



# 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*  
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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

10/11 APRIL 2021

# WARDING OFF GRIEF

Our doubt sets in, like Doubting Thomas'. He was resentful, probably broken-hearted. He warded off his grief by simple denial. Unless I “put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” And look at the other men. In the gospel of Luke, women, not the men, were the ones who saw the empty tomb first as well as the angels, and they took it seriously. But “... their words seemed an idle tale, and [the apostles] did not believe.” In Matthew’s gospel, Jesus first came to the women. When the men went to the place where Jesus had said he would meet them, “they worshipped him, *but some doubted.*” In Mark, Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene, but when she went to the apostles, you guessed it, they rejected her testimony. Nor did they listen to the men who had met Jesus walking to Emmaus. Hard to miss the fact that the women usually believed and the men usually did not. Women dared to trust what they saw. Yes, women have been given lower status in culture throughout the ages, but we know that it is a big mistake to ignore their testimony. What is the truth about the resurrection? Jesus’ life, death and resurrection pointed us toward the source of all life, the source of the universe, of trees, of women and men, of marriage and offspring. Jesus was the river of love that God had poured into the world. He was now flowing back into the ocean of the Trinity and taking us along, whichever of us chooses to believe. That is the resurrection. Do you believe in it? If you do, then you believe that love is the foundation of life. Just put your finger into the mark of the nails, and put your hands into his side and you will find it. -*John Foley, SJ*



# Events Around the Parish

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

The next session of Family Faith Formation is scheduled on **Sunday, 18 April 2021** is entitled **“The Living Word.”** Dina Dow will be the presenter. This session will be held from 11:30AM until 12:30PM in St. Margaret Church.



## THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next installment of Theology in a Bottle, our adult education ministry, will be held on **Sunday, 18 April 2021** from 6:45PM until 8:00PM in the Parish Hall. Father Reuben Dykes will be this month’s presenter for his presentation entitled **“Spirits Among Us: Understanding Angelology.”** Do consider joining us to explore more about our rich faith. Please wear your masks!



## VBS SAVE THE DATE

Summer is coming and so is Vacation Bible School. VBS is a fun filled summer experience for children ages 4-11 and will be held **21-25 June 2021** from **9:00AM** until

**12:00PM**, Monday through Friday, in the Hall of Saints. We are so excited to host VBS this year in person! More information will be available in future bulletins!

## BLOOD DRIVE

The Annual Blood Drive is scheduled on **Sunday, 25 April 2021** from **9:00AM** until **12:00PM**. Help us meet our goal and to keep this great program available to our St. Margaret parishioners! If you can’t make it on Sunday, just drop by the Blood Center in Hammond and make sure to mention our account #D227. Please take the time to donate and remember your donations save lives daily!



## THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS

*Gather Hymnal Number 1066*



**Acts 4:32-35**

*Evangelism and daily life in the early church.*

**1 John 5:1-6**

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.*

**John 20:19-31**

*The importance of faith and love in the community.*

## ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

*Third Sunday of Easter —17/18 April 2021*

**Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48**

St. Margaret Junior Youth Group

## Capture the Flag

Please join us for a good ole game of capture the flag!

**Sunday, 11 April 2021**

**12:30PM – 2:00PM**

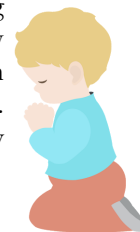
**John Paul II Room**

Bring your friends!

**Any Questions call or text  
Ansleigh Barras at 337.412.4401**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Cindy Brasington, Tony Button, Nancy Campeaux, Vincent Catalanatto, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Hattie Davis, Amanda Degenhardt, Irene DeMars, Shelli Domiano, Therese Domiano, Sal Faldetta, Pauline Frisbie, Wendy Gill, Tommy Hebert, Mary E. Herbert, Dan Huszar, Kansas Johnson, Lily Lebowitz, Stephanie Livingston, Joe Lobue, Gregg Mader, Payton Mangipano, Heath Martin, Mary Mocsary, Rosemary Novak, Lydia Palisi, Frank Parrino, Terry Parrino, Wayne & Polly Pepitone, Eric Plauche, Steve Plauche, Carl Rabalais, Ronnie Randazzo, Adam Robert, Sr., Dutch Schilling, Joe Stolf, Jason Summers, Annie Tallia, Bruce Taylor, Joe Vilardo, Brent J. Waguespack, Sr. and Family, Lonnie Wascom, 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

