



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*
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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*
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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

01/02 MAY 2021

BEING FRUITFUL

The first command God gave to human beings was “be fruitful and multiply.” In the Gospel Reading, there is a kind of reiteration of this command. At any rate, the text describes the bad things that happen to people who are not fruitful. In Genesis, the fruitfulness has to do with reproduction. It comes from union between a man and a woman, and it multiplies God’s image in the production of children. The fruitfulness at issue in the Gospel comes from connection too, but connection with Christ. It comes when Christ is in you, and you are in him. This reciprocal being-in is a funny state of affairs, isn’t it? You can put a bowl in a box, or you can put a box in a bowl. But the box can’t be in the bowl when the bowl is in the box! Boxes and bowls can’t manage reciprocal being-in. But persons can, because of love. Love unites you and your beloved without either one of you losing your identity. The union of love is not a fusing; it is a mutual indwelling. In the Gospel Reading, Christ says that he always remains in his own. So if you yield to Christ in love, you have what is needed for the mutual indwelling of love. You are your beloved’s, and he is yours. There is joy in this love, because Christ is so much with you that he is in you. There is peace, too, because there is rest for the heart in having your beloved with you. Your sins and the storms of life retain their power to afflict you. But you can more easily put up with things, even your own troublesome self, if your beloved is yours and you are his. In that mutual indwelling, then, there is love, joy, peace, patience and longsuffering. But these very things are fruits of the Holy Spirit. When they grow in you, you are bearing fruit. Finally, consider: is there a more powerful witness than a life lived in love, joy, peace, patience and long-suffering? If you have the fruits of the Holy Spirit in you, you will multiply God’s image in others too. And so, by remaining in Christ, you are doing what will make you be fruitful and multiply. *-Eleonore Stump*



Events Around the Parish

LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING



Our communities are starting to come back to life in full force! We will have a refresher training sessions for all current ministers; we need new ministers too, so mark your calendars to attend! All training sessions will be held in St. Margaret Church. These include:

Altar Servers: 04 May 2021 at 5:00PM

Lectors: 06 May 2021 at 5:00PM

Extraordinary Ministers: 06 May at 6:00PM

Ushers: 07 May 2021 at 5:00PM

Sacristans: 11 May 2021 at 7:00PM

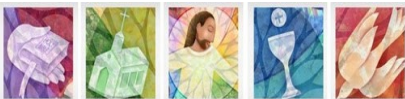
CDA MOVIE NIGHTS

Our Parking Lot Movie Nights, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, continue with our final showing this season on Friday, 07 May 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 (if we can ever use it!) Invite your friends to participate!



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

The next session of Family Faith Formation is scheduled on **Sunday, 02 May 2021** is entitled "**Church History.**" This session will be presented by Father Jamin David and will be held from 11:30AM until 12:30PM in St. Margaret Church.



Faith Formation

PLAN NOW FOR VBS

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**, Monday through Friday, in the Hall of Saints.



ST. MARGARET YOUTH GROUP

Final Fiesta

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TACO BAR AND COME TAKE YOUR SWING AT THE PINATA!

WEDNESDAY, 05 MAY 2021
6:30PM - 8:00PM
ST. MARGARET CAMPUS

Dinner will be served! *Bring your friends!*

ANY QUESTIONS CALL OR TEXT ANSLEIGH MUNN AT 337.412.4401

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1074

Acts 9:26-31

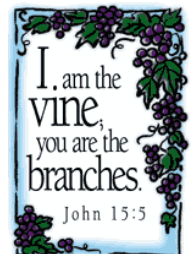
Saul preached boldly in Jerusalem.

1 John 3:18-24

Loving and believing in Christ is to keep his commandments.

John 15:1-8

"I am the vine, you are the branches."



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

Sixth Sunday of Easter — 08/09 May 2021

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Cindy Brasington, 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, 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, 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

Fifth Sunday of Easter — 01/02 May 2021

4:00PM Vigil
 Sat., 01 May
 St. Margaret

Ronnie Bankston (By Conrad Rossie Family)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Jack Clements (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Homer Gaspard (By Lydia Brabham)
Fred Gauthier (By Rose Gauthier & Family)
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)
Milton & Inez Lavigne (By Conrad Rossie Family)

Ray J. Louviere (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Charlie Martin (By Larry & Marci McKnight)
Crystal McFadden (By Deanna Kennedy)
Mike Michon (By Mary Ann Michon)
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)
Anne Sherman (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Geraldine Sziber (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Andrew & Irene Sziszak (By Larry & Marci McKnight)
Harry Wilder (By Cher Arveaux)
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 **George & Josephine Mocsary** by Mary Mocsary & Tony Button.

