



# ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

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## “The Pew Buddy”

*The Weekly Parish Bulletin*

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29/30 AUGUST 2020

### 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*  
Rev. Brad Doyle (Ext. 111) *Parochial Vicar*  
Deacon Byrd Corbett (Ext. 108) *Permanent Deacon*  
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Mary E. Herbert (Ext. 105) *Administrative Assistant*  
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Lucie Hanewinkel (Ext. 103) *Adult Formation*  
Shirley Darouse (Ext. 104) *Contributions Manager*  
Gill Scioneaux (Ext. 150) *Maintenance Supervisor*  
Ansleigh Barras (Ext. 148) *Youth Formation*  
Carol Girdwood (Ext. 152) *Sacramental Coordinator*  
St. Vincent de Paul Hotline (Ext. 144)

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

#### Sunday Masses

4:00PM Saturday Vigil (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)  
6:00PM Saturday Vigil (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)  
8:00AM (*St. Thomas Chapel, Springfield*)  
10:00AM (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)  
5:30PM (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)

#### Daily Masses (St. Margaret Church, Albany)

7:00AM, Monday through Friday  
6:00PM, Wednesday

**RECONCILIATION:** The Sacrament is offered weekly at 4:00PM on Thursday 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 Carol Girdwood 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 Carol Girdwood at 985.974.3313.

# THE WAY TO FULFILLMENT

Does God want us to be happy? How could anyone answer “no”? How could anyone suppose God is good or loving if it is not true that he wants us to be happy? And yet look at Christ’s line in the Gospel. Deny yourself, Jesus tells his faithful followers; take up your cross and follow me. Denying yourself seems the very opposite of going for happiness, and the cross is an instrument of torture. Why would God want these things for his people? Does God want us to be *unhappy*? A man divorcing his unaccomplished, middle-aged, dowdy

wife to marry a much younger, prettier, successful woman explained his decision to his devastated wife this way. “God wants me to be happy,” he told her, “and I can’t be happy with *you*. I *will* be happy with her.” It seems never to have crossed the mind of this husband that God might have any care for his wife’s happiness. The husband’s full view of the matter could be put this way: “God wants *me* to be happy, but God doesn’t care at all about *you*.” This little story, common in its selfishness, shows the sickness of the post-fall human condition, so apt to privilege its own power or pleasure over any greater goods. We can’t be happy in this condition, when we are glad enough to crush others to get what we want. What is to be done with us? What *will* make us happy? What will save us from the evil that infects us and leaves us so willing to afflict others? This is where Christ’s line comes in. The route to the happiness God does want for us has to go through the cross of Christ. Christ is The Way for us, and the cross is where we meet him for the road to our true happiness in love and holiness in him. -*Eleonore Stump*



# Events Around the Parish

## “STILL AMIDST THE STORM”

One Book, One Church will be starting back up in mid September on Monday evenings. St. Margaret is inviting all parishioners to read, reflect, and share their thoughts on: *“Still Amidst the Storm”* by Conor Gallagher. The sessions for this reading will be on **14, 21, 28 September 2020** from **6:00PM until 7:30PM** in the Hall of Saints. Registration forms are due this **Friday, 04 September 2020** and can be found on the website. Remember to observe physical distancing and wear your masks.



## CALL FOR STORIES OF WITNESS

*The Catholic Commentator* is launching a new feature in its bi-weekly publication, and they need your help! A collaborative project with the Racial Harmony Commission of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, the new column will feature stories, letters, and other forms of personal reflections on race and faith in order to build bridges of empathy and understanding among members of the Body of Christ. To that end, the column will be called “Building Bridges,” the motto of the commission, which was established by Bishop Robert W. Muench after the tragic deaths of Alton Sterling and three Baton Rouge law enforcement officers in 2016. The commission remains active today with the strong support of Bishop Michael G. Duca.

Have you suffered from racism but found healing and hope in your faith? Gained new insight or encountered Christ in those who do not look like you or share your culture? Read a book or watched a film that let you see the world through another’s eyes? Submit your 700-800-word story, review or letter as a Microsoft Word attachment (about 2½ pages, double-spaced, 12 pt. type) to Goldie Domingue ([racialharmony@diobr.org](mailto:racialharmony@diobr.org)). *The Commentator* reserves the right to edit with respect to content and style according to generally accepted journalistic standards.



