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“The Pew Buddy”

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Tuesday-Friday: 9:00AM-4:00PM
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STAFF/TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS

Very Rev. Jamin S. David, J.C.L. (Ext. 102) *Pastor*
Rev. Paul Gros (Ext. 111) *Parochial Vicar*
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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.

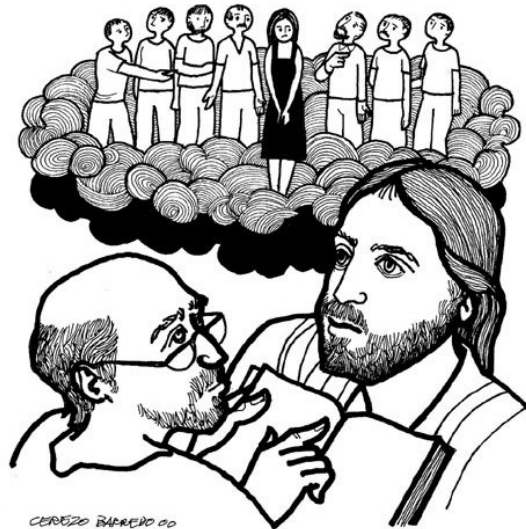
BAPTISM: Contact the parish office for preliminary information and to schedule a home visit from the Baptism Prep Team.

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.

TALK OF THE END

Death is hard to talk about. But life after death is even harder. Since both are in this week’s readings, we have to try it. When we think about death, many images and experiences flood the mind. Often much suffering accompanies them. I have been with a fair number of people while they died, and each time the event has seemed miraculous. Someone I had known and spoken with, someone whose every movement came from a mysterious source of life within them, burning bright as a candle in darkness, that someone has vanished. The body is the same one I knew before. The mouth is the same one that talked and laughed. But in the blink of my eye, the inside is gone. “Where did she go?” “Where did he go?” But even that way of talking is inaccurate. The manner in which people “go” is by means of walking, using their arms and legs and thus changing locations. In death the “going somewhere” is accomplished by cessation of all motion whatsoever. The “going” is at a much, much deeper level. Love is a force much deeper than life. When life ceases, love stays. It becomes the home, the embracing arms that enfold us. Love is the substance, life is the outgrowth. So the “place” dead persons go, leaving their bodies behind, is into the heart of love, into the arms of God who is love. Here is how the poet Hopkins put it: “Hither then, last or first, To hero of Calvary, Christ’s feet—Never ask if meaning it, wanting it, warned of it—men go.” Christ’s feet are where you and I will be, honoring the perfect fullness of love he achieved. Oh yes, we have to release our tight grip on the treasures we hoard,



things we might be grasping instead of love. If you and I have a hard time “meaning it and wanting it” during our lives, even so, we are still folded into the luxuriant soil of God’s love. Sometimes we refuse it, of course, and then our roots dry out in the sun. But Love forgives us and invites us and helps us back. It is hard to talk about, but worth it. -John Foley, SJ

Events Around the Parish



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Our next session of Family Faith Formation will be on **Sunday, 06 November 2022** at **11:15AM**. The topic presented by Deacon Randall Waguespack will be **“Family Ties: The Communion of Saints.”** This session will be in the St. Margaret Room in the Hall of Saints. At least one parent per student is required to attend each session though it is preferable that both parents attend these sessions. Indeed, all parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate to learn more about their faith!

JOIN US AT THE FALL FESTIVAL NEXT WEEKEND!

Our Fall Festival in celebration of the Feast Day of our Patroness, St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, is on **Sunday, 13 November 2022** beginning at **12:30PM** and lasting through **4:00PM**. There will be live music, a silent auction, bounce houses for the kids, food trucks, a cake walk and more! Make plans to join us in celebrating St. Margaret and enjoying our community!



THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next installment of “Theology in a Bottle,” our adult education ministry, will be held on **Sunday, 20 November 2022** at **6:45PM** in the St. Margaret Room. Tyler Trahan will be presenting **“Slurring Saints? Struggles Can Lead to Sanctity.”** Do consider joining us and spread the word about learning more about your faith with a glass of wine or specialty drink in hand! Parents of PSR students are reminded to attend either Theology in a Bottle or Family Faith Formation Sessions (or both!) to emphasize to their children the importance of putting faith first.

NEED TO BE CONFIRMED?

If you are an adult who has been baptized and received First Eucharist but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation, five preparatory sessions will be held on **10, 17, 24, and 31 January and 07 February 2023** from **6:00PM** until **7:30PM** in order to assist you to prepare to receive the sacrament. If you have any further questions, please call Deacon Tim or Deacon Byrd at the Parish Office, or email Darlene Gendusa at darlenemkg@icloud.com.



