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“The Pew Buddy”

The Weekly Parish Bulletin

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Tuesday-Friday: 9:00AM-4:00PM
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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.

LEARNING TO ASK

Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray; he gives us the Lord’s prayer. The first thing to notice about the Lord’s prayer is that it is full of petitions. The first petition is that God’s name would be hallowed. The second is that God’s kingdom would come. The third is that God would give us our daily bread. And so on. The Lord’s prayer isn’t just a litany of praise to God, then. It isn’t just an expression of a pious wish that God’s will be done. It isn’t only a surrender of one’s own will to God. Just look at the request for daily bread. It presents to God what we want God to give us. Having desires and presenting them to God are required by the Lord’s prayer. The second thing to notice is that people don’t generally get what they ask for. Ask and you will receive, the Lord says. But how many people around the world pray the Lord’s prayer and go without food that day? And food is only the beginning. In every mass we ask God for healing: “Only say the word and my soul shall be healed.” Then we



lug our sinful, sick, and sorrowful souls around another day. So here is the third thing to notice. Jesus doesn’t promise that we will get the very thing we ask for. He says that if we ask, we will receive; but he doesn’t happen to mention *what* we will receive. If you think about it, you can see the point. If a sick person could heal himself, he would be the doctor, not the patient. The patient’s job is to want to get well. It is the doctor’s job to figure out *how* to get him well. In the same way, the Lord’s prayer requires us to trust God enough to tell him what we want—over and over and over. Our job is to ask continually. God’s job is to figure out what to give us that will really fill us and heal us. So we might not get what we ask for. But as long as we keep asking, the Lord promises that we will receive—grace, pressed down, shaken together, running over, and gently given, from the God who loves us. *-Eleonore Stump*

Events Around the Parish

JOIN OUR PRISON MINISTRY

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!



NOW GO FORTH MEETING

Now Go Forth, our ministry that aims at welcoming all new parishioners, is out spreading the word of welcome to all of God's people! The group will have a meeting on **Thursday, 28 July 2022 at 2:00PM** in the Seton Room in the Hall of Saints. Anyone interested in the ministry is invited to join us to learn more about the extraordinary plans we have to make everyone in our parish know that they are welcome.

Welcome Committee



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CALLING NEW KNIGHTS

Our local Knights of Columbus Council has long participated in much of the community life at St. Margaret. Through works of unity, fraternity, and charity, the Knights shine as an example of lived Catholic faith in action! Over the next weeks, Knights will be available after Mass to share more about their work. All Catholic men are encouraged to join!



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

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.



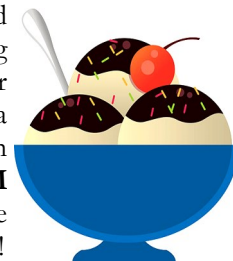
PSR STARTS SOON

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!



YOUTH GROUP PLANNING

Calling all High School Juniors and Seniors who are interested in helping us plan our Youth Group events for the upcoming year! We will have a Youth Group Planning Meeting on **Thursday, 04 August 2022 at 6:00PM** in the St. John Paul II Room of the Hall of Saints. Ice cream will be served!



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 Stille 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 Stille, 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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 23/24 July 2022

4:00PM Vigil

Sat., 23 July
St. Margaret

William Arpan, II (By the Family)
Sarah Bankston (By Jan Benton)
Philip Brabham (By Lydia Brabham & Family)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
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 Pffiffner & Family)
Valentine Langlois (By the Family)
Ray J. Louviere (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Tres O'Keefe (By Sandy & Eddie Martin)
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 Pffiffner (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pffiffner (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)
Anne Sherman (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)

8:00AM

Sun., 24 July
St. Thomas

Jerry Adamcewicz (By the Family)
Pauline Frisbie (By the Family)
Melissa Labranche (By the Family)
John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)
Wayne Lavigne (By Dianne Lavigne)

Charlie Martin (By Susan & Family)
Joan McKinney (By Brenda Bailey)
Charles & Marie Stumpf (By Kerry & Robyn Landeche)
Patrick Tobin (By the Family)

10:00AM

St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM

St. Margaret

Robert Grey Hammett

(By Cynthia & Bill Cummer)

Mon., 25 July (7:00AM)

St. James (F)

Karen Chemay
(By Mark Chemay)

Tue., 26 July (7:00AM)

Sts. Joachim & Anne (M)

Anna & Paula Distefano
(By Joe Distefano)

Wed., 27 July (7:00AM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Jimmy & Michael Darouse
(By the Family)



Thu., 28 July (7:00AM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Eric Navarre
(By George & Kim Navarre)

Fri., 29 July (7:00AM)

Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus (M)

Frances Reine
(By the Family)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret this week is given in memory of **Valentine Langlois** by the Family.



