



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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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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12/13 JANUARY 2019

# BEING BELOVED

When the Lord was baptized, a voice came from heaven saying “This is my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” There could hardly be a more important message than this identification of Jesus, could there? But why did this important message come through a voice from heaven? A voice from heaven can be heard only by those who are *there then*. What about everybody else? Surely it is important for all human beings to know that Jesus is God’s beloved Son. And the same sort of puzzle arises from the First Reading. It says that the Messiah will open the eyes of the blind, and the Gospels testify that Christ really did so. But he opened the eyes of only a few blind people, those blind people who were *there then*. What about all the other blind people, in other places, in other times? Why didn’t Jesus just heal all blindness everywhere with one impersonal command: let all the blind people of the world be healed? And so here is one thing we can learn from these Readings. In the voice from heaven, in the miracles of Christ,

*God shows that he is committed to the good of particularity.* God does not send the news about the Messiah as an impersonal message directed impartially to all human-kind. He identifies Jesus as his Son by a voice from heaven heard by particular people at a particular time. Similarly, Christ does not issue an impersonal decree about nameless blind people taken as a group. Christ heals some particular blind people who happened to be at a particular place at the particular time when Christ was also there.



So you might feel that you are just an unnoticed member of your company or an invisible one of the many ordinary people in your town. But where the Lord is concerned, you stand out as the particular person you are. God does not deal with people as faceless members of a collective. He calls, and he heals one particular person at a time, as each individual comes to him. But then you yourself—not your Church or your group, but *you*—need to come to the Lord, to face him, to know him, to love him, and to let him heal you. Come as yourself, as you are, *here and now*. -Eleonore Stump

# Events Around the Parish

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

The next Family Formation Session will be this **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.

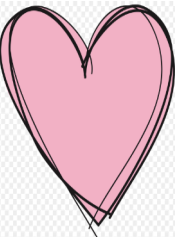


## NEW VOCATION FROM OUR PARISH

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!

## WE SUPPORT LIFE!

The Respect Life Committee is sponsoring the annual Respect Life Baby Bottle Campaign. Empty baby bottles were available in the entryways of the Parish Hall and St. Thomas last weekend. Please place your contributions in the bottle and return it to the Church over the next weekend. 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!



## DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING

Are you or someone you know suffering the loss of a child through abortion? You are not alone! A day of prayer and healing for women and men who have experienced abortion will be held on **Saturday, 02 February 2019** from 9:00AM until 5:00PM. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Elaine at 256.568.6004 or email [EnteringCanaan@diobr.org](mailto:EnteringCanaan@diobr.org). All inquiries are confidential. This program is sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge's Office of Marriage and Family Life.

## 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!



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY



Pat Aldredge, Stephanie Alexander, Tabitha Arceneaux, Don Bankston, Justin Bardwell, Paul Bates, Bruce Beard, 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, Frans Labranche, Mary Meyer, Joseph Mocsary, Eileen Monson, Dennis Monteleone, Charles Norman, Rosemary Novak, Vincent Palisi, Carolyn Rodrigue, Denise Schilling, Barbara Stallcup, Landon Stewart, 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 Baptism of the Lord — 12/13 January 2019*

**4:00PM Vigil**  
Sat., 12 Jan.  
St. Margaret

**Janet Bergeron** (By Harry & Linda Oalman)  
**Philip Brabham** (By Knights of Columbus Council 10178)  
**Karen Chemay** (By Mark Chemay)  
**Merrill Cooper** (By George & Kim Navarre)  
**Frank Costanza** (By Marie Zaffuto)  
**Rosa Dunn** (By Ernie & Sylvia Bush)  
**Walter Hakenjos** (By Rose Hakenjos)  
**Doris Haydel** (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)  
**Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz** (By the Family)  
**Frank & Margaret Koles** (By June, Margaret Ann & Frank)

**Francis Kronlage** (By the Family)  
**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)  
**Mary Christine Stutes** (By Ernie & Sylvia Bush)  
**Arleen Sylvester** (By Charles & Susan Richard)  
**Andrew & Irene Sziszak** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**Marion Zaffuto** (By Marie Zaffuto)  
**Souls in Purgatory** (By Mary Stabile)

**8:00AM**  
Sun., 13 Jan.  
St. Thomas

**Jerry Adamcewicz** (By the Family)  
**Janis Brough** (By the Family)  
**Melba Ferina** (By Toni Nee)  
**Anthony & Anna Friedman** (By the Family)  
**Judy Friedman** (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)  
**Frans Labranche** (By the Family)  
**John LaGrange** (By Edie & Family)  
**A. J. Martinez** (By Boogie & Rose Johnson)  
**Joan McKinney** (By Brenda Bailey)  
**Patrick Tobin** (By the Family)



**10:00AM**  
Sun., 13 Jan.  
St. Margaret

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

**5:30PM**  
Sun., 13 Jan.  
St. Margaret

**June Olah**  
(By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)

**Wed., 16 Jan. (7:00AM)**  
*Weekday in Ordinary Time*  
**No Mass Today!**  
*Father Jamin is attending the Annual Priests' Formation Days!*