TOWN HALL MEETING—JOIN US!

Join Fr. Jamin on **Wednesday, 16 November 2022** at **5:00PM** for a Town Hall Meeting in the Parish Hall to discuss the much-needed renovation of our beloved St. Thomas Chapel in Springfield. Our Master Planning Committee, in conjunction with our architects at Hoffpaur Studios in Baton Rouge, have devised plans for an upcoming renovation which will be available for a “first look” during the meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss our master plan and for the parish to come to a greater understanding of our healthy financial situation. All parishioners are encouraged to attend! Keep your eyes open and check out *The Pew Buddy* for future updates and parochial meetings about our plans!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Peggy Barringer, George Bates, Cindy Brasington, Nancy Campeaux, Vincent Catalanatto, Amber Stillely Cocchiola, Frances Dantin, Hattie Davis, Irene DeMars, Shelli Domiano, Sr. June Engelbrecht, Sal Faldetta, Wendy Gill, Frank Goelz, Mary E. Herbert, Tommy Hebert, Patty Hubert, Kansas Johnson, Helen Kropog, Donna Laciura, Flavia Langan, Noah Langan, Lebovitz Family, Gregg Mader, Fr. Jerry Martin, Penny McCallister, Butch Meche, Fay Murray, Rose Mary Novak, Frank Parrino, Terry Parrino, Wayne & Polly Pepitone, Pete Pfiffner, Carl & Jackie Rabalais, Ronnie Randazzo, Angi Scighicque, Brittany Stillely, Joe Stolf, Jason Summers, Annie Tallia, Trysten Tucker, Joe Vilardo, 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

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time — 05/06 November 2022

4:00PM Vigil

Sat., 05 Nov.

St. Margaret

William Arpan, II (By the Family)

Rose Barras (By the Family)

Philip Brabham (By Lydia Brabham & Family)

Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)

Madeline Good Cheramie (By Mary & Leon)

Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr. (By Cliff & Edson Osmen)

Homer Gaspard (By the Family)

Ricky Genre (By Mary Ann & Family)

Julia Good (By Mary & Leon)

Louis & Elizabeth (Betty) Good (By Mary & Leon)

Kathleen Green (By John & Pat Friedman)

Mr. & Mrs. O.W. Harris (By Edmond & Linda Harris)

Juhasz Deceased Family (By Mona Landry Ponsock)

Mary, William, & Joe L. Juhasz (By the Family)

Leann Collet (By Joe Ticheli, Marie Bordelon, Paula Monk & Family)

Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)

Leon Latino, Jr. (By the Family)

Adam Mocsary (By the Family)

Roddy Murphy (By Edmond & Linda Harris)

Sue Novak (By Jim & Family)

June Koles Olah (By JuJu's Bunch)

Lynette Pfiffner (By Yvette & Terry Schilling)

Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)

Ponsock Deceased Family (By Mona Landry Ponsock)

Bill Rogers, Jr. (By Mike & Betty Rogers & Sisters)

Aaron Sziszak (By His Mother)

Sonny Sziszak (By His Wife)

David & Lori Landry Smith (By Barbara & Rodley Henry)

8:00AM

Sun., 06 Nov.

St. Thomas

Jerry A. Adamcewicz (By the Family)

Pauline Frisbie (By the Family)

Melissa Labranche (By the Family)

John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)

Benjamin Thomas Delaune (By Frances Ard & Linda Thomas)

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

Eric Navarre

(By George & Kim Navarre)



Mon., 07 Nov. (6:00PM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Anna & Paula Distefano

(By Joe Distefano)

Tue., 08 Nov. (6:00PM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Ricky Genre

(By Mary Ann & Family)

Wed., 09 Nov. (7:00AM)

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (F)

Frances Reine

(By the Family)

Thu., 10 Nov. (7:00AM)

St. Leo the Great (M)

Joseph Reine

(By the Family)

Fri., 11 Nov. (7:00AM)

St. Martin of Tours (M)

Those Enrolled in Bishop Greco Foundation

(By Louisiana Knights of Columbus)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret this week is given in memory of **A.R. & Irene Horrell** by Joe & Lucie Hanewinkel.



LITURGICAL MINISTER REFRESHER COURSE

All Liturgical Ministers (Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors and Ushers) are required to participate in a training/refresher session to review the "nuts-and-bolts" of service at the table. This session that will take place on **Friday, 18 November 2022** from **5:30PM to 7:00PM** in St. Margaret Church. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend.

