



# “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*  
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Mary E. Herbert (Ext. 105) *Administrative Assistant*  
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Gill Scioneaux (Ext. 150) *Maintenance Supervisor*  
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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.

THE HOLY FAMILY

29/30 DECEMBER 2018

# A FAMILY LIKE OUR OWN?

In the Gospel Reading, when Mary finally finds her almost-adolescent son, she says to him, “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.” It is not hard to recognize her lines to him as a rebuke. She has been looking for him for *three days!* But here the story has to bump up against doctrine. Scripture tells us that Jesus was like us in every way, except that he had no sin. Anyone in doubt about the moral seriousness with which Scripture takes honoring one’s parents should look again at the First Reading. How is the doctrine that Jesus is without sin compatible with this story in the Gospel about his mother’s having to search for him for three days? The answer lies in the explanation Jesus gives his mother. He says to her, “Why were you looking for me? Didn’t you know that I must be in my Father’s house?” So, Jesus thought that his mother understood his relation to God and his need to be in God’s temple learning at this time. He was



wrong, on this score, of course. But it’s a kind of wrongness that shows something sweet in him, isn’t it? He is attributing to his mother more knowledge, more understanding, than she has. Therefore he is not dishonoring her when he takes off for three days without a word to her. On the contrary, he is in fact honoring her by thinking of her as if she had Christ’s own knowledge of his relation to his father. It is true that I am showing a way in which Jesus in this story is guilty of no sin—but only by virtue of pointing out that he is guilty of a mistake. But the Scriptural line says that Jesus is like us in every respect except sin, and to err is human. Thinking more highly of your mother than is warranted is a sinless mistake if anything is. Jesus is human enough to learn from his mistake, though. The story goes on to say that Jesus went home with his parents and was obedient to them. And so, the story finishes, Jesus advanced in wisdom as well as age. And that is a good way to age, isn’t it? *-Eleonore Stump*

# Events Around the Parish

## MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



New Year's Day is a celebration in the Church and a Holy Day. It is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. There will be **two Masses** celebrated on **31 December 2018 at 6:00PM** at St. Thomas and on **01 January 2019**, and it will be at **6:00PM** at the Parish Hall! Come give thanks to God for blessing us with another year while honoring our Blessed Mother, asking her intercession and protection in 2019 and beyond!

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

In observance of the New Year Holidays, there will be no RCIC or RCIA class on Wednesday, 02 January 2019. There will be no PSR classes on 30 December 2018. Classes will resume on **06 January 2019**. The High School Youth Group will not meet on 02 January 2019. Enjoy the break! Return refreshed! We wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year!



## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



Tax time is right around the corner! If you need a statement of your annual contributions to our Church community for 2018, please call Shirley Darouse at extension 104 and leave her a message with your name and specific request. Unless it is requested, contribution statements will not be mailed. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year to our parish!

## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Respect Life Committee is sponsoring the annual Respect Life Baby Bottle Campaign. Empty baby bottles will be available in the entryway of the Parish Hall and St. Thomas on 05/06 January 2019. Please place your contributions in the bottle and return it to the Church over the next two weekends. All funds realized will support Women's Life Ministries, a local organization that promotes local respect life efforts. Please be generous and support this worthy cause! Contact Gloria Messenger at [gmessage1@att.net](mailto:gmessage1@att.net) if you have any questions or if you would like to find out how you can help promote the dignity of all human life through this campaign!



## YUMMY FOR YOUR TUMMY



Get ready for January's installment of the "Yummy for Your Tummy" ministry. January's theme is "Souper Supper" and it will be held in the Hall of Saints on **Saturday, 12 January 2019** at 5:00PM. Make your favorite soup, maybe a salad and even a dessert to go with it! Come grab a bowl of broth or two!

## STAFF MEETING

The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, 03 January 2019** from 9:00AM to 1:00PM for our monthly Staff Meeting. Please take care of any business you may have before or after the meeting. Staff meetings allow our employees the opportunity to gather and collaborate to plan for the many parish events that make St. Margaret so special!



