



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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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.

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 02/03 MARCH 2019

WALKING THE TALK, OR TALKING THE WALK?

Jesus of Nazareth, mediated today by the evangelist Luke, puts the reality of our speech in a fuller context. “A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of the store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks” (Luke 6:45). By itself, that teaching seems to leave us with Sirach: for better or worse, your speech is going to show you up. But Jesus’ words come attached to the rest of the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20-49). Jesus’ sermon presents a bracing challenge to our “talk life.” Jesus addresses his teaching “to you who hear,” meaning those poor enough to be responsive to his words. He then proceeds to urge love of enemies, nonviolence, selfless giving, and a compassion that imitates God’s own mercy. The heart that the mouth reveals is supposed to be that kind of heart! This might sound more discouraging than Sirach, except that

Jesus’ teaching on prayer throughout the rest of the Gospel of Luke reminds us that the power to imitate Jesus in these matters is not our own. It comes from the gift of the Spirit given in prayer, which in turn enables us to become those who listen to Jesus’ words and act on them. When we put all this in the larger setting of the story of Jesus and the story of the Church in Acts, we recognize that



full discipleship is not only a matter of walking the talk; it also entails “talking the walk.” That is, some of the most important Christian deeds will in fact be acts of speech, challenging injustice, encouraging the downhearted, asking and giving forgiveness, blessing with praise those who need to be affirmed. As Paul reminds us, the heart that produces the goodness revealed in speech is the heart that is rooted in the risen Lord Jesus. “[Know] that in the Lord your labor is not in vain” (1 Cor 15:58). -Dennis Hamm, SJ



Events Around the Parish



FISH FRYS BEGIN FRIDAY!

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.



ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

The St. Joseph Novena begins Saturday, 9 March 2019 and the recited prayers will include the Rosary, familiar St. Joseph prayers, and the Litany to St. Joseph. All novena prayers take place at St. Margaret Church. Please refer to the St. Joseph Altar flyer for the full schedule. Receptacles in which to deposit your prayer intentions can be found near the entrances of St. Margaret Church and St. Thomas Chapel. Your prayer intentions will be kept wholly confidential, stored at St. Margaret and burned in the Easter fire just prior to the Easter Vigil Mass. A special St. Joseph Altar envelope is included in the usual packet of envelopes each parishioner received for the month of March. Make all checks payable to St. Margaret Church. Thank you so much for your generosity! For further information regarding the St. Joseph Altar, please refer to the St. Joseph Altar flyer or contact John or Mary Gaeta at 225.567.2193 or 985.507.4908.



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT:

DONUT & COFFEE MINISTRY



Once a month we slow down our "hurry home" routine and gather for some fellowship with coffee and doughnuts. This ministry provides a treat for your sweet tooth

and coffee to start your day. Join us on the first Sunday morning of the month after St. Thomas' 8:00AM Mass and St. Margaret's 10:00AM Mass. If you can assist with setting up and serving, please contact the ministry chair to join us!

"Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon" (Isaiah 58:10).



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LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY



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.

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.

It's time once again to refresh our Pew Buddy prayer list. Next weekend, we will start the list anew. If you would like your family member's name included in the bulletin, please contact Lanie in the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 02/03 March 2019

4:00PM Vigil

Sat., 02 Mar.
St. Margaret

Janet Bergeron (By Harry & Linda Oalmann)
Philip Brabham (By Knights of Columbus Council 10178)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Fred Gauthier (By Rose Gauthier & 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)
James, Julia & Jerry Novak (By Jim & Sue Novak)
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., 03 Mar.
St. Thomas

Jerry Adamcewicz (By the Family)
Janis Brough (By the Family)
Bobby Johnson (By Boogie & Rose Johnson)
Floyd "Boogie" Johnson (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Rose Johnson (By Boogie Johnson)
Janice Jones (By Brenda Bailey)
Lawrence Kluka (By the Family)

John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)
A. J. Martinez (By Boogie & Rose Johnson)
Joan McKinney (By Lisa & Anita)
Melba Louise Olivares (By Larry & Cindy Pecoraro)
Evelyn Planetta (By James & Judy Planetta)
Marie Stumpf (By the Landeche Family)
Patrick Tobin (By the Family)

10:00AM

Sun., 03 Mar.
St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM

Sun., 03 Mar.
St. Margaret

June Olah

(By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)

Wed., 06 Mar. (6:00AM)

Ash Wednesday

Michael Darouse
 (By the Family)

Wed. 06 Mar. (12:00PM)

Ash Wednesday

Patrick Tobin
 (By the Family)

Wed. 06 Mar. (6:00PM)

Ash Wednesday

Lynette Pfiffner
 (By Donna B, Hill)

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

Thurs., 07 Mar. (7:00AM)

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Joseph Reine
 (By the Family)

Fri., 08 Mar. (7:00AM)

Friday after Ash Wednesday

Lynn Holden
 (By Shirley Darouse)



MARDI GRAS HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Due to the Mardi Gras holiday, there will be no PSR classes on Sunday, 03 March 2019. Classes will resume on Sunday, 10 March 2019. The Parish office will be closed on Tuesday, 05 March 2019 in observance of the Mardi Gras Holiday. Finally, there will be no RCIC, RCIA, Youth Group on Wednesday. We will reopen on Ash Wednesday — 06 March 2019. Let the good times roll!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place every Friday during Lent starting after the 7:00AM



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1115



Sirach 27:4-7

Tribulation is the test of the just.

