



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

Very 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 Munn (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

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 HOLY FAMILY

26/27 DECEMBER 2020

GOD'S CONSOLATION

Simeon is waiting in the Temple, because the Holy Spirit has revealed to him that he will meet the Messiah there. When Simeon does finally see Jesus, the Gospel tells us, Simeon had been waiting for a long time. Waiting can be so hard. Think of the young mother waiting for lab results about her cancer, or the old lady waiting for news about her son in Afghanistan. Think of the aspiring novelist waiting to hear if the press will accept his manuscript or the scientist waiting to know if his life's work will be honored with a great prize. Peace is so often lost by such a wait. While a person is waiting, he is anxious—what if the thing he is waiting for never comes? And he is sad or sorrowful, because he does not yet have the thing he wants and is waiting for. Then there's the undeniable humiliation of having to wait. A person who waits knows that what he wants depends on things outside his own control. Having to wait brings home to him his vulnerability and neediness. And so look at what Simeon says when his wait is

finally over and he sees Jesus. Seeing this baby, Simeon says, lets me die in peace. This baby overturns anxiety and brings peace—not a theoretical kind of peace which has no purchase on a person's emotions, but real peace, the kind that brings with it easy breathing. And why peace? Because, as the Holy Spirit re-

vealed to Simeon, this baby is God's consolation for all his people. If God himself gives a person consolation, he will have God's peace as well. And, finally, this peace is not the kind of peace that makes a person ready with resignation to accept defeat. No, on the contrary: it makes a person rise to glory. That is why Simeon says in his prayer that this baby brings glory to God's people. And so here is the thing for us to think about at Christmas. In our anxieties, in our sorrows, in our defeats and humiliations, can we turn and look at this baby? No matter what anxiety, sorrow, or defeat the world has given us, nothing can take this baby away from us. Our consolation, our peace, and our glory lie with him. *-Eleonore Stump*



Events Around the Parish

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Day is also a celebration in the Church of Mary, Mother of God. There will be two Masses celebrated for the feast — one on **Thursday, 31 December 2020** at **6:00PM** at St. Thomas and one on **Friday, 01 January 2021** at **6:00PM** at St. Margaret. Come give thanks to God for blessing us with another year while honoring our Blessed Mother, asking her intercession and protection and the grace of a better 2021!



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES

In observance of the New Year holiday, and to give our staff some well deserved rest, the parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday, **31 December 2020** and **01 January 2021**. The office will be open on Tuesday, 29 December 2020 and Wednesday, 30 December 2020 during normal business hours. We hope that you and your family have a safe and happy holiday!

MINISTRY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

In observance of New Year Holiday, there will be no RCIA or RCIC class on **Wednesday, 30 December 2020**. There will be no PSR classes on **27 December 2020** and **03 January 2021**. Classes will resume the week of 09/10 January 2021. Enjoy the break and return refreshed. We wish everyone a happy New Year!



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Tax time is right around the corner! If you need a statement of your annual contributions to our Church community for 2020, please call Shirley Darouse at extension 104 after 01 January 2021 and leave her a message with your name and specific request. Unless it is requested, contribution statements will not be mailed! Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

ADORATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Remember that exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is still taking place every Wednesday after the 7:00AM Mass and concludes now 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. Please remember to practice physical distancing. Contact the office to sign up! Ask any parishioner who normally partakes of this great spiritual practice about the fruits and rewards of praying before our Lord at St. Margaret Church!



You're invited to a Holy Hour of Adoration and Benediction

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1007



Sirach 3:2-6,12-14

Jewish advice on family relationships.

Colossians 3:12-21

The virtues of a Christian household.

Luke 2:22-40

Jesus is presented in the Temple.

