



# ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

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## STAFF/TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS

Very Rev. Jamin S. David, J.C.L. (Ext. 102) *Pastor*  
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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.

# “The Pew Buddy”

*The Weekly Parish Bulletin*

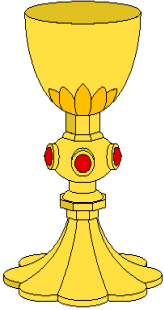
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 26/27 NOVEMBER 2022

## WATCH & WAIT

In the Gospel, Christ gives a warning about his coming again. Stay awake and wait for me, he says, or else it will be for you the way it was for the people left behind in Noah’s time. Those people watched Noah build his big boat on dry land, and they must have laughed at him. *They* weren’t worried. They ate their dinners and held their weddings just as always. And then the flood came. In one day, it swept them all away. And here is what Christ says: It will be like this when I come again; those who weren’t waiting for me will be left behind when I return. These are puzzling words. Are we supposed to expect Armageddon any day now, for every day of our lives? Will we be left behind if we don’t? Well, look at Noah’s flood. Human beings had gotten so evil that it began to look as if God had made a mistake in creating them. So, in the flood, God did something like an autologous bone marrow transplant on the human race. God sifted through the bad cancerous lump of humanity and found a few human beings who looked morally and spiritually healthy. The idea was to reproduce those spiritually healthy human beings after the flood, when the evil people were gone. By this means, the human race could have a rebirth. The people who laughed at Noah’s boat were so evil that they could be waked up to their spiritual peril only when the water rose. Their only chance of salvation came in the catastrophe of the flood when the fear of death may have prompted them to turn to the Lord for salvation. There are things much worse than physical death. But physical death is the end of the line as far as chances for salvation go. Those who will not turn to the Lord before they die will just be left behind, without the Lord, as Christ says. They will have missed the boat permanently. So Christ isn’t directing us to keep an anxious eye out for Armageddon’s advent. Any day now—who knows when?—we may die. What we need to be waiting for while we live is *Christ*. If we live in expectation of the Lord’s coming for us, we will not be left behind on that day. *-Eleonore Stump*



# Events Around the Parish



## RECEIVING THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AT MASS

This weekend we return the practice of offering the Precious Blood of the Lord at Communion time. As we celebrate the beginning of the new Church year of grace, highlighting the Gospel of St Matthew, we recall that “from the first days of the Church’s celebration of the Eucharist, Holy Communion consisted of the Lord’s command to ‘take and eat...take and drink’ (#17 *Norms for the Distribution of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds*). Reception of the Precious Blood from the chalice is available to those who desire to receive in this way. Please remember that the 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*).

## JOIN OUR ADVENT MISSION

Mark your calendars for our annual Advent Mission entitled “Return to the Heart.” Dr. Shane Owens will be the presenter for this year’s mission that will be held in St. Margaret Church beginning on **Sunday, 04 December 2022 at 7:00PM**. The Mission will continue on **Monday and Tuesday, 05/06 December 2022 at 7:00PM**. See the flyer on our website and invite your friends to participate!



## THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS

*Gather Hymnal Number 991*

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

*God’s word brings amazing transformation.*

**Romans 13:11-14**

*Stay awake for Christ’s coming.*

**Matthew 24:37-44**

*Be vigilant for the coming of the Lord.*



## ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

*Second Sunday of Advent— 03/04 December 2022*



## “YUMMY” MISSION POTLUCK

The Advent Mission will conclude with “Yummy for Your Tummy” fellowship on **Tuesday, 06 December 2022**. Please join us after the Mission with your favorite side dish. St. Margaret will provide the main course. What can you bring? Well, here’s a list! If

## POTLUCK DINNER

your last name begins with these letters, please bring the following: **A-G**– Appetizers, Finger Foods; **H-R**– Desserts; **S-Z**– Veggies, Casseroles, Side Dishes. Invite your friends and neighbors to participate and to spiritually prepare for Advent while enjoying food and fellowship at St. Margaret!

## NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBERS

Congratulations to the families and friends of the newest Catholics welcomed into the faith at St. Margaret during the month of November including **Roan Monistere, Brylie Owens** and **Hayes Lee**. May these children grow in the grace and love of Our Lord forever! Contact Landon Goings in the Parish Office if you’re interested in having your child baptized!



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

**Thursday, 08 December 2022** is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass for the Holy Day will be celebrated at **6:00PM** on **Wednesday, 07 December 2022** and **6:00PM** on **Thursday, 08 December 2022** at St. Margaret Church. Adoration on **Wednesday, 07 December 2022** will end at **5:30PM** to prepare for the Vigil Mass. Come honor the Blessed Mother with us!

## 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, Drew Hutchinson, Kansas Johnson, Donna Laciura, Flavia Langan, Noah Langan, Lebovitz Family, Gregg Mader, Fr. Jerry Martin, Penny McCallister, Butch Meche, Fay Murray, Rose Mary Novak, 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.



REQUESTS  
— FOR —  
PRAYER

**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

First Sunday of Advent — 26/27 November 2022

4:00PM Vigil

Sat., 26 Nov.