Join us as we strengthen our faith communities by getting to know one another better. We look forward to personal stories that inform us, inspire us and help transform us into the image of God, in whose likeness people of all races have been wonderfully made.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Ronnie & Lynn Barrosse, Susan Brantley, Cindy Brasington, Ezekiel Jaleel Broussard, Nancy Campeaux, Morgan Carel, Valerie Carpenter, Rosa Flores Castellon, Francis Cicet, Amber Stillely Cocchiola, Doreen Daniels, Donna Davis, Hattie Davis, Jojo Davis, Amanda Degenhardt, Irene DeMars, Peggy Desselle, Shelli Domiano, Therese Domiano, Rosemary Ellis, Sister June Engelbrecht, Sal Faldetta, Gene Fekete, Angie Fletcher, Pauline Frisbie, Lynn Gerhardt, Ruth Giaimis, Wendy Gill, Aubree Glorioso, Malissa Gonzales, Karen Hall, Tommy Hebert, Mary E. Herbert, Hunter Hoffman, Mildred Hoffmann, Tammy Horn, John Huszar, Dustin Jenkins, Kansas Johnson, Carlton Kennedy, Tracey Kenney, Alex Kropog, Helen Kropog, Shirley Lacour, Joe Lobue, Connie Louviere, Gregg Mader, T. C. Martan, A. J. Martinez, Andrew Morales, Edward Murray, Fay Murray, Bill Norman, Daisy Rayborn Norman, Rosemary Novak, Sue Novak, Frank Parrino, Terry Parrino, Wayne & Polly Pepitone, Willie Picou, Glenva Puma, Carl Rabalais, Sylvia Rachal, Ronnie Randazzo, Skipper Rayborn, Tracey Rossie, Maverick Ryder, Dutch Schilling, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Smith, Brittany Stillely, Charlie Stolf, Joseph Stolf, Sharon Stolf, Annie Tallia, Jamie Tarver and Joseph Tarver’s Children, Sharmon Thompson, Rose Threeton, Michael Trant, Erin Trent, Joe Vilardo, Bobby Vitter, Út Vù, Glen Wales, Tracey Wascom, Debbie Wheat, Tonya Wheat, Lucas Williamson, 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](mailto:fdantin@bellsouth.net).



*Within the coming weeks, we will be refreshing our prayer list!  
Please call the Parish Office if you would like your name in our weekly prayer blurb!*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time — 29/30 August 2020*

**4:00PM Vigil**  
Sat., 29 Aug.

**Don Bankston** (By Pete Pffnner & Family)  
**Scott Bernard** (By Rose Gauthier & Family)  
**Philip Brabham** (By Lydia Brabham)  
**Theresa Christina** (By Lydia Brabham)  
**Jimmy Darouse** (By Knights of Columbus Council 10178)  
**Joyce & Sonny Fedele** (By Rosie Sziszak)  
**Robert Fisackerly, III** (By Dana Vutera)  
**Homer Gaspard** (By Friends)  
**Joe Hanewinkel, Sr.** (By Lydia Brabham)  
**Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz** (By the Family)  
**Helen Kerek** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**Francis Kronlage** (By the Family)

**Daniel Kropog** (By Danny and Dorothy Kropog & Family)  
**John Kropog** (By Helen Kropog & Family)  
**Vernon Landry, Jr.** (By Pete Pffnner & Family)  
**Vernon & Dorothy Landry** (By Pete Pffnner & Family)  
**Ray J. Louviere** (By Barbara & Kenny Sherman)  
**Mike Michon** (By Barry & Julie Desselles)  
**Bill Moran** (By Knights of Columbus Council 10178)  
**Lynette Pffnner** (By Pete Pffnner & Family)  
**Peter J. & Elizabeth Pffnner** (By Pete Pffnner & Family)  
**Anne Sherman** (By Kenny Sherman)  
**Andrew & Irene Sziszak** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**Freddie Varisco** (By Lucy Whiddon)

**6:00PM**

**Bob Fisackerly, III** (By Maurice & Lillian Oubre)

**8:00AM**

Sun., 30 Aug.  
St. Thomas

**Doris Haydel** (By the Family)  
**Lawrence Kluka** (By the Family)  
**Melissa Labranche** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**John LaGrange** (By Edie & Family)  
**A. J. Martinez** (By the Family)

**Joan McKinney** (By Brenda Bailey)  
**Jackie Olsen** (By Edward & Lena Pauli)  
**Patrick Tobin** (By the Family)  
**Souls in Purgatory** (By Mary Stabile)

**10:00AM**

**Missa Pro Populo** (The Mass for All Parishioners)

**5:30PM James Waguespack** (By the Family)

Monday, 31 Aug. ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM **Jimmy Darouse** (By Family)



Tuesday, 01 Sep. ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM **Lynette Pffnner** (By Pete Pffnner & Family)

Wednesday, 02 Sep. ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM **Henry R. Wrich** (By Family)  
 6:00PM **Karen Chemay** (By Mark Chemay)

Thursday, 03 Sep. ~ St. Gregory the Great (M)

7:00AM **Alvin Ricouard** (By the Family)

Friday, 04 Sep. ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM **Michael Darouse** (By the Family)

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

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT ST. MARGARET**

In brief, here are the things happening around the St. Margaret campus this week:

Eucharistic Adoration takes place at St. Margaret Church on Wednesday. It is followed by Benediction at 5:00PM and evening Mass at 6:00PM. Just remember our COVID precautions to keep all safe.

