



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. Paul Gros (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*
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

4:00PM 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 and on Saturday at 3:00PM 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.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10/11 JULY 2021

A SPRINGBOARD OF APPRECIATION

I was out for a drive. The weather was beautiful. The city had its usual “non-countryside” and somewhat ruined appearance, and I was merely doing shopping chores. Suddenly, unexpectedly, simple gratitude came upon me. Not earth-shaking, not the result of complicated reasoning, just a modest, gentle joy. I looked in admiration at my hands, which work reasonably well. I thought of the friends in my life, the special ones. Without being prompted, I said the words, “thank you.” Later, this very quiet event led me to a conclusion: The primary motivation for giving is gratitude. In the First Reading, Amos the prophet, who was a shepherd and a “dresser of sycamores,” found that God wanted him for a new job. Not watching the flock, not pruning trees. Now he was to be a visionary: someone who would prophesy to the people. Shocking. Why did Amos respond so boldly? Perhaps the fierce, quiet landscape of this country had opened him and had let God give to him. His action was an act of gratitude. Same thing for the apostles in the Gospel. They were men of action, so they did not notice that they were being grateful to Jesus. But they did have a growing realization of what he was giving to them, and secretly they loved him more and more. Their gratitude was their reason for going where he sent them. So when he told them to go out and preach, and banish demons, they knew that the mission fit them. He had found a way for them to begin seeing with both eyes. Let’s us keep our eyes open too. We are very much loved. And ready to be sent. *-John Foley, SJ*



Events Around the Parish



ADDITIONAL RECONCILIATION TIME

With the start of this new fiscal year, we will be adding additional confession times! Currently, confessions are heard at St. Margaret on Thursdays from 4:00PM until 5:00PM. We will also add back Saturdays from 3:00PM until 3:30PM. Please take advantage of such a powerful healing sacrament!

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

Our Annual Missionary Appeal is this weekend at St. Margaret! The Piarist Fathers were founded by St. Joseph Calasanctius in Rome in 1617. In addition to their vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, the Piarists take a vow to educate youth. They operate between 195 to 200 schools in 32 countries around the World. One of those schools are located in the Appalachian region of eastern Kentucky. The group is asking for your support in helping us not only in our educational work in Appalachia but also in their many outreach programs designed to help those living in poverty in the mountains. Please be generous in this weekend's second collection taken up for their benefit!



JOB POSITION AVAILABLE AT THE DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE

The Human Resource Information System (HRIS) Administrator is the primary resource for system configuration, system knowledge, and application security for the diocesan wide HRIS. The administrator will support and maintain the organization's HRIS applications and modules, provide service and support to all diocesan administrative staff and site-specific system administrators, run reports, troubleshoot, and support interfaces to internal and external applications managing require-

ments and specifications. Education and Experience Requirements: A bachelor's degree in Information Technology, Human Resources Management, Business Administration, or related field required. At least five years of related experience required in direct support of HRIS/HCM applications or employment in the implementation or support roles of an HCM vendor or other similar position with a previous employer. For more information, please see the diocesan website at www.diobr.org/opportunities. Please submit letter of interest, resume, and references to hr@diobr.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Use your gifts and talents in service of our local Church!



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1135

Amos 7:12-15

God calls Amos to prophesy to Israel.

Ephesians 1:3-14

All are chosen and loved by God.

