



ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

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“The Pew Buddy”

The Weekly Parish Bulletin

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21/22 AUGUST 2021

HE IS FOOD FOR YOU

In the readings from the past few weeks we have seen that Jesus’ ascension would never be a desertion of us but would be *his presence on earth in a new form*. The third person of the Trinity was going to dwell within any people who believe. The third person will dwell in us? Where will our Jesus be? Well, since the members of the Trinity are at one in everything, they are completely present within each other. So Christ is within the Holy Spirit. That Spirit offers to live deep within each believer, within each person who says yes to its presence. The same thing can be said for the Father. Ok, but how do we acquire this Holy Spirit? Definitely through Baptism. And, of course, as in Jesus’ command from last week, through eating and drinking his body and blood. Communion makes us “become what we have eaten,” the body of Christ. We are to let Christ have flesh again, in our hearts and in our actions. The Spirit is to be the soul of the Body of Christ, and we are to be the body. When we are part of the “Body of Christ,” we therefore have eternal life, as he told his followers. Peter sums it up. “We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” Mass this Sunday will be meant to give us the power to live the Body of Christ into the world. -*John Foley, SJ*

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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*
Tammy Resetar (Ext. 101) *Receptionist*
Lucie Hanewinkel (Ext. 103) *Adult Formation*
Shirley Darouse (Ext. 104) *Contributions Manager*
Gill Scioneaux (Ext. 150) *Maintenance Supervisor*
Ansleigh Munn (Ext. 113) *Youth Formation*
St. Vincent de Paul Hotline (Ext. 144)

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

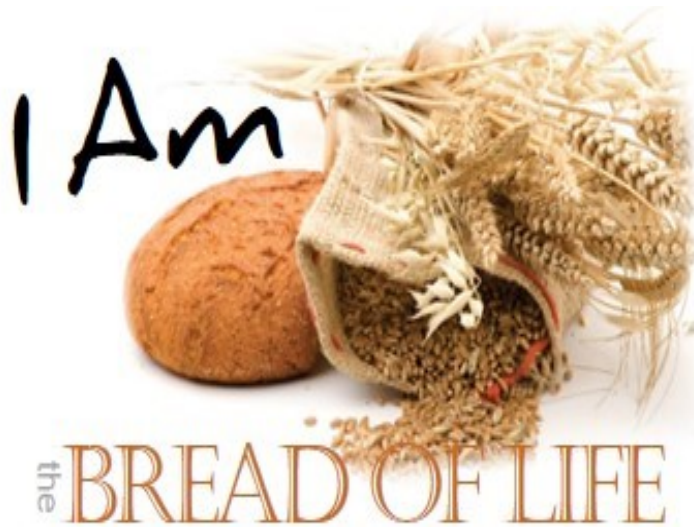
RECONCILIATION: The Sacrament is offered weekly at 4:00PM on Thursday and on Saturday at 3:00PM at St. Margaret Church or by acceptable scheduled appointment.

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 the parish office 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 the emergency line at extension 106.



Events Around the Parish

SEMINARIAN SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE THIS WEEKEND

The Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a drive to collect school supplies to show our love and support to our diocesan seminarians this weekend. If you would like to donate something to these men engaged in discernment, simply bring your items to the Church and place your goodies in the baskets provided. Needed supplies include stamps, printer paper, thank you cards, journals, sticky note pads, snacks, envelopes, granola bars, gift cards, and an assortment of other supplies! More information found on the flyer on the website! Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!



THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC

Ever thought about becoming a Catholic? Well you are in luck! Our RCIA and RCIC sessions are this week! So if you know anyone who wants to enter the Church, bring them to the sessions with you. For more information, call Fr. Jamin, Lucie or Ansleigh in the Parish Office, or contact RCIA coordinator Sandy Raborn at 225.567.3721.

GRIEF SHARE TO START THIS WEEK

Have you recently experienced the death of a loved one? Is it hard for you to feel optimistic about the future at the moment? You are not alone! St. Margaret will host a grief recovery ministry called GriefShare on Wednesdays at 6:00PM beginning on 25 August 2021 in the Ignatius of Loyola Room of the Hall of Saints. This support group will help you face the challenges of grief while moving toward rebuilding your life. The program has three distinct elements — a video seminar featuring top experts on grief and recovery, a support group discussion with focus, and a workbook based personal study and reflection for further study of the grieving process. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Kropog, the ministry leader, by email at debbiekropog@gmail.com or call the parish office for more information. Catholics, non-Catholics, and non parishioners are invited to attend as we share with one another in order to help ease the pain that comes from the loss of those whom we love!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS YOU!

