



ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

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“The Pew Buddy”

The Weekly Parish Bulletin

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7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23/24 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*
Deacon Byrd Corbett (Ext. 108) *Permanent Deacon*
Deacon Tim Messenger (Ext. 149) *Permanent Deacon*
Mary E. Herbert (Ext. 105) *Administrative Assistant*
Lanie Borum (Ext. 101) *Receptionist*
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.

LOVING DARNED ENEMIES

Jesus commands us to love our enemies. Everyone is commanded to love each person who counts as his enemy. Many people suppose that no one except a saint could fulfill this command. Other people think that this command is only an encouragement to connive with evil, because if you love your enemy instead of clobbering him, you enable him to continue his wrongdoing. But consider what love is. As Aquinas explains it, it consists in two desires: (1) a desire for the good for the beloved person, and (2) a desire for union with that person. So a person Paula loves her enemy Jerome only if she desires the good for Jerome and union with Jerome. Now notice that what the good for Jerome is will depend on Jerome. Desiring Jerome's good requires Paula's foregoing punishment for him if that would be for his good—or insisting on punishment for him if *that* would be for his good. What is best for Jerome is whatever it takes to bring him to a morally good condition in mind and will; and that might include Paula's calling the police to arrest him. For this same reason, Paula's desire for union with Jerome need not include a desire for companionship with him. If Jerome is entirely unrepentant, then Paula's desire for union with him should not involve a willingness to be in his company. In that worst case, Paula's desire for union with Jerome can appropriately come to no more than the desire that Jerome will repent and reform, so that companionship becomes a possibility for them. To love your enemy then is not to enable him to continue to do morally wrong acts against you or anybody else either. If you want what is good for your enemy, you will want for him what you want for yourself: to be a person who has love for the Lord and obedience to him. And if you want union with your enemy, you won't want him to go to hell because he has hurt you. You will be glad if in love and obedience to the Lord, he finds his way to heaven too. So that is what it is to love your enemy. Each one of us can do this, can't we?

-Eleonore Stump



Events Around the Parish

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

Our annual St. Joseph Altar will be held on **Sunday, 17 March 2019** immediately following the 10:00 Mass. It will be held in the St. Margaret Room of the Hall of Saints. This weekend **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.



FISH FRYS COMING SOON!

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.



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Bereavement Committee provides food and a post-funeral reception for families who have lost a loved one. We are called to support those who are grieving just as God carried the Israelites through the wilderness. We invite you to join our ministry. As soon as the funeral is planned by the pastor, you will be contacted by a committee member so that your dish can be prepared. We will also let you know where and when you can deliver your donation.



"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4).



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place every Friday during Lent starting after the 7:00AM Mass and will conclude with Stations of the Cross at 5:30PM. We thank parishioners who have signed up to regularly spend time with the Lord. Please consider our Friday sign-ups!



THANK YOU FROM DIFFERENT FOLKS

The Catholic Daughters would like to thank everyone who purchased Valentine goodies at their bake sale! It was a huge success!



Also, St. Dominic Church in Panama City, Florida is grateful for your generous contribution towards rebuilding their church and Parish facilities after Hurricane Michael. With so many buildings unusable, they are reminded that the Church is – and always has been – the people of God. Their community asks for your prayers as they move forward with faith and

resolve to rebuild St. Dominic Parish.

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, Pauline Frisbie, 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, Ron Lambert, 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 Stille, Iris Stille, 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 Vilardo, Jr., Bobby Vitter, Gilbert Vuljoin, Rita Vuljoin, Glen Wales, Debbie Wheat, Tonya Wheat, Pat Wright, those in the Armed Services and law enforcement, 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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time — 23/24 February 2019

4:00PM Vigil
Sat., 23 Feb.
St. Margaret

Janet Bergeron (By Harry & Linda Oalmann)
Philip Brabham (By Knights of Columbus Council 10178)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
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)
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)
Valentine Langlois (By the Family)
James, Julia & Jerry Novak (By Jim & Sue Novak)
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)
Pete Turnage (By Mike Matherne)
Souls in Purgatory (By Mary Stabile)

8:00AM
Sun., 24 Feb.
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 Family)
John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)



Chucky Martin (By the Family)
A. J. Martinez (By Boogie & Rose Johnson)
Joan McKinney (By Brenda Bailey)
Melba Louise Olivares (By Larry & Cindy Pecoraro)
Marie Stumpf (By the Landeche Family)
Patrick Tobin (By the Family)
Roger Wilson (By James & Judy Planetta)

10:00AM
Sun., 24 Feb.
St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM
Sun., 24 Feb.
St. Margaret

Eric Navarre

(By George & Kim Navarre)

Wed., 27 Feb. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Michael Darouse
(By the Family)

Thurs., 28 Feb. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Lynette Pfiffner
(By Donna B. Hill)

Fri., 01 Mar. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Jan Guidry
(By James & Judy Planetta)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret
this week is given in memory of
Lynette Pfiffner
by Pete Pfiffner & Family.