BEGIN YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH JOURNEY

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

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Join us for our End of Summer Bash on Wednesday, 27 July 2022 from 6:30PM until 8:00PM in the St. John Paul II Room of the Hall of Saints. All high school and middle school students are welcome. If you have any questions, call or text Ansleigh Munn. See you there!



SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND

"Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it will be opened to you." Try it! Then listen, look, and enter. Perhaps priesthood or consecrated life awaits you. If God is calling you, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1142

Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham intercedes with God on behalf of Sodom.

Colossians 2:12-14

The baptized participate in Christ's death and resurrection.

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches the disciples how to pray.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 30/31 July 2022

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11;
Luke 12:13-21

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 16/17 July 2022

Weekly Church Support Collection \$10,536.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 24 July 2022

Youth Group Second Collection!

Monday, 25 July 2022

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Tuesday, 26 July 2022

9:00AM—St. Matthew's Guild, Cecilia Room
7:00PM—Diocesan Prison Mentoring Cohort, Parish Hall

Wednesday, 27 July 2022

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, St. Margaret Church
6:00PM—Evangelization & Worship, St Margaret Room
6:30PM—Youth Group, John Paul II Room

Thursday, 28 July 2022

2:00PM—Now Go Forth Ministry Meeting, Seton Room
4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church
6:00PM—Pastoral Council Meeting, Ignatius Room

Friday, 29 July 2022

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Saturday, 30 July 2022

10:00AM—Good Neighbor Community Day, Grounds
3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

Prayer is one of the most misunderstood and misused practices of our faith; until we understand it, it might seem like barking. Prayer is not an exercise in magic: you don't have to say certain phrases or sit a certain way to persuade God to answer your pleas. Prayer is not presenting some Santa Claus in the sky a list of things that we want: it's not rubbing a magic lamp where we get three wishes and that's all.

Prayer is intimate communication with our Lord and it should be as natural as turning around and speaking to a friend. It is about being quiet and still and listening to God. And it does take some persistence. Just look at all the times that we see Jesus praying in Scripture. He prays as he senses God calling him. He prays before he chooses his disciples. He prays as he serves and heals other people. He prays as he feels the demands and pressures of ministry. He prays as he faces the cross. He prays as he dies on the cross. Apparently Jesus knew that he needed to continually be connected to God in prayer to live his life to the fullness.

Enter today's Gospel. The disciples notice Jesus praying all the time, and they finally get a clue and ask him, "Teach us to pray." Jesus gives them a profound lesson: it's not about the right technique. It's not about the right phrasing. It's not about how to bargain with God. It's a lesson in persistence. He tells us the story of a man banging on the door all night and of the repeated words "ask," "seek," and "knock." In other words, I think he's telling them that effective prayer is about a continual connection to God. We need to keep in mind that what is implied in Jesus' words for us today is that God always answers prayer. God may not give us the answer we want or answer us at the time we want, but God always answers us with our best interest in mind. Somebody once told me that God answers prayers in one of four ways – Yes, No, Wait! and Are you Kidding? Remember, Jesus said: "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" This is a great promise that should encourage us to pray more!

Do you have trouble praying because it seems like God doesn't answer your prayers? If so, keep in mind the message of today's Gospel: prayer does not give us what we want, but prayer helps us want what we need. Prayer is not designed to change or persuade God; it is designed by God to change us! If you're still wondering about your unanswered prayers, ask longer, seek harder, knock louder, bark, and bark, and bark – and be persistent with it! God promises us His Spirit – and all we have to do is simply ask! Prayer is not a chore, it's a way for us to communicate with our God!

Father Finn



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