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JUNE 14/15, 2025

# PEW BUDDY

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C)

*"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth."*

~ John 16:13

**St. Margaret Church & Parish Office**

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## OFFICE HOURS

We are open Tuesday through Friday from 8:00AM until 3:00PM, but closed for lunch from 12:00PM until 1:00PM!  
**We are closed on Monday!**



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# CLOSING THE CIRCLE

By John Foley, SJ

“Why do we have to hear all this stuff about the Trinity?” This question had come forth from a gentleman in the third row as I was giving a marvelous and subtle explanation (according to me) of that topic. “Why can’t we just go to church and be good to each other?” Would he allow me to explain, I asked. He would.

I told him that the Triune God is not some kind of brainy speculation by scholars. It is the way we experience God in this world. To “go to church and be good to each other,” is the Trinity in action! How about you, reader? Would you allow me to explain?

First, long ago, human beings found that there is only one God, and that s/he “found delight in the human race.” Think of the many stories in the First Testament about God’s pursuit of us, laboring to make a loving and holy covenant with us. “I will be your God, and you will be my people.” Like a marriage agreement. And, as in the course of a marriage, God became by turns angry, hurt, delighted, glorified, spurned, ignored, praised and rejected. Yet God kept coming back and back to renew the covenant. God’s love remained steadfast—even if ours, at least a lot of times, did not. Then humans found out that God’s nature had always consisted of at least one other *component*, if that “c” word is the right one!

God’s very nature had always been to relate to others; to “pour himself forth,” as the First Reading puts it, and also to receive back. The “Second Person” was this outpouring, and had been present in God for all eternity. Therefore this “person” had always been at one with the “First Person.” Get it?

Then this Second Person became flesh. We named it “the Word.” Jesus laughed and cried and preached and turned over tables and cured people and was loyal to his friends even unto the end. He said, “everything the Father has is mine” (Gospel). That’s how we knew he was the Word, and that the Word was God. Somehow, two persons in one God.

Then came a third revelation, giving us the Trinity. Jesus hints about it in the Gospel: “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.” In other words, our small souls would burst with the greatness of God—unless God gentled himself down and actually explained to us, guiding our understanding. Jesus tells us that this Spirit is God’s presence. “Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason, I told you that God the Spirit will take from what is mine and declare it to you.”

Do you get the logic? All that the Father has belongs to the Word. All that the Word (Jesus) has belongs to the Spirit. Thus, the Spirit is the third part of God, so to speak, and it bestows us and the whole earth back upon the Father, thus closing the circle.

So, there is aliveness and movement in God: speaking, reaching out, flowing forth, receiving back. God is liquid motion, a dynamism in which everything is changing always, yet always remaining the same, because it is love. We are invited into that circle of love. Even in today’s difficult world.

And that is why we hear “all this stuff about the trinity”!



# EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

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## YUMMY PIZZA ON THE PADRE

Come join us for our final “Yummy for Your Tummy” of the season, “Pizza on the Padre” to be held in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, June 14, 2025**, following the **4:00PM Vigil Mass**. Fr. Paul will provide the pizza, you bring your desserts to share and to grow in community while getting to know your fellow parishioners!

## CALLING MARRIED COUPLES WITH YOUNG FAMILIES!

Want to grow in faith and friendship with your spouse while building community with other couples in a similar season of life? “Together in Holiness” is a marriage enrichment program from the St. John Paul II Foundation that helps couples strengthen their relationship with God and with each other. Designed especially for young married couples with children, this is a beautiful way to invest in your vocation while connecting with others walking a similar path. Please join us for an information meeting with light refreshments on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**, at **6:00PM** in the St. Margaret Room to learn how this small group series can bless your marriage and build meaningful community within our parish. One or both spouses are welcome to attend! For more information, visit [thformation.forlifeandfamily.org](http://thformation.forlifeandfamily.org).

## WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Are you thinking about becoming Catholic but have questions? Do you know of someone in your family who is interested in learning more about the faith? Join us for our next OCIA Inquiry Session on **Wednesday, June 18, 2025**, at **6:30PM** in the Hall of Saints. This session’s topic will be “What is OCIA?” presented by Kristie Raborn. Kristie will review the Catechism of the Catholic Church and discuss what the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults actually is, along with testimonies from previous catechumens and candidates. We are here for you!

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES

The parish office will be closed on **Thursday, June 19, 2025**, in observance of Juneteenth and on **Friday, June 20, 2025**, from **9:00AM** until **1:00PM** for a staff planning meeting. Please take care of any business you may have before or after these times. Thank you for your consideration.

## CHANGE IN DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

We have been blessed to have Fr. Laz here to celebrate daily Mass with us on Mondays. Since he will be leaving for another parish assignment at the end of this month, the daily Mass schedule will change to **Tuesday** through **Friday** beginning the week of **June 30<sup>th</sup>**. Fr. Laz’s last daily Mass with us will be **Wednesday, June 25, 2025**. There will be **NO** daily Mass on **Thursday** or **Friday, June 26 and 27, 2025**. Also, there will be no Confessions on **Thursday, June 26, 2025**. Fr. Paul will be attending a seminar out of state.

