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“The Pew Buddy”

The Weekly Parish Bulletin

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 05/06 SEPTEMBER 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*
Deacon Tim Messenger (Ext. 149) *Permanent Deacon*
Mary E. Herbert (Ext. 105) *Administrative Assistant*
Lanie Borum (Ext. 101) *Receptionist*
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.

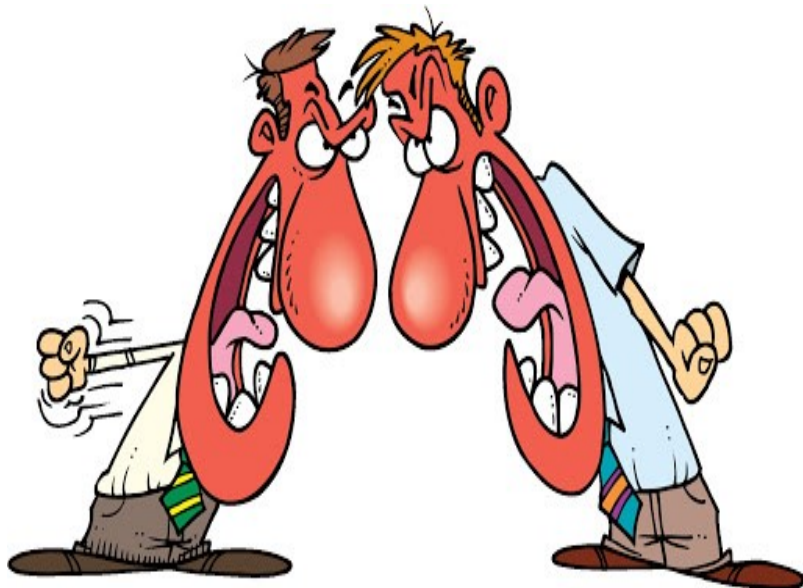
BAPTISM: Contact Carol Girdwood for preliminary information and to schedule a home visit from the Baptism Prep Team.

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.

HE STARTED IT

What happens when someone misbehaves and hurts you? What should you do, punch ‘em out? No. Jesus lays out a detailed plan in the Gospel about how to help a person, especially in the Christian community, who has done you harm. This strategy applies whatever the damage was: saying unfair things behind your back, embarrassing you in public, stealing, unfaithfulness, you name it. First, go to the person and let her or him know that you believe you have been hurt by what they did or said. This is not an opportunity to “let my anger out,” to get my rights, or worse, to hurt them in return. It is an attempt to repair the relationship, no matter whose fault it was. It is an effort to help, not hurt. Of course, in Sunday’s story, Jesus is presuming that there is a basis of love between you and the other person. Another way to say it is that you are both members of the church. What if going to the person does not succeed? Jesus says you should next take two or three witnesses along. They will back you up if your interpretation of the problem is correct. If the person still does not listen, keep trying, he says. Tell the church. Continue to work on it until the matter is smoothed out. Let truth and forgiveness rule. The underlying reason behind this whole strategy is hinted at in the First Reading. There the Lord says that Ezekiel must speak out to a person when they are doing evil and especially if they have been warned by the Lord. The point is not to punish them, or to turn Ezekiel into a police interrogation unit. The point is to try and help them back from the danger to their own self and to the community. —*John Foley, SJ*





Events Around the Parish



JOIN US FOR UPCOMING EVENTS "AROUND THE PARISH"

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.

The first meeting of the James Samaritan Ministry will be on Wednesday, 09 September in the Seton Room in the Hall of Saints at 4:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to join us.

GriefShare is continuing every Wednesday night at 6:00PM through 11 November 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Kropog, the ministry leader, by email at debbiekropog@gmail.com or call the parish office. 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 practice 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.

St. Vincent de Paul will meet on Thursday at 6:00PM in the Seton Room. Join us to assist with our community outreach.



"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 can be found on the website. Remember to observe physical distancing and wear your masks.

GET YOUR ST. MARGARET MASKS

In the Parish Office we will have St. Margaret logo masks available for purchase for \$8.00! We only have a limited quantity so make sure to get yours as soon as possible! No, they're not cheap, but they keep us safe!



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, Lily Lebowitz, 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.



*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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time — 05/06 September 2020

4:00PM Vigil
Sat., 05 Sep.