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

The Epiphany of the Lord — 02/03 January 2020

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Cindy Brasington, Nancy Campeaux, Amber Stille Cocchiola, Hattie Davis, Shelli Domiano, Therese Domiano, Sal Faldetta, Pauline Frisbie, Judy Gatlin, Wendy Gill, Tommy Hebert, Mary E. Herbert, Dan Huszar, Kansas Johnson, Lily Lebowitz, Stephanie Livingston, Joe Lobue, Gregg Mader, Payton Mangipano, Rosemary Novak, Lydia Palisi, Frank Parrino, Terry Parrino, Wayne & Polly Pepitone, Carl Rabalais, Ronnie Randazzo, Dutch Schilling, Jason Summers, Annie Tallia, Jerry Vicknair, Joe Vilardo, Brent J. Waguespack, Sr. and Family, Troy Wichterich, 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

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph — 26/27 December 2020

4:00PM Vigil
Sat., 26 Dec.

In Thanksgiving for our Angels & Archangels

(By Megan Ourso)

Merrill Cooper (By Martha Cooper & Dwayne)

Philip Brabham (By Lydia Brabham & Family)

Betty Carollo (By Marie Carollo)

Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)

Theresa Christina (By Mary & Tony Button)

Robert Fisackerly, III (By Dana V'utera)

Kearney Foster, Sr. (By Megan Ourso)

Homer Gaspard (By Pam & Donald Mayeaux)

Fred Gauthier (By Rose Gauthier & Family)

Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz (By the Family)

Hannah Leigh Kraft (By Angela, Mike and Evan Kraft)

Francis Kronlage (By Alberta Kronlage & Family)

John Kropog (By Helen Kropog & Family)

Shirley Lacour (By Lydia Brabham)

Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)

Geri McKigney (By Brit & Dorothy Sledge)

Mike Michon (By the Family)

Bill Moran (By Lydia Brabham)

Alex & Franca Petho

(By Juliana Robinson, Billy Foley and Angela & Mike Kraft)

Ruby Violet Petho (By Juliana Robinson and Angela Kraft)

Lynette Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)

Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)

Peggy Richards (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)

James Daniel Roberson (By Juliana Robinson)

Denise Schilling (By the Family)

The Sterling Family (By the Gaspard Family)

Andrew & Irene Szisak (Chuck & Sandy Raborn)

Paul Szisak, Jr. (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)

Clint Wagner (By Angie Wagner)

6:00PM

Holy Souls in Purgatory (By Mary Stabile)

8:00AM

Sun., 27 Dec.
St. Thomas

Jerry Farlouis (By Edward & Lena Pauli)

Roger Farlouis (By Edward & Lena Pauli)

Lawrence Kluka (By the Family)

Melissa Labranche (By Charlie & Liz Gonzales)

John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)

A. J. Martinez (By Boogie & Rose Johnson)

Joan McKinney (By Brenda Bailey)

J. B., Viva & Iris Pertuis (By Jerry & Ethel Lobell)

Ethel Prokop (By the Degenhardt Family)

Jim Roach (By George & Kim Navarre)

Denise Schilling (By the Family)

Samera St. Claire (By George & Kim Navarre)

Patrick Tobin (By the Family)

10:00AM

Missa Pro Populo (The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM

James Waguespack (By the Family)

Monday, 28 Dec. ~ Feast of the Holy Innocents

7:00AM

Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)

Tuesday, 29 Dec. ~ Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas (S)

7:00AM

Lynette Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)

Wednesday, 30 Dec. ~ Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas (S)

7:00AM

Michael & Jimmy Darouse (By Dudley & Eva Simmons)

Thursday, 31 Dec. ~ Mary, Mother of God (S)

6:00PM

Stephanie Walton (By the Family)

Friday, 01 Jan. ~ Mary, Mother of God (S)

6:00PM

Samera St. Claire (By George & Kim Navarre)

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



THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next installment of Theology in a Bottle, our adult education ministry, will be held **Sunday, 10 January 2021** from 6:45PM until 8:00PM in the St. Margaret Room of the Hall of Saints. Dr. Jordan Haddad will be next month's presenter for his presentation entitled "It's Five o'clock Somewhere: Finding Catholicism in Culture." Do consider joining us and spread the word about learning the faith with a cold brew or glass of wine in hand. Parents of PSR students are reminded to attend either Theology in a Bottle or Family Faith Formation Sessions to emphasize to their children the importance of putting faith first.



