



# ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

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## “The Pew Buddy”

*The Weekly Parish Bulletin*

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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16/17 FEBRUARY 2019**

### 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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Deacon Tim Messenger (Ext. 149) *Permanent Deacon*  
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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*  
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:** Contact Lucie Hanewinkel 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.

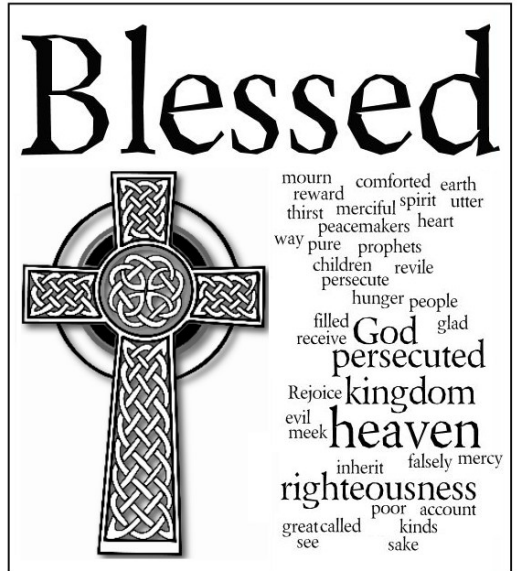
**FUNERALS:** Call the parish office during normal business hours. After hours, call Mary Hooks at 985.974.1991.

# HAPPY ARE YOU

Beatitudes are numerous and beautiful in the Old Testament. They all say this: if you do a particular thing, you will receive blessings. Beatitudes were consolations, helping their hearers to be good persons. But Jesus seems to have reversed the idea. Blessed are you if you do the deed of suffering. Wait, Lord, what do you mean? I am supposed to seek to be penniless and sorrowful and in pain? Why would you want me to be in such a terrible state? A person has to be open and empty in order to let God and others come in. If we want to love and be loved we need to have space at the center of who we are. And then goodness will come in. Consider a rich person who “has everything.” Isn’t he tempted to let his possessions define who he is? “Attack my property and you attack me,” he might say. Possessions become an “instead of.” Instead of love I choose something more stable [so it looks]: cars or boats or corporations or just plain power.

Instead of eating only what I need, each North American who goes to a restaurant can eat enough for five people! Would you like another order of French fries, the waiter asks after we have already finished a steak the size of a serving plate and a quadruple order of fries. Yet the principle running through all the beatitudes is this: you are blessed if you don’t cram yourself full. Full of food, drink, pride, drugs, fame, sex, visits to the beach, stunning

hair-do’s, flattest abs, shiny teeth, fast cars, every kind of wealth, and of course reputation. Instead, blessed are you if you stay empty, if you become a spacious home for God, for other human beings, for the long-suffering earth. We are built to be quiet receivers, people who know they are empty and yet are patient. There is only one reality, only one Being who can give us the bread of life, who can satisfy our deep hunger for love. Don’t you want to welcome it into your soul instead of flying around at fastest pace having fun? Blessed are you if you let go into his arms. *-John Kavanaugh, SJ*



# Events Around the Parish

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

The next Family Formation Session will be this **Sunday, 17 February 2019** and this month's presentation will be entitled "Eight Questions Every Catholic Should Be Able to Answer." 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.



## THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next installment of Theology in a Bottle, our adult education ministry, will be held next **Sunday, 24 February 2019** from 6:45PM until 8:00PM in the St. Margaret Room of the Hall of Saints. Fr. Cary Bani will be this month's presenter for his presentation entitled "Last Call Everyone: Preparing for our Final Journey." 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, please contact Gina Little at 504.237.7105.

## MISSION KREWE MEETING

The 2019 Mission Krewe informational meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 20 February 2019** at **5:30PM** in the St. Margaret Room of the Hall of Saints. We are looking for enthusiastic people to work with our sister communities from Portland, Oregon the week of **25 June through 02 July 2019**. Please make sure to attend if you are interested in helping and participating to keep this partnership alive and to spread the Gospel by the work of our hands and hearts.



## FISH FRY FRIDAYS IN LENT

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Lenten meal events sponsored by your various service organizations. The Fish Fry dinners will be on **08, 22, 29 March 2019** and **05, 12 April 2019**. Monies raised will specifically benefit the youth group's annual "Mission Krewe" and the other sponsoring organizations. Tickets will be available after Mass and in the Parish Office beginning the weekend of 23/24 February 2019.