St. Margaret

**William Arpan, II** (By the Family)

**Rose Barras** (By the Family)

**Andy & Olga Bartosh** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)

**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)

**Merrill Cooper** (By Martha Cooper & Dwayne)

**Delores M. Dupre** (By Lydia Brabham & Family)

**Frank Faldetta** (By Sal & Elvie Faldetta)

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

**Homer Gaspard** (By the Family)

**Ricky Genre** (By Mary Ann & Family)

**Kathleen Green** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)

**Paul Ivanyisky** (By John & Pat Friedman)

**Juhasz Deceased Family** (By Mona Landry Ponsock)

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

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

**Francis Kronlage** (By Alberta & Family)

**Vernon & Dorothy Landry** (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)

**Philip P. Leon, Sr.** (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)

**Anne Sherman** (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)

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

8:00AM

Sun., 27 Nov.

St. Thomas

**Jerry A. Adamcewicz** (By the Family)

**Caleb Degenhardt** (By the Degenhardt Family)

**Benjamin Delaune** (By George & Kim Navarre)

**Pauline Frisbie** (By the Family)

**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 & Robyn Landeche)

**Patrick Tobin** (By the Family)

10:00AM

St. Margaret

**Missa Pro Populo**

(The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM

St. Margaret

**Pauline Frisbie**

(By the Family)

Mon., 28 Nov. (7:00AM)

Weekday in Advent

**Eric Navarre**

(By George & Kim Navarre)

Tue., 29 Nov. (7:00AM)

Weekday in Advent

**Adam Mocsary**

(By St. Margaret Parishioners)

Wed., 30 Nov. (7:00AM)

St. Andrew (F)

**Anna & Paula Distefano**

(By Joe Distefano)

Thu., 01 Dec. (7:00AM)

Weekday in Advent

**Carlo LaPuma**

(By His Mom, Virginia LaMonica)

Fri., 02 Dec. (7:00AM)

Weekday in Advent

**Jimmy & Michael Darouse**

(By the Family)



The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret this week is given in memory of **Eric Navarre** by George & Kim Navarre.

### GIVING TUESDAY

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](https://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 iGiveCatholic website! Thank you for your generosity!



### PSR CLASS SCHEDULE

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

### WELCOME PARISHIONERS

Please give a warm welcome to these newly registered St. Margaret parishioners and their families: **Marion & Gerald Langlois, Sr.; Christan & Barbara Thomas; Wendy & Thomas Mocsary; and Sandra & Michael Fulmer**. Thank you for becoming members of the St. Margaret community. Remember to "officially" register if you have not done so; registration forms are available on our website. Come grow with us on our journey toward the truth which is God's love!



### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed on **Friday, 02 December 2022** for a staff obligation. Please make sure to take care of any business before Friday. Thank you for your consideration!

## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 19/20 November 2022



Weekly Church Support Collection\*  
Campaign for Human Development\*

*\*Collection amounts not available at time of publication.*

*The Second Collection next weekend will be for  
our Building & Maintenance Fund!*



## Sundry Ruminations

*A Weekly Column from Your Pastor*

Doesn't life today seem like a brief interlude between rushing and waiting? We rush to airports only to wait in long security lines to board our flights. We rush to Christmas sales only to wait in line to check out. We rush to return crazy Christmas items like socks and underwear after Christmas, and we're confronted with more waiting at the return lines.

Yes, this rushing that leads to waiting can be somewhat frustrating for us, a people who are content with getting immediate results without waiting. Yet, it is our experience that waiting involves a necessary slowing down as well as a hope of fulfillment.

Today we begin the season of Advent that begins a new year of the Church - a time for us to slow down (even though this is a traditionally very hectic time) and to live in expectation of Christ and his arrival throughout history: his arrival as a human like us that we celebrate at Christmas; his arrival in our personal histories; and his future arrival at the consummation of history.

Jesus tells us we do not know the hour that the Son of Man will come. He emphasizes a unique dimension in this journey with rushing and waiting. Despite our frustration when waiting comes, we must be prepared. If the people of Noah's time had prepared, there would have been no tragedy. We don't know when our Savior will come either, but the point is that though we often rush toward salvation, and though we have to wait once we approach it, we also have to remain vigilant for the coming of the Son of Man.

We experience the rushing that leads to more waiting in our own lives. We rush toward peace and realize that we first have to wait for reconciliation. We rush toward helping others but realize that we have to wait to overcome our self-indulgences. We rush toward security and realize that we have to wait until we overcome our fear. What do you rush toward in your spiritual life and how do you have to wait?

The Good News of the Gospel is that the Lord is indeed coming - it's rushing toward us, but we have to patiently wait for it's fulfillment. Yes, we rush to airports to wait in line, but vacation lies beyond the TSA. Yes, we rush to wait in line to buy Christmas gifts on Black Friday, but we save a lot of money past the registers. They're something to be said about waiting!

This weekend, you'll see a pledge card so that we can work toward making St. Thomas' renovation a reality! Are you ready?

*Father Finn*

## THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, 27 November 2022

*First Sunday of Advent!*

*St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection!*

*No PSR Classes!*



### Monday, 28 November 2022

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

### Tuesday, 29 November 2022

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

6:00PM—Young Adult Ladies Advent Study, JPII Room

6:00PM—Hungarian Language Class, Seton Room

### Wednesday, 30 November 2022

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

6:30PM—RCIA, Seton Room

6:30PM—Youth Group, John Paul II Room

### Thursday, 01 December 2022

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

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

### Friday, 02 December 2022

*Parish Office Closed Today!*



### Saturday, 03 December 2022

*Second Sunday of Advent!*

*Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!*

*KC Seminarian Mission Fund Ticket Sale!*

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

## SIGN UP FOR CLASSES

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](mailto:darlenemkg@icloud.com).