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation begins again in January! Our first session will be on **Sunday, 10 January 2021** and it will be entitled "Baptism: Body of Christ." Dr. David Whidden will be the presenter. This session will be held from 11:30AM until 12:30PM at St. Margaret Church. Remember at least one parent per child is required to attend a family formation session or Theology in a Bottle every month. All Family Formation Sessions are open to all parishioners as well.

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 19/20 December 2020



Weekly Church Support Collection \$9,587.00

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

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 27 December 2020

Parish Consecration to the Holy Family!

Monday, 28 December 2020

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Tuesday, 29 December 2020

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Wednesday, 30 December 2020

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Thursday, 31 December 2020

New Years Eve! Parish Office is Closed Today!

6:00PM—Mary, Mother of God Mass, St. Thomas

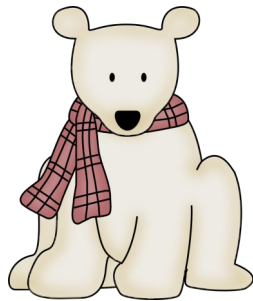
Friday, 01 January 2021

Happy New Year! Parish Office is Closed Today!

6:00PM—Mary, Mother of God Mass, St. Margaret

Saturday, 02 January 2021

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!



ADOPT-A-SEMINARIAN

Thanks to all who adopted a seminarian over the past weeks. Remember to write your seminarian throughout the year with words of encouragement in their discernment. Consider sending them a gift to show your love and support! Pray that more people respond to God's call to serve the Church as priests, deacons and consecrated persons!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

As a reminder, there will be no Eucharistic Adoration this **Wednesday, 30 December 2020**. Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration again beginning next **Wednesday, 06 January 2021**.



A WORD OF THANKS

Decorating our worship spaces is no small feat! Thanks to our Altar Society Members who always put so much time and effort in to make our Christmas so special!



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

When we think of the Holy Family, we might feel hopeless. How can we ever create such a picturesque family in our lives? They seem almost impossible for a “real” family to identify with. When looking at the nativity scene, there seems to be a harmony with few disagreements and tensions; it's peaceful and serene. There's a virginal relationship between Mary and Joseph. And I'm sure that Jesus never protested any demands of his parents, right?!

But the picture that we see in the Gospel is that their family might not be that much different from the family that you and I experience. There were lots of people living in the household of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and there surely came much tension. Remember how life was right after say Katrina or the 2016 Flood when families were crammed under one roof! But in that same situation, there was likely much love and loyalty. Jesus parents were faithful to the practice of their religion. Like many parents, they were amazed at what the future would hold for him.

I think the Holy Family serves as a model for us today not because they're different, but because they're similar to us. It's not because they're perfect that we venerate them; it's because they were committed to respect and support of one another. And I think our challenge is to do just that. For us to be part of a Holy Family, we have to be willing to lay aside our own agendas and put the good of others ahead of ourselves.

We're human and we'll likely never be perfect. But we can be committed to respect and love for one another to create Holy Families in our midst. As we celebrate this feast, maybe the question that we should focus on today is, “Are you willing to let go of your agenda so that you can be part of your own holy family right in your own households?”

Christmas was quite the fine celebration, and thank you all for participating and attending. I'm especially grateful to those who prepare our Churches for the liturgies — both liturgically and from an art and environment perspective — and our liturgical ministers and musicians. Job well done. As I write this, I'm trying to recover

I hope to give the parish an update on our Master Planning process in the coming weeks. Thanks to all of you who have given so generously to this cause. Please do remember to assist in this endeavor so that we might beautify and secure our Church for future generations to enjoy!

Father Jim