



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*  
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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.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 07/08 OCTOBER 2017

## FAILURE TO PRODUCE

Both the First Reading and the Gospel tell a story about a vineyard. In each story, the Lord of the vineyard gives good soil, choice vines, and ample protection for the vineyard. But then he does not receive the good fruit that the vineyard should have given him, either because the vineyard doesn't produce good fruit or because the tenants won't give the good fruit to him. There are penalties for this failure to give fruit to the Lord. The unfruitful vineyard is left to go to ruin. The tenants who won't give the fruit to the Lord lose their lives and their vineyard, which is given to others. These fearful penalties are not so hard to understand. Failure to be fruitful is punished by the loss of the gifts that might have yielded fruit and by the death of the unfruitful recipients of those gifts. But what is the fruitfulness which it is so fearful not to have? Do we have to do the most possible good for the poor? Do we have to be highly effective at ministry? Are we supposed to work around the clock, so that we can use our gifts to the fullest? What about our jobs? Are we unfruitful if we are unemployed? How hard do we have to work in order not to count as unfruitful? How successful do we have to be at that work? The thing to notice

here is that all these questions rest on a false presupposition. The fruitfulness at issue doesn't come from our work. In both the stories, the owner of the vineyard, who is God, plants the vines, spades the soil, removes the stones, and protects the vineyard. If the vines bear fruit, it is because it is God who worked so hard at the vineyard. So also our fruitfulness comes not from our own work, but



from the work of God's Spirit in us. We cannot work our way into heaven! And what about the fruit God is looking for in us? This fruit is not our awards and achievements. It is the fruit that God's Spirit works in us. And the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience and long-suffering. God has planted himself deep within us in the indwelling Holy Spirit. No lack of success in work, no lack of work itself, can keep us from responding to him with love and joy and the rest. And these are what make us fruitful for the Lord. -*Eleonore Stump*

# Events Around the Parish



## BLESSING OF THE PETS THIS WEEKEND

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have the blessing of the pets this **Sunday, 08 October 2017 at 12:30PM** between the Church and the Hall of Saints. Bring your cat, dog, turtle, bird, rabbit, duck, hamster, snake, fish, horse, goat, cow, chinchilla, guinea pig, lizard, gerbil, ferret, frog, hermit crab, llama, pig, etc. Father Jamin will welcome the animals and give them a special blessing (some of them need it, right!)

## OUR PARISH KEEPS GROWING

The parishioners of St. Margaret and St. Thomas welcome all the newly registered members of our faith community including **Matthew & Mariah Butcher; Robert & Kerry Benson; Phillip & Katie Kraft; Katie Robertson; Colin Bates; Brent, Hannah & Ella Reid; Richard, Elizabeth, Erin, Molly & Emily Fekete; Steven & Jackie Maddox; William & Deborah Kellogg; Ray & Susan Lott; David Bezar; and Gary & Carol Ratcliff!** 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!



## ALL SAINTS DAY EVENTS

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!

## 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 12:30PM 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](mailto: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! And it's never too early to start praying that God will bless our family event with good weather. St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, pray for us!



## 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 Threton, 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.

**HAVE  
FAITH  
in  
GOD**

**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](mailto:fdantin@bellsouth.net).

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

**4:00PM Vigil**  
Sat., 07 Oct.  
St. Margaret

**Andy & Olga Bartosh** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**Karen Chemay** (By Mark Chemay)  
**Ruth Chemay** (By Mark Chemay)  
**Jeanne Davis** (By Charles & JoAnn Illane)  
**Josie & Frank Faldetta** (By Mr. & Mrs. Sal Faldetta)  
**Mark Gaspard, Jr.** (By Mark & Judy Gaspard)  
**Fred Gauthier** (By Rose Gauthier & Family)  
**Walter Hakenjos** (By Rose Hakenjos)  
**David & Elizabeth Haydel** (By the Family & Children)  
**Doris Haydel** (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)  
**Louis & Ethel Koleszar** (By Ramona, Michael & Gilbert)  
**Hannah Leigh Kraft** (By Mom, Dad, and Evan)  
**John Kropog** (By Helen Kropog & the Family)

