



ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

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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.

“The Pew Buddy”

The Weekly Parish Bulletin

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

06/07 APRIL 2019

PERFECTING THE IMPERFECT

In the Gospel Reading, the scribes and Pharisees bring to Jesus a woman caught in adultery. They make her stand in the middle of the crowd, and they announce that she was caught in the very act of adultery. The law of Moses prescribes stoning as the punishment for adultery. But it does not permit your doing anything you want to a person caught in adultery. It is clear, however, that the scribes and Pharisees are using this woman just as bait to catch Jesus, and they have no hesitation about shaming her terribly in the process. Maybe that is one of the reasons Jesus looks down at the ground to write in the dirt. If he is looking down and she is standing up, then he isn't looking at her. And so he is protecting her in her shame by helping her be hidden from him, alone of all those men staring at her. In caring for her in this way, Jesus is doing something to protect her from the injustice of her captors. And here's



another thing to see. If this woman was caught in the very act of adultery, as her captors say, then there had to have been a man with her when she was caught. Where is he? Why isn't he here with her? Did the scribes and Pharisees just let him go? The law of Moses prescribes stoning him too. The scribes and Pharisees are hypocritical, then; and Jesus catches them in it. He makes clear that they don't care enough about the law of Moses to themselves keep it. They melt away when Jesus tells them to let the ones without sin be the first to cast stones. By that move, Jesus diminishes the woman's shame considerably, doesn't he? Only when it is clear that her accusers have been caught in their hypocrisy and shamed by it, does Jesus lift up his eyes and look at her. And so, by his justice for her and his mercy, Jesus catches her for the Lord. Of all those who came to Jesus because of her, she is the only one left standing by him at the end of the story. And she is the only one who calls him “Kyrie” (“Lord,” “Sir”). -*Eleonore Stump*

Events Around the Parish

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 this **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!

ADULT CONFIRMATION

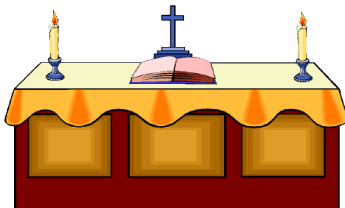
If you are an adult who has been baptized and received First Eucharist but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation, five preparatory sessions will be held on **30 April and 07, 14, 21, and 28 May 2019** from 6:30PM until 8:00PM in order to assist you to prepare to receive the sacrament. Upon completion of these sessions, candidates will be confirmed at a special Mass with the Bishop's approval. If

Confirmation Class



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: ALTAR SOCIETY

The goal of this ministry's ministers is to keep God's house cleaned, polished and in order for all who enter into our place of worship. Ministers clean the linens, vestments, and the church itself. Cleanliness is next to Godliness. All hands are welcome to help clean and launder!



*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."
(1 Peter 4:10)*



you have any further questions, please call Deacon Tim or Deacon Byrd at the Parish Office, or email Darlene Gendusa at darlenemkg@icloud.com.



The remaining Fish Fry dinner will be on the **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.

THE LAST SUPPER

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 this 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!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY



Rosa Flores Castellon, Hattie Davis, Amanda Degenhardt, Shorty DeMars, Shelli Domiano, Therese Domiano, Pauline Frisbie, Mary E. Herbert, Mildred Hoffmann, Tammy Horn, Carlton Kennedy, Helen Kropog, Gregg Mader, Andrew Morales, Edward Murray, Vincent Palisi, Dutch Schilling, Iris Stilley, Annie Tallia, Jamie Tarver and Joseph Tarver's Children, Sharmon Thompson, Joseph Stolf, Liz Varnado, those in the Armed Services and law enforcement, and all who are in need of our prayers.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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 of Lent — 06/07 April 2019

4:00PM Vigil
Sat., 06 Apr.
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)

Frank & Margaret Koles (By June, Margaret Ann & Frank)
Francis Kronlage (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
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)

8:00AM
Sun., 07 Apr.
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)
Leona Mae Rohr (By Herb & Jan Pretus)
Iola St. Pierre (By David & Bonnie Anderson)
Marie Stumpf (By the Landeche Family)
Patrick Tobin (By the Family)
Souls In Purgatory (By Mary Stabile)



10:00AM
Sun., 07 Apr.
St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM
Sun., 07 Apr.
St. Margaret

June Olah
(By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)

Wed., 10 Apr. (7:00AM)
Lenten Weekday
Valentine Langlois
(By the Family)

Thurs., 11 Apr. (7:00AM)
Lenten Weekday
Eric Navarre
(By George & Kim Navarre)

Fri., 12 Apr. (7:00AM)
Lenten Weekday
Karen Chemay
(By Mark Chemay)

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

SEMINARIAN CRAWFISH BOIL

Mark your calendars now and join our faith community in meeting some of our diocesan seminarians at an appreciation crawfish boil at St. Margaret on **05 May 2019** from 12:00PM until 3:00PM. A \$20 donation will buy you approximately four pounds of crawfish. Sound expensive? It really is not, especially since your contributions and all profits will contribute to a trust fund that will be used to fund seminarian education. Get your tickets at the Parish Office since we need to plan NOW for our upcoming annual event!



