



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.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

01/02 JUNE 2019

THE MYSTERY OF GOODBYE

As a parent, you experience this when your children grow up and move away. First there is the pain of letting them go, but eventually there is the joy of having those same children come back and stand before you in a new way, as adults now who can befriend you and be with you in a way that they couldn't as children. But, this doesn't happen unless your children first go away. Good parents know that by hanging on too tightly, by not giving your children the space within which to be absent, you not only stunt their growth, but you deprive yourselves of eventually having a wonderful adult come

back to you with something deeper to give them the dependent love of a child. That's true in every relationship. Jesus tries, painstakingly and repeatedly, to teach this to his disciples before his ascension. He tells them, again and again: "It is better for you that I go

away. If I do not go away I cannot send you the spirit. You will grieve now, but later you will rejoice." It took me years to understand, even partially, what Jesus meant by those words and I'm still struggling, perhaps more in my heart than in my head, to accept that at times we have to go away in order for our spirits to bloom more fully and be capable of being received by those we love most, beyond the tensions and irritations that forever cloud relationships. When children leave home for the first time to begin lives on their own, in one fashion or another, they are saying to their parents what Jesus said to his disciples before his ascension: "It is better for you that I go away. If I do not go away I cannot come back to you in a deeper way!" We speak those words too every time we walk out of a door, for a long time or even for just a day, and have to say the words: "Good-bye!" -Ron Rolheiser



Ascension
OF THE LORD

Events Around the Parish

VBS DECORATING

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, and we need YOUR help decorating! The program will be held on 10-14 June 2019 from 9:00AM until 12:00PM. Registration forms can be found in the back of both 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!



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 and fellowship!

SPEND TIME WITH THE LORD

Remember Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is still taking place every Wednesday after the 7:00AM Mass and EUCHARISTIC ADORATION concludes at 8:00PM. We thank parishioners who have signed up to regularly spend time with the Lord. If you cannot commit to the same hour every week, do feel free to stop by and spend some time in prayer. We are looking for more dedicated people who are



willing to sign up at available times. Contact the office to sign up!

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT

Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage? Then join the 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!



PASTORAL COUNCIL

The purpose of the St. Margaret Pastoral Council is to provide a mechanism for the active cooperation of the clergy, religious and laity in the planning and administration of parish affairs and ministries. This consultative body assists Fr. Jamin in planning and policy making within the parish. Seven discerned members from the parish serve on the Council, and new members are discerned by the outgoing members annually. One staff person serves as a liaison to the Council, and a youth representative can also be discerned. Our current members, the commission they chair and their term expiration include:



Jennifer Batson (Administration, 2020)
Lynn Garro (Education, 2021)
Evelyn Moreland (Education, 2022)
David Drude (Evangelization & Worship, 2021)
Susan Martin (Evangelization & Worship, 2020)
Gina Little (Service Ministries, 2022)
Mike Miranda (Service Ministries, 2021)
Kymren Pecoraro (Youth Representative, 2020)
Deacon William Corbett (Ex-Officio)
Deacon Timothy Messenger (Ex-Officio)
Mary E. Herbert (Staff Liaison)

Many thanks to our Council for their service and leadership at St. Margaret!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Benny Baham, Cindy Brasington, Morgan Carel, Rosa Flores Castellon, Judy Cremeans, Doreen Daniels, 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, Carl Rabalais, Sylvia Rachal, Carol Rippal, Dutch Schilling, Iris Stille, 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

Ascension of the Lord — 01/02 June 2019

4:00PM Vigil
Sat., 01 Jun.
St. Margaret

Janet Bergeron (By Harry & Linda Oalmann)
Philip Brabham (By Knights of Columbus Assembly 2801)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Jeanne Davis (By Donna & Ward Forsberg)
Fred Gauthier (By Rose Gauthier & Family)
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 Pffiffner & Family)
Joan Heaney Mathis (By Harry & Jewell Tarifa)
Lynette Pffiffner (By Harry & Linda Oalmann)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pffiffner (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)
Denise Schilling (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)
Arleen Sylvester (By the D'Antoni & Dean Families)

8:00AM
Sun., 02 Jun.
St. Thomas

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

John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)
Joan McKinney (By Larry Kiss)
Denise Schilling (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)
Patrick Tobin (By the Family)



10:00AM
Sun., 02 Jun.
St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM
Sun., 02 Jun.
St. Margaret

Ross Miano
(By Kent & Sharon Miano)

Wed., 05 Jun. (7:00AM)
St. Boniface (M)
Madeline G. Cheramie
(By Michelle & Tammy)

Thurs., 06 Jun. (7:00AM)
Easter Weekday
Eric Navarre
(By George & Kim Navarre)

Fri., 07 Jun. (7:00AM)
Easter Weekday
Michael Darouse
(By the Family)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret this week is given in memory of **Joseph & Frances Reine** by the Family.

