



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*

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, please leave a message on the emergency line at extension 106.

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11/12 SEPTEMBER 2021

DENY YOURSELF

Jesus says that anyone who wants to be his follower has to deny herself. She has to take up her cross daily. But how do you do this? You might think that denying yourself requires you to give up any desires of your own and just accept whatever God sends. If God wants you to live, you are happy to live. On the other hand, if God wants you to die, you are happy to die. *Anything whatever* that happens is fine with you. But if anything whatever is always fine with you, you will never have a desire that is frustrated. Nothing that happens will ever cause you sorrow; nothing will make you weep. You will be content with anything whatever. This is to try to deny yourself by having no desires of your own, in fact, no self of your own at all. But, then, how could you count as crucifying yourself? You can't crucify a self you don't have. And so this can't be the kind of self-denial Jesus is calling us to when he tells us to take up our cross daily. If we take Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane as our model, we see a different kind of self-denial. In that prayer, Jesus asks God to let the cup pass from him. Jesus has a desire of his own. *Anything whatever* is definitely not fine with him. He wants to live. He does not want to die. But Jesus finishes his prayer this way: "not my will but yours be done." He wants God's will to win out over his own will, if his own will and God's will are in conflict.

He wants his own will to be frustrated if it has to be frustrated in order for God's will to be done. So here is what Jesus' prayer teaches us.

To deny yourself requires first having a self to deny. It requires having desires for ordinary good things, for life rather than death. But it also requires trusting the love of God and wanting God's will to win out over your own, when God's will is opposed to yours. This self-denial is compatible with frustration and sorrow; it allows for tears when you lose the good things you wanted and your desires are denied. But if you crucify your self in this way, then your sorrow and tears come with trust and love for the Lord who carried his cross for you. -*Eleonore Stump*



Events Around the Parish

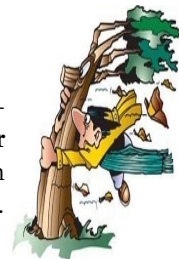


UPDATE ON ST. MARGARET ONGOING ACTIVITIES

All ministry gatherings currently scheduled through **Monday, 13 September 2021** are cancelled. This includes morning and evening PSR classes. Our normal Mass schedule will continue as usual. PSR classes will resume at their regularly scheduled times on **Sunday, 19 September 2021**. The Parish Office will reopen on **Tuesday, 14 September 2021** during normal business hours. Please be patient when entering the property as there will be several recovery events alongside our normal parish ministries happening all at once!

RECOVERY EFFORTS FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY HURRICANE IDA

FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, will be setting up an assistance site to help clients register for Federal Programs on the St. Margaret Campus in the Hall of Saints beginning **Saturday, 11 September 2021** from 8:00AM to 5:00PM daily for approximately 5 days. If you need to apply for FEMA assistance in person, if you do not have internet access, or if you have any questions, please stop by during these times. FEMA personnel will be available to assist you through the application process.



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

These past two weeks, we have witnessed much evangelization in our parish through the actions of those providing food, supplies and meals to neighbors who lost so much during Hurricane Ida. Our first session of Family Faith Formation is scheduled for Sunday, 19 September 2021. Father Jamin David will be presenting his presentation entitled "Our Call to Serve: Sharing our Faith Through Evangelization." 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!

GRIEF SHARE BACK NEXT 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 continue to host a grief recovery ministry called GriefShare on Wednesdays at 6:00PM 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!



CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

If you are interested in helping our community recover from Hurricane Ida with donations of gift cards, cleaning supplies, canned goods, and non-perishable items, please drop them off at the Parish Hall between 8:00AM and 4:00PM. Financial contributions are especially welcome and can be made through our website at www.stmargaretstthomas.com/give.



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, 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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 11/12 August 2021

4:00PM Vigil
 Sat., 11 Sep.
 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*)
Peter & Jenny Delvisco (By *Bello & Raymond Holden*)
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Faldetta (By *Sal & Elvie Faldetta*)
Pauline Frisbie (By *Rose Gauthier*)
Homer Gaspard (By *Wife & Family*)
Barbara D. Harrison (By *Lydia Brabham*)
Mary, William & Joe L. Juhasz (By *the Family*)
Francis Kronlage (By *Alberta Kronlage & Family*)
Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By *Pete Pffifner & Family*)
Ray J. Louviere (By *Kenny & Barbara Sherman*)

JoAnn Faldetta Nelson (By *Sal & Elvie Faldetta*)
Henry Novak (By *Rose Mary Novak & Family*)
Sue Novak (By *Jim & Family*)
Dr. William T. O'Brien, III (By *Kenny & Barbara Sherman*)
June Olah (By *Rose Mary Novak & Family*)
Ernest Ourso (By *Alex & Royanne Kropog*)
Lynette Pffifner (By *Pete Pffifner & Family*)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pffifner (By *Pete Pffifner & Family*)
Anne Sherman (By *Kenny & Barbara Sherman*)
Lori Landry Smith (By *Pete Pffifner & Family*)
Paul Szyszak, Jr. (By *Chuck & Sandy Raborn*)
Rono Whiddon (By *Lucy Whiddon*)
Harry Wilder (By *Cber Arceneaux*)
Henry & Nora Williams (By *Chuck & Sandy Raborn*)

