



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*

Landon Goings (Ext. 112) *Wedding Coordinator*

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.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16/17 JULY 2022

HEALTHY TENSION

Martha is trying to feed Jesus and his disciples. Even if Jesus came with only his twelve apostles, that still makes lunch for 13. With a modern kitchen, lunch for so many is not easy to prepare. I have no idea how Martha could manage it with whatever kitchen she had. And it's worse for her because she is stuck doing it by herself. Her sister Mary is sitting on the floor by Jesus listening to him. How unjust to Martha is that? So no wonder Martha nudges Jesus and insists that he tell Mary to get a move on into the kitchen, helping with housework. Fair is fair! Jesus is supposed to be the greatest upholder of justice. Fairness to women should be part of his concern, too, shouldn't it? Where is the fairness to Martha in Jesus' being an enabler of Mary's failure to help in the kitchen? But fairness to Mary is precisely what Jesus is protecting by refusing to send her into the kitchen, isn't it? The best thing in the world is to be by Jesus, to love him, to learn from him, to give yourself to him. And Jesus will not let lunch take that best thing away from Mary. What justice would there be if he did? Does the need for housework trump a person's desire to be by the Lord and learn from him? But, you might say, what about Martha? Where is the fairness for Martha here? And what if Martha

has wanted to sit by the Lord, too. Then what have happened to lunch? But think about it. Is there really *no* other way that lunch could have got on the table, without forcing Mary (or Mary and Martha) away from the Lord? Couldn't



some of those male disciples have made lunch, for example? For that matter, couldn't the Lord who fed the five thousand miraculously have managed to feed a mere dozen or so in the same way? As far as that goes, what's wrong with their all fasting on this occasion? The need for somebody to do manual labor is not a reason to make a woman give up her heart's desire for learning and service in the Lord. —*Eleonore Stump*

Events Around the Parish



WELCOME VBS ATTENDEES!

Vacation Bible School begins **Monday, 18 July 2022**. Our program lasts Monday through Friday from **9:00AM until 12:00PM**. Our young people will discover more about God's love, friends and family, prayer, trusting God, and the Bible, which will help them stand strong in their faith. We're hoping this awesome VBS program will touch children's hearts and lives with God's love and we look forward to seeing you there!

RCIA TO BEGIN SOON!

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 or Ansleigh in the Parish Office, or contact RCIA coordinator Sandy Raborn at 225.567.3721.

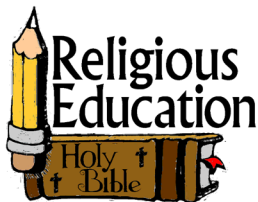


PRISON RE-ENTRY MENTORING COHORT

Do you feel called to a ministry as a mentor to men and women being released from prisons back into society? Please join us on **Tuesday, 26 July 2022 at 7:00PM until 9:00PM** in the Parish Hall to learn how you can be part of our Prison Re-entry Mentoring Cohort. If you have any questions, please call Deacon Tim Messenger at 419.957.9848. Hope to see you there!

GOOD NEIGHBOR COMMUNITY DAY

Join us on **Saturday, 30 July 2022 from 10:00AM until 2:00PM** for a family-friendly, fun-filled community day sponsored by Brandy Robertson State Farm and various local merchants. Activities will include FREE windshield repair, insurance & safety games, poisonous creature class, hydration education, roof talk, car maintenance education, banking do's and don'ts, kid's activities, food, drinks, and door prizes. For more information, please contact Brandy at 225.665.3112.



