



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*
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Mary E. Herbert (Ext. 105) *Administrative Assistant*
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Lucie Hanewinkel (Ext. 103) *Adult Formation*
Shirley Darouse (Ext. 104) *Contributions Manager*
Gill Scioneaux (Ext. 150) *Maintenance Supervisor*
Ansleigh Munn (Ext. 113) *Youth Formation*
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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 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, please leave a message on the emergency line at extension 106.

PLEASE WASH YOUR HANDS

Jesus and the Pharisees have a public fight about the Jewish tradition of washing your hands before dinner. Jesus puts the Pharisees and their tradition down with a scathing denunciation. He calls the Pharisees “hypocrites,” who have God on their lips but not in their hearts. So, what does this story say about tradition? Well, we might think, if cleaving to tradition gets the Pharisees the denunciation of the Lord, then so much the worse for tradition! And yet where would we be without tradition? Our whole religious understanding and practice, even our creeds, are shaped by tradition. The solution to the perplexity lies in the story. When the Pharisees ask Jesus why his disciples don’t keep the tradition of hand-washing, their question isn’t a request for information. It is a challenge to his whole ministry. From the point of view of the Pharisees, a person couldn’t be from God and not wash his hands before dinner in accordance with the tradition. A tradition hands on something precious from one generation



to another. But the tradition the Pharisees cling to does not in fact convey the God of Moses, does it? What kind of God would make his total acceptance or rejection of a person dependent on whether or not he washed his hands before dinner? Where is the righteous, merciful, loving God of Moses in this view of the Pharisees? In the First Reading, Moses orders the people to communicate God’s commands without adding or subtracting *anything* from them. The Nicene creed, which is part of the tradition that structures our faith, does not violate this order of Moses, because the Nicene creed does not change biblical teachings. It only unfolds them and gives deeper insight into them. But when the Pharisees privilege hand-washing above the true goodness of Christ, they don’t transmit what Moses gave them. They wreck it, in the name of tradition. And that is why Jesus says the tradition of the Pharisees is the tradition *of men*. These defenders of religious tradition have lost their grip on the very thing they were supposed to pass on, God’s goodness and love. That is why Jesus calls them ‘hypocrites.’ It is a cautionary tale for all of us, isn’t it? *-Eleonore Stump*

Events Around the Parish

CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH

Our first group has completed the 33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph, reading the book by Fr. Donald Calloway, here at St. Margaret Church. It was a moving and powerful pilgrimage on the life of St. Joseph! We would like to thank each of you for making this such a rewarding and blessed six weeks. A special thank you goes out to Fr. Jamin for allowing us the opportunity to learn about St. Joseph, and also to Fr. Paul, who wrapped up our six-week journey with a special Mass. If you are interested in learning more about this great man and would like more information about future consecrations, please contact Ron Huguet at ronhuguet@outlook.com or by phone at 504.232.2484.



Bible Study



YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY, "THE CHOSEN"

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!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Our first session of Family Faith Formation is scheduled for **Sunday, 29 August 2021**. Father Paul Gros will be presenting his presentation entitled **"Spiritual Communication: A Practical Guide to Praying."** This session will be in the St. Ignatius Room in the Hall of Saints from 11:30AM until 12:30PM. All are welcome to join us in enriching your Catholic faith!



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS

Please give a warm welcome to these newly registered St. Margaret parishioners and their families: **Roy, Tiffany, Olivia and Nolan Abadie; Jonathan, Amber and Ellie Bayhi; Suetta Burney; Dorothy and John Calecas, Jr.; John-Mike, Jamie, John-Michael, Joshua, Jonah, Juliana and Jeremiah Heroman; Bradley and Brenda Kaiser; Julius Kropog; Vickie Johnson; Mary Kathryn McGrew and Jacob Guidry; Vanessa, Leo and Trey Ohler; Bryan, Heather, Cayden and Riley Pennington.** Thank you for becoming members of the St. Margaret community. Remember to "officially" register if you have not done so; registration forms are available on our website. Come grow with us on our journey toward the truth which is God's love!

VOTIVE CANDLES IN THE CHURCH

When lighting a votive candle, **PLEASE** make sure to remove the matchstick once the candle is lit. Place the burned, used matchstick in the bowl located at the bottom of the stand. Thank you for keeping our church safe! We wouldn't want a fire to start!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY



Peggy Barringer, George Bates, Batty Family, Cindy Brasington, Nancy Campeaux, Vincent Catalanatto, Amber Stille 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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time — 28/29 August 2021

4:00PM Vigil
 Sat., 28 Aug. St. Margaret
Ted Arceneaux (By Mona Wilder)
Andy & Olga Bartosh (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Philip Brabham (By Lydia Brabham & Family)
Anastasia Broggi (By the Family)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Pauline Frisbie (By Mark Chemay)
Homer Gaspard (By the Tallia Family)
Mr. & Mrs. A.A. Harelson (By the Family)
Mary, William & Joe L. Juhasz (By the Family)
Anthony Lamonica (By Virginia Lamonica)
Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Ray J. Louviere (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Sue Novak (By Jim & Family)

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)
Paul Sziszak, Jr. (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
J.R. Wheat (By the Family)
Harry Wilder (By Cber Arceneaux)
Henry & Nora Williams (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)

8:00AM
 Sun., 29 Aug. St. Thomas
Jerry Adamcewicz (By the Family)
Chelsea Anna Cowart (By Sue Olah)
Pauline Frisbie (By the Family)
Doris Haydel (By the Family)
Melissa Labranche (By the Family)
John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)

