. Margaret Church and on **Wednesday, 01 November at 8:00AM** at St. Thomas Chapel. Weather permitting, the **10:00AM** Mass will be celebrated outdoors near the entrance of the cemetery on **Sunday, 05 November** with the Blessing of the Graves immediately following. Please make plans to join us to honor our beloved dead!



ALL SAINTS' DAY



FEAST OF ST. MARGARET

Mark your calendars NOW to celebrate the Feast Day of our Patroness, St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, on **Sunday, 19 November 2017** beginning at 12:00PM and lasting through 4:00PM. There will be live music, an auction and raffle, bounce houses for the kids, face painting, games and more! We need YOUR help NOW! In addition to providing a potluck dish, parishioners and businesses are invited to donate items for our auction and raffle to be held the day of the festival. Gift cards, wine baskets, football tickets and vacations all are GREAT ideas! Interested in contributing? Contact Kristie Raborn at 985.507.7252 or Chuck Raborn at chucksfieldofdreams@gmail.com. Thanks in advance for your generosity! Check out future copies of *The Pew Buddy* for more information about the fun things we will have planned!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Elena Arradondo & Baby, Don Bankston, 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, Joseph & Mary Kropog, Rita Kropog, Leon Latino, Sandra Latino, Leon "Lenny" Latino, Therese Lydon, Beverly Martin, Curtis Mitchel, Joseph Mocsary, Fay Murray, 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, Theodore Sylvester, Marie Elaine Tassin, Rose Threeton, Jennifer Vicknair, Rita Vuljoin, Steve Vuljoin, Pat Wright, 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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 30 September/01 October 2017

4:00PM Vigil

Sat., 30 Sept.
St. Margaret

Andy & Olga Bartosh (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Jeanne Davis (By Donna & Leon Dauterive)
Walter Hakenjos (By Rose Hakenjos)
David & Elizabeth Haydel (By the Family & Children)
Doris Haydel (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)
Hannah Leigh Kraft (By Mom, Dad, and Evan)
John Kropog (By Helen Kropog & the Family)
Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)
Stephen "Bubba" Matherne" (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)

James, Julia & Jerry Novak (By Jim & Sue Novak)
Lynette Pfiffner (By Marian Marise)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)
Steve & Lois Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)
Steven J. Pfiffner, Jr. (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)
Joe Schiro (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Andrew & Irene Sziszak (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Paul Sziszak, Jr. (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Elmo & Pamela Valega (By Jim & Ann Valega)
Mary Idis Williams (By Sylvia & Ernie Bush)

8:00AM

Sun., 01 Oct.
St. Thomas

Jerry A. Adamcewicz (By the Family)
David Haydel (By Karen Ott)
Beryl Ivanyisky (By Linda Ivanyisky)
Floyd "Boogie" Johnson (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)
Lawrence Kluka (By the Family)
Living & Deceased Members of the Corbett Family (By Byrd & Debbie Corbett)
Living & Deceased Members of the Scalisi Family (By Byrd & Debbie Corbett)
Those who have no one to pray for Them (By Interssors of Prayer)

John LaGrange (By Edie & the Family)
Stephen Matherne (By Byrd & Debbie Corbett)
Anthony Jude Pigno, Jr. (By Diane Fugariano)
Fred, Lenny & Timmy Wright (By Susan Wright)

10:00AM

Sun., 01 Oct.
St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM

Sun., 01 Oct.
St. Margaret

Ernest Kropog
(By Rita & Friends)

Wed., 04 Oct. (7:00AM)

St. Francis of Assisi (M)

Communion Service

Fr. Jamin will be on retreat Monday through Thursday with the priests of Baton Rouge at Manresa in Convent!

Thurs., 05 Oct. (7:00AM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Communion Service

Fri., 06 Oct. (7:00AM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Eric Navarre

(By George & Kim Navarre)



The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret this week is given in memory of **Joseph & Frances Reine** by the Family.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

This fall, churches throughout our city and region will unite for the 40 Days for Life campaign - an international, 40-day focused effort to pray and fast for an end to abortion starting on 27 September and ending on 05 November. In addition to forty days of prayer and fasting, we will participate in peaceful prayer from 7:00AM until 7:00PM. outside of the Delta Abortion Facility located at 756 Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge. Please lift this effort up in your prayers and help spread the word. For more information visit www.40DaysForLifeBR.com. A sign up will take place in the coming weeks.