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Where, O death, is your sting?

Luke 6:39-45

Remove the beam from your own eye first.

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

First Sunday of Lent — 09/10 March 2019

Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13



A TEACHING PARISH

Join Fr. Jamin and his Deacon Formation Homiletics Class! Deacon candidates will be expected to give homilies in a lab setting only once this semester at St. Margaret, and Fr. Jamin will critique them based upon a model that had previously been given them in their first preaching class. **YOU CAN HELP!** We need a "congregation" to also participate in giving constructive feedback. The "preaching lab" will be next **Thursday, 07 March** from 6:00PM until 9:00PM in St. Margaret Church. Your participation as a "teaching parish" is greatly appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 23/24 February 2019



Weekly Church Support Collection \$6,308.00

Thank you for your continued and generous support!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 03 March 2019

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

Lenten Fish Fry Ticket Sales!

9:00AM—Coffee & Donuts, St. Thomas

11:00AM—Coffee & Donuts, Parish Hall

Monday, 04 March 2019

10:00AM—Altar Society, Parish Hall & St. Thomas

Tuesday, 05 March 2019

Happy Mardi Gras! The Parish Office is Closed!



Wednesday, 06 March 2019

Ash Wednesday!

6:00AM—Ash Wednesday Mass, Parish Hall

7:00AM—Eucharistic Adoration, Parish Hall

12:00PM—Ash Wednesday Mass, St. Thomas

6:00PM—Ash Wednesday Mass, Parish Hall

Thursday, 07 March 2019

Parish Office Closed from 9:00AM until 1:00PM!

9:00AM—Staff Meeting, Ignatius Room

6:00PM—One Book, One Church, Ignatius Room

Friday, 08 March 2019

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, Parish Hall

9:00AM—One Book, One Church, Ignatius Room

4:00PM—Fish Fry, Parish Grounds

5:30PM—Stations of the Cross, Parish Hall

Saturday, 09 March 2019

First Sunday of Lent

Lenten Fish Fry Ticket Sales!

Black & Indian Missions Special Collection!

7:00AM—Men's Conference, Off Campus

5:00PM—Yummy for Your Tummy, St. Margaret Room



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

Even though Lent is not officially here until Wednesday, I thought I might dedicate my column to reminding us all of the three traditional “pillars” of the Lenten season. Throughout our history, Christians have found prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to be an important part of repentance and renewal. Many Catholics now add something during Lent rather than giving up something, either to address personal habits that need work or to add some outreach to others in need.

Here are some suggestions:

Prayer: More time given to prayer during Lent will draw us closer to the Lord. We might pray especially for the grace to live out our baptismal promises more fully. We might pray for the elect who will be baptized at Easter and support their conversion journey by our prayer. We might pray for all those who will celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation with us during Lent that they will be truly renewed in their baptismal commitment.

Fasting & Abstaining: Fasting is one of the most ancient practices linked to Lent. The early Church fasted intensely for two days before the celebration of the Easter Vigil. This fast was later extended and became a 40-day period of fasting leading up to Easter. Vatican II called us to renew the observance of the ancient paschal fast: “... let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind” Abstaining from meat traditionally linked us to the poor, who could seldom afford meat for their meals. It can do the same today if we remember the purpose of abstinence and embrace it as a spiritual link to those whose diets are sparse and simple. That should be the goal we set for ourselves - a sparse and simple meal.

Almsgiving: Almsgiving, the third traditional pillar of Lent, is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life we began at baptism.

What are you “giving up” for Lent? Or are you adding something to supplement your spiritual practices?

Here's to a Happy Mardi Gras holiday! Don't forget to join us for our Ash Wednesday liturgies on Wednesday, our rich spiritual practices in the Lenten season, and our community events such as our Lenten fish fry Fridays. Let's make this Lent holy!

YUMMY FOR YOUR TUMMY



Don't forget about March's “Yummy for Your Tummy” night next Saturday, **09 March 2019** after the 4:00PM Mass. The theme for this month's gathering will be our “Cajun Night.” Bring your favorite Cajun dish! Make whatever you'd like and join us for

some food and fellowship!