GriefShare is continuing every Wednesday night at 6:00PM through 11 November 2020. Remember if you have any questions, please contact Debbie Kropog, the ministry leader, by email at [debbiekropog@gmail.com](mailto:debbiekropog@gmail.com) or call the parish office for more information. Catholics, non-Catholics, and non-parishioners are invited to attend. Just remember to wear your masks and observe physical distancing.

RCIA and RCIC have started and will continue to have classes every Wednesday night at 6:30PM in the Hall of Saints until the Easter season. Just remember to wear your masks and use social distancing.

The Youth Group has started back up every Wednesday night at 6:30PM in the Hall of Saints. All high school youth are encouraged to join us.

Margaret's Men will meet on Thursday, 03 September at 6:00PM, in the St. Margaret Room. All men are invited and remember to wear your masks and observe social distancing.



**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

*Gather Hymnal Number 1155*

**Jeremiah 20:7-9**  
*Jeremiah rebukes God for his suffering.*  
**Romans 12:1-2**  
*We are called to live sacrificial lives.*  
**Matthew 16:21-27**  
*Jesus rebukes Peter for denying that he must suffer.*



**ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK**

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time — 05/06 September 2020*  
**Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20**

## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 22/23 August 2020

Weekly Church Support Collection \$7,381.00



Next weekend's Second Collection will be for  
the Building & Maintenance Fund!

Thank you for your continued and generous support!

## THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, 30 August 2020

Catholic University of America Special Collection!

11:15AM—PSR, Grades K-6, Hall of Saints

11:15AM—PSR Reconciliation (3 & 4)

6:45PM—PSR, Grades 7-11, Hall of Saints

### Monday, 31 August 2020

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!



### Tuesday, 01 September 2020

7:00PM—Knights of Columbus, St. Margaret Room

7:00PM—Ladies Auxiliary, Goretti Room

### Wednesday, 02 September 2020

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, St. Margaret Church

6:00PM—GriefShare, Ignatius Room

6:30PM—Open Doors (RCIA), Seton Room

6:30PM—RCIC, Goretti Room

6:30PM—Youth Group, JP II Room

### Thursday, 03 September 2020

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

6:00PM—Margaret's Men, St. Margaret Room

### Friday, 04 September 2020

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

### Saturday, 05 September 2020

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

## KNIGHTS & LADIES NEWS

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who donated to the Seminarian School Supply Drive! The supplies and snacks are definitely appreciated by the Seminarians each year, and they send St. Margaret their many thanks!

The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary will be having their monthly meeting on **01 September 2020** at **7:00PM** in the Hall of Saints. Remember to wear your masks and to practice physical distancing!



## Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

At some point in our life, you and I will all have to bear something that might seem at first unbearable to us. A young woman might be left to raise three children on her own because her husband was killed in Iraq. A family expecting their first child is crushed by the news that the baby died at birth. A family member died in a car crash that involved a drunk driver. Hurricane Laura destroying the homes and lives of a family member or friend in Lake Charles.

As these unbearable things surround us, they force us to realize a truth about ourselves: we have very little control over so much that affects us in our world today. Yes, unbearable things often surround us, and we have little control over their affect on us. I wonder how we respond to God in these circumstances? Are we angry with him or do we live in grief? Might today's Scripture readings be challenging us to embrace the pain and suffering we experience as necessary parts of our human existence?

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that he must go to Jerusalem to undergo the unbearable – great suffering at the hands of the chief priests and the elders. Peter can't believe this: it's too unbearable; it could never happen to the Lord. It's hard for us to understand why the unbearable happens to us, and there is no easy answer. The only solace that we find comes at the foot of the cross where God himself suffered and was nailed to a tree. You and I need a God who has suffered in the same way that we do, and we find great comfort knowing that whatever our suffering, whatever uncontrollable event has happened to us, God has seen it, and known it, and experienced it in the same way we have. Our response to God shouldn't be one of anger and frustration. Rather, it should be one where we ask the Lord to give us strength to endure the unbearable just like he did and offer it up for the salvation of many. Peter was just like us. He wanted to remove the suffering, the unbearable, not just from his own life but from Jesus' life as well. I think today's Gospel reading is a simple reminder to us that in order for us to rise again, we first have to die, no matter how scary or painful that might seem to us.

What are those unbearable things that you face in your own life, and how do you respond to them and to God? Will you be like Jeremiah or the Psalmist, willing to embrace the suffering even in your anger and confusion? Or will you be like Peter who simply wants to remove the suffering? When things seem unbearable, turn to Jesus, and be willing to take up your cross just like our Lord who was willing to bear the unbearable himself.

*Father Finn*