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners (and the hard work of our St. Margaret St. Vincent de Paul Conference members!), school uniforms were purchased through the Uniforms for Kids Program and delivered to all of the schools in our community. The local schools advised us of the sizes and types of uniform items needed to help children throughout the school year. Our SVDP volunteers picked up 25 boxes of uniforms, sorted them by the school, and delivered them to the various locations. We also purchased socks, belts, and underwear for them to keep on hand as they requested. The schools we assisted included Albany Elementary Albany Middle, Albany High, Springfield Elementary, Springfield Middle, Springfield High, Holden Schools, Doyle Elementary, and Doyle High School. Local educators were very thankful for our congregation's commitment to their students and for our continued prayers throughout the school year! Our local SVDP spent \$3,700 from our budget to complete the Uniforms for Kids Program thanks to your support of our conference.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Peggy Barringer, George Bates, Batty Family, Cindy Brasington, Nancy Campeaux, Vincent Catalanatto, Amber Stillely Cocchiola, Alan Cutrer, Hattie Davis, Amanda Degenhardt, Irene DeMars, Shelli Domiano, Sr. June Engelbrecht, Sal Faldetta, Elise "Breezy" Fischer, Wade Gill, Wendy Gill, Tommy Hebert, Mary E. Herbert, Tom Hess, Dan Huszar, Kansas Johnson, Stephanie Kippers, Lily Lebowitz, Stephanie Livingston, Joe Lobue, Gregg Mader, Payton Mangipano, Fr. Jerry Martin, Jessica Miller, Anita Murray, Rosemary Novak, Lydia Palisi, Frank Parrino, Terry Parrino, Wayne & Polly Pepitone, Robin Poirier, Ronnie Randazzo, Adam Robert, Sr., Dutch Schilling, Alexis Sterling, Joe Stolf, Jason Summers, Annie Tallia, Joe Vilardo, Brent J. Waguespack, Sr. and Family, 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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time — 21/22 August 2021

4:00PM Vigil
 Sat., 21 Aug.
 St. Margaret

Philip Brabham (By Lydia Brabham & Family)
Anastasia Broggi (By the Family)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Veronica Chenier (By Larry & Marci McKnight)
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Faldetta (By Sal & Elvie Faldetta)
Pauline Frisbie (By Mark Chemay)
Homer Gaspard (By the Tallia Family)
Mary, William & Joe L. Juhasz (By the Family)
Francis Kronlage (By Alberta Kronlage & Family)
Cynthia Kropog (By Julius Kropog)
Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Ray J. Louviere (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Mike Michon (By Mary Ann Michon)

JoAnn Faldetta Nelson (By Sal & Elvie Faldetta)
Dr. William T. O'Brien, III (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Ernest Ourso (By Alex & Royanne Kropog)
Lynette Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Steve & Mary Resetar (By Marjorie Resetar)
Anne Sherman (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Lori Landry Smith (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Andrew & Irene Sziszak (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
J.R. Wheat (By the Family)
Robert & Ashley Wheat (By the Family)
Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Wheat (By the Family)
Harry Wilder (By Cber Arceneaux)

8:00AM
 Sun., 22 Aug.
 St. Thomas

Jerry Adamcewicz (By the Family)
Vincent T. Deliberto, Sr. (By the Family)
Anthony & Anna Friedman (By the Family)
Judy Friedman (By the Family)
Pauline Frisbie (By the Family)

Melissa Labranche (By the Family)
John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)
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

June Koles Olah
 (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)

Mon., 23 Aug. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Josh Tye
 (By George & Kim Navarre)

Tues., 24 Aug. (7:00AM)
St. Bartholomew (F)
Edward & Julia Herbert
 (By the Family)

Wed., 25 Aug. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Joseph Reine
 (By the Family)



Thurs., 26 Aug. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Melvin & Mary Valentino
 (By the Family)

Fri., 27 Aug. (7:00AM)
St. Monica (M)
Paula & Anna Distefano
 (By Joe Distefano)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret this week is given in memory **Raymond Horrell** by Joe & Lucie Hanewinkel.



“THE CHOSEN” YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

An eight-week young adult bible study will be offered at St. Margaret this fall on Tuesday evenings beginning on September 14, 2021 based on the very popular and inspiring TV series The Chosen. To register, please email Deacon Tim Messenger at ttmessenger1@gmail.com, or access and complete a registration form on our website (stmargaretstthomas.com). There is a \$15 cost to cover the optional season one study guide. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to grow in your faith!

A BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY

The flowers in the Sanctuary this weekend at St. Margaret are in memory of **June Koles Olah** donated by Chuck and Sandy Raborn. If you would like to have flowers given in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, call Tammy at the Parish Office to schedule in advance.



SHHH! IT'S A BIRTHDAY!

Even though he doesn't want us to say anything, Fr. Jamin celebrates his birthday this Tuesday! We're glad that he's spent a decade with us here at St. Margaret! Happy Birthday!

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1153

Proverbs 9:1-6
Decide whom you will serve
Ephesians 5: 15-20
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord
John 6:51-58
Love one another with mutual reverence



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 28/29 August 2021
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Jason 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 14/15 August 2021

Weekly Church Support Collection \$15,606.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 22 August 2021

Prison Ministry Second Collection!

Seminarian Back to School Supply Drive!

11:15AM—PSR, (Grades K-6), Hall of Saints

1:00PM—VBS Youth Volunteer Appreciation Event

6:45PM—PSR, (Grades 7-11), Hall of Saints

6:45PM—Theology in a Bottle, St. Margaret Room

Monday, 23 August 2021

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Tuesday, 24 August 2021

Happy Birthday Father Jamin!

9:00AM—St. Matthew's Guild, Cecilia Room



Wednesday, 25 August 2021

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, St. Margaret Church

6:00PM—GriefShare, St. Ignatius Room

6:30PM—Open Doors (RCIA), St. Elizabeth Seton Room

6:30PM—RCIC, St. Maria Goretti Room

6:30PM—Youth Night, JP II Room

Thursday, 26 August 2021

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

6:00PM—Margaret's Men, St. Margaret Room

Friday, 27 August 2021

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Saturday, 28 August 2021

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE STARTS!

Our first installment of the new season of "Theology in a Bottle," our adult education ministry, will be held on Sunday, 22 August 2021 from 6:45PM until 8:00PM in the St. Margaret Room. Fr. Jamin will do this first presentation entitled "Age Gets Better with Wine: A History of the Diocese of Baton Rouge." Do consider joining us!



MARGARET'S MEN

Don't forget about our monthly meeting on Thursday, 26 August 2021 at 6:00PM in the St. Margaret Room. Monthly meetings provide an opportunity to relax with fellow parishioners, to pray, and to plan for various events sponsored by the group. Remember to wear your masks.



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

The Gospel reading shows another instance of great decision making, this time on the part of the disciples. Jesus has finished delivering the Bread of Life discourse, and in it, he made some pretty bold claims. "I am the bread of life," and "I am the cup of salvation." "Unless you eat this bread, you will not have life within you." A showdown ensues among the followers of Jesus concerning who would follow him and who would not. Some didn't understand the sayings, but were comfortable struggling with their choice and followed him. Others found the saying too tough and decide to go away. Everyone has to make one choice or another.

Eventually, the crowd thins, and Jesus turns to his disciples to ask whether or not they will stay. Peter's act of faith provides the answer – "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe you're the holy one of God, and we're not going anywhere."

It was important for the Israelites to embrace their God and abandon idolatry all around them. The disciples necessarily needed to make a choice as well. Both readings provide profound revelations – we can only worship one God, and Jesus provides us with fullness of life. Really, I think, these readings are symbolic of the choices that we all have to make in our faith life. God gives us a profound gift of freedom, and despite the revelations that come our way, despite the fact that we see God right in front of us, we have to choose how and when we are going to follow him.

Being a Catholic is a choice that you make every day, but we have to choose one or the other. Either we're going to follow Jesus or not – it's that simple. Today's Scriptures discourage what I call the "Piccadilly Catholics," namely those who think they can pick and choose what they want to believe and still profess to be Catholic. The Israelites choose Yahweh or their former gods; the disciples choose to follow Jesus or return to their former way of life. We're either Catholic or we're not. We either choose the sacraments, the way we honor Mary, the Bread of Life in the Eucharist – or we follow another path. It's one or another; we can't pick and choose.

Making the choice is not easy; it requires constant commitment on our part. We might second guess ourselves over and over. And sure, there are conflicting claims about what it means to be Catholic today, and we might even be tempted to leave because of this division or because of our confusion. Stick with it and you won't be disappointed! To whom else shall we go since He has the words of eternal life!

Father Jamin