



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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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.

MARITAL BLISS

In the Gospel Reading Christ has a stern thing to say about all marriages: if a husband divorces his wife and marries again, he commits adultery, and so does his wife if she remarries. Given that stern saying, why would anyone want to marry? Why would God want anyone to marry? The First Reading describes the way God arranged the first marriage. When Adam is without Eve, God says that it isn't good for Adam to be alone—and that's the reason for God's creating Eve and arranging Adam's marriage to her. But who made the man in such a way that it isn't good for him to be alone? God did, didn't he? God didn't make the angels this way. Angels don't get married. They don't have children either. No angel is in himself the union of two other angels, who merged something of themselves to form him. As far as that goes, angels have no gender either. An angel isn't male or female. No angel can say to another angel, "You complete me." It is perfectly fine for an angel to be alone. Human beings have what angels lack: the glorious richness of embodied, gendered human life. But there is a fragility about this rich embodied life too. Those who do get married are open to each other and dependent on each other, and so they become terribly vulnerable to each other, too. And here it is worth noticing that both the Readings focus on men. God's arrangements for Adam have the result Adam sketches: a man will leave his parents and cling to his wife. In the Gospel Reading, Christ is responding to the Pharisees' question whether it is lawful for a husband to divorce his wife. Most of the time, in the post-fall world, the risks of marriage are unequally distributed between the genders. They tend to fall more on women than on men. When God made human beings embodied and gendered, he gave them the great gift, lacking for the angels, that they could be joined together for life in marriage, with children. For us, who live in the post-fall world that Adam bequeathed us, this gift comes beset with risks for heart-breaking suffering. The challenge for us is to preserve the promise and beauty of God's gift. The perils of marriage for women—and also for men—is hedged in by Christ's stern prohibition against divorce. -*Eleonore Stump*



Events Around the Parish



NOW GO FORTH WELCOMING PARTY!

Our community keeps growing, and we would like to officially welcome our new parishioners! *Now Go Forth* is our official ministry charged with welcoming new parishioners. If you're interested in learning more about this ministry, participate in our upcoming "Meet and Greet" for new registrants on **Sunday, 03 October 2021 after the 10:00AM Mass!** Please give a warm welcome to these most newly registered St. Margaret parishioners and their families: **Maria Tavaski; Michael, Jr., Michael III, and Isabel Marshall.** Thank you for becoming members of the St. Margaret community.

DO YOUR PETS NEED A BLESSING?

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have the blessing of the pets on this **Sunday, 03 October 2021 at 12:30PM** between the Church and the Hall of Saints. Bring your cat, dog, turtle, bird, fish, rabbit, duck, hamster, snake, horse, goat, cow, chinchilla, guinea pig, lizard, gerbil, ferret, frog, pig, hermit crab, llama, etc. Father Jamin will welcome the animals and give them a special blessing (some of them need it, right!)

All God's
Creatures



YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY STARTING THIS WEEK

An eight-week young adult bible study will be offered at St. Margaret this fall on Tuesday evenings beginning on **05 October 2021 at 6:30PM** based on the very popular and inspiring TV series *The Chosen*. To register, please email Deacon Tim Messenger at tmessenger1@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!

ADVENT (IN OCTOBER) BIBLE STUDY

Gear up for another season of diving into the Sacred Scriptures! St. Margaret will offer a morning and evening Bible Study series called "Advent: Season of Divine Encounter" beginning on **Tuesday, 12 October 2021**. Please consider participating in this study course about your Catholic faith. For more information, contact Christine at caribe500@gmail.com or at 504.450.7343, or contact Tammy Resetar in the parish office. Your participation in this study and future bible study offerings are important to help us grow in faith. See the flyer for the form to register!



ALTAR SERVERS WANTED

We want YOU to be an Altar Server! New servers are needed for all weekend Masses. Please contact Kristen Beard to set up an individual/small group training at 985.974.8030 or at kristenbeard72@gmail.com. Anyone who has received First Communion is invited to participate!



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, Frank Goelz, Tommy Hebert, Mary E. Herbert, Tom Hess, Dan Huszar, Kansas Johnson, Stephanie Kippers, Lebowitz Family, Stephanie Livingston, Joe Lobue, Gregg Mader, Payton Mangipano, Fr. Jerry Martin, Cynthia Martinez, Jessica Miller, Rosemary Novak, Lydia Palisi, Frank Parrino, Terry Parrino, Wayne & Polly Pepitone, Robin Poirier, Ronnie Randazzo, Adam Robert, Sr., Dutch Schilling, Kayla Sharp, Alexis Sterling, Brittany Stillely, 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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time — 02/03 October 2021

4:00PM Vigil

Sat., 02 Oct.
St. Margaret

Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Pauline Frisbie (By Pete Piffner & Family)
Homer Gaspard (By Mark & Judy Gaspard)
Fred Gauthier (By Rose Gauthier & Family)
Mary, William & Joe L. Juhasz (By the Family)
Francis Kronlage (By Alberta Kronlage & Family)
Shirley Lacour (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Piffner & Family)
Ray J. Louviere (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Sue Novak (By Jim & Family)
Dr. William T. O'Brien, III (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Timothy Peacock (By Mark & Judy Gaspard)

Lynette Piffner (By Pete Piffner & Family)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Piffner (By Pete Piffner & Family)
Albert & Margaret Resetar (By the Family)
Lorraine & Charles A. Schutte, Sr. (By Michael Guthrie)
Anne Sherman (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Lori Landry Smith (By Pete Piffner & Family)
Sterling Family (By Mark & Judy Gaspard)
Charles & Marie Stumpf (By Kerry & Robyn Landeche)
Andrew & Irene Sziszak (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Paul Sziszak, Jr. (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Yancy Watkins (By Edward & Theresa Curry)
Harry Wilder (By Cher Arceneaux)