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★ **MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT:** ★

★ **ALTAR SERVERS** ★

★ What better way to serve the Lord than to serve ★

★ him at the altar? As an altar server, you will assist ★

★ the priest or deacon with the preparation of the altar, ★

★ present the Roman Missal for opening and closing prayers, ★

★ and receive the gifts presented by the congregation, all with ★

★ reverence and respect. We invite anyone who has received ★

★ their First Communion to join us in this ministry. ★

★ *"The greatest among you will be your servant"* ★

★ *(Matthew 23:11)* ★

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY



Pat Aldredge, Stephanie Alexander, Bridget Anderson, Tabitha Arceneaux, Robert Baldwin, Sr., 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, Shelli Domiano, Therese Domiano, Tracey Doran, Mary Ann Drone, Diane Dufour, Davis Dupuy, Jr., Libby Fisackerly, Paul Fontenot, Justin Goelz, Louis Good, Rose Hakenjos, Brenda Harris, Cherie Hartdegen, Joan Hauck, Mary E. Herbert, Kimberly Hidalgo, Tammy Horn, Jason Huber, Tracy Kenney, May Kinler, Helen Kropog, Frans Labranche, Shirley Lacour, Mary Meyer, Joseph Mocsary, Eileen Monson, Dennis Monteleone, Rosalie B. Myrick, Charles Norman, Rosemary Novak, Vincent Palisi, Carolyn Rodrigue, Denise Schilling, Barbara Stallcup, Landon Stewart, Brittany Stilley, Iris Stilley, Hilma Stolf, Joseph Stolf, Alice Dean Sullivan, James Sziber, Wendy Talbot, Mary Ann Taylor, Ricky Thompson, Sharmon Purvis Thompson, Rose Threeton, Lucy Tisdale, Erin Trent, Liz Varnado, Joseph Vilaro, Jr., Bobby Vitter, Gilbert Vuljoin, Rita Vuljoin, Glen Wales, 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 16/17 February 2019

4:00PM Vigil  
Sat., 16 Feb.  
St. Margaret

**Janet Bergeron** (By Harry & Linda Oalmann)  
**Philip Brabham** (By Knights of Columbus Council 10178)  
**Karen Chemay** (By Mark Chemay)  
**Merrill Cooper** (By Martha & D'Wayne Cooper)  
**Fred Gauthier** (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)  
**Walter Hakenjos** (By Rose Hakenjos)  
**Doris Haydel** (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)  
**Joe L., Mary & William Juhasz** (By the Family)  
**Francis Kronlage** (By the Family)  
**John Kropog** (By Helen Kropog & Family)

**Vernon & Dorothy Landry** (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)  
**June Olah** (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)  
**Chris Orbeck** (By the Orbeck Family)  
**Lynette Pfiffner** (By Harry & Linda Oalmann)  
**Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner** (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)  
**Arleen Sylvester** (By Charles & Susan Richard)  
**Andrew & Irene Sziszak** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**Pete Turnage** (By Mike Matherne)  
**Souls in Purgatory** (By Mary Stabile)

8:00AM  
Sun., 17 Feb.  
St. Thomas

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

**John LaGrange** (By Edie & Family)  
**A. J. Martinez** (By Boogie & Rose Johnson)  
**Joan McKinney** (By Brenda Bailey)  
**Melba Louise Olivares** (By Larry & Cindy Pecoraro)  
**Joseph Reine** (By the Family)  
**Marie Stumpf** (By the Landeche Family)  
**Patrick Tobin** (By the Family)

10:00AM  
Sun., 17 Feb.  
St. Margaret

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

5:30PM  
Sun., 17 Feb.  
St. Margaret

**Frances Reine**  
(By the Family)

Wed., 20 Feb. (7:00AM)  
*Weekday in Ordinary Time*  
**Valentine Langlois**  
(By the Family)

Thurs., 21 Feb. (7:00AM)  
*Weekday in Ordinary Time*  
**Lynette Pfiffner**  
(By Donna B. Hill)

Fri., 22 Feb. (7:00AM)  
*The Chair of Peter (F)*  
**Michael Darouse**  
(By the Family)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret  
this week is given in memory of  
**Eric Navarre**  
by George & Kim Navarre.



## WHO ARE YOU CALLED TO BE?



THE FRANCISCAN EXPERIENCE

Tyler Trahan will be coming speak to our youth group on **Wednesday, 20 February 2019** about the Franciscan Experience. This is a 5-day immersion experience into the life of Saint Francis of Assisi. The Franciscan Experience is based around faith, theology, and service. This theology institute will be held in Baton Rouge on 15-19 July 2019. This experience is open to rising Juniors and Seniors. Come to find out more from the director of this experience himself! Check out their website at [www.franu.edu/the-franciscan-experience](http://www.franu.edu/the-franciscan-experience) for more information.

