



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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Ansleigh Munn (Ext. 113) *Youth Minister*
Landon Goings (Ext. 112) *Sacraments & Catechesis*
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.

GOOD STEWARDS?

Jesus tells two parables, one about servants and one about stewards. In the parable about the servants, he mentions a reward for the good ones. In the parable about the stewards, he adds a punishment for the bad ones. The bad steward will be assigned a place with the unfaithful. The unfaithful are those who don't have what faith alone will get you: union with the Lord. So when the Lord says to some people, "Go away!"—the bad steward will be in that group. This is truly a dreadful punishment. So what is a steward, and what does it take to be a bad one? Well, a steward is a person who has servants under him. In the parable, these are the Lord's servants. Since every human being is the Lord's servant in one way or another, then every person who has any human beings in his power is a steward of the Lord's, in virtue of having some kind of charge of the Lord's servants. If you are the president of a company or if you are a mother of small children, you are one of the Lord's stewards, because there are human beings who are in your power. It doesn't take much to meet this condition for being a steward. If you sit at the dinner table with other people who can't easily get away from you, you are the Lord's steward as far as those people are concerned. To some small extent,

they are in your power until you leave the table and them. Two things mark out the bad steward. First, he considers his own needs and desires solely, not the needs and desires of those who are in his power. Second, when he deals with those in his power, he treats them unjustly. A mother who watches TV instead of caring for her children or who lets

the older child tyrannize the younger one is a bad steward. A president of a company who assigns raises not to reward merit but to get revenge on his political enemies in the company is a bad steward too. So having other people in your power is a fearsome responsibility. Do it badly, and you get a place among the faithless, outside, looking in at the dinner the Lord has made for the faithful, who served him well. *-Eleonore Stump*



Events Around the Parish

GRIEF SHARE

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 host a grief recovery ministry called Grief Share on **Wednesdays at 6:00PM** beginning on **10 August 2022** in the Ignatius 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!



PASTA PARTY!

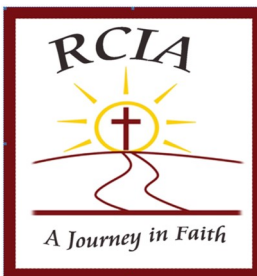
Come and grow in community while getting to know your fellow parishioners at this month's "Yummy for Your Tummy." This month's theme will be "Pasta Party" and will be held in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, 13 August 2022 at 5:00PM**. Bring your favorite pasta dish to share! There will be food, fellowship and a whole lot of smiles as we gather around the table!



PSR TO START 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 6:45PM until 8:00PM. We are looking forward to another great year! Registration forms and PSR policies can be found on our website! Sign up now!

YOUR 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, **visit our information table outside of Church this weekend** or call Fr. Jamin or Lucie in the Parish Office, or contact RCIA coordinator Sandy Raborn at 985.320.0945.

THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Welcome to a new season of "Theology in a Bottle," our adult education ministry. Our first installment will be held on **Sunday, 21 August 2022** from **6:45PM until 8:00PM** in the St. Margaret Room. Fr. Jamin's presentation is entitled "Responsibilities that can Fill a Magnum: The Daily Life of a Priest." Spread the word about learning more about your faith!



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, Kristie Cleveland, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Chris & Cody, 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, Lebovitz Family, Christopher Letendre, Stephanie Livingston, Gregg Mader, Fr. Jerry Martin, Cynthia Martinez, Butch Meche, 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., Dutch Schilling, Kayla Sharp, Alexis Sterling, Brittany Stilley, 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.





SHOW RANDALL WAGUESPACK YOUR SUPPORT!

Four men will be ordained to the permanent diaconate on **Saturday, 13 August 2022** including Randall Waguespack (St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Albany), Ed Hanks (St. Joseph, Ponchatoula), Tram Phan (St. Anthony & Emmanuel Le Van Phung, Baton Rouge) and Pat Witty (St. Mary of False River, New Roads). The ceremony will take place at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge at **10:00AM**. A reception in honor of those being ordained will be held after the ordination. Join the entire diocesan community in celebrating God's gift to our local Church by supporting these men, especially those who have served and will serve the people of St. Margaret so diligently in the coming years! Congratulations to these four men and their wives!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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!