# WE ARE JUSTIFIED BY FAITH

## JUNE'S MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

St. Margaret Monthly Food Distribution is a great opportunity to serve those in need while you hang out and have fun with your fellow parishioners. Each month we provide over 185 families with perishable food and boxes of can goods, rice, etc. Special thanks to everyone who helps with the monthly St Margaret Food Distribution.

The next Food Distribution is **Thursday, June 19, 2025**. Food Distribution and Registration is from **9:30AM-11:30AM**. Volunteers are needed from **7:00AM** until **12:00PM**.

If you already volunteer, let your team leader know that you will be able to help. If you want to get involved, please call 985.969.7477 so we can best utilize your time and talents.



St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland Catholic Church

**FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**2025-2026 REGISTRATION**

**Monday, July 7, 2025**

**9:00am –11:30am**

TO REGISTER ENTER BY THE DOLLAR GENERAL (WEST BATES ROAD) - TURN ON TO ST. MARGARET'S PROPERTY BY THE CEMETERY, FOLLOW THE GRAVEL ROAD TO THE CONCRETE AREA.

**EVERYONE MUST REGISTER IN JULY EVEN IF YOU REGISTERED RECENTLY.**

**When you register:**

- Bring your Photo ID,
- Bring Proof of Residence
- Verbally state your income



**JOIN US FOR**

# **HUNGARIAN HERITAGE**

**CAMP**

**FREE TO ATTEND** **FREE TO ATTEND**

**JULY 9-11, AGES 3-12**

**9AM - 1PM**

**AHSCA HALL - 29025 HWY 43, ALBANY, LA**

**COME SPEND 3 FUN FILLED DAYS CELEBRATING HUNGARIAN CULTURE!**

**KIDS WILL ENJOY:**

- Traditional arts & crafts
- Hands-on kifle making
- Learning Hungarian folk dancing and traditions
- And tons of cool, culture-packed fun!

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED EACH DAY**

**PLEASE CALL OR TEXT TO SIGN UP:**

**MARCI - (225) 278-3770**

**MINDY - (985) 974-6883**

**SPONSORED BY CHUCKS SPORTS CARDS OF LOUISIANA**

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: GOOD FOR THE SOUL

Come spend an hour or so with Jesus in the prayerful silence of Eucharistic Adoration on **Wednesdays** between **7:30AM** and **8:00PM**. If you can commit to an hour weekly or would like additional information, contact Gretchen Johnson at 225.921.4071 or gretjohnson5@yahoo.com.



# OUR LORD DELIGHTS IN US

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

## CALL ON THE LORD FOR HEALING

Please join our Prayer Line Ministers as we pray for these family members and friends:

Vincent Alfano, Gwen & Walter Barado, Susan Basso, Clark Bergeron, Cindy Brasington, Tony Buras, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Shirley Darouse, Hattie Davis, Rhonda Dedman, Mark DeMarche, Irene Good DeMars, Shelli Domiano, Marlena Everett, Elise "Breezy" Fischer, Dan Flaherty, Hannah Guillotte, Judy Hahn, Theresa Ivanyisky, Delta Kovach, Tristian Harrison, Fulton Charles Hebert, Tommy Hebert, Brian Helmstetter, Lani Herbert, Mary E. Herbert, Marsha Hoffman, Darrell Hoover, Barbara Lebovitz, Bill Louviere, Gregg Mader, Patricia Matthews, Carrie Odom, Lawrence Pelotto, Pete Pfiffner, Adrian Phillips, Jr., Steve Plauche, Herb Pretus, Mary Prokop, Lester Sanchez, Reynell Shorts, Bonnie Smith, Sherry Smith, Mary Stabile, Brittnay Stilley, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Vito & Annie Tallia, Trysten Tucker, Carla Van Vrancken, Rita Rayborn Wagner, Jackie Wedge, Debbie Wheat, Delores & Keith Wheat, Gunner Wrinkles, those in the Armed Services and law enforcement, and all who need our prayers.

Want to add someone to this prayer list? Call the parish office.

Want our prayer warriors to pray for your intentions? Contact Rose Mary at 985.507.7487.

## STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity,  
the **Regular Collection** for the weekend of  
**June 7/8, 2025**, totaled:

**\$15,947.00.**

The **Building & Maintenance Fund**  
**Second Collection**  
totaled:

**\$5,221.00.**

There will be no **Special** or **Second**  
**Collection** next weekend!

Thank you for your kindness  
and generosity to our ministries!

TO  
GIVE...



The Diocesan Office of Life, Peace and Justice and the  
Theology Department of Franciscan Missionaries of Our  
Lady University (FranU) will host:

### THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S PASTORAL MINISTRY AND TEACHING ABOUT SAME SEX ATTRACTION

"With all humility and gentleness, with  
patience, bearing with one another  
through love, striving to preserve the  
unity of the spirit through the bond of  
peace: one body and one Spirit, as you  
were also called to the one hope of your  
call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism;  
one God and Father of all, who is over  
all and through all and in all."  
(Ephesians 4:2-6)



Michaelangelo - *The Creation of Adam*



**DR. JENNIFER MOREL, STD**  
Assistant Professor of Theology,  
FranU, Baton Rouge

Registration is **REQUIRED**.