Mark 6:7-13

The disciples are sent to heal and preach in his name.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 17/18 July 2021

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2: 13-18; Mark 6:30-34

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Peggy Barringer, Batty Family, Cindy Brasington, Nancy Campeaux, Vincent Catalanatto, Amber Stille Cocchiola, Hattie Davis, Amanda Degenhardt, Irene DeMars, Shelli Domiano, Therese Domiano, Sr. June Engelbrecht, Sal Faldetta, Wendy Gill, Tommy Hebert, Mary E. Herbert, Dan Huszar, Kansas Johnson, Lily Lebowitz, Stephanie Livingston, Joe Lobue, Gregg Mader, Payton Mangipano, Anita Murray, Rosemary Novak, Lydia Palisi, Frank Parrino, Terry Parrino, Wayne & Polly Pepitone, 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, Gabby Young, 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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 10/11 July 2021

4:00PM Vigil
Sat., 10 July
St. Margaret

Don Bankston (By Tallia Family)
Philip Brabham (By Lydia Brabham & Family)
Anastasia Broggi (By Family)
Claire Cardinale (By Rosie Sziszak)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Veronica Chenier (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Paula Distefano (By Joe Distefano)
Glenn D. Dupre, Sr. (By Lydia Brabham)
Pauline Frisbie (By Alex & Royanne Kropog)
Homer Gaspard (By Wife & Family)
Carole Horton (By Addie W. Evans)
Mary, William & Joe L. Juhasz (By the Family)
Carol Kronlage (By Alberta Kronlage & Family)
Francis Kronlage (By Alberta Kronlage & Family)
Mike & Elizabeth Kropog (By Alex & Royanne Kropog)
Ray J. Louviere (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)

8:00AM
Sun. 11 July
St. Thomas

Angie Deliberto (By the Deliberto Family)
Doris Haydel (By A.J. & Cindy Martinez)
Melissa Labranche (By the Family)
John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)

10:00AM
St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

Mon., 12 July (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Karen Chemay
(By Mark Chemay)

Thurs., 15 July (7:00AM)
St. Bonaventure (M)
Eric Navarre
(By George & Kim Navarre)

Tues., 13 July (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Lynette Pfiffner
(By Pete Pfiffner & Family)

Friday, 16 July (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Paula & Anna Distefano
(By Joe Distefano)

Mike Michon (By Mary Ann Michon)
William T. O'Brien III (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Lynette Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Mary Resetar (By Marjorie Resetar)
Steve Resetar (By Marjorie Resetar)
Frank & Denise Schilling (By Danny Deslatte)
Anne Sherman (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Sterling Family (By Mark & Judy Gaspard)
Aaron Sziszak (By His Mother & Chad)
Andrew & Irene Sziszak (By Larry & Marci McKnight)
Sonny Sziszak (By His Wife & Son)
Sonny & Aaron Sziszak (By Larry & Marci McKnight)
Paul & Julia Sziszak (By Larry & Marci McKnight)
Andrew & May Waguespack (By Addie W. Evans)
Paul & John Waguespack (By Addie W. Evans)
Harry Wilder (By Cher Arceneaux)

Charlie Martin (By Terry & Yvette Schilling)
Joan McKinney (By Brenda Bailey)
Adrian & Lorraine Martinez (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)
Patrick Tobin (By the Family)

5:30PM
St. Margaret

Geraldine & Pat Sziber
(By Terry & Yvette Schilling)

Wed., 14 July (7:00AM)
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (M)
Anna Distefano
(By Joe Distefano)



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

DIVINE BEAUTY GIRLS RETREAT

The Divine Beauty Girls Retreat will provide young girls with an opportunity to experience a weekend of prayer and faith formation with other Catholic teens. The retreat will be held on **Friday, 30 July 2021** at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in St. Amant. The cost for the day is \$55, and the deadline to register is July 19. The focus of this retreat is womanhood and virtue including topics such as health, hygiene, normal versus abnormal reproductive issues, motherhood, and above all Mother Mary, who is our model of virtue and womanhood. The weekend will also include Liturgy, prayer, worship, games, and a trip to Woman's New Life Center and St. George Cemetery in Baton Rouge. Participants' mothers are welcome to attend. More information about this event can be found at Holy Rosary Church's website.