BEGINNING AGAIN

The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce, or death is one of life's most traumatic experiences. This program is intended for those suffering the loss of a love relationship who are ready to come to terms with that loss and begin to move forward with their lives. The structure of this weekend program on **20-22 October 2017** helps grieving persons focus on their experience and emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning. Please contact Toni at 985.789.8666 or Rose at 504.455.8920 for more information.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The annual Harvest Dance celebration will begin at 6:00PM on 07 October 2017 with Hungarian singing and the traditional Harvest Dance and a wine auction at the American Legion Hall in Springfield. Hungarian cabbage rolls, cabbage noodles, Kolbasz (sausage), poboyos, and Hungarian Pastries will be for sale. For tickets or more information, contact Julia Ourso at 225.567.3224 or Pauline Frisbie at 225.294.3797.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1167



Ezekiel 18:25-28

Those who transform their lives shall live.

Philippians 2:1-11

Christ's self-emptying is a model for us.

Matthew 21:28-32

A parable about the truly righteous.

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time —
07/08 October 2017*

Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 23/24 September 2017

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$5,870.00
Electronic Giving (Month of September)	\$1,050.00
Collection for Hurricane Harvey Victims	\$3,553.00



Thank you for your generous support throughout the year!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 01 October 2017

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

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

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

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

Monday, 02 October 2017

10:00AM—Altar Society, St. Margaret

10:00AM—Altar Society, St. Thomas

Tuesday, 03 October 2017

7:00PM—Knights of Columbus, Ignatius Room

7:00PM—Ladies Auxiliary, Goretti Room

Wednesday, 04 October 2017

6:00PM—Grief Share, Ignatius Room

6:30PM—Open Doors (RCIA), Vianney Room

6:30PM—RCIC, Bosco Room

6:30PM—Youth Night, John Paul II Room

Thursday, 05 October 2017

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Friday, 06 October 2017

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Saturday, 07 October 2017

CDA Membership Drive!



THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next installment of Theology in a Bottle, our adult education ministry, will be held next **Sunday, 08 October 2017 from 6:45PM until 8:00PM** in the St. Margaret Room of the Hall of Saints. Father Jamin will be this month's presenter for his presentation entitled "What Martini Lover are You? Political Polarity and Faithful Citizenship." 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.



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

We've all experienced it before — kids test their limits all the time. "I'm not cleaning my room! I'm not taking out the garbage! I'm not doing my homework!" And of course, what do parents do? They step back if only for a single moment to allow their kids to grasp a little bit of wisdom — to take a few moments to learn a lesson. Ultimately, it takes a patient parent to be able to deal with it all and wait while the lesson is learned. I think our relationship with God is a lot like that; He patiently waits for us to learn lessons in our spiritual journey.

The Gospel reading is quite familiar. A father has two sons and he tells them to go and do chores. What's their response? Go somewhere! One says he'll do them but never actually does; the other refuses to do them, but in the end he surrenders. No doubt, this isn't the first time that the father has heard it and he must be disappointed at the potential embarrassment that he will face. We might think that he's a poor father, letting his children get away with all of this. But maybe there's wisdom in the Father's reaction. Maybe he's simply testing them to see if sooner or later they'll come around and one day decide to pull their own weight. Maybe he's trying to help them grow up and learn a little lesson.

I think we're the same way in our faith journey. We have signs all around us of the Lord telling us what to do, yet we refuse to listen to him. And sure, He's God. He could force it down our throats if he wanted. But God doesn't work that way. Sometimes it takes our stumbling, or goofing up, or reaching rock bottom before we learn our lesson. Priests are forced to pay attention to our parenting skills all of the time. We could cram the sacraments and faith into people's hearts. Sometimes, though, it's more important to let people grow into their faith and to learn a little lesson.

The point is, we have to be patient. God does it each and every day. Like a parent scraping mashed potatoes off the kitchen wall, he's well aware that time is on his side and we will come back after we learn our lesson.

This week, I'll be out Monday through Thursday with my brother priests at our annual **Priest Retreat at Manresa in Convent**. Abbot Justin Brown from St. Joseph Abbey will lead us in this time of spiritual recommitment. Pray for your priests! As a result, there will only be communion services on Wednesday and Thursday.

Thanks to you for your generosity in helping the victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. Job well done. More about that coming next weekend!

Father Jamin