THURSDAY  
**8-7-25**  
FROM 6-8 P.M.

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC  
CHURCH - KLEINPETER  
ACTIVITY CENTER

7808 St. George Dr.  
Baton Rouge



Find more information & register  
<https://diobr.org/rjc-event>  
Registration is **REQUIRED**.

Contact us  
OLPJ@diobr.org



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of  
**Kathy H. Polinsky** by Lucie & Joe Hanewinkel.

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

### Saturday, June 14, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Sidney Alexander, Vincent Amato, Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Philip Brabham,  
Karen Chemay, Merrill Cooper, Ernest Dugas, Larry J. Evans,  
June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Anthony & Anna Friedman, Judy Friedman,  
Homer Gaspard, Frank Gellenthin, Ricky Genre, Benny Gex, Caroline Girdwood,  
Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Vernon & Dorothy Landry,  
Connie & Ray Louviere, Judy Monistere, Patty Niehaus, Sue Novak,  
Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, June Koles Olah, Sidney Ourso, Fr. Lazarus Panthagani,  
Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Chuck Raborn, Sr., Dylan Rotar,  
Frank & Denise Schilling, Anne Sherman and Tonya Wise

### Sunday, June 15, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Allen Aubert, Sr., Lloyd Dominguez, William Dupre, Sr.,  
Fulton Charles Hebert, Adam Hymel, Jr., John LaGrange, Margie & Joe Liuzza,  
Charlie Martin, Chucky Martin, Chuck Raborn, Sr., Mary Ann Schultz,  
Gill Scioneaux, Gerard Lou Staub and Kyle Vicknair

### Sunday, June 15, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

*The Missa Pro Populo* (The Mass for all the Parishioners)

### Sunday, June 15, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

### Monday, June 16, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Lynette Pfiffner

### Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

### Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Peyton & Landon Stewart

### Thursday, June 19, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

John LaGrange

### Friday, June 20, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

St. Margaret Youth Group



# PAROCHIAL DASHBOARD

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## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### 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 with a priest.

### 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 the office for a priest or deacon for home or hospital visits.

### FUNERALS

Call the parish office during normal hours for scheduling. After hours, please leave a message on the emergency line at extension 106.

## OUR LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil-4:00PM

Sunday-8:00AM, 10:00AM & 5:30PM

St. Margaret Church

### Daily Masses

Monday through Friday-7:00AM

St. Margaret Church

### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday-7:30AM-8:00PM

Concluding with Benediction

St. Margaret Church

## CLERGY & STAFF

### PRIESTS

Father Paul August Gros (*Pastor*)

Father Lazarus Panthagani

(*Associate Pastor*)

### DEACONS

Deacon William "Byrd" Corbett

Deacon Tim Messenger

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mary E. Herbert

(*Pastor's Administrative Assistant*)

Tammy Resetar (*Receptionist*)

Peggy Desselle (*Contributions Manager*)

### PASTORAL STAFF

Baleigh Olah Henderson

(*Religious Education, High School Youth,  
& Communications Coordinator*)

Melissa F. Berghausen (*Junior Youth &  
Sacramental Coordinator*)

## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

*The Most Holy Trinity*

***Gather Hymnal Number 1088***

### Proverbs 8:22-31

Wisdom precedes, accompanies  
and reflects God in creation.

### Romans 5:1-5

Our faith brings peace and hope.

### John 16:12-15

Jesus connects his teachings  
to the Spirit and the Father.

### Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

*Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

*Corpus Christi*

*June 21/22, 2025*

**Genesis 14:18-20**

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**Luke 9:11b-17**

# OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, June 15, 2025**

**Happy Father's Day!**

**Catholic Communication Campaign Special Collection!**

**Monday, June 16, 2025**

1:00PM—**St. Faustina's Stitches**, St. Vianney Room

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

**Tuesday, June 17, 2025**

8:30AM—**St. Matthew's Guild**, St. Cecilia Room

6:00PM—**Together in Holiness**, St. Margaret Room

**Wednesday, June 18, 2025**

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

9:00AM—**Child Nutrition Program**, St. Margaret Grounds

5:00PM—**Junior Youth Group**, St. Margaret Grounds

5:00PM—**HS Youth Group**, St. Margaret Grounds

6:30PM—**OCIA Inquiry**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

**Thursday, June 19, 2025**

**Juneteenth!**

**Parish Office Closed!**

9:00AM—**Monthly Food Distribution**, St. Margaret Grounds

4:00PM—**Confessions**, St. Margaret Church

5:30PM—**CDA Rosary**, St. Margaret Room

6:00PM—**Catholic Daughters Meeting**, St. Margaret Room

**Friday, June 20, 2025**

**Parish Office Closed until 1:00PM!**

9:00AM—**Staff Planning**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

**Saturday, June 21, 2025**

3:00PM—**Confessions**, St. Margaret Church



What a catch, Fr. Paul!