



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*
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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

25/26 MAY 2019

WHAT COMES FIRST

How do we escape fooling ourselves? How do we avoid servitude to merely human laws while we neglect the law of God? How do we guard against the tendency to worship our temporal and cultural fabrications? Jesus, in the fourth Gospel, promises the Holy Spirit to instruct us in everything and remind us of all he revealed. Is this what led the Jerusalem community to forswear putting heavy burdens on its new believers? It is Jesus and his word that we ought first and always to remember. Thereby the Holy Spirit instructs us. When we look at Christ, primarily in scripture, it is clear what he is saying: We need repentance; salvation is offered us in his redeeming death and resurrection; and we are called to imitate him in our mission to the world. We likewise encounter him in our community, the church, which from the beginning has given us his word. The scriptures came from the community, under the blessing of the Spirit. So also came our foundational creeds. Moreover, our holy sacramental signs recall and reenact Jesus' saving power. Our hierarchies, traditions, teachings, and laws all help us remember. Our holy ones, called saints, and our pieties, called devotions, have ever called us back to his truth. We also see him, as he promised, in the least of our brothers and sisters. While no one of these can contain all of the mystery of Christ, taken together they are a concert of witnesses to the Easter message. But one bright truth we should never forget. All ideologies and requirements, all popes and rituals, all theologians and mystics, all laws and traditions, would mean nothing to us as Catholics, if Christ is not risen and has not saved us. It was no more than good sense to drop circumcision. *-John Kavanaugh, SJ*



Events Around the Parish



SUMMER YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Summer youth nights will be held after the **5:30PM** Mass every **Sunday**, from **02 June - 28 July 2019** from **6:30PM to 8:00PM** with the exception of **16 & 30 June 2019**. Dinner will be served at each meeting. Please make plans to join us for food and fun. All high school youth are invited to attend!

Summer Youth Nights:

02 June	07 July
09 June	14 July
16 June (Cancelled)	21 July
23 June	28 July
30 June (Cancelled)	

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DECORATING

We need your help decorating for VBS. Vacation Bible School is just around the corner; the program will be held 10-14 June 2019 from 9:00AM until 12:00PM. Registration forms can be found in the back of churches and on our website. If you are interested in helping us decorate, we will do so on **Friday, 07 June 2019 at 9:00AM**. Hope to see you there since we could use as much help as we can get!



THEY KEEP COMING!



Join Fr. Jamin in welcoming these newly registered St. Margaret parishioners and their families: **Melvin & Barbara Allen; Valerie B. Carpenter; Allison & Mason DeLaune; Jennifer Jones; Glenn & Katherine Motichek**. Thank you for becoming members of the St. Margaret community. Remember to “officially” register if you have not done so; registration forms are available on our website. Registered parishioners always get important parish mail outs and other news from our office.

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, and will be held on **Saturday, July 27, 2019 at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in St. Amant, Louisiana**. 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. A special group rate is available, so bring your friends! For more information, visit CatholicVineyard.com or to register visit beautifullyunitedla.eventbrite.com.



ANOTHER YEAR HAS GONE BY!

Thanks to all catechists, students, parents and guardians for another successful year of PSR. We look forward to seeing you again in the fall. Have a great summer and remember that Mass does not take a break during the summer. Enjoy the fun summer plans we have in store for our community!

DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING

Are you or someone you know suffering the loss of a child through abortion? You are not alone. A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on **Saturday, 01 June 2019** from 10:00AM until 6:00PM. For more information and confidential registration, please call 225-325-3459 or email EnteringCanaan@diobr.org. All inquiries are confidential.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Benny Baham, Cindy Brasington, Morgan Carel, Rosa Flores Castellon, Judy Cremeans, Hattie Davis, Amanda Degenhardt, Shorty DeMars, Peggy Desselle, Shelli Domiano, Therese Domiano, Pauline Frisbie, Mimi Francis Goelz, Phyllis Harrison, Mary E. Herbert, Mildred Hoffmann, Tammy Horn, Carlton Kennedy, May Kimler, Helen Kropog, Gregg Mader, Andrew Morales, Edward Murray, Vincent Palisi, Sylvia Rachal, Carol Rippal, Dutch Schilling, Iris Stillely, Joseph Stolf, Sharon Stolf, Annie Tallia, Jamie Tarver and Joseph Tarver's Children, Sharmon Thompson, Rita Valjoin, Liz Varnado, Joe Vilardo, Debbie Wheat, Tonya Wheat, 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter — 25/26 May 2019

4:00PM Vigil
Sat., 25 May
St. Margaret

Janet Bergeron (By Harry & Linda Oalmann)
Philip Brabham (By the Labranche Family)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Walter Hakenjos (By Rose Hakenjos)
Doris Haydel (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)
Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz (By the Family)
Alex Kerek (By the Family)
Francis Kronlage (By the Family)

John Kropog (By Helen Kropog & Family)
Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Joan Heaney Mathis (By Robert & Jewell Tarifa)
Lynette Pfiffner (By Harry & Linda Oalmann)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Denise Schilling (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Arleen Sylvester (By the D'Antoni & Dean Families)

8:00AM
Sun., 26 May
St. Thomas

Jerry Adamcewicz (By the Family)
Patrick Blanchard (By the Family)
Janis Brough (By the Family)
Jason Degenhardt (By Degenhardt Family)
Floyd "Boogie" Johnson (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)

Lawrence Kluka (By the Family)
John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)
Joan McKinney (By Anita & Lisa)
Denise Schilling (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Patrick Tobin (By the Family)

10:00AM
Sun., 26 May
St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM
Sun., 26 May
St. Margaret

Donald P. Steadman
(By Carla Van Vrancken)



Wed., 29 May (7:00AM)
Easter Weekday
Barbara Spano
(By George & Kim Navarre)

Thurs., 30 May (7:00AM)
Easter Weekday
Lynette Pfiffner
(By Pete Pfiffner & Family)

Fri., 31 May (7:00AM)
The Visitation of Mary (F)
Michael Darouse
(By the Family)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret this week is given for **Josely Santiago** for his safe return to his family by Barbara Stallcup.

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT

Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage? Then join us on our upcoming Married Couples Retreat at the newly renovated St Joseph Abbey's Christian Life Retreat Center in Covington, La on **21-23 June 2019**. It is a weekend dedicated to giving you and your beloved the opportunity to find rest, strength, and enrichment, which is something we all need! A once a year commitment to attending a retreat as a couple is a great habit that will bless and deepen your love for God and each other! To register call (504) 830-3716 or visit www.FaithandMarriage.org. Money should never be a reason for a couple not to attend!



YUMMY FOR YOUR TUMMY

Come and grow in community while getting to know your fellow parishioners! Mark your calendars for next month's "Yummy for Your Tummy." The theme will be "Pizza on the Padre" and will be held in the St. Margaret Room on **Saturday, 08 June 2019 at 5:00PM**. "The Padre" will provide the pizza if you can bring dessert! Join us for food, fun and fellowship.

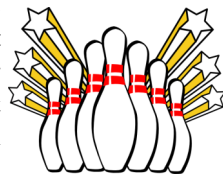


REMEMBERING OUR HEROES ON MEMORIAL DAY!



