



# ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

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## “The Pew Buddy”

*The Weekly Parish Bulletin*

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

09/10 MARCH 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*  
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Shirley Darouse (Ext. 104) *Contributions Manager*  
Gill Scioneaux (Ext. 150) *Maintenance Supervisor*  
Ansleigh Barras (Ext. 148) *Youth Minister*  
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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.

## THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT!

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus has not eaten for forty days in the desert and he feels the whole forty days' worth of hunger. That's a lot of hunger! Satan comes to him in the desert and urges him to turn stones into bread so that Jesus has something to eat. Now there's nothing good about hunger, and there's nothing bad about bread. On the contrary, Jesus himself *commands* us to pray for bread daily. And there is no question about the fact that Jesus has the power to provide bread for himself. He can turn water into wine, and he can stop being hungry by turning stones into bread. As far as that goes, Jesus himself tells us that if a son asks his father for bread, no good father will give him a stone. So Jesus could get bread from stones just by asking his Father, who is God and good, to give him bread.



Why doesn't Jesus do so? And what are we to make of the line with which Jesus refuses Satan's suggestion: "people do not live by bread alone?" If I suggest that you might like some ham, what sense does it make for you to tell me that people do not live by ham alone? Notice, though, that that line does make sense if what you are telling me is that you are full. In another Gospel, Jesus says, "Man does not live by bread alone, *but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of*

*God.*" Jesus himself is the Word of God, and he came into the desert filled with the Spirit of God. Even though he is hungry after so long a fast, then, there is another sense in which he really is full. Jesus' rejection of Satan's urging gives us a pattern for our lives. In our suffering, when those things we think we need in order to live are denied us, we do not have to be desperate. When we are hungry for what we do not have because our Father God has not given it, we still have the Word of God, which comes into us and can fill us. Jesus, who is the cornerstone of the Church, is our bread at the same time. And so we can be like him: full—even when, in the stony parts of our lives, we are hungry, too. *-Eleonore Stump*

# Events Around the Parish



## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

The next Family Formation Session will be this **Sunday, 10 March 2019** and this month's presentation will be entitled "What NOT to Teach: Understanding Heresies & Church History." 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.

## WELCOME BECKY ELDREDGE!

Join us this week on Sunday (6:45PM), Monday and Tuesday (6:00PM) **10-12 March 2019** 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 with her husband and three children. Invite your friends and start Lent off right! And compliments of St. Margaret, we're giving you her book to help you in your Lenten spiritual journey!



## FISH FRY FRIDAYS COMING UP AGAIN SOON!



Mark your calendars for the upcoming Lenten meal events sponsored by your various service organizations. The next Fish Fry dinners will be on **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

All are invited to participate, celebrate, and give glory to God in honor of St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus, by attending the St. Joseph Altar in the parish hall on Sunday, 17 March 2019 following the 10:00AM Mass. The public viewing of the altar will be on Saturday, 16 March after the 4:00PM Mass until 6:00PM. Coffee and sfinges will be served. Before Mass on Sunday, 17 March, the Rosary will be sung in Italian. The novena prayers will be recited immediately following Mass, then the St. Joseph procession will take place to the St. Margaret Room in the Hall of Saints where children representing the Holy Family will perform a brief skit. Then the altar will be blessed by Father Jamin David, our Pastor. The novena to St. Joseph will be prayed from 09-17 March. Please refer to the full novena schedule on the St. Joseph Altar flyer or the calendar on our website. Blessed St. Joseph votive candles are still available for a \$5.00 offering through 17 March. You may pick them up at the parish office or contact John Gaeta. Donations to host the altar can be made by simply using the St. Joseph Altar envelope included in your March packet of offering envelopes or you can go to our website and simply click "GIVE". Baked goods can be dropped off in the kitchen of the Hall of Saints beginning 13 March during regular office hours (9:00AM to 4:00PM, closed for lunch 12:00PM to 1:00PM). This year for the perishable food for the meatless meal, we are asking for artichoke casseroles only. This should be brought the day of the altar since there are limited provisions for storing and heating food.



## THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next installment of Theology in a Bottle, our adult education ministry, will be held on **Sunday, 24 March 2019** from 6:45PM until 8:00PM in the St. Margaret Room of the Hall of Saints. Fr. Ryan Hallford will be this month's presenter for his presentation entitled "Praying when Praying is Hard." Come emphasize to our community the importance of putting faith first.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Rosa Flores Castellon, Mary E. Herbert, Mildred Hoffmann, Vincent Palisi, Dutch Schilling, Jamie Tarver and Joseph Tarver's Children, those in the Armed Services and law enforcement, 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

First Sunday of Lent — 09/10 March 2019

4:00PM Vigil  
Sat., 09 Mar.  
St. Margaret

**Andy & Olga Bartosh** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**Janet Bergeron** (By Harry & Linda Oalmann)  
**Philip Brabham** (By Knights of Columbus Council 10178)  
**Karen Chemay** (By Mark Chemay)  
**Walter Hakenjos** (By Rose Hakenjos)  
**Doris Haydel** (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)  
**Joe L., Mary & William Juhasz** (By the Family)  
**Alex Kerek** (By the Family)  
**Frank & Margaret Koles** (By June, Margaret Ann & Frank)  
**Francis Kronlage** (By Knights of Columbus Council 10178)  
**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)  
**Shaun Pendarvis** (By the 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)  
**Paul Sziszak, Jr.** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**Marion Zaffuto** (By Marie Zaffuto)

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

**Jerry Adamcewicz** (By the Family)  
**Janis Brough** (By the Family)  
**Caleb Degenhardt** (By Frank Degenhardt)  
**Anthony & Anna Friedman** (By the Family)  
**Judy Friedman** (By the Family)  
**Floyd "Boogie" Johnson** (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)  
**Janice Jones** (By Brenda Bailey)

**Lawrence Kluka** (By the Family)  
**John LaGrange** (By Edie & Family)  
**Joan McKinney** (By Lisa & Anita)  
**Melba Louise Olivares** (By Larry & Cindy Pecoraro)  
**Marie Stumpf** (By the Landeche Family)  
**Patrick Tobin** (By the Family)



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

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

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

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

Wed., 13 Mar. (7:00AM)  
Lenten Weekday  
**Lynette Pfiffner**  
(By Donna B. Hill)

Thurs., 14 Mar. (7:00AM)  
Lenten Weekday  
**Joseph Reine**  
(By the Family)

Fri., 15 Mar. (7:00AM)  
Lenten Weekday  
**Frances Reine**  
(By the Family)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret  
this week is given in memory of  
**Gwen Delaune**  
By George & Kim Navarre.



## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: BAPTISM PREPARATION

Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ. The Rite of Baptism consists in immersing the candidate in water or pouring water on his or her head while pronouncing the invocation of the Most Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Through baptism, individuals are incorporated into the Church of Christ. To prepare parents and sponsors for the baptism of their children, a baptism preparation team has been established to visit families at their home and to discuss with them the importance of the sacrament in the life of the Church. Would you like help welcome these new members into our Church community?



"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28: 19-20).



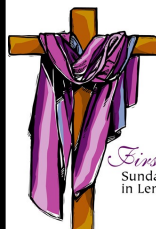
## YUMMY FOR YOUR TUMMY

Don't forget about March's "Yummy for Your Tummy" night this Saturday, **09 March 2019** after the 4:00PM Mass. The theme for this month's gathering will be "Cajun Night." In South Louisiana, this should be an easy one! Bring your favorite etouffee, gumbo, or jambalaya recipe. Make whatever you'd like and join us for some food and fellowship in the St. Margaret Room!



## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1018



**Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

*I have brought you the first fruits of this land.*

**Romans 10:8-13**

*Those who call on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

**Luke 4:1-13**

*You shall not put the Lord God to the test.*

## ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

Second Sunday of Lent — 16/17 March 2019

**Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1;**  
**Luke 9:28b-36**

## THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, 10 March 2019

*First Sunday of Lent*

*Lenten Fish Fry Ticket Sales!*

*Black & Indian Missions Special Collection!*

*Daylight Saving Time Begins!*

10:00AM—Rite of Sending, St. Margaret Church

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

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

12:30PM—Jr. Youth Group, JP II Room

12:30PM—Passion Play Practice, Parish Hall

12:30PM—Catechists' Meeting, Ignatius Room

1:00PM—Rite of Election, St. Joseph Cathedral

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

6:45PM—Lenten Parish Mission, Parish Hall



### Monday, 11 March 2019

10:00AM—Altar Society, Parish Hall

6:00PM—Lenten Parish Mission, Parish Hall

### Tuesday, 12 March 2019

6:00PM—Lenten Parish Mission, St. Margaret Church

6:00PM—Bible Study: Book of Isaiah, Bosco Room

7:30PM—Knights of Columbus, Vianney Room

7:30PM—Ladies Auxiliary, Goretti Room

### Wednesday, 13 March 2019

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, Parish Hall

5:30PM—Youth Lenten Small Group, JP II Room

6:00PM—Penance Service (Holy Ghost, Hammond)

6:30PM—Open Doors Ministry (RCIA), Seton Room

6:30PM—RCIC, Drexel Room

6:30PM—Baptism Seminar, Bosco Room

6:30PM—Youth Night, JP II Room

7:00PM—KC Fourth Degree, Goretti Room

### Thursday, 14 March 2019

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

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

### Friday, 15 March 2019

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, Parish Hall

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

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

### Saturday, 16 March 2019

*Second Sunday of Lent*

*Lenten Fish Fry Ticket Sales!*

*Catholic Relief Services Special Collection!*



## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

*Weekend of 02/03 March 2019*

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$7,480.00
Building & Maintenance Fund Collection	\$3,688.00

*Thank you for your continued and generous support!*



## Sundry Ruminations

*A Weekly Column from Your Pastor*

Lent is about more than spiritual exercise. It's about obedience in our emptiness. We have to set the scene a bit. The people have been waiting impatiently for a Savior. They've heard rumors of a miraculous birth in Bethlehem some time ago, but they've seen no evidence that the world has changed. One bright day on the banks of the Jordan, Jesus shows up, seemingly out of nowhere. He comes to be baptized, and it's pretty miraculous. It's the kind of event that you would follow up with a press conference or a reception, to let people know that their hope has finally arrived.

That is, unless you're Jesus. You do none of those things. You show up out of nowhere, and you immediately move on. To nowhere. Why does he go into the wilderness? Most people would say to prepare. I mean, others like Elijah and Moses had to spend some time along with God before they could carry out their mission. But that's not why Jesus is there. He heard God loud and clear at his baptism. He actually goes out to the desert to hear from Public Enemy Number One – NOT the kind of retreat that you would expect.

And when he's out there, he meets his date. It's interesting that the devil doesn't have a pitchfork and wear spandex. He doesn't announce himself. Rather, the voice of evil sounds like the voice of good. "Save the world." "Take care of yourself." "Prove your faith." The message of the Gospel becomes a little more clear – Lent is about helping us to recognize the most potent tools of the tempter – the temptations that don't like temptation until we see them in the rearview mirror.

How does Jesus fight them – with sheer obedience. His escape from the devil is not a matter of making the best decision. It's a willful choice to submit to God. Again, and again, and again. He whispers, "Life is more than eating bread" as his stomach rumbles in knots. "Worship God alone" he says as anything he wants is right in front of him for the taking. Obedience is what delivers him and helps refine his baptismal call.

For us too, Lent doesn't come naturally. It isn't about strength-training for the soul or exercising our spiritual muscles. Lent is about obedience. And reliance. And dependence. It's about the awareness that every good door that opens is not necessarily the will of God. It's about learning to be led into a desolate place within ourselves where our hungers, and our dreams, and all our fears take turns trying to shut out the voice of God. This Lent, may we receive the grace to choose who we will be and whose we will be!

*Father Jim*