



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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 17/18 APRIL 2021

THE DEEPEST MYSTERY

Love is the deepest mystery within the universe. It lies at the base of everything, the cosmic, the biological, the emotional, the psychological, the sexual, the spiritual. There is a level of reality inside of all things where one sees the relentless deep pull towards a unity, community, fusion, and oneness beyond self. Love stirs all things, speaking to every element in the language it can understand. Deep inside of us, we know too that this alone can bring us home. And there is an inner code, a certain DNA, within love itself. It too has inner secrets, an inner structure, and a code that needs to be cracked if we are to properly understand its dynamics. And we don't crack that code all at once, at a weekend retreat or at religious rally. We crack it slowly, painfully, with many setbacks, over the course of a lifetime. But Jesus gave us the keys to crack it. They can be named: vulnerability, the refusal out of love to protect ourselves, self-sacrifice, putting others before ourselves, refusing to give back in kind when someone hurts us, a willingness to die for others, the refusal to give ourselves over to cynicism and bitterness when things beset us, continued trust in God and goodness even when things look the opposite, and especially forgiveness, having our hearts remain warm and hospitable, even when we have just cause for hatred. These are the keys to the wisdom that Jesus revealed and the gospels tells that we are "inside" or "outside" the true circle of love, depending upon whether or not we grasp this wisdom. -Ron Rolbeiser



Events Around the Parish

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

The next session of Family Faith Formation is scheduled on **Sunday, 25 April 2021** is entitled **“Mariology: The Mother of our Church.”** Tammy Vidrine 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 this **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. More information will be available in future bulletins!

BLOOD DRIVE

The Annual Blood Drive is scheduled next **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 1068

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter proclaims Jesus' role and call for repentance.

1 John 2:1-5a

Knowing Christ is to keep his commandments.

Luke 24:35-48

Jesus' final words are of forgiveness and repentance.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Easter — 24/25 April 2021

Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

St. Margaret Youth Group

How to: Anxiety

Come learn how to handle and cope with stress.
Join us and know how to be mindful
of the present moment.

Wednesday, 21 April 2021

6:30PM - 8:00PM

St. Margaret Campus

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Cindy Brasington, Tony Button, Nancy Campeaux, Vincent Catalanatto, Amber Stille 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

Third Sunday of Easter — 17/18 April 2021

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| <p>4:00PM Vigil
Sat., 17 Apr.
St. Margaret</p> | <p>Andy & Olga Bartosh (By Larry & Marci McKnight)
Philip Brabham (By Lydia Brabham & Family)
Emil & Julia Burks (By Larry & Marci McKnight)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Theresa Christina (By Deacon Byrd & Debbie Corbett)
Jack Clements (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Warren Comish, Jr. (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Pam, Vincent & Angelo Gaeta (By John & Mary Gaeta)
Homer Gaspard (By Great Granddaughters)
Betty Jo Graham (By Her Loving Family)
Sterling & Jeanette Higginbotham (John & Mary Gaeta)
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)</p> | <p>Ray J. Louviere (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Brandon Mayeaux (By John & Mary Gaeta)
Crystal McFadden (By Deanna Kennedy)
Mike Michon (By Mary Ann Michon)
Carolyn Nixon (By Wilder Family)
William T. O'Brien III (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
June Koles Olah (By Edmond & Linda Harris)
Lynette Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Mary, Joseph & Raymond Resetar (By John & Mary Gaeta)
Anne Sherman (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Geraldine Sziber (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Andrew & Irene Sziszak (By Larry & Marci McKnight)
Paul & Julia Sziszak (By Larry & Marci McKnight)
Sonny & Aaron Sziszak (By Larry & Marci McKnight)
Harry Wilder (By Cher Arceneaux)
Henry & Nora Williams (By Larry & Marci McKnight)
Holy Souls in Purgatory (By Mary Stabile)</p> |
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6:00PM
St. Margaret
Paula & Anna Distefano
(By Joe Distefano)

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

8:00AM
Sun. 18 Apr.
St. Thomas
Tony & Josie Carecca (By Edward & Lena Pauli)
Anthony & Anna Friedman (By the Family)
Judy Friedman (By the Family)
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)
Josef & Mary Pauli (By Edward & Lena Pauli)
Patrick Tobin (By the Family)

10:00AM
St. Margaret
Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM
St. Margaret
Andrew & Irene Sziszak
(By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)

Mon., 19 Apr. (7:00AM) <i>Easter Weekday</i> Anne Sherman (By Kenny Sherman)	Tues., 20 Apr. (7:00AM) <i>Easter Weekday</i> Eric Navarre (By George & Kim Navarre)	Wed., 21 Apr. (7:00AM) <i>Easter Weekday</i> Lynette Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)	Thurs., 22 Apr. (7:00AM) <i>Easter Weekday</i> Lennon Rotar (By Carol Girdwood)	Friday, 23 April (7:00AM) <i>Easter Weekday</i> Jimmy & Michael Darouse (By the Family)
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FIRST COMMUNION RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to two of our third grade students who received Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament last weekend at our First Communion celebration along with our second graders— **Liliana Jane Cooper and Adelle Grace Aucoin**. Congratulations, and continue to keep Christ close to you on your spiritual journey!