**Thurs., 17 Jan. (7:00AM)**  
*Saint Anthony, Abbot (M)*  
**No Mass Today!**

**Fri., 18 Jan. (7:00AM)**  
*Weekday in Ordinary Time*  
**Michael Darouse**  
(By the Family)

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



### THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next installment of Theology in a Bottle, our adult education ministry, will be held on Sunday, **20 January from 6:45PM until 8:00PM** in the St. Margaret Room of the Hall of Saints. Dina Dow and a panel will be this month's presenters for their presentation entitled "Facts about Foster Parenting." 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. If you want to learn how you can help or if you can bring refreshments, please contact Gina Little at 504.237.7105.

### MARGARET'S MEN MEETING

Margaret's Men, an all men's ministry, is open to all males in our parish. Don't forget about our monthly meeting on **Thursday, 24 January at 7:00PM** in the Hall of Saints. Monthly meetings provide an opportunity to relax with fellow parishioners, to pray, and to plan for various events sponsored by the group.



Men's Fellowship

### ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH NEWS

Registration for all grade levels is now open for the 2019-2020 school year. Applications are available on the St. Thomas High School website at [www.stafalcons.org](http://www.stafalcons.org). Families needing additional information may contact the school's Admissions Director, Courtney Silewicz, at [csilewica@stafalcons.org](mailto:csilewica@stafalcons.org) or at 985.542.7662.

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

*Gather Hymnal Number 1012*

**Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**  
*The servant of the Lord will establish justice.*  
**Acts 10:34-38**  
*God's word to Israel is fulfilled in Christ.*  
**Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**  
*Jesus is baptized and filled with the Spirit.*



### ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time — 19/20 January 2019*  
**Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11**



## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 05/06 January 2019

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$8,354.00
Building & Maintenance Fund Collection	\$3,032.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support of our parochial endeavors!



## Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

Baptism was the beginning of Christ's public ministry, and for us, it marks the beginning of our own lives as Catholics. Most of us don't remember our baptism, and unless you pay attention, there is a lot going on that you may not notice. And I'm not talking about the water, the screaming babies, or the Christening gown that was worn by your great-grandmother's second cousin. I'm talking about the reason why it is celebrated.

One thing that you'll notice is that unlike other liturgies, baptisms don't begin with a hymn – they start with a question – “What name do you give your child?” Sounds obvious especially since most of us already know. But the sacrament is essentially about who we are and who we will be. We're being transformed, or as the ritual says, we're becoming a new creation. And having a name – an identity – is critical to that. In effect, the parents are saying that they're continuing God's creative work in the world begun in Genesis. Talk about a big day not for me, but for the child and the parents!

Baptisms too are all about commitment. I always love the South Louisiana lore about why folks pick this person to be a godparent over someone else. We think that's the person who's going to take my place as a parent if they die. But being a godparent, or sponsor, in the church takes commitment – to live the faith with fidelity in such a way that their god-child will say, “I want to be like that.” Talk about a big day not for me, but for the child and the godparents!

Baptisms are also about community. Do you roll your eyes when I say, “We're going to have a baptism at Mass today?” It always made me wonder why more folks *don't* celebrate baptisms during Mass. At one point, the priest tells the child, “The Christian community welcomes you with great joy.” If there is no community, how are they going to welcome the child? Christians don't live in isolation, and that's why we do it together, in Mass, as one Church. Talk about a big day not just for me, but for the whole community.

God chooses to bring us into the world, and we need some help cooperating with that grace. Do we strive each day to be a new creation? Do we embrace our commitment to our baptism and all that it entails? Do we welcome those in our community that celebrate the sacrament?

Baptism requires our cooperation with creation, constant commitment, and the support of the community. This is our faith; this is the faith of the Church. Are you proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord?



## THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, 13 January 2019

*Respect Life Baby Bottle Campaign!*

*St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection!*

11:15AM—PSR (Grades K-8), Hall of Saints

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

5:30PM—March for Life Sendoff, St. Margaret

6:45PM—PSR (Grades 9-11), Hall of Saints

### Monday, 14 January 2019

*March For Life!*

10:00AM—Altar Society, Parish Hall

### Tuesday, 15 January 2019

*March For Life!*

### Wednesday, 16 January 2019

*March For Life!*

*No Youth Group Today Due to March for Life!*

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, Parish Hall

6:30PM—Open Doors (RCIA), Seton Room

6:30PM—RCIC, Drexel Room

### Thursday, 17 January 2019

*March For Life!*

10:00AM—CDA Nursing Home Rosary, Off Campus

6:00PM—Catholic Daughters, Vianney Room

7:00PM—Ministry Chairs Meeting, St. Margaret Room

### Friday, 18 January 2019

*March For Life!*

### Saturday, 19 January 2019

*Respect Life Baby Bottle Pick Up!*

*March For Life!*

5:00PM—Reception for Daniel Fox, St. Margaret Room