PREPARE FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on 13/14 April 2019. Prepare to celebrate this Holy Week by participating in the various services that will end the Lenten season, including the annual Chrism Mass in Baton Rouge at St. Joseph Cathedral on Wednesday, 17 April and the normal Triduum services at St. Margaret and St. Thomas. See this week's flyer for details.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Join women from the greater Baton Rouge area and across the country for the Diocese of Baton Rouge's first WINE: Catholic Women's Conference. This event is co-hosted by WINE: Women In the New Evangelization and the Diocese of Baton Rouge! Dynamic Catholic speakers, Teresa Tomeo and Gloria Purvis, will inspire you and rejuvenate your spirit. The day will include time for Mass, Confession, prayer, rest, socializing, and shopping. **Saturday, July 27, 2019 at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in St. Amant, Louisiana.** Special group rate available, so bring your friends! For more information, visit CatholicVineyard.com, and to register, visit beautifulunitedla.eventbrite.com.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1030

Isaiah 43:16-21

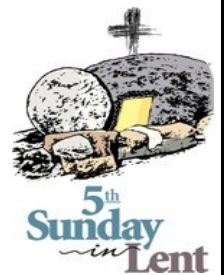
Remember not the events of the past.

Philippians 3:8-14

Continue to pursue God's upward calling.

John 8:1-11

Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion — 13/14 April 2019
Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 30/31 March 2019



Weekly Church Support Collection \$7,943.00

Thank you for your continued and generous support!

The Second Collection next weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Diocesan Priests!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 07 April 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Lenten Fish Fry Ticket Sales!

SVDP Fill A Prescription Campaign!

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

9:00 & 11:00AM—Coffee & Donuts Ministry

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

12:30PM—Jr. Youth Group, JP II Room

5:30PM—Third Scrutiny, Parish Hall

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



Monday, 08 April 2019

10:00AM—Altar Society, Parish Hall

6:00PM—Penance Service, Our Lady of Pompeii

Tuesday, 09 April 2019

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

5:30PM—Youth Group Easter Gathering, Off Campus

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

6:00PM—Penance Service, St. Joseph, Ponchatoula

Wednesday, 10 April 2019

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, Parish Hall

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

6:00PM—Penance Service, Parish Hall

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

6:30PM—RCIC, Drexel Room

6:30PM—Baptism Seminar, Ignatius Room

6:30PM—Youth Night, JP II Room

7:00PM—KC Fourth Degree, Goretti Room

Thursday, 11 April 2019

6:00PM—Catholic Daughters, St. Margaret Room

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

Friday, 12 April 2019

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, Parish Hall

4:00PM—Fish Fry, Parish Grounds

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

Saturday, 13 April 2019

Palm Sunday!

Retirement Fund for Diocesan Priests Second Collection!

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



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

In the second reading to the Philippians, St. Paul writes of the overwhelming importance of knowing Jesus. Nothing else matters. This must have been quite an admission for such a hard worker as Paul. He was willing to count all of his efforts and labors as trash. From now on, his justification would be through Jesus and not through his works. But if Paul really believed this, he would become quiet, wouldn't he? But what happens – he works all the harder.

Most of us spend more time and energy on lesser things. We try not only to win the game of life but to merit eternal life itself. We literally hack away at salvation. And we may well resent it when others find forgiveness. It's easy for us to rise in judgment against those who cannot or will not meet our standards. Perhaps we even condemn ourselves in our failures.

We run across the woman caught in today's Gospel. The first thought we have is, "It takes two to tangle, doesn't it? What about the man?" There goes the judgement already! We tend to imagine the scene of a bunch of old men gathered around this woman with rocks in hand, ready to stone her. But there's the dilemma and the trap for Jesus. The Romans had taken away the Jewish right to capital punishment, but the Mosaic law was very clear about her faith. The trap was that either way Jesus would speak out against one set of laws or the other. He pays no attention and scribbles in the sand. What does he write – who knows? But the illustration dramatically shows that he's simply putting off the Pharisees. Jesus then gives the most poignant answer in the Scripture: "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone."

What happens when we catch the adulterers of our world? Do we want to stone them? While we rush to judgement and condemnation, Jesus does not. And that's a troubling thought. The forgiveness seems too fast, and our virtue doesn't seem to count.

Isaiah's words seem apropos in the first reading – God is truly making something new. Last weekend, we focused on the unconditional love that God gives to us, evident in the prodigal son. Our call this weekend is to give the same unconditional love to others. It's really not about how much I've done and how much others have not. We're all in the same boat – we're all sinners. God forgives each of us according to the same measure. If that's not good enough for you, drop a line at his complaint desk.

Holy Week is just around the corner. Have you been able to use Lent to your spiritual advantage?

Father Jim