



ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

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“The Pew Buddy”

The Weekly Parish Bulletin

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 09/10 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.

ARE YOU WORTHY?

This week's famous story is where Jesus tells Peter, James and John to fish in the deep water (where they had been fishing and fishing and fishing all night with no result). Without warning their nets become bloated with fishes. Peter cries out, "Depart from me, Lord, *for I am a sinful man.*" We have a problem here. Isn't the experience of God supposed to lead to peace, forgiveness, and joy instead of shame? So, make a distinction. The reaction of all three figures is not really shame, which would mean concluding that every one of them is worthless. Instead they are finding their place in reality. They are expressing a kind of humility. How? Each of these persons is forced to compare himself directly to the presence of God. But when people meet the holiness of God head-on, they become able to see humanness in great relief, truly full of holes like a sponge. None of these—except Jesus—could pretend that he or she shone like the stars, since they saw the real star bursting with light. Jesus translated that light into human living. Experience of God lets us understand that we are far, far less than God. This is not bad, it is good. Our own being cannot make us holy but God's can. We can be proud to be unworthy, if reception of God's love is the result. So at Mass we echo the Roman centurion: "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." When we react with shame, God does not say in return, "I reject you," but "I love you dearly. Come be with me, you fine human being."

-John Foley, SJ



Events Around the Parish

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.



ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

The first meeting for planning the 2019 St. Joseph Altar will be held on **Wednesday, 13 February 2019** at **9:30AM** in the St. Margaret Room. If you are interested in working with the St. Joseph Altar, please plan on joining us, even if you have never worked with the altar. The altar is scheduled for **Sunday, 17 March 2019** in the St. Margaret Room immediately following 10:00AM Mass. For additional information, please contact John or Mary Gaeta at 225.567.2193 or 985. 507.4908.

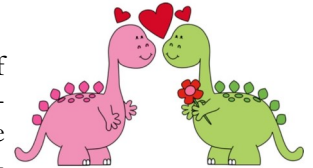


KC CHICKEN DINNERS

Mark your calendars for the upcoming rotisserie chicken dinner sponsored by the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. The chicken dinner will be on **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 next weekend 16/17 February 2019. If you have any questions call Mark Chemay at 985.507.9304 or Mike Michon at 225.921.4643.

BE MY VALENTINE?

Our local Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court will be holding a Bake Sale after all of the Masses this weekend, 09/10 February 2019. A whole variety of different sweet treats will be available for your purchase. Funds realized will help support the Catholic Daughters and their works of charity. Come by and get your valentine a sweet, special treat!



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★ MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: ★

★ ADULT CONFIRMATION ★

★ Catholic adults who have been baptized but not confirmed are encouraged to contact the church office. As you enter into full communion with the Church, the Holy Spirit will grace you with gifts that will enrich your life and the lives of others. Five classes will be scheduled as needed to prepare interested candidates to receive this sacrament at a specific Mass scheduled annually. Consider assisting our Deacons and Pastor in reaching out to those who have never been confirmed. This weekend, one of the Deacons will speak about Adult Confirmation and will be available to answer questions after all Masses.



★ *"Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them" (Acts 2:3).* ★



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, Rose Threeton, Lucy Tisdale, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 09/10 February 2019

4:00PM Vigil
Sat., 09 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)
June Olah (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Chris Orbeck (By the Orbeck Family)
Lynette Pfiffner (By the Labranche Family)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Arleen Sylvester (By Charles & Susan Richard)
Andrew & Irene Sziszak (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Souls in Purgatory (By Mary Stabile)

8:00AM
Sun., 10 Feb.
St. Thomas

Jerry Adamcewicz (By the Family)
Janis Brough (By the Family)
Anthony & Anna Friedman (By the Family)
Judy Friedman (By the Family)
Mr. & Mrs. Jesup (By Debbie, Dorsie & Robbie)
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 Larry Kiss)
Melba Louise Olivares (By Larry & Cindy Pecoraro)
Marie Stumpf (By the Landeche Family)
Patrick Tobin (By the Family)

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

Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM
Sun., 10 Feb.
St. Margaret

Donald P. Steadman
(By Carla Van Vranken)



Wed., 13 Feb. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Eric Navarre
(By George & Kim Navarre)

Thurs., 14 Feb. (7:00AM)
Sts. Cyril & Methodius (M)
Lynette Pfiffner
(By Donna B. Hill)

Fri., 15 Feb. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Michael Darouse
(By the Family)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret
this week is given in memory of
Valentine Langlois
by the Family.