## KC CHICKEN DINNERS

Mark your calendars for the upcoming rotisserie chicken dinner sponsored by the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. The chicken dinner will be this **Friday, 22 February 2019** from **10:00AM until 1:00PM** at St. Margaret. The plate will consist of a leg quarter, baked beans, corn and a roll. The donation will be \$8.00 a plate. Tickets will be available after Masses this weekend 16/17 February 2019. If you have any questions call Mark Chemay at 985.507.9304 or Mike Michon at 225.921.4643.



## MARGARET'S MEN

Margaret's Men, an all men's ministry, is open to all adult men in our parish. Don't forget about our monthly meeting on **Thursday, 21 February 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

## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

*Gather Hymnal Number 1109*

**Jeremiah 17:5-8**

*Trust in God is contrasted with trust in humans.*

**1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20**

*Faith must be rooted in Christ's resurrection.*

**Luke 6:17, 20-26**

*Jesus preaches four blessings and four woes.*

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## ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time — 23/24 February 2019*

**1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49;**

**Luke 6:27-38**

## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

*Weekend of 09/10 February 2019*

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$8,357.00
Prison Ministry Collection	\$2,263.50



*Thank you for your continued and generous support!*

## THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, 17 February 2019

*KC Fourth Degree Chicken Dinner Ticket Sales!*

*Church in Eastern Europe Special Collection!*

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

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

12:00PM—Jr. Youth Group Retreat, Hall of Saints

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

### Monday, 18 February 2019

*Happy Presidents Day!*

10:00AM—Altar Society, Parish Hall

### Tuesday, 19 February 2019

9:30AM—Bible Study, Ignatius Room



### Wednesday, 20 February 2019

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, Parish Hall

5:30PM—Mission Krewe Meeting, JP II Room

6:30PM—Open Doors (RCIA), Seton Room

6:30PM—RCIC, Drexel Room

6:30PM—Youth Night, JP II Room

### Thursday, 21 February 2019

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

6:00PM—Catholic Daughters, St. Margaret Room

7:00PM—Margaret's Men Meeting, JP II Room

### Friday, 22 February 2019

9:00AM—KC Chicken Dinner, Parish Grounds

6:00PM—Vocations Meeting, Vianney Room

### Saturday, 23 February 2019

*Lenten Fish Fry Ticket Sales!*

## ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

The St. Joseph Altar is scheduled for Sunday, 17 March 2019 and will be held in the St. Margaret Room of the Hall of Saints. On 23/24 February 2019, blessed St. Joseph votive candles will be available outside both churches for an offering of \$5.00 each. Checks should be made payable to St. Margaret Church. The candles will be available through the day of the St. Joseph Altar. For more information, contact John or Mary Gaeta at 225.567.2193 or 985.507.4908.



## Sundry Ruminations

*A Weekly Column from Your Pastor*

People always clamor to have the Ten Commandments posted in public buildings, yet they rarely ask to have the Beatitudes posted in public buildings, because these words are shocking. Can you imagine “Blessed are the Peacemakers” posted in the Pentagon or “Blessed are the Merciful” in a courtroom? These teachings of Jesus call us to a way of life that is drastically different from those to which we are accustomed. The Beatitudes are statements about a stunning new reality that Jesus was presenting to his disciples, a way of life we are called to emulate.

Jesus delivered this Sermon on the Mount at the peak of his popularity. Crowds followed him to see him curing the sick, epileptics, and paralytics. Everyone wanted to catch a glimpse of the miracle worker as they asked, “Is he the Messiah?” These were downtrodden people yearning for liberation from Roman rule. Jesus delivers startling and even confusing advice. His words highlight the huge gap between the ideal spiritual life and the reality in which we live. As humans, we value strength and power, giving glory to the self-assured, the proud, the triumphant. Jesus turns those values upside-down, and this troubles us because he calls us out of our comfort zones into a new way of living.

When Jesus calls his disciples “blessed,” he is saying that these former fishermen are blessed because they are experiencing the coming of God’s reality, and they are in the process of discovering that their lives are being reshaped by this new reality. No longer will the meaning of life be defined by their culture, or the expectations of their extended families. No, from now on, the dominant reality in their existence will be their place in the eyes of God. They do not have to be the best, the first, or the greatest to be blessed by God. The Beatitudes honor those who do not get lucky breaks in life. The poor, the grief-stricken, the persecuted, the humble, the invisible and forgotten people – they are special in the eyes of God.

The blessing of the Beatitudes is not really about us or how we feel about ourselves or our lives. It’s all about what God can do with and within us. Our Christian faith is not a scheme to reduce stress, to lose weight, to advance in one’s career, to bring happiness, or to preserve us from illness. No, faith in God is a way of living based on the sure and certain hope that meekness is the way of God, that righteousness and peace will prevail, and that God’s future will be a time of mercy and not of cruelty.

Lent is right around the corner. Are you making your preparations? We surely are here in the St. Margaret office!

*Father Jim*