**8:00AM**  
Sun., 08 Oct.  
St. Thomas

**Jerry A. Adamcewicz** (By the Family)  
**Anthony & Anna Friedman** (By the Family)  
**Judy Friedman** (By the Family)  
**David Haydel** (By Karen Ott)  
**Beryl Ivanyisky** (By Linda Ivanyisky)  
**Floyd "Boogie" Johnson** (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)

**10:00AM**  
Sun., 08 Oct.  
St. Margaret

**Missa Pro Populo**  
**(The Mass for All Parishioners)**

**Wed., 11 Oct. (7:00AM)**  
Weekday in Ordinary Time  
**Michael Darouse**  
(By the Family)

**Thurs., 12 Oct. (7:00AM)**  
Weekday in Ordinary Time  
**Karen Chemay**  
(By Mark Chemay)

**Fri., 13 Oct. (7:00AM)**  
Weekday in Ordinary Time  
**Anne Sherman**  
(By Dr. Ken Sherman)

**Vernon & Dorothy Landry** (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)  
**Stephen "Bubba" Matherne"** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**James, Julia & Jerry Novak** (By Jim & Sue Novak)  
**Timmy Peacock** (By Mark & Judy Gaspard)  
**Lynette Pfiffner** (By Marian Marvise)  
**Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner** (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)  
**Steve & Lois Pfiffner** (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)  
**Joe Schiro** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**Sterling Family** (By Mark & Judy Gaspard)  
**Andrew & Irene Sziszak** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**Paul Sziszak, Jr.** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**Elmo & Pamela Valega** (By Jim & Ann Valega)

**Lawrence Kluka** (By the Family)  
**John LaGrange** (By Edie & the Family)  
**Anthony Jude Pigno, Jr.** (By JoAnn Salisbury)  
**Frances Reine** (By the Family)  
**Fred, Lenny & Timmy Wright** (By Susan Wright)

**5:30PM**  
Sun., 08 Oct.  
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.

## HEARTFELT THANKS



The family of Beryl Ivanyisky would like to give their heartfelt thanks to the Bereavement Committee for all of the preparation and hard work in making such a great meal for family and friends. We would also

like to thank the choir, organist, readers and Extraordinary Ministers who helped to make the funeral Mass so special. Join us in prayers for Beryl and all who have died!

## YUMMY FOR YOUR TUMMY

It's almost time again for our monthly installment of the "Yummy for Your Tummy" Ministry! October's community potluck will be on **Saturday, 14 October 2017** after the 4:00PM Vigil Mass. The theme for this month's gathering will be our "Hungarian Festival." Bring your cabbage rolls, chicken paprikash, kolach and kiflie! Come celebrate



not only our community but also our heritage. This is one Yummy For Your Tummy you won't want to miss!

## HURRICANE RELIEF

Thanks to your generosity, St. Margaret collected **\$8,120.00** in gift cards to be distributed to the victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. The cards were given to Sacred Heart Church in Rockport, Texas and St. Peter Church in Big Pine Key, Florida to assist parishioners who suffered devastation. Good job in showing works of mercy to those who need mercy the most!



## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1170



**Isaiah 5:1-7**

God speaks judgement upon Israel.

**Philippians 4:6-9**

Paul advises a persecuted community.

**Matthew 21:33-43**

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

## ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 14/15 October 2017

**Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20;**

**Matthew 22:1-14**

## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 30 September/01 October 2017



Weekly Church Support Collection \$8,391.00  
Building & Maintenance Fund \$2,365.00

*The Second Collection next weekend will assist the victims of Hurricanes Irma and Maria and the Mexico earthquakes!*

## FAREWELL DEACON TIM GRIMES

Deacon Tim Grimes' last weekend at St. Margaret will be next weekend, 14/15 October 2017. Special farewell receptions will be held after all Masses in conjunction with various parish functions. Come thank Deacon Tim for his ministry and wish him well as he returns for further studies at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans!



## THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, 08 October 2017

11:15AM—PSR (Grades K-7), Hall of Saints  
11:30PM—Family Formation, St. Margaret Room  
12:30PM—Jr. Youth Group, St. Margaret Room  
12:30PM—Blessing of the Pets, Parish Grounds  
6:45PM—PSR (Grades 8-10 and 11), Hall of Saints  
6:45PM—Theology in a Bottle, St. Margaret Room

### Monday, 09 October 2017

10:00AM—Altar Society, St. Margaret

### Tuesday, 10 October 2017

7:00PM—March for Life Meeting, St. Margaret Room

### Wednesday, 11 October 2017

5:30PM—Feast of St. Margaret Planning, Seton Room  
6:00PM—Grief Share, Ignatius Room  
6:30PM—Open Doors (RCIA), Seton Room  
6:30PM—RCIC, Drexel Room  
6:30PM—Baptism Seminar, Vianney Room  
6:30PM—Youth Night, John Paul II Room  
7:00PM—KC Fourth Degree Meeting, Goretti Room

### Thursday, 12 October 2017

*The Parish Office will be Closed from 9:00AM until 1:00PM!*  
9:00AM—Staff Meeting, Cecilia Room  
6:00PM—St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Seton Room

### Friday, 13 October 2017

*No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!*

### Saturday, 14 October 2017

*Disaster Recovery Second Collection!*  
*Deacon Tim Grimes' Last Weekend at St. Margaret!*  
5:00PM—Yummy for Your Tummy, Parish Hall



## Sundry Ruminations

*A Weekly Column from Your Pastor*

I grew up in Pointe Coupee Parish in the thriving metropolis of Morganza. There's not much industry in the parish except that which is steeped in agriculture. What are the two things Pointe Coupee is best known for? Well, this time of the year should point to an obvious one – sugarcane. Drive there now during grinding season and your car will definitely feel the plight of stalks hitting your windshield; later in the autumn, you'll be able to smell the souring cane too. But the other thing that grows in abundance in the area are pecan trees. They are everywhere and are some of the nicest.

I remember one year in the four acres of headland my grandfather was unable to pick the pecans that fell. It was sort of a chore or hobby of his – get what was left that the squirrels hadn't pillaged. But since he couldn't, he asked me to pick them. And since they were his by right, he told me that we could go in 50/50 since the fruit were actually his.

If you've ever picked pecans, you know that it can be arduous work, especially if there are a bunch of trees. Prices were low that year – 40 cents a pound – which meant I was only going to get away with 20 cents for all my hard work. It got me thinking would he really know how much I picked? When I go to sell them, what if I fudge a little, telling him I picked only 50 pounds when in fact I picked a hundred. Would I be able to get away with it?

When I read today's Gospel, I ask, "Do they really think they can get away with it?" Don't they realize that the whole thing is going to unravel? Jesus surely thinks so. He asks the Pharisees, "When the landowner returns, what will he do to those tenants?" Their response is the conventional "Off with their heads!" At first, we might think that the message of the Gospel is a simple one – you're going to get yours, you nasty cusses! But I think this parable isn't at all about God getting people back for their sins when they think they can get away with it. It's a way for Jesus to turn our perceptions about God upside down – to introduce us to the desperate, crazy love of God, love not offered just once, but a million or more times to all who receive it.

Sometimes in our heart of hearts, I think we believe we can get away with murder. Sin can catch up with us pretty quickly and we can convince ourselves no one will ever catch us. The landowner is always watching, though, and just when we think he's going to "lay the smackdown on us," he surprises us with his generous mercy.

Deacon Tim Grimes returns to Notre Dame next weekend. Come to a reception to wish him well on his journey!

*Father Sam*