8:00AM
 Sun. 02 May
 St. Thomas

Doris Haydel (By A.J. & Cindy Martinez)
Louis & Ethel Koleszar (By Ramona & Michael Jenkins)
Melissa Labranche (By the Family)
John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)
Charlie Martin (By Knights of Columbus Council 10178)

Adrian & Lorraine Martinez (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)
Joan McKinney (By Brenda Bailey)
Antoinette Nee (By Licia Cirone)
Patrick Tobin (By the Family)



10:00AM
 St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM
 St. Margaret

Francis Kronlage
 (By Glenn & Rbonda Young)

<u>Mon., 03 May (7:00AM)</u> Sts. Philip & James (M)	<u>Tues., 04 May (7:00AM)</u> Easter Weekday	<u>Wed., 05 May (7:00AM)</u> Easter Weekday	<u>Thurs., 06 May (7:00AM)</u> Easter Weekday	<u>Friday, 07 May (7:00AM)</u> Easter Weekday
Lynette Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)	Eric Navarre (By George & Kim Navarre)	Juliana Rotar (By Carol Girdwood)	Dylan Rotar (By Carol Girdwood)	Jimmy & Michael Darouse (By the Family)

PRO-LIFE CAR CINEMA NIGHT

Join Louisiana Right to Life on Saturday, May 15 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Prairieville for a special family-friendly, pro-life, drive-in movie event to celebrate life and support their pro-life mission! You can arrive beginning at 7:00PM, and the event begins at 8:00PM. The evening's feature film is the 2008 family film *Horton Hears a Who* (Rated G) based off the Dr. Seuss book of the same title. *Horton Hears a Who* shares the timeless pro-life message that "A Person's A Person, No Matter How Small!" Before the film begins, there will be a brief age-appropriate program led by Louisiana Right to Life. For more information and tickets, please visit <https://prolifelouisiana.org/carcinema>

*A person's a person,
 No matter how small.*
 -Dr. Seuss



A PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion. Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

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Mother's Day is next weekend! Don't forget to do something special for her in thanksgiving for all that she has done for you!

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 24/25 April 2021

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$8,422.00
Catholic Home Missions Collection	\$440.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 02 May 2021

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

- 9:00AM—Coffee & Donuts, St. Thomas Chapel
- 10:00AM—May Crowning, St. Margaret Church
- 11:00AM—Coffee & Donuts, St. Margaret Church
- 11:00AM—Adult Confirmation, Parish Hall
- 11:15AM—Family Faith Formation, St. Margaret Church
- 11:15AM—PSR (Grades K-6), Hall of Saints
- 6:45PM—PSR (Grades 7-11), Hall of Saints



Monday, 03 May 2021

- 10:00AM—Altar Society, St. Thomas Chapel
- 6:30PM—Young Adult Bible Study, JP II Room

Tuesday, 04 May 2021

- 9:30AM—Revelation Bible Study, Seton Room
- 5:00PM—Altar Server Training, St. Margaret Church
- 6:00PM—Revelation Bible Study, Seton Room
- 7:00PM—Knights of Columbus, St. Margaret Room
- 7:00PM—Ladies Auxiliary, Goretti Room

Wednesday, 05 May 2021

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

Thursday, 06 May 2021

- 4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church
- 5:00PM—Lector Training, St. Margaret Church
- 6:00PM—Extraordinary Ministers Training, St. Margaret

Friday, 07 May 2021

- 5:00PM—Usher Training, St. Margaret Church
- 7:00PM—CDA Movie Night, St. Margaret Parking Lot

Saturday, 08 May 2021

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

The first reading shows what a truly dysfunctional family can look like. This reading from the Acts of the Apostles shows Paul arriving in Jerusalem with Barnabas shortly after his conversion. He was ready to join this family, this community of disciples, but they didn't want anything to do with him. Not all that long ago, he was out about the country searching for Christians to prosecute. But now he stood in the midst of their group asking for reconciliation and forgiveness. He truly becomes a champion for them, even protecting the community of disciples.

The exhortation in the second reading today from John's letter alerts us of the bond that keeps communities together. We are told to "believe in the name of Jesus" first and then "to love one another." In other words, our love shouldn't be based on our preference but should rather be based on our faith. This love is anything but easy. It calls us to look at the disorder in our family and community, accepting those who had turned away and welcoming the stranger who threatens us. But it's this love that helps us to recognize the truth of the resurrection.

In the gospel today, the metaphor that Jesus uses vividly characterizes true communion – the relationship between Jesus and his followers. We all know that there are many branches on a vine, and the vine gives these branches life. It's through the branches that the vine bears fruit. But the vine is not totally dependent on any one particular branch. It can endure pruning without withering or dying. But if there is no vine, there are no branches. In other words, Jesus is telling his followers, "Don't separate yourself from me. Don't try to do things on your own. Do all things in union with me."

Sometimes you and I might want to give up on community because it can be quite difficult. We might be like the disciples in the first reading. When someone who has truly hurt us pops back in our midst, we don't easily readmit them into our lives until we get some proof that they're not going to hurt us again. Just like John's community in the second reading, we would rather love based on our preference instead of loving folks equally. Sometimes in community life, we're like those branches that Jesus speaks about. One minute, we're attached intimately to the vine, bearing much fruit; but what seems like moments later, we're being pruned off of that which brings us new life in abundance. Be a branch, and make sure you're attached to the true vine!

Things are returning to life ever-so-slowly. Do you see the new life all around us as Easter continues?

Father Finn