8:00AM
 Sun., 12 Sep.
 St. Thomas
Jerry Adamcewicz (By *the Family*)
Vincent T. Deliberto, Sr. (By *the Family*)
Pauline Frisbie (By *the Family*)
Doris Haydel (By *the Family*)
Melissa Labranche (By *the Family*)
John LaGrange (By *Eddie & 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
Vincent A. Palisi
 (By *the Family*)



Mon., 13 Sep. (7:00AM)
St. John Chrysostom (M)
Special Intention
 (By *the Conrad Rossie Family*)

Tues., 14 Sep. (7:00AM)
Exaltation of the Holy Cross (F)
Paula & Anna Distefano
 (By *the Joe Distefano*)

Wed., 15 Sep. (7:00AM)
Our Lady of Sorrows (M)
Joseph Reine
 (By *the Family*)

Thurs., 16 Sep. (7:00AM)
Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian (M)
Eric Navarre
 (By *George & Kim Navarre*)

Fri., 17 Sep. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Jimmy & Michael Darouse
 (By *the Family*)

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



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1162



Isaiah 50:5-9a
The Lord God is my help.
James 2:14-18
Faith without works is dead.
Mark 8:27-35
Who do you say that I am?

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 18/19 September 2021
 Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37

St. Margaret Youth Group
LIFE-SIZE BOARD GAME NIGHT
 Crazy Sock competition! Wear your most vibrant socks on this night!
WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2021
6:30PM - 8:00PM
JOHN PAUL II ROOM
 All high schoolers are welcome to attend!
 Dinner will be served!
ANY QUESTIONS, CALL OR TEXT ANSLEIGH MUNN AT 337.412.4401.

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekends of 28/29 August & 04/05 September 2021

Weekly Church Support Collections	\$15,432.00
Building & Maintenance Fund Collection	\$981.00

Thank you for your continued and generous support!



The Second Collection next weekend will be to support St. Margaret's Religious Education Programs!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 12 September 2021

*Catholic University of America Special Collection!
PSR Classes Cancelled this Weekend!*

Monday, 13 September 2021

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Tuesday, 14 September 2021

9:00AM—St. Matthew's Guild, Cecilia Room
6:30PM—The Chosen, YA Bible Study, JP II Room

Wednesday, 15 September 2021

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

Thursday, 16 September 2021

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church
6:00PM—Catholic Daughters, St. Margaret Room
7:00PM—Vocations Committee, Ignatius Room

Friday, 17 September 2021

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Saturday, 18 September 2021

Religious Education Second Collection!
3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

*Grateful
Thankful
Blessed*



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

In the Gospel reading, the disciples are posed a question by Jesus, “Who do you say that I am?” Some of the disciples offer various possibilities - John the Baptist, Elijah, or a Prophet – but in the end, it’s Peter who gives the right answer to the question: Jesus is the revelation of God to the world. What’s the result of Peter’s answer to the Lord: he is rewarded, given a new name even, that reflects the answer to his question. He is called “the rock” because his answer is so fundamental to Jesus’ mission on earth and to our Holy Church.

What happened with the other disciples, or even with Peter is equally as true for us now as it was then. We are invited to some time or another accept or reject our faith. If we want our faith to move from being a set of “to-do’s” and “not to-do’s” or to move away from a simple lovey-dovey, pie in the sky imagery toward something we can experience, we have to take the Church’s faith and make it our own by answering that simple question, “Who do you say that I am.” When we consciously accept our faith, we encounter the Lord, as difficult as it might be. That’s where the transformation, action and faith becomes more than a concept; it becomes a living reality!

Faith without our conscious acceptance of it, faith without works, is simply dead. “Who do you say that I am?” The Lord still asks us today. Is he simply a statue, a concept, an image? Or is he real – is He alive right here in our presence today? If forced to answer that simple question, what would you tell the Lord when he asks, “Who do you say that I am?”

Hurricane Ida surely left measurable scars on our community of faith, and the same is true of our parochial buildings and grounds. Every building has some form of damage. I’m working with our insurer to assure that all of the parochial buildings are improved and repaired as soon as possible; more about the financial implications of this will be forthcoming. And the trees! We’ve lost at least 65 of them. But our property still is beautiful!

Of course, St. Margaret stepped up to provide humanitarian aid in times of crisis. Thanks to sister parishes in Baton Rouge, in other dioceses in Louisiana, and from places like Houston, Pensacola and beyond, we were able to open our “store” where the community can get goods. For nearly 10 days, we have been providing upwards of 1,000 hot meals per day. We’re hosting FEMA so people can begin the long road of recovery. Know that me and Fr. Paul are very proud of your efforts!

Father Paul

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY



An eight-week young adult bible study will be offered at St. Margaret this fall on Tuesday evenings beginning on 14 September 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! Spread the word and invite others to join!