



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*
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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION 13/14 APRIL 2019

ABANDONMENT

The opening line of the Psalm for this Sunday is electrifying. How could Christ, how could the Psalmist or anyone, cry out, “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” Well, think about the vacillation between the fear of engulfment and the fear of abandonment. In brokenness, a person can fear that if he draws near to others they will take him over. That fear of engulfment is one side of a pendulum swing that winds up on the other side in a sense of abandonment. If in brokenness you move away from others because you fear engulfment by them, you will make those others distant from you. And then you can feel the distance you have put between you and them as their abandonment of you. When you sense that others are getting close, you have a fear of engulfment; and when you feel the distance from them which you have introduced, you fear that they have abandoned you. It is possible to waver in this way where God is concerned too. We can fluctuate between fear of engulfment by God and fear of abandonment by him. We can long for God; but we can be afraid of his goodness at the same time. The beauty of his holiness highlights for us our own sins, which we hate and cling to anyway. And so our fear of being engulfed by God leads us to flee into our own darkness; our sins cause us to turn away from God. Then, finding ourselves distant from God, we conclude that God has abandoned us. And so in our hearts we cry the Psalmist’s line. But God is love, and love never abandons anyone. On the contrary, God’s love is so great that he takes on our human nature, and on the cross he bears our sins. Our sins borne for us by Christ on the cross fill him with our blindness to the presence of God. Under the weight of our sins, he shares our sense of abandonment by God too. And so it is the ever-present love of God in Christ for us that leaves Christ to cry out on the cross, “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” -*Eleonore Stump*



Events Around the Parish

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.



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.

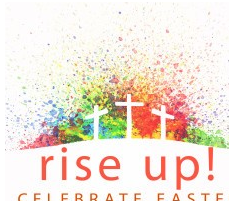


SEMINARIAN CRAWFISH BOIL

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 plus potatoes and corn. Your contributions and all profits will contribute to a trust fund that will be used to fund seminarian education. Come out and meet our seminarians. Get your tickets at the Parish Office NOW so we can plan for our upcoming annual event! Tickets will also be available after Mass during the coming weeks!



EASTER SCHEDULE



Remember our schedule for Easter Masses next weekend is as follows: 8:00PM Vigil Saturday on 20 April 2019 (no 4:00PM Vigil or Confessions.), and Easter Sunday at 8:00AM at St. Thomas and 10:00AM and 5:30PM at St. Margaret. Celebrate our Risen Lord!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish office will be closed on Wednesday, **17 April 2019** due to the Chrism Mass and on Friday, **19 April 2019** for Good Friday. The Parish office will reopen on Tuesday, 23 April 2019. Have a Blessed Easter!



ALMSGIVING OPPORTUNITIES



St. Margaret has a variety of opportunities to help you in your Lenten observances, especially in various ways to give alms. Many parishioners have participated in Catholic Relief Services' Annual Operation Rice Bowl program. Please return your "bowls" to either Church during this

Holy Week. Also, you can Fill a Prescription for the Needy! Take a medicine bottle from the receptacle in Church, add a contribution, and return it in the large container or in the collection. As we conclude forty days, make the most of your Lent with St. Margaret.

WE APPRECIATE OUR YOUTH!

Youth Appreciation Night will be held on **24 April 2019**. All youth are encouraged to participate in this special night sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary who will recognize outstanding youth. Dinner will be provided! Come prepared for a night of FUN!



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, Sylvia Rachal, Dutch Schilling, Iris Stilley, Joseph Stolf, Sharon Stolf, Annie Tallia, Jamie Tarver and Joseph Tarver's Children, Sharmon Thompson, Liz Varnado, Hilma Woods, 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

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion — 13/14 April 2019

4:00PM Vigil
Sat., 13 Apr.
St. Margaret

Janet Bergeron (By Harry & Linda Oalmann)
Philip Brabham (By Knights of Columbus Assembly 2801)
Beverly Brady (By Thea & Candance)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Merrill Cooper (By Martha & D'Wayne Cooper)
Glenn Forsberg (By Ward & Donna Forsberg)
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 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)
Souls In Purgatory (By Mary Stabile)

8:00AM
Sun., 14 Apr.
St. Thomas

Jerry Adamcewicz (By the Family)
Janis Brough (By the Family)
Henry Engelbrecht (By Sylvia & Ernie Bush)
Anthony & Anna Friedman (By the Family)
Judy Friedman (By the Family)
Floyd "Boogie" Johnson (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)
Janice Jones (By Diane Arnone)

Lawrence Kluka (By the Family)
John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)
Diane Lohfink (By Herb & Jan Pretus)
Joan McKinney (By Anita & Lisa)
Marie Stumpf (By the Landeche Family)
Patrick Tobin (By the Family)
Michael Tregle (By A Friend of the Family)



10:00AM
Sun., 14 Apr.
St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM **June Olah**
Sun., 14 Apr. (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
St. Margaret

Wed., 17 Apr. (7:00AM)
Holy Week Weekday
No Mass Today

Thurs., 18 Apr. (7:00PM)
Holy Thursday
Joseph Reine
(By the Family)

Fri., 19 Apr. (3:00PM)
Good Friday
Service at 3:00PM
at St. Thomas Chapel

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret
this week is given in memory of
Christine Horrell
by Joe & Lucie Hanewinkel.