COME AND SEE FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

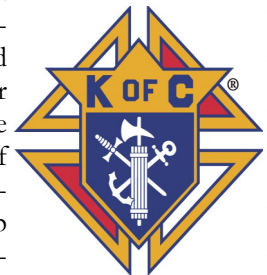


On **Saturday, 15 June 2019** from **9:00AM-2:30PM** at the Corcoran Conference Center in Baton Rouge, the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady invite single women aged 15 and older to visit them. They are eager to answer questions that you may have about the Franciscan Sisters, help you explore your vocation as a person who is single, married or considering a closer relationship with the Sisters through their Lay Associate Program or Consecrated Life. There is no cost for the day, but anyone interested is asked to contact Sr. Margarida Vasques at either margarida.vasques@fmoles.org or call 225.922.7443 or 225.765.8068 by **Monday, 10 June 2019**.



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We invite any male 18 or older to consider joining this world-wide Catholic men's organization by applying through our local St. Margaret Council. Experience the fellowship of Catholic men and the satisfaction of seeing your good works translate into relief for the many in need who are supported by the Knights of Columbus. Monthly meetings are used to develop fundraising plans and determine how best to allocate resources to other organizations and individuals in need as well as attract new members and grow the organization.



"Behold how good and pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133).



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1079

Acts 1:1-11

Jesus rose from the dead and returned to prepare the disciples to preach and continue his work.

Ephesians 1:17-23

Believers are called to profess belief in the triune God whose greatness over all is manifested in Jesus.

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus instructs the disciples to return to Jerusalem.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

Pentecost Sunday — 08/09 June 2019

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 25/26 May 2019

Weekly Church Support Collection \$5,455.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

The Second Collection next weekend will be for our local chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 02 June 2019

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

9:00AM—Coffee & Donuts, St. Thomas

11:00AM—Coffee & Donuts, St. Margaret

6:30PM—Youth Night, John Paul II Room



Monday, 03 June 2019

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

Tuesday, 04 June 2019

7:00PM—Knights of Columbus, Ignatius Room

7:00PM—Ladies Auxiliary, Goretti Room

Wednesday, 05 June 2019

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, Parish Hall

Thursday, 06 June 2019

The Office will be Closed from 9:00AM until 1:00PM!

9:00AM—Staff Meeting, Ignatius Room

6:00PM—Cemetery Committee Meeting, Bosco Room

Friday, 07 June 2019

9:00AM—VBS Decorating Meeting, Hall of Saints

5:30PM—Catechists Dinner, Off Campus

Saturday, 08 June 2019

St. Vincent de Paul Society Second Collection!

5:00PM—Yummy for Your Tummy, Hall of Saints



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

One author once wrote about the Church, “To many outside of the Church, the Church is like a football huddle. You know that something important is being said there, but you can’t understand a word of it. And all you can see is their rear ends!”

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, and we’re faced with a real dilemma. On the one hand, the Scriptures reiterate the Great Commission that Jesus gives each and every one of us – to do equally great things in the name of the Lord. Sometimes, though, I wonder if the practice of today’s Gospel is instead more or less the “Great Omission.” Perhaps our challenge, then, is to create a realistic plan in our quest to evangelize all peoples?

In our first reading today from the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus disciples stand around gazing at the sky trying to figure out what happened to Jesus and what might happen to them. Soon enough, two men in white garments appear and ask them that very question “Why are you standing here looking around? You have work to do!” In other words, you have a commission to fulfill. You’re supposed to drive out demons and heal lepers. Imagine the reaction of the disciples – “Who, US?”

Both the second reading and the Gospel today might tempt us to focus on various theological questions about the Ascension. Questions like “Where is heaven?” or “Is Jesus’ body actually there?” all provide interesting Christological discussions. But we shouldn’t overlook a basic theological concept found in the Gospel itself. Jesus gives his promises to his disciples that they’ll be able to do great things. But he gives them a warning – stay in the city until you’re clothed with power from on high. In other words, you can’t do it by yourself! Sure, you’ll be able to work great miracles, things just as Jesus did; but unless you do these in the name of the Lord under the Spirit’s inspiration, they WILL NOT be fruitful.

Sometimes I think we’re the same way! We can be quite zealous, willing to take the Scriptural challenge literally. But there’s a temptation always present. In the seminary, we called it the Messiah complex – people who think that without their presence or ministry, the Church would simply crumble. We even refer to it in our own conventional wisdom. When a pope dies, another one is soon elected. Charles de Gaulle once said “The graveyards are full of indispensable people.”

Perhaps that’s the message for us today – the Church says important things. And spread those words to others. But don’t think you can do it on your own. Do you follow the words of the Great Commission? Do you truly believe that you have great work to do?

Father Fanni



STAFF MEETING

The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, 06 June 2019** from 9:00AM until 1:00PM. Make sure to take care of any business before or after the meeting!