WILLWOODS SUPPER & SUBSTANCE

Attention all Married couples. You are invited to a fun and faith-filled date night celebrating and enriching marriages at our 12th Annual Diocesan-Wide Supper & Substance on **Saturday, 27 July** from 7:00PM until 9:30PM at Mid-City Lanes Rock 'N' Bowl located across the street from the Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. Come hear an inspiring presentation from speaker couple Jason & Elise Angelette, listen to live music by "After Party," and enjoy great food, drinks, bowling, and a rockin' good time! For tickets, sponsoring a lane or to learn more about the event, call Jason at 504.830.3716 or go to www.FaithandMarriage.org.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1078

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
The first church council resolves conflicts.
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
The new Jerusalem will be a community for all.
John 14:23-29
Jesus assures us of his continuing love.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

Ascension of the Lord — 01/02 June 2019
Acts 1:1-11; Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 18/19 May 2019

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$5,297.00
Mission Krewe Collection	\$3,057.00

Thank you for your continued and generous support!



The Second Collection next weekend will be for the Building & Maintenance Fund!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 26 May 2019

Welcome to St. Margaret Seminarian James Vu! Join us to welcome him after all Masses!

Monday, 27 May 2019

Happy Memorial Day!
10:00AM—Altar Society, Parish Hall

Tuesday, 28 May 2019

6:00PM—Bible Study: Isaiah, Ignatius Room
6:30PM—Adult Confirmation, Vianney Room

Wednesday, 29 May 2019

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, Parish Hall
6:00PM—Master Planning Committee, Ignatius Room

Thursday, 30 May 2019

6:30PM—Mission Krewe Chaperones, Hall of Saints

Friday, 31 May 2019

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Saturday, 01 June 2019

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!



NEW KREWE ADDITIONS

This weekend, St. Margaret will welcome Seminarian James Vu! James will be shadowing Fr. Jamin all summer, learning the “ins-and-outs” of pastoral life. Join us in the after all weekend Masses to welcome him to our community. He will depart at the beginning of August to return to seminary. As Fr. Jamin mentioned last weekend, on 05 August 2019, Fr. Brad Doyle will be assigned as Parochial Vicar to St. Margaret. He will assist Fr. Jamin in his pastoral work in the parish, participate in all of our ministries, and serve as sacramental relief help to the priests of the Northeast Deanery. He will also serve as Chaplain to St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Hammond! Welcome these two men as our “krewe” continues to grow!



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, some people were insisting that you had specific things that you had to do in order to win salvation. After writing to the other folks back home in Jerusalem, Paul and Barnabas share Good News with the community – don’t lay any burdens on people that are not necessary. But that begs the question – what is necessary? Do you have to abstain from meat offered to idols? What about avoiding illicit sexual unions. What’s interesting in this reading is what is not mentioned – the basic requirement to have faith in the Lord Jesus!

You can see similar examples crop up all throughout the Scriptures. For example, in the First Letter to Timothy a laundry list is given to bishops about how to be good bishops. They are to be of irreproachable character, not heavy drinkers or money grubbers. They are to be married only once. These seem to be, at least, the things that are needed to be a good bishop.

But don’t things change over time? Take our Church for example, to be a good Catholic in one era, you had to wear veils to Mass if you were a woman (I don’t see many of those in Church today). For it to be properly Mass, it would have to be in Latin (have you been to one of those recently)?

What today’s Scriptures point us to is a common fallacy that’s part of our human condition. We tend to identify the will of God with our own will. Let’s face it, practices in our Church change often. We call these “traditions with a small t.” Others can’t, and don’t, and they won’t. The problem is that we often blur the two. The result is that we worship our temporal and cultural fabrications.

So we arrive at that same question again – what makes us Good Catholics? Sometimes like Paul’s communities, we forget the most important element – faith in the Lord Jesus. Without it, none of what we do here makes sense. The most important thing that makes us Catholic is what we celebrate here each and every Sunday – the Eucharist – Christ present with us and in our midst. Our hierarchies, traditions and teachings help us remember. Our saints and devotions call us back to the truth. But none of these mean anything if Christ isn’t risen and has saved us! Some things change; that’s one that doesn’t!

Have you checked out the Church from the safe confines of the construction fence recently? The roof is complete; hardy board continues to come up and is painted; windows are being installed. The hall is nice, but aren’t you ready to “go home?”

Fr. Jamin