



ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

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“The Pew Buddy”

The Weekly Parish Bulletin

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

30/31 MARCH 2019

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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*
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.

I SLAVED FOR YOU

The story of the prodigal son invaded my memory. That second son. The son who slaved. The son who resented the father's forgiveness for an ingrate brother who botched everything. The son who would not join the party. The son whose father pleaded. The son who complained. "For years now I have slaved for you. I never disobeyed one of your orders, yet you never gave me so much as a kid goat to celebrate with my friends. Then when this son of yours returns after having gone through your property with loose women, you kill the fatted calf for him." Somehow I knew my sin as I had never known before. Yet, oddly, I felt God's love with startling newness and equal intensity. "My son, you are with me always, everything I have is yours. But we have to celebrate and rejoice..." When hearing the story of the Prodigal Son, we often think of the compassionate father waiting at the gate or the desperate son planning his confession in advance. But might there not be an elder child in all of us? We work hard, we manicure virtues, we collect the graces, we notch up victories. And we forget what is already ours. The gift, the grace, the kingdom, the love not earned but lavishly given. Before long, our labors become slavery; our accomplishments, chains. I thought if I would ever say a prayer like, "You know me and you love me, and it's not because of anything I have ever done or accomplished," I would surely stop working.



As it turned out, the next year I worked harder than I ever had before. But that year, it was less from fear and more from joy. Luke reminds us that the parable of the prodigal was told to Pharisees who complained about Jesus eating with tax collectors and sinners. Now, in relief, I thank God for such a banquet.

-John Kavanaugh, SJ

Events Around the Parish

FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Mark your calendars for the remaining Lenten meal events sponsored by your various service organizations. The next Fish Fry dinners will be on **05, 12 April 2019**. Monies raised will specifically benefit the youth group's annual "Mission Krewe" and the other sponsoring organizations. Tickets are available after Mass and in the Parish Office.



FILL A PRESCRIPTION

You can make a difference by participating and grabbing a bottle from the stand that will be available at the entrance of the church next weekend **06/07 April 2019**. You can also remove the label from an empty prescription bottle from home and bring it to church with a gift inside. This bottle can be placed in the container in the back of the church or in the offertory collection. This program is being sponsored by our local chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please be generous!



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE



Need to prepare for Easter by making use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Fr. Jamin and several other priests will be available for individual confessions at our annual Lenten Penance Service on **Wednesday, 10 April 2019** at 6:00PM at St. Margaret. Please make plans to attend. More information and dates of other services in the area can be found on the Lenten flyer published several weeks ago.

YUMMY FOR YOUR TUMMY



Mark your calendar's now for April's "Yummy for Your Tummy" night on Saturday, **13 April 2019** after the

4:00PM Mass. The theme for this month's gathering will be **"Secret Family Recipes."** This should be an easy one! Bring your favorite dish that has been passed down from generation to generation, and has become a family tradition. Make whatever you'd like and join us for some food and fellowship in the St. Margaret Room!



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE



This consultative body provides counsel to the Pastor on issues regarding the maintenance and improvement of the parish infrastructure, especially major building projects. Members are appointed at the discretion of the Pastor; we can always use new members!



"You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ"
(1 Peter 2:5).



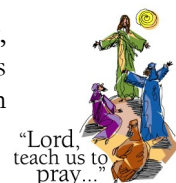
ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are an adult who has been baptized and received First Eucharist but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation, five preparatory sessions will be held on **30 April and 07, 14, 21, and 28 May 2019** from 6:30PM until 8:00PM in order to assist you to prepare to receive the sacrament. Upon completion of these sessions, candidates will be confirmed at a special Mass with the Bishop's approval. If you have any further questions, please call Deacon Tim or Deacon Byrd at the Parish Office, or email Darlene Gendusa at darlenemkg@icloud.com.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Rosa Flores Castellon, Hattie Davis, Amanda Degenhardt, Shorty DeMars, Pauline Frisbie, Mary E. Herbert, Mildred Hoffmann, Tammy Horn, Helen Kropog, Edward Murray, Vincent Palisi, Dutch Schilling, Iris Stillely, Annie Tallia, Jamie Tarver and Joseph Tarver's Children, Sharmon Thompson, Liz Varnado, 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

Fourth Sunday of Lent — 30/31 March 2019

4:00PM Vigil

Sat., 30 Mar.
St. Margaret

Andy & Olga Bartosh (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Janet Bergeron (By Harry & Linda Oalmann)
Philip Brabham (By Knights of Columbus Council 10178)
Beverly Brady (By Thea & Candance)
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)

Francis Kronlage (By Knights of Columbus Council 10178)
John Kropog (By Helen Kropog & Family)
Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Lynette Pfiffner (By Harry & Linda Oalmann)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Arleen Sylvester (By the D'Antoni & Dean Families)
Andrew & Irene Sziszak (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Paul Sziszak, Jr. (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Marion Zaffuto (By Marie Zaffuto)

8:00AM

Sun., 31 Mar.
St. Thomas

Jerry Adamcewicz (By the Family)
Janis Brough (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 Brenda Bailey)
Ethel Prokop (By Degenhardt Family)
Leona Mae Rohr (By Herb & Jan Pretus)
Marie Stumpf (By the Landeche Family)
Patrick Tobin (By the Family)



10:00AM

Sun., 31 Mar.
St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM

Sun., 31 Mar.
St. Margaret

Eric Navarre
(By George & Kim Navarre)

Wed., 03 Apr. (7:00AM)

Lenten Weekday

Joan McKinney
(By Brenda Bailey)

Thurs., 04 Apr. (7:00AM)

Lenten Weekday

Lynette Pfiffner
(By Donna B. Hill)

Fri., 05 Apr. (7:00AM)

Lenten Weekday

Michael Darouse
(By the Family)

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING



Bishop Michael Duca, Bishop of Baton Rouge, invites you to join him **Friday, 05 April 2019** at 7:00PM at St. Joseph Cathedral for the Way of the Cross in Reparation for the sin of sexual abuse within the Church and for the graced healing of body, mind and spirit for those betrayed by that great sin. All are welcome to attend or to join the Bishop in prayer at that time on that day. Continue to pray for the victims of sexual abuse in any form.