PSR STARTS SOON

PSR classes will begin on **Sunday, 21 August 2022** with a similar schedule as last year: K-6 from 11:15AM until 12:30PM on Sunday morning after the 10:00AM Mass and grades 7-11 after the 5:30PM Mass from 6:45 until 8:00PM. We are looking forward to another great year! Registration forms and PSR policies are arriving soon, so keep an eye out so that you can register to participate!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Vincent Alfano, Maurice Armagnac, Peggy Barringer, George Bates, Batty Family, Cindy Brasington, Nancy Campeaux, Pauline Cannon, Vincent Catalanatto, Amber Stillely Cocchiola, Alan Cutrer, Frances Dantin, Hattie Davis, Amanda Degenhardt, Irene DeMars, Shelli Domiano, Sr. June Engelbrecht, Sal Faldetta, Elise "Breezy" Fischer, Hayes Gauley, Wendy Gill, Frank Goelz, Tommy Hebert, Mary E. Herbert, Patty Hubert, Deanna Kennedy, Dee Keslick, Kansas Johnson, Stephanie Kippers, Lebowitz Family, Christopher Letendre, Stephanie Livingston, Pat Tucker Lobue, Gregg Mader, Fr. Jerry Martin, Cynthia Martinez, Jessica Miller, Fay Murray, Rose Mary Novak, Vickie Ortego, Lydia Palisi, Frank Parrino, Terry Parrino, Wayne & Polly Pepitone, Pete Pfiffner, Carl & Jackie Rabalais, Ronnie Randazzo, Adam Robert, Sr., Jason Rochelle, Dutch Schilling, Kayla Sharp, Alexis Sterling, Brittany Stillely, Joe Stolf, Jason Summers, Annie Tallia, Carolyn Toole, Trysten Tucker, Liz Varnado, Joe Vilardo, Brent J. Waguespack, Sr., Dolores Wheat, Robert Wheat 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 Rose Mary Novak at 985.507.7487.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 16/17 July 2022

4:00PM Vigil

Sat., 16 July
St. Margaret

Sarah Bankston (By Muriel Drude Cassibry)
Margaret L. Cecilia Barr (By Margaret L. Cecelia Barr)
Philip Brabham (By Lydia Brabham & Family)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Leon Dauterive (By Ward & Donna Forsberg)
Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr. (By Sal & Denise Pellitteri)
Joe Gaeta, Sr. (By Cathy Huckabee)
Homer Gaspard (By the Family)
Ricky Genre (By Mary Ann & Family)
Andrew Gerard Healy (By Margaret L. Cecelia Barr)
Albert Martin Hosier (By Barbara & Kenny Sherman)
Francis Kronlage (By Alberta & Family)

Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Irene M. Leon (By Tommy & Mona Watkins)
Joe Lobue (By His Wife, Pat)
Ray J. Louviere (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Adam Mocsary (By the Family)
Sue Novak (By Jim & Family)
June Koles Olah (By JuJu's Bunch)
Dr. William T. O'Brien, III (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Lynette Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Anne Sherman (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)

8:00AM

Sun., 17 July
St. Thomas

Jerry Adamcewicz (By the Family)
Anthony & Anna Friedman (By the Family)
Judy Friedman (By the Family)
Pauline Frisbie (By the Family)
John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)

Charlie Martin (By Susan & Family)
Chucky Martin (By Susan & Family)
Joan McKinney (By Brenda Bailey)
Steve Prokop, Sr. (By the Degenhardt Family)
Charles & Marie Stumpf (By Kerry & Robyn Landeche)

10:00AM

St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM

St. Margaret

Eric Navarre
 (By George & Kim Navarre)

Mon., 18 July (7:00AM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time
Anna & Paula Distefano
 (By Joe Distefano)

Tue., 19 July (7:00AM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time
Eric Navarre
 (By George & Kim Navarre)

Wed., 20 July (7:00AM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time
Joseph Reine
 (By the Family)

Thu., 21 July (7:00AM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time
Frances Reine
 (By the Family)

Fri., 22 July (7:00AM)

St. Mary Magdalene (F)
Those Enrolled in Bishop Greco Foundation
 (By the Louisiana Knights of Columbus)



The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret
 this week is given in memory of
Frances Reine by the Family.

ST. JOSEPH, OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ponchatoula has extended an invitation to our parishioners to participate in a 6-week consecration to Saint Joseph. During the consecration you will learn and discuss such things as: "How old was Joseph when he married Mary? Was Joseph previously married? Were there any apparitions of St. Joseph? Who is the savior of our Savior?" And so much more. It's a great journey that will open your eyes to St. Joseph as you've never seen him before. Are you ready to learn more about our St. Joseph, our Spiritual Father, the Foster Father of Jesus? The "Consecration to St. Joseph" by Fr. Donald Calloway will be used for the discussions. The Consecration will begin on **Wednesday, 20 July at 6:30PM**, and the group will meet for 6 weeks. The location of the meetings is in the Ministry Building of St. Joseph Church. For more information or to register, please contact Ron Huguet at ronhuguet@outlook.com or at 504.232.2484.



POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Saint Thomas Aquinas Regional Catholic High School has openings for the following positions: English teacher, Theology teacher, Guidance Counselor, and Advancement Director. Anyone interested, please send resumes to tania.woods@stafalcon.org.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1139

Genesis 18:1-10a

*Abraham's hospitality to God's presence
 will be rewarded.*

Colossians 1:24-28

*Paul suffers willingly to bring
 the riches of Christ to others.*

Luke 10:38-42

Discipleship involves both service and focus.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 23/24 July 2022
Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 09/10 July 2022

Weekly Church Support Collection \$7,371.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

Next weekend's second collection will be for our Youth Group Ministries!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 17 July 2022

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Monday, 18 July 2022

Vacation Bible School!



Tuesday, 19 July 2022

Vacation Bible School!

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

Wednesday, 20 July 2022

Vacation Bible School!

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

6:00PM—Service Ministries Commission, Hall of Saints

6:30PM—Youth Group, John Paul II Room

Thursday, 21 July 2022

Vacation Bible School!

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

5:30PM—CDA Rosary, St. Margaret Room

6:00PM—Catholic Daughters, St. Margaret Room

7:00PM—Finance Council, Seton Room

Friday, 22 July 2022

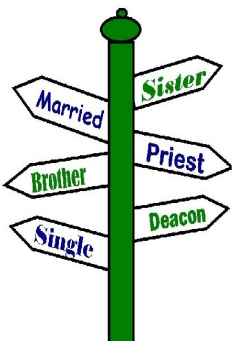
Vacation Bible School!

Saturday, 23 July 2022

Youth Group Second Collection!

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

A VOCATION VIEW



We are like Martha. There's plenty to be anxious about, but only one thing is required of us. For five minutes today, be like Mary; rest with Jesus and ask Him what he requires of you. If you feel the call is genuine, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778 or email him at jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations to learn more about how you can serve the Master!



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

The Greeks knew best — balance is best in all things! How much of our spiritual lives are spent seeking that healthy balance between opposites? True spiritual integration is about finding the balance between these by walking that fine line. Today's Scripture is about two opposites in the persons of Martha and Mary. Both have an important role. I sympathize with Martha — the enterprising one who is so busy industriously looking after her guest that she fails to realize exactly who her guest is. And then there's Mary who devotes full and absolute attention to Jesus, letting the chores and rules of hospitality simply pass by the wayside. That's where we see the delicate balance — between being active and contemplative. Which is truly more important? Or if both should be in equal harmony, do such persons exist — the one who is extremely active and not hectically busy, ready to listen and help simultaneously?

The saints would say “they do exist — look at us!” The point is that healthy spirituality is not choosing between being more like Martha or more like Mary — but it's about choosing both contemplation and action, loving and doing, prayer and service. The secret is to give enough time to God and to draw strength and peace from prayer, but at the same time, to put that faith into active practice. Balance is truly best in all things!

It's tough for priests to do that all the time. With increasing demands due to the lack of availability of enough men to serve in this capacity, we always find ourselves being stretched to the limits. For me too, there has to be that constant, delicate dance between doing and being with the Savior. That's what I encourage Deacon Joseph and the host of other seminarians we've hosted here with me to do!

There are a variety of staff changes that will be coming down the way soon as they develop. I'll post more about these as time goes on. Just know that we have quite the devoted staff here at the parish, and I'm grateful for all that they do for me and for us in administering the day-to-day affairs of St. Margaret.

Vacation Bible School is here this week, and on behalf of the many young men and women who will grace us with their presence this week, thanks to our volunteers for their hard work and dedication in making this ministry a success. It takes cooperation, elbow grease, and high-octane volunteers for this week to happen! Your dedication does not go unnoticed by me or our parish.

In just a couple of weeks, school starts. Are you ready yet?

Father James