TRAVEL WITH THE CHALICE

We need YOU to continue to pray that more workers respond to be a part of His rich harvest! Consider bringing the traveling chalice for vocations home one weekend! After praying with the chalice in your home for the week, you will bring the chalice back to the parish office on Friday so that the next family will have the opportunity to do the same. Many spots are currently available. Contact Lanie at the parish office to sign up soon! Your prayers and support not only help encourage young people in our parish but are invaluable in assisting our seminarians currently enrolled in seminary in their continual discernment! We need more laborers to generously serve in procuring his harvest!

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STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 03/04 July 2021

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$14,182.00
Building & Maintenance Fund Collection	\$4,317.00



Next weekend's Second Collection will be for
our Youth Ministry at St. Margaret!

Thank you for your continued and generous support!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 11 July 2021

Annual Mission Appeal!



Monday, 12 July 2021

10:00AM—Altar Society, St. Thomas Chapel
6:00PM—One Book, One Church, Seton Room

Tuesday, 13 July 2021

9:00AM—St. Matthew's Guild, Cecilia Room
6:00PM—Consecration to St. Joseph, Vianney Room

Wednesday, 14 July 2021

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, St. Margaret Church
6:00PM—YG & JYG Gathering, John Paul II Room
6:30PM—Hungary Pilgrimage Meeting, Vianney Room

Thursday, 15 July 2021

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church
6:00PM—CDA Meeting, St. Margaret Room
6:00PM—Pastoral Council Meeting, Ignatius Room
6:00PM—Mission Krewe Chaperone Meet., Bosco Room

Friday, 16 July 2021

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled Today!

Saturday, 17 July 2021

Youth Group Second Collection!
3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

CALLING NEW CATHOLICS

Ever thought about becoming a Catholic? Know of someone in your family who is interested in learning more about the faith. Invite them to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). There is also an equivalent ritual for children (RCIC). Faith sharing and community building sessions begin in August. For more information, call Fr. Jamin, Lucie or Ansleigh in the Parish Office, or contact RCIA coordinator Sandy Raborn at 225.567.3721.



RCIA
A Journey In Faith



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

Today's first reading from the book of the prophet Amos is an excellent example that God calls us in the midst of our current, cozy life to proclaim his Good News. Amos was a simple shepherd and a dresser of sycamore trees, earning a living just like any good man in Israel. Amos has no course on how to be a good prophet, yet today, God calls him to go out and challenge the official priest at the shrine of Bethel. I'm sure Amos experienced questions of uncertainty – "Who? Me? You sure about that?"

In the Gospel, the time had come for the twelve to leave their comfort zones and go out on their own. And Jesus gives them specific marching orders – no bread, money, or bag. Strip down as much as possible and travel light. Jesus seemed to be adding insult to injury. Put yourself in the place of the Apostles – first the master wants us to go out and do something that's totally unfamiliar, and then he wants to make us uncomfortable in the process! We just a bunch of fishermen; we're not celebrities! You really want us to go out and do this stuff?"

So what's the point? Often I think we live our lives of faith as if God only calls a handful of us, a precious, qualified few who set aside their lives for ministry while the rest of us go about with work and school, living life with relative comfort. We like just coming to Church on Sundays or helping out here-or-there while staying focused on the stuff that matters – school, work, and family. Leave religious talk to the priests and religious; it's their job anyway.

Instead, God is telling us that if we want the world to be rescued, we have to be the ones to rescue it! God still chooses ordinary people among us and gives us extraordinary responsibility. Look around you – from professors to pilots to politicians, God calls us today and says to us, "YOU, go out and prophesy." And though we might try every excuse in the book, God's call to us is more powerful than our own fears and anxieties. God gives us what we need to do the extraordinary, even if it's outside our comfort zone.

Who will preach the Gospel? Who will bring Christ's healing to others? Who will confront evil? It's not just me; it also starts with you! Let us pray for the grace to get over ourselves and boldly go out armed with nothing but the truth of the Gospel!

Thanks for the warm welcome to Fr. Paul last weekend. He surely felt what I have known for ten years at St. Margaret: your great generosity!

Fr. Jamin