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Pat Aldredge, Stephanie Alexander, Tabitha Arceneaux, Don Bankston, Justin Bardwell, Paul Bates, Cindy Brasington, Joan Brein, Rob Brower, Taylor Cabler, Rosa Flores Castellon, Theresa Christina, Amber Cocchiola, Debbie Contorno, Phillip Contorno, Hattie Davis, Amanda Degenhardt, Tate DeMarche, Charles DeMars, Irene DeMars, Salvador "Sambo" Depaula, Tracey Doran, Mary Ann Drone, Diane Dufour, Davis Dupuy, Jr., Paul Fontenot, Justin Goelz, Rose Hakenjos, Cherie Hartdegen, Joan Hauck, Mary E. Herbert, Kimberly Hidalgo, Jason Huber, Tracy Kenney, May Kinler, Helen Kropog, Mary Meyer, Joseph Mocsary, Eileen Monson, Dennis Monteleone, Charles Norman, Rosemary Novak, Vincent Palisi, Carolyn Rodrigue, Denise Schilling, Barbara Stallcup, Brittany Stillely, Iris Stillely, Hilma Stolf, Joseph Stolf, Alice Dean Sullivan, James Sziber, Wendy Talbot, Mary Ann Taylor, Ricky Thompson, Rose Threeton, Erin Trent, Liz Varnado, Joseph Vilardo, Jr., Bobby Vitter, Gilbert Vuljoin, Rita Vuljoin, Debbie Wheat, Tonya Wheat, 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](mailto:fdantin@bellsouth.net).

## MASS INTENTIONS

*The Holy Family — 29/30 December 2018*

4:00PM Vigil  
Sat., 29 Dec.  
St. Margaret

**Andy & Olga Bartosh** (By *Chuck & Sandy Raborn*)  
**Philip Brabham** (By *Knights of Columbus Council 10178*)  
**Karen Chemay** (By *Mark Chemay*)  
**Merrill Cooper** (By *Martha Cooper & D'Wayne*)  
**Rosa Dunn** (By *Ernie & Sylvia Bush*)  
**Helen & Alex Galladora** (By *a Friend*)  
**Walter Hakenjos** (By *Rose Hakenjos*)  
**Doris Haydel** (By *A. J. & Cindy Martinez*)  
**Steve Ivanyisky** (By *Knights of Columbus Council 10178*)  
**Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz** (By *the Family*)  
**Frank & Margaret Koles** (By *June, Margaret Ann & Frank*)  
**Francis Kronlage** (By *Nicky & Pam Vaccaro*)

**John Kropog** (By *Helen Kropog & Family*)  
**Vernon & Dorothy Landry** (By *Pete Pfiffner & Family*)  
**Lynette Pfiffner** (By *Harry & Linda Oalman*)  
**Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner** (By *Pete Pfiffner & Family*)  
**Ethel Prokop** (By *Pat Degenhardt*)  
**Helen Ratcliff** (By *a Friend*)  
**Mary Christine Stutes** (By *Ernie & Sylvia Bush*)  
**Arleen Sylvester** (By *Mr. & Mrs. Joe Vilardo*)  
**Andrew & Irene Szyszak** (By *Chuck & Sandy Raborn*)  
**Paul Szyszak, Jr.** (By *Chuck & Sandy Raborn*)  
**Souls in Purgatory** (By *Mary Stabile*)

8:00AM  
Sun., 30 Dec.  
St. Thomas

**Jerry Adamcewicz** (By *the Family*)  
**Janis Brough** (By *the Family*)  
**Bobby Johnson** (By *Boogie & Rose Johnson*)  
**Floyd "Boogie" Johnson** (By *A. J. & Cindy Martinez*)  
**Rose Johnson** (By *Boogie Johnson*)  
**Lawrence Kluka** (By *the Labranche Family*)

**John LaGrange** (By *Edie & Family*)  
**A. J. Martinez** (By *Boogie & Rose Johnson*)  
**Joan McKinney** (By *Brenda Bailey*)  
**Mary Meyer** (By *Frank & Terry Parrino*)  
**Patrick Tobin** (By *the Family*)

10:00AM  
Sun., 30 Dec.  
St. Margaret

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

5:30PM  
Sun., 30 Dec.  
St. Margaret

**Samera St. Claire**

(By *George & Kim Navarre*)

Mon., 31 Dec. (6:00PM)  
*Mary, Mother of God (S)*  
**Patrick Tobin**  
(By *the Family*)

Tues., 01 Jan. (6:00PM)  
*Mary, Mother of God (S)*  
**Michael Darouse**  
(By *the Family*)

Wed., 02 Jan. (7:00AM)  
*Sts. Basil & Gregory (M)*  
**Josh Tye**  
(By *George & Kim Navarre*)

Thurs., 03 Jan. (7:00AM)  
*Christmas Weekday*  
**Lynette Pfiffner**  
(By *Donna B. Hill*)



Fri., 04 Jan. (7:00AM)  
*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (M)*  
**Michael Darouse**  
(By *the Family*)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret  
this week is given in memory of  
**Ray & Irene Horrell**  
by Joe & Lucie Hanewinkel.