CHRISM MASS INVITATION

On **Wednesday, 17 April 2019** at 10:30AM at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge, Bishop Muench will celebrate our annual Chrism Mass. The Mass of Chrism is properly concelebrated by the bishop with his clergy and is a sign of the unity and communion of priests with their bishop. The blessing of the Oils takes place during this liturgy. All parishioners are invited to attend; the parish office will be closed this day so that our staff might attend the service as well; there will also be no daily Mass scheduled!



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 beautifullyunitedla.eventbrite.com.

MISSION KREWE RAFFLE

Our Youth Group will be selling tickets for their 2019 Mission Krewe Raffle. A \$1.00 chance can possibly win you a \$400 cash prize, a one hour Therapeutic Massage, or a 40lb sack of live crawfish! Tickets are available outside of Mass, or see one of our youth and support this worthy cause!



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1031

Isaiah 50:4-7

God has given me a well-trained tongue.

Philippians 2:6-11

He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave.

Luke 22:14-23:56

This is my body, which will be given for you.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

The Resurrection of Our Lord — 20/21 April 2019

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 06/07 April 2019

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$6,156.00
Building & Maintenance Fund Collection	\$2,823.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

The Second Collection next weekend is for the Capital Improvement Fund! Please be generous!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 14 April 2019

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion!

Retirement Fund for Diocesan Priests Second Collection!

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

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

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

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

6:45PM—Reconciliation (9th-11th Grades)



Monday, 15 April 2019

10:00AM—Altar Society, Parish Hall

Tuesday, 16 April 2019

6:00PM—Vocations Committee, Drexel Room

Wednesday, 17 April 2019

No Eucharistic Adoration Today!

Parish Office is Closed!

10:30AM—Chrism Mass, St. Joseph Cathedral

6:30PM—Passion Play Practice, Church & JP II Room

Thursday, 18 April 2019

Holy Thursday!

10:00AM—CDA Nursing Home Rosary, Off Campus

7:00PM—Mass of the Lord's Supper, Parish Hall

12:00AM—Eucharistic Adoration Concludes

Friday, 19 April 2019

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion!

Parish Office is Closed!

Holy Land Special Collection!

12:00PM—Stations of the Cross, Parish Hall

3:00PM—Good Friday Service, St. Thomas

4:00PM—Passion Play Practice, Parish Hall

6:00PM—Youth Group Passion Play, Parish Hall

Saturday, 20 April 2019

Holy Night of Easter!

Capital Improvement Fund Second Collection!

No 4:00PM Mass or Confessions!

10:00AM—RCIA Vigil Mass Practice, St. Margaret

8:00PM—Easter Vigil Mass, Parish Hall



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

The Palm Sunday story has pride of place in all four Gospels, which makes me wonder if we've had it all wrong. Most Christians believe the birth of the Church to be Pentecost. But I'm not so sure. I wonder if Palm Sunday is the real birthday. Why you might ask? It's the day the followers of Jesus grew up, found their voices, summoned their courage, and assured their role as witness to God's will on the earth.

Let's set the scene. The ancient city of Jerusalem during the annual Passover festival is a lot like Boston, Massachusetts, at the time of the Boston Marathon. The city swells with visitors from all over the world. The city is alive, abuzz, international, exciting. Every possible room is rented at a premium price. Grocers have stocked their shelves to capacity. Everyone is out of doors. The visitors and pilgrims are readily identifiable by their clothing and by their manners...by the extra bags hanging off their shoulders, and by the way they meander up and down the streets, pausing, gazing, pointing. Merchants sell their wares--exotic foods, trinkets, brightly colored cloth--on street corners and in public squares. Musicians and street performers gather lots of people who gape and laugh and applaud. The atmosphere sizzles and pulses. The whole exotic world has come to Jerusalem. Expectation is in the air. To keep the peace, Roman legions, conscripts from Roman citizens, helmeted, armor gleaming, astride noble steeds, these patrol the streets.

On Palm Sunday, today, a shift occurs, a transformation begins. And the shift? It's seismic.

As they enter Jerusalem, the followers begin to assume the roles of leaders. They walk onto stage--onto the world stage of a capital city during a great annual festival. For the first time since they have known Jesus, they take up their roles as players and protagonists in the kingdom of God. For the past three years--from the day Jesus called them from their fishing nets until this moment--the commitment to follow Jesus, it had been personal. It had been intimate and private; but today, this day, Palm Sunday, the commitment to follow Jesus, it becomes public and it becomes political.

It's our turn now, our turn to show the world what God looks like, to show the world what love looks like, to show the world what it looks like to love your enemies or to turn your other cheek. This is the day the church found its feet and found its voice and swore allegiance to the Prince of Peace. May the church be born again today, reborn today on Palm Sunday. For Christ's sake, let's show the world what God looks like. Please join us for our Holy Week festivities this week!

Father Jim