THE BIBLE TIMELINE BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Timeline study program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and will give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. In this revolutionary approach to Bible study, The Bible Timeline divides the Bible into twelve color-coded time periods that make the narrative thread easier to follow. Using a unique color-coded chart, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our Faith. The Bible Timeline will teach you how to read and understand the entire Bible and introduce you to the wonderful narrative of Scripture in a way that will transform your life. St. Margaret will begin The Bible Timeline study program on **Thursday, 25 August 2022 at 6:00PM**. Participants

will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, visit the church website or contact Jennifer Batson at jen.batson64@gmail.com or 817.269.7482. Registration closes **Friday, 19 August 2022**. See the flyer in the bulletin this weekend for more details.



WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING FROM ABORTION

Are you or someone you know suffering the loss of a child through abortion? You are not alone. A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on **Saturday, 20 August 2022 from 9:00AM until 5:00PM**. For more information or to register, please call 225.325.3459 or email EnteringCanaan@diobr.org. All inquiries are confidential. This retreat is sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge.



CORE TEAM AND CATECHIST RETREAT



Core Team Members and Catechist join us for our annual retreat on **Sunday, 14 August 2022 at 11:00AM until 4:00PM** in the St. Margaret Room of the Hall of Saints. In this live retreat, Anchoring Our Hope in the Promises of God, Becky Eldredge, spiritual director, retreat director, and author of *Busy Lives & Restless Souls* and *The Inner Chapel*, will help illuminate the promises God made to us. Leave with practical tools and prayer practices for going to your inner chapel that will help increase your hope and anchor your life in God's firm foundation. Catechist, please RSVP to Landon Goings (landonpaulgoings@gmail.com). Core Team Members, please RSVP to Ansleigh Munn (ansleighbarras@gmail.com). See the flyer on our website for more information.

CORE TEAM MEETING

Our Core Team is looking for new members to help make our Youth Ministry events happen! Join us on **Thursday, 11 August or 18 August 2022 at 6:00PM** in the St. John Paul II Room of the Hall of Saints for Chick-fil-A, group prayer, and an overview of what the next year of Youth Ministry will look like! Come and learn what our Core Team does and how you can be a part of it! We can always use good stewards to help shepherd our programs!



MASS INTENTIONS

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 06/07 August 2022

4:00PM Vigil
Sat., 06 Aug.
St. Margaret

William Arpan, II (By the Family)
Sarah Bankston (By Jan Benton)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr. (By Sal & Denise Pellittieri)
Homer Gaspard (By the Family)
Fred Gauthier (By Rose Gauthier)
Ricky Genre (By Mary Ann & Family)
Albert Martin Hosier (By Barbara & Kenny Sherman)
Mary, William & Joe L. Juhasz (By the Family)
Francis Kronlage (By Alberta & Family)
Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Leann Collet (By Joe Ticheli, Marie Bordelon, Paula Monk & Family)

Irene M. Leon (By Tommy & Mona Watkins)
Ray J. Louviere (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Adam Mocsary (By the Family)
Sue Novak (By Jim & Family)
Dr. William T. O'Brien, III (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Tres O'Keefe (By Sandy & Eddie Martin)
June Koles Olah (By JuJu's Bunch)
Bertha Ourso (By the Family)
Lynette Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Anne Sherman (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)

8:00AM
Sun., 07 Aug.
St. Thomas

Jerry Adamcewicz (By the Family)
Melissa Degenhardt (By the Degenhardt Family)
Angie Deliberto (By the Family)
Pauline Frisbie (By the Family)
Robyn Landeche
Melissa Labranche (By the Family)

John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)
Charlie Martin (By Susan & Family)
Joan McKinney (By Brenda Bailey)
Charles & Marie Stumpf (By Kerry &

10:00AM
St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM
St. Margaret (By Chuck & Sandy Roborn)

Mon., 08 August (7:00AM)
St. Dominic (M)

Carlo LaPuma & Anthony LaMonica
(By Virginia LaMonica)

Tue., 09 August (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time

Lennon Rotar
(By Carol Girdwood)

Wed., 10 August (7:00AM)
St. Lawrence (F)

Eric Navarre
(By George & Kim Navarre)

Thu., 11 August (7:00AM)
St. Clare (M)

Karen Chemay
(By Mark Chemay)

Fri., 12 August (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time

Anna & Paula Distefano
(By Joe Distefano)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret this week is given in memory of **Dorothy Hanewinkel** by Joe and Lucie Hanewinkel.