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

The next Family Formation Session will be next **Sunday, 17 February 2019** and this month's presentation will be entitled "Why Do We Do That? Teaching our Families the Power of Rituals." 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 on **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.

IT'S TAX TIME!

If you still 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!

LAST



CALL



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1106

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

God's dramatic call to Isaiah.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul was called as the least of the apostles.

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus calls disciples from among fishermen.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 16/17 February 2019

Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20;

Luke 6:17, 20-26

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 02/03 February 2019

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$8,476.00
Building & Maintenance Collection	\$3,523.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

The Special Collection next weekend is for the Church in Eastern Europe!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 10 February 2019

Catholic Daughters' Valentine's Bake Sale!

Prison Ministry Second Collection!

9:00AM—Net Ministries Team (NET) Retreat

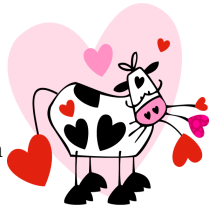
11:15AM—PSR (Grades K-8), Hall of Saints

Monday, 11 February 2019

10:00AM—Altar Society, Parish Hall

Tuesday, 12 February 2019

9:30AM—Bible Study, Ignatius Room



Wednesday, 13 February 2019

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, Parish Hall

9:30AM—St. Joseph Altar Planning Meeting

6:30PM—Baptism Seminar, Ignatius Room

6:30PM—Open Doors (RCIA), Seton Room

6:30PM—RCIC, Drexel Room

6:30PM—Youth Night, JP II Room

6:30PM—KC Fourth Degree, Goretti Room

Thursday, 14 February 2019

Happy Valentines Day!

6:00PM—St. Vincent de Paul, Seton Room

Friday, 15 February 2019

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Saturday, 16 February 2019

KC Fourth Degree Chicken Dinner Ticket Sales after Mass!

Church in Eastern Europe Special Collection!

4:00PM—KC Quarterly Mass & Communion

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.



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

I always chuckle when I hear people say, "It would be easier to believe the Gospel if I would have been there." To hear Jesus preach the Sermon on the Mount; to shake the apostles hands. We think it would be easier to be eye witnesses. But I doubt it. I am not convinced at all that seeing the disciples would make the Gospel any easier to believe. Instead, getting to know the apostles would likely make it more difficult. They weren't rich; there didn't have a good education nor were they highly impressive. Instead, their dirty fingernails or their missing teeth would likely be the first thing you'd notice. You'd see men with poor grammar and who were five foot nothing. Seeing them would likely make the gospel tougher to swallow.

Anybody can have a bad day fishing, but you don't expect professional fishermen to come up empty. The men who Jesus chose to be his "fishers of men," though, seem often to have this problem. They can't catch anything. I don't know about you, but if I wanted someone to go out and evangelize, I would at least choose somebody who had a proven success rate of being a fisher of fish. Simon and his gang were surely not fishing superstars; there was really nothing striking about any of the people called to follow him. Jesus picks a non-descript place to begin his ministry – his own hometown synagogue in Luke's Gospel – and he picks nondescript, ordinary folks to be his messengers.

Why did Jesus call *them*? If you're going to save the world, you have to start somewhere. And if you're going to save it through humility and compassion, it makes sense to start with a bunch of fellows who couldn't be more humble if they tried. The struggle that Jesus runs into in his ministry was the struggle to keep them ordinary. Every time they jockey for power or argue, he slaps them back down to the street level of service.

I know what you're thinking – I can't possibly lead the Church the way the disciples did. I'm too old; I'm too young; I'm not smart enough; I'm not eloquent enough. But that's false! When did Jesus call his fishermen? Precisely when they couldn't catch any fish. Disciples of Christ need to be common, ordinary folks just like the ones Jesus called. I know I'm about as ordinary as a dollar bill, and you probably are too. Let's ask God for the grace to transform us – people who are ordinary – into servants who do that which is truly extraordinary!

The Church renovation is coming along nicely, partly because of the wonderful weather we're having. Take a look at it next time you pass by (outside the fence!)

Father Jim