LENT BEGINS SOON



Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on **06 March 2019**. It is a day of fasting and abstinence and is the first day of Lent. It derives its name from the practice of blessing ashes made from palm branches blessed on the previous year's Palm Sunday and placing them on the heads of participants. Masses on Ash Wednesday will be as follows: 6:00AM and 6:00PM at the Parish Hall and 12:00PM at St. Thomas. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next installment of Theology in a Bottle, our adult education ministry, will be held this **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! 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.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1112

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

David spares his enemy.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Live as spiritual, not natural beings.

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus' challenge about loving and forgiving.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 02/03 March 2019
Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45



FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers in the Sanctuary this weekend at St. Margaret are given in memory of **Eric Navarre** by **George and Kim Navarre**. If you would like to have flowers given in memory of a loved one,

call Lanie at the Parish Office to schedule in advance. This simple memorial helps enhance our worship as a community of faith by providing extra beauty to our sanctuary space.

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 16/17 February 2019

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$6,285.00
Church in Eastern Europe Collection	\$662.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 24 February 2019

Lenten Fish Fry Ticket Sales!

11:15AM—PSR (Grades K-8), Hall of Saints
 11:15AM—First Eucharist Meeting, Hall of Saints
 12:30PM—Passion Play Practice, JP II Room
 6:45PM—PSR (Grades 9-11), Hall of Saints
 6:45PM—Theology in a Bottle, St. Margaret Room

Monday, 25 February 2019

10:00AM—Altar Society, Parish Hall

Tuesday, 26 February 2019

9:30AM—Bible Study, Ignatius Room
 6:30PM—Bible Study, Ignatius Room



Wednesday, 27 February 2019

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, Parish Hall
 6:30PM—Open Doors (RCIA), Seton Room
 6:30PM—RCIC, Drexel Room
 6:30PM—Youth Night, JP II Room

Thursday, 28 February 2019

5:00PM—Missions & Retreats Committee, Seton Room
 6:00PM—Master Planning Committee, Ignatius Room
 7:00PM—Pastoral Council Meeting, Ignatius Room

Friday, 01 March 2019

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Saturday, 02 March 2019

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!
Lenten Fish Fry Ticket Sales!

WELCOME BECKY ELDREDGE!



Mark your calendars for our Lenten Parish Mission entitled, “Making Room for God in the Busyness” with Becky Eldredge, author of *Busy Lives and Restless Souls*. Becky is an Ignatian-trained spiritual director,

retreat facilitator, and writer who helps others create space to connect faith and everyday life. She lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with her husband and three children. For more details, please see the flyer in this weekend’s Pew Buddy. Invite your friends and start Lent off right!



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

Jesus refines the idea of externals matching internals by specifically tackling the law of love. To say we love is one thing, but internally, do we really love? Our love can never be discriminatory. To truly love, you have to love everyone, even those who hate you, and this love must not be only superficial. We’re called to love our enemies!

Maybe a story might help. Some years ago, a well-known leader of youth movements throughout the country died. He was heralded for all he had done to benefit the teens of our nation. Several months later, a teenager was found desecrating his grave. The kid was arrested and brought to jail. It turned out that the man was the child of the youth leader. The arresting officers asked him why he would do such a thing. His response was startling – “All those things he talked about, he did for everyone else except for me.” Loving on the surface is surely not the same as loving deeply. The outside has to match the inside.

What is Jesus trying to get at? Well, if you’re going to be a Christian on the outside, you have to be one on the inside too. Should a woman who is constantly beat by her husband stay with him because it’s the Christian thing to do? Should she cuddle a rabid dog? Giving a crafty beggar a handout, or suffering in silence might look “Christian” on the outside, but does it really match a person’s interior dispositions?

Jesus’ answer is simple. Judgements have to be made in each case. If care is ethically or physically harmful to the giver or receiver, it does not flow from God. But be careful to make sure that what we wear is also what we live. You call yourself a Christian and that’s great. But just don’t just say it. Live it!

Congratulations to our parishioner **Barbara Stallcup** who recently professed her final vows as a Third Order Carmelite. What is a “Third Order?” Well, it is an association of lay people who, in response to a call from God, promise to live the Gospel in the spirit of a particular religious order or congregation. Barbara, in this case, chose the Carmelite charism because it helps her spiritual life and mission in the Church and the world. She is now connected to the Carmelite Order by means of the promise which she makes. As a Lay Carmelite, filled with the spirit of the Order, Barbara will seek to live her own vocation by silently listening to the word of God, especially cultivating prayer in all its forms.

This bulletin must look like a book to you, but Lent begins soon and we want to keep you posted about our many events. Of course, visit the website for more info!