Don Bankston (By Knights of Columbus Council 10178)
Scott Bernard (By Rose Gauthier & Family)
Philip Brabham (By Lydia Brabham)
Theresa Christina (By Lydia Brabham)
Jimmy Darouse (By Knights of Columbus Council 10178)
Henry Faust, Jr. (By Cathy, Gaston & Family)
Joyce & Sonny Fedele (By Rosie Sziszak)
Robert Fisackerly, III (By Dana Vutera)
Homer Gaspard (By Friends)
Fred Gauthier (By Rose Gauthier & Family)
Joe Hanewinkel, Sr. (By Lydia Brabham)
Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz (By the Family)

Helen Kerek (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
John Kropog (By Helen Kropog & Family)
Vernon Landry, Jr. (By Pete Pffner & Family)
Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pffner & Family)
Ray J. Louviere (By Barbara & Kenny Sherman)
Mike Michon (By Barry & Julie Desselles)
Bill Moran (By Knights of Columbus Council 10178)
Lynette Pffner (By Pete Pffner & Family)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pffner (By Pete Pffner & Family)
Peggy Richard (By Rosie Sziszak)
Anne Sherman (By Kenny Sherman)
Aaron Sziszak (By his Mother)



6:00PM

Bob Fisackerly, III (By Maurice & Lillian Onbre)

8:00AM
Sun., 06 Sep.
St. Thomas

Jason Degenhardt (By the Degenhardt Family)
Doris Haydel (By the Family)
Lawrence Kluka (By the Family)
Melissa Labranche (By Charlie & Liz Gonzales)
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

Eric Navarre (By George & Kim Navarre)

Monday, 07 Sep. ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Tuesday, 08 Sep. ~ The Nativity of the BVM (F)

7:00AM **Eric Navarre** (By George & Kim Navarre)

Wednesday, 09 Sep. ~ Saint Peter Claver (M)

7:00AM **Herbert Family Grandparents** (By Family)

6:00PM **Karen Chemay** (By Mark Chemay)

Thursday, 10 Sep. ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM **John Martinez, Jr.** (By the Family)

Friday, 11 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 **Gwen DeLaune** by George & Kim Navarre.

CALL FOR STORIES OF WITNESS

The Catholic Commentator is launching a new feature in its biweekly 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). *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.

WE WILL BE STAFF MEETING
CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on **Wednesday, 09 September 2020** from 9:00AM until 1:00PM for our monthly staff meeting. Please take care of any business at another time.

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 29/30 August 2020

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$10,237.00
Catholic University Special Collection	\$691.00
Helping Hands Ministry	\$13,200.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 06 September 2020

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

No PSR Today—Labor Day Holiday!

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

Monday, 07 September 2020

Happy Labor Day!

10:00AM—Altar Society, St. Thomas Chapel

Tuesday, 08 September 2020

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!



Wednesday, 09 September 2020

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

9:00AM—Staff Meeting, Seton Room

4:00PM—James Samaritan Ministry Meeting, Seton Room

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, 10 September 2020

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

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

Friday & Saturday, 11-12 September 2020

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1158



Ezekiel 33:7-9

Ezekiel is called to warn God's people.

Romans 13:8-10

Christian lives are summarized in love.

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus reaches the process for reconciliation in the community.

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 12/13 September 2020

Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

There was an 85 year old lady who found her husband in bed with another woman. She was so enraged that she dragged him to the balcony of their Miami high-rise and pushed him off, and he fell to his death. She was soon arrested, and when she appeared before the judge, he asked if she had anything to say in her own defense. "Well, your honor," she said, "I figured if he were able to be unfaithful to his wife at age 92, he surely would be able to fly!"

Have you ever had the experience of emotional nuclear meltdown — those times when you could simply wring someone's neck or better yet throw them off a building? I know I have (and sometimes it even happens to me during Mass [let the gasps begin now!]) How do we deal with people who offend us, or in the words of the Gospel, what happens "if your brother sins against you?" Most of us like the get rid of 'em approach — find the highest ledge and throw them off.

But Jesus gives us a better way. It seems as if his invitation is first to "fraternal correction" — win them over and show them their wrongdoing. If that doesn't work, we might have to have the same type of confrontation with other credible witnesses of the community to "have our back." But still too if that doesn't work, drag them before the whole Church to settle the dispute. Sounds tough doesn't it? But perhaps it can still be watered down just a tad more. Perhaps the biggest challenge of the Gospel is for us to do what we can to help those who have strayed away from the core values of the Gospel straight back to God. Sure it's not easy, but it's definitely the best thing to do.

I remember when I was in seminary, my spiritual director told me that once I could convert my family, then I could rest assured that I was a good priest and I could change the world. The Good News, you ask? I'm still working on it! There are several family members who I could frequently push over the edge of tall buildings or wring their neck. But I have to remind myself to always be patient and persevere and to remember that people don't like change, even if they know it is best for them.

You probably have a friend or a family member who gives you ulcers because of the type of life they're living, and you simply don't know what to do about it. Today's Gospel might be for you. Preach the Good News of the Gospel and use words only if necessary. Don't just talk the talk — also walk the walk!

Thanks for your generosity to help our friends in Lake Charles!

Father Farni