



ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

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“The Pew Buddy”

The Weekly Parish Bulletin

CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 19/20 NOVEMBER 2022

KINGSHIP, UPSIDE DOWN

In the Gospel, Christ is crucified. The rulers who caused this crucifixion feel no compassion. They add to his misery by mocking his mission: he saved others; himself he cannot save. One of the two thieves crucified with him mocks him too: hey, Christ, save yourself and us! Christ the King says nothing. He just hangs there, nailed to the wood of the cross. What the *other* thief says is astonishing. He rebukes the first thief, the one mocking Jesus, in the strongest possible way. “Have you no fear of God?” he says. If you leaned over the edge of your chair and saw a giant python inching its way across your floor, you would leap sky high, wouldn’t you? You wouldn’t be making any mocking jokes right then, would you? The good thief wants to get the same reaction out of the bad mocking thief. Only it isn’t a python that is meant to give the bad thief a reality check. It’s the awesome power of the living God. But how about a reality check for the good thief? Look at where Christ the King is! What’s to fear about the God who lets his King be killed this way? The whole earth is soaked with the tears of the suffering; and broken humanity is like the flotsam and jetsam everywhere on the ocean of history. What’s to fear about God? Where is he? On the cross—that is the answer. God is love and all the power of God is there in the love shown by Christ’s painful death. To save us, and to bring us to himself in heaven, God will suffer even the torment of death on the cross. Love that is willing to suffer is greater than power that is able to coerce, and that powerful love is there on the cross. Someone habituated to mockery *should* fear this power. Sooner or later, the consuming fire of God’s love will burn away his mockery’s pretense at insouciance. But someone who fears God because God loves him will find Christ in the way the good thief did. Sooner or later, he will hear Christ say to him, “This day you will be with me in paradise.” Then he will know the victory of Christ the King, and he will be victorious with Christ. *-Eleonore Stump*



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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*
 Deacon Randall Waguespack *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*
 Landon Goings (Ext. 112) *Sacraments & Catechesis*
 Cindy Weber (Ext. 107) *Digital Media 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.

Events Around the Parish



RECEIVING THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AT MASS

The Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds states, “By reason of sign value, sharing in both Eucharistic species reflects more fully the sacred realities that the Liturgy signifies” (#11). The practice of offering the Precious Blood of the Lord at Mass during Holy Communion will return on the **First Sunday of Advent, 27 November 2022**. This decision was made after consulting with the appropriate medical professionals. Please remember that reception of the Precious Blood of the Lord remains an option. The act of receiving Holy Communion is an act of faith. The person makes this act of faith in the total presence of the Lord whether in receiving Holy Communion under one form or under both kinds. (#14-15 Norms for the Distribution of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds).

THANKSGIVING VIGIL MASS

Come join your fellow parishioners at St. Margaret to give thanks to God and to each other for the abundant blessings bestowed upon us. Our Thanksgiving Vigil Mass will be held at St. Margaret on **Wednesday, 23 November 2022 at 6:00PM**. Parishioners are also invited to bring your bread, food and wine that will be served the next day at your family gathering for a special blessing during the Mass (you might even consider dropping off a bottle or two to the pastor!)



Sorry, we are closed



for Thanksgiving

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

In observance of Thanksgiving, the parish office will be closed **Thursday, 24 November** and **Friday, 25 November 2022**. Please make sure to take care of any business before the closure. There will be no daily Masses on these days. Happy and blessed Thanksgiving to you and your family from all of our parish staff!

HELP A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Your St. Vincent de Paul Council is looking for individuals, families, or service-oriented groups interested in adopting families for Christmas 2022. We typically receive several requests from our local schools asking for help during the holidays. In the past, with the help of several generous parishioners and organizations, we have been able to handle those requests. Due to increasing requests for assistance with high utility bills this year, SVdP does not have extra funds, so we will be relying more than ever on others. Adopting a family involves providing either a meal or the makings for a meal plus a gift or two for each member of the family. If you feel called to participate in this ministry, please call the Parish Office and ask for our St. Vincent de Paul help line at extension 144. Help make Christmas 2022 special for those in need!



CONFIRMATION
CLASSES

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Peggy Barringer, George Bates, Cindy Brasington, Nancy Campeaux, Vincent Catalanatto, Amber Stilley 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, Drew Hutchinson, 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 Stilley, 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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe — 19/20 November 2022

4:00PM Vigil
Sat., 19 Nov.
St. Margaret

William Arpan, II (By the Family)
Rose Barras (By the Family)
Philip Brabham (By Lydia Brabham & Family)
Katie Damen Bronosky (By William & Susan Gros)
Cheryl Brothers (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
William "Butch" Burton (By William & Susan Gros)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Jimmy & Michael Darouse (By the Family)
Anna & Paula Distefano (By Joe Distefano)
Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr. (By Cliff & Edson Osmen)
Homer Gaspard (By the Family)
Fred Gauthier (By Rose Gauthier)
Ricky Genre (By Mary Ann & Family)
Kathleen Green (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Andy & Eleanor Ivanyisky (By John & Pat Friedman)
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)