NOW GO FORTH & EVANGELIZATION EFFORTS CRANK UP

Are you missing a once familiar face next to you in the pew? A group of loving and dedicated neighbors will be reaching out with phone calls to the registered family members of St. Margaret/St. Thomas we have not seen in a while at Church to check in and say "hello." We want to let them know we miss them and want to see them next to us again! Do you know someone who would appreciate a call? Please reach out to Sylvia Bush, ministry chair for Now Go Forth, at sylviasbush@gmail.com or 985.969.7477. As we hear in the Gospel of Luke 15:4 "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and

losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?"

MONTHLY STAFF MEETING

Our monthly Staff Meeting will be this week on **Wednesday, 10 August 2022**. The Parish Office will be closed on this day from **9:00AM until 1:00PM**. If you have any business to take care in the office or with our office staff, please do so before or after this time! Thanks for your consideration!



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1148

Wisdom 18:6-9

The Israelites long awaited freedom from oppression.

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

In praise of Abraham's faith.

Luke 12:32-48

Those who follow Jesus must be aware and prepared.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 13/14 August 2022

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 30/31 July 2022

Weekly Church Support Collection \$13,544.63



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 07 August 2022

*Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!
Coffee & Donut Ministry after 8:00AM & 10:00AM Masses!*

Monday, 08 August 2022

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!



Tuesday, 09 August 2022

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

Wednesday, 10 August 2022

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, St. Margaret Church
9:00AM—Staff Meeting, Seton Room
6:00PM—GriefShare, Ignatius Room
7:00PM—KC Fourth Degree Meeting, Goretti Room

Thursday, 11 August 2022

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church
6:00PM—St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Seton Room
6:00PM—Core Team Meeting, John Paul II Room

Friday, 12 August 2022

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Saturday, 13 August 2022

10:00AM—Diaconate Ordination, St. Joseph Cathedral
3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church
5:00PM—Yummy for Your Tummy, Parish Hall

HELP FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Is your marriage going down the right road, or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way?

Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages.

Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about the upcoming local Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples on September 16-18, contact Randall and Robin Bellard at 225.271.4092 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org.



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

The brief first reading from the Book of Wisdom serves as a source of encouragement for us during our tests of faith. The people of Israel had long been blessed by the Lord in the past, and thus they had many reasons to rely on his trustworthiness. The author of Wisdom was cognizant of the various tests of faith that Israel was encountering while he was writing, and he simply encourages the people of his time to remember the Lord's fidelity in the testing times, such as when God protected their ancestors as they escaped bondage in Egypt.

In our second reading today from the letter to the Hebrews, the author reminds us of how Abraham handled such tests of his faith. Abraham didn't know exactly what he would find as he followed God's inspiration. Yet, he leaves his homeland and follows God to a foreign land. And various tests come his way. God tests his faith by promising him descendants – something that seemed like a great impossibility. Yet despite this test of faith, Abraham remains steadfast. The ultimate test comes when God asks him to sacrifice the very child who was to fulfill this promise of descendants, and we all know of Abraham's willingness to do the impossible.

Even Jesus in the Gospel today reminds us and his disciples to be steadfast in our faith despite our tests of faith, and he gives us a story to demonstrate his point. Some servants were entrusted with the management of a household, and no one knew when the householder would return. Therefore, wise servants should be ever vigilant since you never know when the householder will return and expect to find everything in order! Jesus tells his disciples frankly "Look, sometimes your faith will be tested, and the object of your faith might seem like it will never come. Don't seek security in this world, but remain steadfast in your faith despite the tests that you'll encounter."

You and I still receive tests of our faith today! Just like the Israelites in the first reading, we might need a firm reminder of God's fidelity to us in the past to serve as a reminder to us of his help in the present. Or maybe we need a firm example of faith to remind us to believe in the impossible – just like Abraham did. And yes, we'll sometimes fail, but perhaps Jesus' advice in the Gospel is most apropos – just be ready for whatever tests come your way, and do your best with your various tests of faith. Faith isn't easy, and just like school, we might sometimes get tired of it from the outset because of the tests that come our way. Why don't we commit today to start a new year of faith ready for the various tests and quizzes that come before us?

Father Famin