8:00AM

Sun., 03 Oct.
St. Thomas

Jerry Adamcewicz (By the Family)
Paula Distefano (By Joe Distefano)
Pauline Frisbie (By Rose Gauthier)
Melissa Labranche (By the Family)
John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)

Charlie Martin (By Susan & Family)
A.J. Martinez (By Kayla Sharp)
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 (By the George & Kim Navarre)

Mon., 04 Oct. (7:00AM)

St. Francis of Assisi (M)

Paula & Anna Distefano
 (By Joe Distefano)

Tues., 05 Oct. (7:00AM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Lynette Piffner
 (By Pete Piffner & Family)

Wed., 06 Oct. (7:00AM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Charlene Linton
 (By Francis & Janeen Broussard)

Thurs., 07 Oct. (7:00AM)

Our Lady of the Rosary (M)

Conrad Rossie (Deceased)
 (By the Family)

Fri., 08 Oct. (7:00AM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Paula & Anna Distefano
 (By Joe Distefano)



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



ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT NEEDED

The Catholic Life Center has an opening for an Accounting Assistant. This position performs basic accounting functions in accordance with standard bookkeeping procedures in one or more of the following areas: general accounting, accounts payable, and accounts receivable. The Accounting Assistant also performs basic clerical, administrative, and payroll duties as needed. It is a full time, benefits eligible opportunity. High school graduates or equivalent are preferred. A minimum of one to three years related experience is required. For more information on the requirements of this position, please see the diocesan website

at <https://diobr.org/employment-opportunities>.

YUMMY FOR YOUR TUMMY

Do you cook the “BEST” chili in town? October’s “Yummy for Your Tummy” theme is “Chili Cookoff” and will be held in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, 09 October 2021 at 5:00PM**. This is the night for you to show off that special chili recipe and share your masterpiece with your parish and all the other wonderful cooks. Come and grow in community while getting to know your fellow parishioners! There will be food, fellowship and a whole lot of smiles as we gather around the table!



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1171

Genesis 2:18-24

I will make a suitable partner for him.

Hebrews 2:9-11

Jesus became one with us in taking on human nature.

Mark 10:2-16

*Man and woman are equal
in creating a lifelong marriage.*



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 09/10 October 2021
Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4: 12-13; Mark 10:17-30

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 25/26 September 2021

Weekly Church Support Collection \$11,546.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support throughout the year especially as we recover from Hurricane Ida!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 03 October 2021

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

- 11:15AM—PSR (Grades K-6), Hall of Saints
- 11:15AM—New Parishioner Meet & Greet, Parish Hall
- 12:30PM—Junior Youth Group, JP II Room
- 12:30PM—Blessing of the Pets, Parish Grounds
- 6:45PM—PSR (Grades 7-11), Hall of Saints

Monday, 04 October 2021

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Tuesday, 05 October 2021

- 9:00AM—St. Matthew's Guild, Cecilia Room
- 6:30PM—The Chosen Bible Study, JP II Room
- 7:00PM—Knights of Columbus, St. Margaret Room
- 7:00PM—Ladies Auxiliary, Goretti Room



Wednesday, 06 October 2021

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

Thursday, 07 October 2021

- 4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

Friday, 08 October 2021

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Saturday, 09 October 2021

- 3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church
- 5:00PM—Yummy for Your Tummy, Parish Hall



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

The people of ancient Israel were well aware that there is something crucial about relationships in our lives, and that is clearly evident in the first reading today from the Book of Genesis. We hear in the reading that “God judges it is not good for man to be alone.” So he creates a companion for the man. Their relationship is intimate; the woman is made of the same substance of the man. She is bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh. “Bone” stands for something strong; “flesh” stands for something weak. In other words, they are complementary, and together they encompass what it truly means to be human.

In our second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, the author tells us that relationships are so crucial that Jesus became one of us – bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh – in order to save us and fully understand our struggles that keep us from our relationship with God.

The Gospel perhaps contains the greatest proof of our need for creating relationships in our lives. The Pharisees are pictured as once again trying to trick Jesus. The law of Moses permitted divorce, and Jesus was asked to comment on this practice. If he agreed with the Mosaic law, he would seem to agree that the bonds we form as humans come and go and are really not all that important. If he disagreed with the Mosaic law, he would be accused of being a blasphemer. Instead, Jesus simply points to the nature of our bonds. Relationships are important, and they should be preserved at all costs. But relationships are not easy; they’re often riddled with difficulty.

We experience the same thing every day of our lives. We’re intimately connected with our brothers and sisters, and our relationships are important; they reveal something about our relationship with God. But they’re often far from perfect. They’re riddled with difficulty, and sometimes we simply want to quit.

How do we strengthen our relationships especially in the tough times? I think we have to follow the example of Jesus at the end of the Gospel. Children are a sign of weakness, and the disciples try to get them away from Jesus. Yet, he uses them as an example and tells his disciples that’s how we should approach all our relationships, especially our relationship with God – with vulnerability and trust. Can you use these ingredients to strengthen your relationships?

You’ll notice we’re starting to catch up on some projects at St. Margaret including handrails and fencing, and we’re waiting to see how much and when reconstruction will happen!

Father Finn

MARRIED 25, 50, OR OVER 65 YEARS?

If you are celebrating 25, 50, or over 65 years of wedded marital bliss this year, “Happy Anniversary!” The Diocese of Baton Rouge would like to honor your loving commitment to each other! Please contact Tammy in the Parish Office to tell us more about your marriage!