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation

The next Family Formation Session will be **Sunday, 13 January 2019** and this month's presentation will be entitled "Why Confess my Sins to a Priest?" presented by Father Jamin. 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. St. Margaret is truly blessed with the numbers and kinds of formation opportunities that are available

## NEW VOCATION FROM OUR PARISH

Our own Daniel Fox has announced that he has been accepted as a postulant into the Community of Jesus Crucified. His date of acceptance is January 25th. Father Jamin has asked Daniel to speak at all Masses the weekend of 19/20 January 2019 and the Vocations Committee has planned a small reception in his honor after the 4:00PM Mass on **Saturday, 19 January 2019**. Please plan to attend and give Daniel your well wishes and prayers!

*Called  
to serve  
God's  
people*



## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

*Gather Hymnal Number 1009*

**1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28**

*Hannah offers her only child,  
Samuel, as a gift to the Lord.*

**Colossians 3:12-21**

*Living as a family and a community.*

**Luke 2:41-52**

*Jesus' parents find him in the Temple  
among the teachers.*



## ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

*The Epiphany of the Lord — 05/06 January 2019*

**Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12**

## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 22/23 December 2018

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$7,685.00
Christmas Collection	\$7,181.00
Catholic Life Center Second Collection	\$3,594.00



Next weekends Second Collection is for the  
Building & Maintenance Fund!

Thank you for your continued and generous support!



## Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

Have you ever lost something? I've spent days looking for the remote for the TV only to realize that I put it in the freezer. How do you feel when you lost something? Imagine losing something precious – imagine losing a child! If you ask the “how could they do that?” question to Mary and Joseph, they might start looking down at their feet, shifting their weight due to discomfort. Not a dissimilar plot at all. They take off from Jerusalem without their boy – worse yet, God's boy. Does it get any worse than losing the son of God? Talk about a bad day!

But listen to the story! Mary and Joseph just assume that Jesus was hanging out with the other kids somewhere else in the pack, all of them returning to Nazareth. They don't see him at breakfast, but he must be around. Lunch? No, but he's probably having a tuna sandwich with the others. Finally after dinner, when everyone returns to mom and dad at night for safety to settle down, it dawns on Mary and Joseph – he's not there! And after a little checking with some cousins, no one has seen him all day.

It's interesting what's been happening in Luke's Gospel. We've had at least three angel visitations, miraculous pronouncements, song lyrics, and the birth of the Savior of the world. But look at how it concludes – something more mundane and earthy – the loss of one's child. Panicked parents. A frantic search. It all starts with angels and ends with paging for a lost child on the PA system at Wal-Mart. It took a day to get back to Nazareth, but they're stuck with three days of anxiety. Most parents would freak out after 15 minutes of losing their kid, but Joseph and Mary have three days!

What do we do when we lose things? Well, we retrace our day and look in the likely places first. If you lose your car keys, you check the coat pockets, the counters, the drawers, and then the car. But then you start looking in other places – the flower pots, the freezer, the sofa cushions. And Mary and Joseph do the exact same thing. He can't possibly be in the Temple, can he?

Did Jesus get a spanking? Was he put in time out or made to kneel on rice? Who knows. What the Gospel does do for us is make him very human. After all the tinsel and glitter, the hyperventilating of the media, the tons of decorations to make this season “special,” the Gospel invitation is to come back down to earth and watch God's drama of salvation unfold quietly and steadily. We come back down to earth because that's what God's Son did too. Happy New Year! The Christmas celebrations were good ones. Have you recovered yet?

*Father Jim*

Happy New Year 2019

### THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

#### Sunday, 30 December 2018

No Parish School of Religion (PSR) Today!

#### Monday, 31 December 2018

New Years Eve!

6:00PM—Mary, Mother of God Mass, St. Thomas

#### Tuesday, 01 January 2019

Happy New Year!

Parish Office is Closed!

6:00PM—Mary, Mother of God Mass, Parish Hall

#### Wednesday, 02 January 2019

7:30PM—Eucharistic Adoration, Parish Hall

#### Thursday, 03 January 2019

Parish Office Closed from 9AM-1PM!

9:00AM— Staff Meeting, Ignatius Room

6:00PM—Cemetery Committee Meeting, Bosco Room

#### Friday, 04 January 2019

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

#### Saturday, 05 January 2019

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign!



### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the New Year holidays, the parish office will be closed **Tuesday, 01 January 2019**. Please tend to any business that you might have during other, normal operating hours.