OPERATION EASTER BASKET

Help bring smiles to foster children and those served by St. Vincent de Paul this Easter by dropping off a pre-made or handmade basket (max \$15) to donate to Tri-State Fostering or SVdP. Please drop off all baskets (tagged with age range and gender) at Masses **this weekend** to ensure delivery to the children before Easter. Baskets for pre-teens and teens are especially appreciated. Let's let these kids know they are loved! Call Liz (985.507.8151) or Gina (504.237.7105) for more information!



THANKS FOR THE PRAYERS

Mrs. Pat Aldredge wants to thank all of the parishioners of our community of faith for their prayers, cards and well wishes during her recent illness. She notes that she is doing well and that she is grateful that we have such a wonderful community of faith-filled people!

STAFF MEETING

The Parish Office will be closed this **Friday, 05 April 2019** from 9:00AM until 1:00PM due to our monthly staff meeting! We ask that all parishioners take care of any business they have sometime in the afternoon.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1027

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

They ate what they had grown in the land of Canaan.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

God entrusted to us the message of reconciliation.

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Father, I have sinned against you and against heaven.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Lent — 06/07 April 2019

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 23/24 March 2019

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$7,154.50
St. Vincent de Paul Collection	\$2,636.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

*The Second Collection next weekend is for
the Building & Maintenance Fund!*

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 31 March 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Lenten Fish Fry Ticket Sales!

10:00AM—Second Scrutiny, Parish Hall

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

11:15AM—Reconciliation (7th & 8th Grades)

12:30PM—Passion Play Practice, JP II Room

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



Monday, 01 April 2019

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

Tuesday, 02 April 2019

9:30PM—Bible Study: Book of Isaiah, Bosco Room

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

7:00PM—Knights of Columbus, Ignatius Room

7:00PM—Ladies Auxiliary, Goretti Room

Wednesday, 03 April 2019

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, Parish Hall

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

6:00PM—Penance Service, (Mater Dolorosa)

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

6:30PM—RCIC, Drexel Room

6:30PM—Youth Night, JP II Room

Thursday, 04 April 2019

6:00PM—Cemetery Committee Meeting, Bosco Room

Friday, 05 April 2019

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

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, Parish Hall

9:00AM—Staff Meeting, Ignatius Room

4:00PM—Fish Fry, Parish Grounds

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

Saturday, 06 April 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Lenten Fish Fry Ticket Sales!

SVDP Fill A Prescription Campaign!

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

8:00AM—LLAA Spring Retreat, Parochial Buildings



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

To retell the Gospel in another way today gives it no justice. You know the story line. A father has a younger son who takes half of the family fortune, heads for the hills, foolishly throws it away, and then comes crawling back for his old bedroom. His father is so full of joy that he doesn't scold him but instead throws a party of the ages. Jesus says that the Father does the same for us and that's why we should be fully of joy.

I think we're more often than not like the older brother in the Gospel. When we hear the celebration, we say "What's all that racket about?" Then once we find out the reason for the celebration – the reconciliation of one of our own with our Father – the judgment starts. "A party for my brother? The one who said you're good as dead dad. The one who said give me my half and then comes back, dad welcomes him home as a son again meaning that he could get another portion of my money, will I continue to slave for the old geezer. Give me a break!"

Strange enough, the Father exits the place of joy and asks the inevitable, "What's wrong?" What's the reply, "I've never disobeyed you; I've served you all my life. I've always wanted to be joyful, but you never gave a party for me." And then there's the response of the Father, "I've always had a party going on for you in my heart, and you didn't even know it. But now, let's go and be joyful."

That's the Good News, I think. We'll never experience joy in our faith until we realize we're all outsiders who have been invited to the party. Some are like the younger brother, wasting our time, talent and treasure. Others are like the older brother, hard workers who demand justice. But both are invited into the place of joy. The same is true for each and every one of us. God steps out and invites us to take part of the party with great joy. He says "Everything I have is yours. All that I am is for you. I have been waiting on you!" Let's be glad and accept that invitation, no matter our predicament, and joyfully go up to the house of the Lord.

You'll notice a unique **Sponsorship Opportunity** in your mailbox and in this weekend's bulletin. Catholics are sacramental and incarnational. It matters how our Church "looks" and "feels." We are purchasing new pews, altar furniture, windows, and Stations of the Cross to further beautify our already historic structure in this renovation project. Several parishioners have asked for the opportunity to "sponsor" these fixtures in honor or memory of their loved ones. Would you consider such a memorialization? Your name and the names of your loved ones will be included in a book of acknowledgements to be displayed in the renovated Church. Thanks, as always, for your generosity!

Father Jim