Second Sunday of Easter — 10/11 April 2021

**4:00PM Vigil**  
 Sat., 10 Apr.  
 St. Margaret

**Philip Brabham** (By Lydia Brabham & Family)  
**Karen Chemay** (By Mark Chemay)  
**Theresa Christina** (By Deacon Byrd & Debbie Corbett)  
**Jack Clements** (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)  
**Delores M. Dupre** (By Lydia Brabham & Family)  
**Warren Comish, Jr.** (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)  
**Mr. & Mrs. Frank Faldetta** (By Sal & Elvie Faldetta)  
**Pam, Vincent & Angelo Gaeta** (By John & Mary Gaeta)  
**Homer Gaspard** (By Lydia Brabham)  
**Cecilia Giannoble** (By Linda Thomas)  
**Betty Jo Graham** (By Her Loving Family)  
**Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz** (By the Family)  
**Larry & Troy Kennedy** (By Deanna Kennedy)  
**Paul & Bea Kerek** (By Deanna Kennedy)  
**Francis Kronlage** (By Alberta Kronlage & Family)  
**Frank & Margaret Koles**  
 (By Margaret Ann Koles Boudreaux & Frank Koles III)  
**Shirley Lacour** (By KC Ladies Auxiliary)  
**Vernon & Dorothy Landry** (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)  
**Ray J. Louviere** (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)

**Brandon Mayeaux** (By John & Mary Gaeta)  
**Crystal McFadden** (By Deanna Kennedy)  
**Mike Michon** (By Cathy & Joe Vilaro)  
**JoAnn Faldetta Nelson** (By Sal & Elvie Faldetta)  
**Carolyn Nixon** (By Wilder Family)  
**William T. O'Brien III** (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)  
**June Koles Olah**  
 (By Margaret Ann Koles Boudreaux & Frank Koles III)  
**Lynette Pfiffner** (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)  
**Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner** (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)  
**Antonio Quitana** (By Schilling Family)  
**Mary, Joseph & Raymond Resetar** (By John & Mary Gaeta)  
**Teddy & Janet Resetar** (By John & Mary Gaeta)  
**Anne Sherman** (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)  
**Sterling Family** (By Mark & Judy Gaspard)  
**Geraldine Sziber** (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)  
**Andrew & Irene Szisak** (By Larry & Marci McKnight)  
**Harry Wilder** (By Cher Arceneaux)  
**Holy Souls in Purgatory** (By Mary Stabile)

**6:00PM**  
 St. Margaret

**Paula & Anna Distefano**  
 (By Joe Distefano)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret this week is given in memory of **Daniel Kropog** by Danny & Dorothy Kropog and Family.

**8:00AM**  
 Sun. 11 Apr.  
 St. Thomas

**Doris Haydel** (By A.J. & Cindy Martinez)  
**Andy & Eleanor Ivanyisky** (By the Family)  
**Melissa Labranche** (By the Family)  
**John LaGrange** (By Edie & Family)

**Charlie Martin** (By Jim & Jennifer Batson)  
**Adrian & Lorraine Martinez** (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)  
**Joan McKinney** (By Brenda Bailey)  
**Patrick Tobin** (By the Family)



**10:00AM**  
 St. Margaret

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

**5:30PM**  
 St. Margaret

**Valentine Langlois**  
 (By the Family)

<u>Mon., 12 Apr. (7:00AM)</u>	<u>Tues., 13 Apr. (7:00AM)</u>	<u>Wed., 14 Apr. (7:00AM)</u>	<u>Thurs., 15 Apr. (7:00AM)</u>	<u>Friday, 16 April (7:00AM)</u>
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>
<b>Karen Chemay</b> (By Mark Chemay)	<b>A.J. Roig</b> (By Carol Girdwood)	<b>Lynette Pfiffner</b> (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)	<b>JoAnn Faldetta Nelson</b> (By Sal & Elvie Faldetta)	<b>Jimmy &amp; Michael Darouse</b> (By the Family)



### WE APPRECIATE OUR YOUTH!

Youth Appreciation Night will be held on **14 April 2021**. All youth are encouraged to participate in this special night sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary who will recognize outstanding youth. Dinner will be provided! Come prepared for a night of FUN! The event will be held in the Parish Hall!

### FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION THIS WEEKEND

Congratulations to all of the young men and women who received Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament this weekend at our First Communion celebration including the following students: **Wahden Brandau, Hannah Marie Craig, Abram Michael Cronan, Zoe Lynn Hawkes, Aiden Michael Lalonde, Katie Elizabeth Rogers, Gabriella Grace Sinagra, Tanner Eugene Sisung, Lillian Ann Torres, Molly Dean Vogt, and Brock Phillip Walker.** Congratulations, and continue to keep Christ close to you on your spiritual journey!