CONGRATS NEWLYWEDS

Congratulations all new couples married at St. Margaret during the month of October including **Kyle King & Kylene LeBlanc; Robert Wheat & Mary Ann Michon; Ross Michel & Mary Jarratt; and Kyle Plauche & Lena Howdeshell**. We wish them many blessings in the future together! Contact one of the clergy to schedule your wedding or to learn more about marriage at St. Margaret!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!

A friendly reminder that Daylight Savings Time ends the early morning of **Sunday, 06 November 2022**. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on **Saturday, 05 November 2022!**

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1187

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

The Maccabean martyrs profess faith in the afterlife.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Encouragement to continue living the Christian life.

Luke 20:27-38

God is the God of the living.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 12/13 November 2022

Malachi 3:19-20a; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 29/30 October 2022

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$10,036.00
Hurricane Ian Recovery Collection	\$8,023.00
All Saints & All Souls Day Collection	\$4,725.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 06 November 2022

Daylight Saving Time Ends Today!

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

Adopt-A-Pilgrim Youth Group Fundraiser!

National Vocation Awareness Week Begins!

9:00AM & 11:00AM—Coffee & Donut Ministry

11:15AM—PSR (Grades K-6), Hall of Saints

11:15AM—Circle of Grace (Grade 2), Hall of Saints

11:15AM—Family Faith Formation, St. Margaret Room

12:30PM—Junior Youth Group, John Paul II Room

6:45PM—PSR (Grades 7-11), Hall of Saints

6:45PM—Circle of Grace (Grade 10), Hall of Saints

Monday, 07 November 2022

10:00AM—St. Thomas Altar Society, St. Thomas Chapel

5:00PM—Mondays with Mary, St. Margaret Church

Tuesday, 08 November 2022

Election Day! Go out and VOTE!

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

6:00PM—Hungarian Language Class, Seton Room

Wednesday, 09 November 2022

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

6:30PM—RCIA, Seton Room

6:30PM—Youth Group, John Paul II Room

7:00PM—Young Adult Holy Hour, St. Margaret Room

7:00PM—KC Fourth Degree Meeting, Goretti Room

Thursday, 10 November 2022

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

6:00PM—The Bible Timeline Study, Hall of Saints

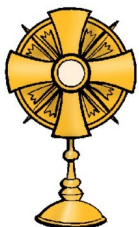
Friday, 11 November 2022

Veterans Day!



Saturday, 12 November 2022

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church



YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR

Our young adult ministry *Rooted* will be attending a Holy Hour of Adoration together this **Wednesday, 09 November 2022** from **7:00PM** until **8:00PM**. Hope you can join us!



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

In the Gospel, the Sadducees approach Jesus and ask him a question about the afterlife. A woman outlives not one of her husbands but seven of them! Sooner-or-later, she is called home to finally meet her maker. Their question seems like a pretty interesting one – who will be her husband in the afterlife? The problem, though, is that the Sadducees are focusing too much energy on unimportant stuff. For starters, we need to look at their priorities – why are they asking Jesus the question in the first place? The Sadducees remind me of my seminary classmates. We had a professor who was often quite boring but whose lesson plan could easily be derailed. As he taught his sacraments class, the unimportant questions often flowed like water. They would ask things like “If you were in the desert and you had no water, but you did have a can of beer, could you baptize someone?” The answer wasn’t as important so much as the end result they intended – they wanted our professor to get caught up in a forty minute discussion so he would not be able to teach his lesson. These scholars in today’s Gospel do the exact same thing. It doesn’t really matter whether the woman was married two times or seven – the end result would be the same. Their intention was a simple one – to use an absurd question in which they were not interested at all in the hopes of setting Jesus off.

Second, as religious leaders, they fail to embrace the most important priority that they overlook in their question. They’re so caught up in their question and in their desire to disprove the Savior, they look over the character at the center of the controversy. Though fictitious, they fail to even show care and compassion for the woman who is at the heart of the tale. They don’t even ask questions about her. Rather, their focus is just on their ludicrous question. Jesus’ answer is very curt, but it’s at the heart of today’s message. Marriage is of the world, so your point is moot. I think the same is true often times in our faith life. We have our priorities, but they’re often the wrong ones. Think of what we believe about the afterlife. We’re not unlike the Sadducees. We ask questions like “What will I look like when I die?” Or “If I’m cremated, how is God going to make that rise up again?” All those questions are merely superficial. What matters is simply our salvation!

Here’s my challenge to you – if you spend all your time focusing in on the trivial stuff, there never will be room in your life for what’s important. Before we’re called to meet our maker, maybe we should focus in on what matters!

Don’t forget to join us for our **Feast of St. Margaret Festival** next Sunday around the parish grounds to celebrate our community!

Father Finn