CDA MOVIE NIGHT'S

Our Parking Lot Movie Nights, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, began Friday, 16 April 2021 at 7:00PM. We will continue to 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!

CONFIRMATION IS THIS WEEKEND!

Congratulations to the men and women of St. Margaret, Our Lady of Pompeii, and Immaculate Conception who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Duca including: **Kaitlyn Cardinale, Victoria Dubret, Benjamin Freeman, Mary Hanks, Lauren Harvey, Brianne Leedy, Christian Martin, Drew Milton, Brennan Petit, Lairah Rouse, and Blake Schilling!**



STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 10/11 April 2021

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$8,200.00
Diocesan Priests Retirement Collection	\$2,307.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

The Special Collection next weekend will be for the Catholic Home Missions!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 18 April 2021

- 11:00AM—Adult Confirmation, Parish Hall
- 11:15AM—Family Faith Formation, St. Margaret Church
- 11:15AM—PSR (Grades K-6), Hall of Saints
- 11:15AM—Circle of Grace - Grade 6
- 6:45PM—PSR (Grades 7-11), Hall of Saints
- 6:45PM—Theology in a Bottle, Parish Hall



Monday, 19 April 2021

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Tuesday, 20 April 2021

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

Wednesday, 21 April 2021

- 7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, St. Margaret Church
- 6:00PM—Youth Group, Parish Hall
- 6:00PM—Finance Council Meeting, Vianney Room

Thursday, 22 April 2021

- 4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

Friday, 23 April 2021

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

Saturday, 24 April 2021

Catholic Home Missions Special Collection!
World Day of Prayer for Vocations!



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

The story is told that a young couple invited their priest over for dinner one Saturday after the vigil Mass. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the priest asked their son what they were having that night. “Goat,” the little boy replied. “Goat?” replied the startled priest. “Are you sure about that?” “Yep,” the little boy said. “I heard dad say to mom ‘Might as well have the old goat for dinner today as any other day.’”

Often you and I expect to see one thing happen in our faith life, and we’re surprised when the Lord shows up even in the most unconventional circumstances. Could God be challenging us to look for new life even in the most unexpected places?

The Gospel today opens with the disciples recounting how they got something totally different than what they expected when they first saw the risen Lord. They probably expected to recognize him by the wounds in his hands or on his side. But the Gospel begins by the disciples telling us that they recognized him in the breaking of the bread. Suddenly, Jesus appears again in their midst in the Gospel, and they are terrified. They thought they were seeing one thing – a ghost – but what they really got was another true encounter with the risen Lord. Throughout the rest of the Gospel, Jesus explains to them how he has truly fulfilled the aspirations of Israel, even though it has happened in a way that people would have never imagined. With simple acts – breaking bread, eating fish – he opens their eyes to recognize his true revelation.

It’s easy for us to identify with these figures from Scripture! Sometimes we get so caught up in the details of life, we fail to recognize what the Lord is really trying to reveal to us in our many encounters with our brothers and sisters. Sometimes what we see is not always what we get! When confessing our sinfulness to our husband or wife, we sometimes expect to get reprimanded, but are surprised when we experience healing. If you ever visit a prison, you might expect to find angry men and women upset about their incarceration, but you might be surprised when you run into cells full of reconciliation. When you step into a nursing home, you might expect to find the pains of aging, but are pleasantly surprised when you run into the joys of old age.

Take the time to look for the Lord even in the most unexpected situations! Otherwise, you might really get your goat come dinnertime! This weekend, we welcome Bishop Duca back to St. Margaret as he celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation with us!

ALMSGIVING PROJECT SUCCESS



Thank you for everyone that participated in the Lenten Almsgiving Project to assist the Metanoia Manor in relieving the suffering of human trafficking victims. We are proud to announce that St. Margaret/ St. Thomas raised **\$3,107.76** to aid in this noble cause! Thank you so

much for your donations to this amazing organization in our local community and for relieving the suffering of victims of human trafficking!