### UPCOMING STAFF MEETING

The parish office will be closed on **14 April 2021** from **9:00AM to 1:00PM** for our monthly Staff Meeting. If you have any business and you need the staff's assistance, please arrange to come to the office before or after the meeting begins. We appreciate your cooperation.



## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

*Weekend of 03/04 April 2021*

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$13,021.00
Building & Maintenance Fund Collection	\$3,205.00
Good Friday Holy Land Collection	\$535.00



*Thank you for your continued and generous support!*

## THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, 11 April 2021

*Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund Second Collection!*

- 8:00AM & 10:00AM—Coffee & Donut Ministry
- 11:15AM—Family Faith Formation, St. Margaret Church
- 11:15AM—PSR (Grades K-6), Hall of Saints
- 12:30PM—Junior Youth Group, Hall of Saints
- 6:45PM—PSR (Grades 7-11), Hall of Saints
- 6:45PM—Circle of Grace (Grade 11)



### Monday, 12 April 2021

*No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!*

### Tuesday, 13 April 2021

- 9:30AM—Revelation Bible Study, Seton Room
- 6:00PM—Revelation Bible Study, Seton Room

### Wednesday, 14 April 2021

- 7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, St. Margaret Church
- 9:00AM—Staff Meeting, Seton Room
- 6:00PM—Youth Appreciation Night, Parish Hall

### Thursday, 15 April 2021

- 4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church
- 6:00PM—CDA Meeting, St. Margaret Room
- 6:00PM—Now Go Forth, Seton Room

### Friday, 16 April 2021

- 7:00PM—CDA Movie Night, St. Margaret Parking Lot

### Saturday, 17 April 2021

- 4:00PM—Confirmation Mass, St. Margaret

## CDA MOVIE NIGHTS START SOON

Our Parking Lot Movie Nights, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, will begin this Friday, 16 April 2021 at 7:00PM in the St. Margaret Parking Lot near the Rectory. For four consecutive weeks, we will watch two episodes of *The Chosen* together as a community of faith. Food trucks will be on site for snacks! Bring some cash for dinner and your chairs, and join us to watch this series on the life of Jesus on the 33 foot big screen! Invite your friends to participate!



## Sundry Ruminations

*A Weekly Column from Your Pastor*

In the Gospel we're confronted with Thomas' doubt. For whatever reason, he was absent the week before when Jesus appeared to his disciples. When he hears about the incident, their say-so wasn't enough. He couldn't trust their word. He had to see and touch it for himself. Thomas puts conditions on his beliefs. He takes the words right out of our mouths by giving voice to every question that we have about faith in Jesus.

You and I are the same way. We often sit around dumb-founded because it's hard for us to accept most of what's in our creed every Sunday – one God, three persons; a God who would suffer and die for us. It's not easy to believe. It's not rational. We want to say "Prove it! Let me see and touch it!" Even the feast we celebrate seems so improbable – if we call upon the Lord, he'll give us his Divine Mercy!

The interesting part of today's Gospel is that Thomas sets conditions to believe and Jesus meets all of them. Thomas even sees the Lord himself. But it's not until Thomas is able to probe the wounds of Jesus side that he truly is able to exclaim "my Lord and my God."

The Good News for us is that despite our doubt, Jesus meets all of our conditions, and he invites us to probe those very same wounds. Our invitation today is to tell others what we see here each and every weekend. We see ordinary bread and wine become Christ himself. The same water that flows from our faucets and fills our rivers also cleanses souls of all sin. Tell others that a community of doubters come together to bring their fears in the most powerful sign that Christ is risen! Our invitation is to tell others that Jesus calls us blessed because we've seen, and despite our doubt, we've still believed.

This Saturday at the 6:00PM Mass, several of our young men and women from the parish will make their **First Holy Communion**. We congratulate them on this important milestone in their faith journey!

You may have seen on social media that we're discontinuing the **weekly Mass sign in sheets**. It's another step in our road to recovery in this COVID pandemic! We're still going to ask you to wear your masks and to sanitize your hands while in Church as has been instructed by Bishop Duca. It was nice to see so many faces at our Holy Week and Easter liturgies this weekend — a sure sign that the Church is alive. Speaking of Holy Week, weren't our liturgies wonderful? A special thanks to the many staff and volunteers who make this a possibility!

*Father Finn*