Charlie Martin (By Susan & Family)
Chucky Martin (By Susan & Family)
A.J. Martinez (By the 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., 30 Aug. (7:00AM)
 Weekday in Ordinary Time
Special Intention
 (By the Conrad Rossie Family)

Tues., 31 Aug. (7:00AM)
 Weekday in Ordinary Time
Lynette Pfiffner
 (By the Pete Pfiffner & Family)

Wed., 1 Sep. (7:00AM)
 Weekday in Ordinary Time
Jimmy & Michael Darouse
 (By the Family)

Thurs., 2 Sep. (7:00AM)
 Weekday in Ordinary Time
Eric Navarre
 (By George & Kim Navarre)

Fri., 3 Sep. (7:00AM)
 St. Gregory (M)
Anna Distefano
 (By Joe Distefano)

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

YUMMY FOR YOUR TUMMY

Come and grow in community while getting to know your fellow parishioners! September's "Yummy for Your Tummy" theme for will be "Tailgate Party" and will be held in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, 11 September 2021** at **5:00PM**. As your team gets back to the gridiron, let's share all of those yummy tailgate recipes. Some dish suggestions include chicken wings, sliders, layer dips, potato salad, chili, hot dogs, mac and cheese. There will be food, fellowship and a whole lot of smiles as we gather around the table!



THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

The St. Margaret KC Ladies Auxiliary would like to say "thank you" to our parishioners for their donations of cash, gift cards, and school supplies to last weekend's "School Supplies for Seminarians" Drive. We were able to donate over \$150 of supplies/gift cards/cash to each seminarian!



MARRIED 25, 50, OR OVER 65 YEARS?

If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries this year, the Diocese of Baton Rouge would like to honor you! Please contact Tammy in the Parish Office.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1156

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
Advantages of fidelity.
James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
One who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Be doers of the word, not hearers only.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 04/05 September 2021
Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 21/22 August 2021

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$8,973.00
Prison Ministry Collection	\$2,250.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

The Second Collection next weekend is for the Building & Maintenance Fund!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 29 August 2021

11:15AM—PSR (Grades K-6), Hall of Saints
 11:30AM—Family Faith Formation, Ignatius Room
 6:45PM—PSR (Grades 7-11), Hall of Saints

Monday, 30 August 2021

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Tuesday, 31 August 2021

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

Wednesday, 1 September 2021

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, St. Margaret Church
 6:00PM—GriefShare, Ignatius Room
 6:00PM—Now Go Forth Meeting, Vianney Room
 6:30PM—Open Doors (RCIA), Seton Room
 6:30PM—RCIC, Goretti Room
 6:30PM—Youth Night, JP II Room

Thursday, 2 September 2021

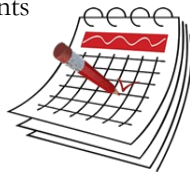
Parish Office Closed Today from 9:00AM until 1:00PM!
 9:00AM—Staff Meeting, Seton Room
 4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church
 6:00PM—Pastoral Council, Ignatius Room

Friday, 3 September 2021

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Saturday, 4 September 2021

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!
 3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church



NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBERS

Congratulations to the families and friends of the newest Catholics welcomed into the faith at St. Margaret during the months of July and August including **Jacob Young, Luke Young, and James Frank Good, Jr.** May these children grow in the grace and love of Our Lord forever! If you're interested in having your child baptized, please contact the Parish Office, and we'll get you in touch with Darlene Scioneaux, our new baptism preparation coordinator!



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

At some point in our life, you and I will all have to bear something that might seem at first unbearable to us. A young woman might be left to raise three children on her own because her husband was killed in Iraq. A family expecting their first child is crushed by the news that the baby died at birth. A family member died in a car crash that involved a drunk driver. Hurricane Katrina destroyed the homes and lives of a family member or friend in New Orleans. We're even struggling with a new reality that might seem unbearable right now — another storm potentially coming sixteen years to the date that Katrina did, and now it's interrupting our lives all over again. Some people who lost everything those many years ago are faced with that same, grim reality all over.

As these unbearable things surround us, they force us to realize a truth about ourselves: we have very little control over so much that affects us in our world today. Yes, unbearable things often surround us, and we have little control over their effect on us. I wonder how we respond to God in these circumstances? Are we angry with him or do we live in grief?

It's hard for us to understand why the unbearable happens to us, and there is no easy answer. The only solace that we find comes at the foot of the cross where God himself suffered and was nailed to a tree. You and I need a God who has suffered in the same way that we do, and we find great comfort knowing that whatever our suffering, whatever uncontrollable event has happened to us, God has seen it, and known it, and experienced it in the same way we have. Our response to God shouldn't be one of anger and frustration. Rather, it should be one where we ask the Lord to give us strength to endure the unbearable just like he did and offer it up for the salvation of many.

Peter was just like us. He wanted to remove the suffering, the unbearable not just from his own life but from Jesus' life as well. The events that continue to happen to us serve as simple reminders that in order for us to rise again, we first have to die, no matter how scary or painful that might seem to us.

Should we find ourselves affected by another storm this week, usually Facebook and the parish website will contain the most information about updates to what is happening around St. Margaret and St. Thomas, including any information we'll need to convey. Of course, reach out in case of emergency at any time and we'll do what we can to help in any way we can!

Father Jim