Francis Kronlage (By Alberta & Family)
Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Irene Mary Leon (By Tommy & Mona Watkins)
Ray J. Louviere (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
John Tyler Lyles (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Adam Mocsary (By the Family)
Sue Novak (By Jim & Family)
Dr. William T. O'Brien, III (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
June Koles Olah (By JuJu's Bunch)
Lynette Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Ponsock Deceased Family (By Mona Landry Ponsock)
Bill Rogers, Jr. (By Mike & Betty Rogers & Sisters)
Mary Louise Russo (By Tommy & Mona Watkins)
Anne Sherman (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
David & Lori Landry Smith (By Barbara & Rodley Henry)

8:00AM
Sun., 20 Nov.
St. Thomas

Jerry A. Adamcewicz (By the Family)
Paula Cannon (By Margaret & John Lyles)
Caleb Degenhardt (By Frank Degenhardt)
Anthony & Anna Friedman (By the Family)
Judy Friedman (By the Family)
Pauline Frisbie (By the Family)
Melissa Labranche (By the Family)
Benjamin Thomas Delaune (By Frances Ard & Linda Thomas)

John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)
Tyler Lyles (By Margaret & John Lyles)
Charlie Martin (By Susan & Family)
Chucky 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

Adam Mocsary

(By St. Margaret Parishioners)

Mon., 21 Nov. (7:00AM)

The Presentation of the BVM (M)
Anna & Paula Distefano
(By Joe Distefano)

Tue., 22 Nov. (7:00AM)

St. Cecilia (M)
Anthony LaMonica
(By Virginia LaMonica)

Wed., 23 Nov. (6:00PM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time
Warren Feindel
(By the Family)



Thu., 24 Nov. (7:00AM)

Thanksgiving Day!
No Mass Today!

Fri., 25 Nov. (7:00AM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass Today!

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

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1193



2 Samuel 5:1-3

David is anointed King of Israel.

Colossians 1:12-20

Paul's hymn to Jesus as Lord of all.

Luke 23:35-43

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

First Sunday of Advent — 26/27 November 2022

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14;

Matthew 24:37-44



PSR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

There will be no PSR Class on **Sunday, 27 November 2022** in observance of Thanksgiving. Classes will resume again on **Sunday, 04 December 2022**. Enjoy your holiday and see you at Mass!

SUPPORT ST. THOMAS CHAPEL

Don't forget—**Tuesday, 29 November 2022** is "Giving Tuesday". Please help support our efforts to renovate our beloved St. Thomas Chapel in Springfield. Visit iGiveCatholic.org, search for our Parish and donate \$20 or more. You may also give early! Advanced giving is going on now through **Monday, 28 November 2022**. The QR code here will bring you directly to the iGive Catholic website! Thank you for your generosity!



STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 12/13 November 2022

Weekly Church Support Collection \$9,006.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

The Second Collection next weekend will be for our local chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 20 November 2022

Campaign for Human Development Special Collection!

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

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

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

6:45PM—Reconciliation (Grades 9 & 10), St. Margaret

6:45PM—Theology in a Bottle, St. Margaret Room

Monday, 21 November 2022

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

Tuesday, 22 November 2022

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

6:00PM—Hungarian Language Class, Seton Room

Wednesday, 23 November 2022

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

6:00PM—Thanksgiving Vigil Mass, St. Margaret Church

Thursday, 24 November 2022

Happy Thanksgiving!

No Mass Today! Parish Office Closed!

Friday, 25 November 2022

No Mass Today! Parish Office Closed!

Saturday, 26 November 2022

First Sunday of Advent!

St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection!

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church



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.



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

The image of kingship that we get in the Gospel is a strange one: Jesus reigning from a cross rather than a throne! No one understands this kingship, though. Priests, scribes, Pharisees, and all of the leading men of Israel are shown mocking Jesus. Even the man crucified next to him is shown making fun of him. The criminal misses the king staring him right in the face. He can't possibly be King – he saved others but couldn't even save himself.

But the words of the criminal are the same ones on our minds and hearts. "He can't be a king because he can't save us from our crosses either?" If you are a king, why don't you save us from the cross? Why didn't you save that friend of mine who is 35 with two children and is dying of cancer? If you are a king, why didn't you save my family from the abuse and neglect that has been so characteristic of our life? If you really are a king, why didn't you save that marriage so as to not have two boys grow up without their father? Why don't you take these crosses off our backs? If you can't save these insignificant ones, you can't be a king!

Yet, one thief does understand the complexity of Jesus' kingship. Suffering brings new life, and he asks Jesus to remember him when his reign is established.

This image of kingship that our readings establish for us are indeed strange notions: God blesses richly those who suffer adversity; those who die will ultimately rise again. True kingship is not about power and riches but humility and forgiveness. Our gospel message to us is that we too have to reign from our own crosses rather than elaborate thrones.

That's what we celebrate today as we conclude our liturgical year: Christ our King, no matter how strange his rule might be, rules with great majesty by seeking the lost, by offering salvation to those who call out to him, and by elevating and making friends of his enemies. Our call is to do the same: to welcome those who haven't been to Church in years though we might be tempted to toss them out; to proclaim to these lost ones that God does love them no matter how pitiful their situation; to invite those that try to overthrow us equal share in the laud and majesty of that kingship we share. It's a good message as we seek to reach out to those who are disenfranchised in our midst.

What kind of king is Jesus for you and how do you share in his reign? As our liturgical year draws to a close, let us embrace this new image of kingship so that when the true king does show up one Sunday, we might be ready and eager to meet him! Next week starts another liturgical year; are you ready?!

Father Jim