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***SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 10, 2017***



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**Scrip Sales**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

**FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY**

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**Rectory Office Business Hours**

**Monday - Friday 9:00AM to 4:30PM**  
**CLOSED WEEKENDS**

***Any requests for the weekly Bulletin  
should be submitted by  
Monday, 12:00 Noon.***

**Schedule of Masses**

**Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:15PM**  
**Sunday: 7:30, 10:00 and 11:30AM**  
**Daily Monday - Friday: 7:00AM,**  
**followed by Morning Prayer**  
**Saturday: 8:00AM**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Vigil Mass - 7:00 PM**  
**7:00 AM, 12:05 Noon and 7:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Exposition**

**7:30-8:30 AM Tuesday**  
**7:30-8:00 AM - First Fridays**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM**  
**Sunday before 7:30 AM Mass**  
**Tuesday thru Saturday: 7:45-7:55 AM**  
**or by appointment.**



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

We all know the expression “the man of the hour.” In today’s culture, we should wisely add that there can also be “the woman” of the same. The dictionary tells us the phrase describes “a person in whose honor a gathering is held.” Or, “the person who is currently an object of public attention.”

A case can be made that the words fit John the Baptist as he makes his annual appearance in the Gospels of Advent. He is the scriptural version of an “advance man” for his cousin as the adult Jesus comes striding along the Jordan riverbank. John will shortly lose that “man of the hour” title when Jesus begins His unique ministry.

But St. Mark’s gospel section this weekend lets us pause to take a closer look at the Baptist for the short time he is before our eyes. Certainly he is an intimidating figure just for his wardrobe! And that diet of his! Ugh! Definitely he followed that for ritual purity and not for flavor. But above all, he was a humble man, whose prophetic role he saw as service to one greater than he.

Humility oozes from John’s every pore as you watch him never capitalizing on the admiring crowds. Instead he talks always of Jesus and practically urges his followers to turn to the Man from Nazareth. I believe that along with tremendous humility, John was blest with healthy self-awareness and control. Imagine a celebrity of our time urging us to pay more attention to someone other than themselves! As Jesus’ precursor, John had to know his role would soon be forgotten and gone like a fly in the wind.

Listen to him here again: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.” Humility is truth if nothing else. There speaks a humble man.

As we approach Christmas and its gift-giving, being humble may be the best choice of holiday behavior. Not going overboard with lavish gifts that make the deed really all about you. No excess drinking at parties just because the bottle is there and you feel like you deserve another. No spoiling the children lest they think the feast is about them and not the poor Babe in the manger. Showing a positive attitude at family gatherings.

Such would be the way of the man of the hour: John the Baptist. Always remember that despite dress and diet, we call him “saint.” As for his humility, here is a rather earthy description of the virtue that John just might like: “Humility is like underwear. We should have it—but not let it show!”

## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, December 11**

7:00 AM Evelyn Kazeniak, 1st Anniv

**TUESDAY, December 12**

7:00 AM Paul V. Simpson

**WEDNESDAY, December 13**

7:00 AM Vernon Brightman

**THURSDAY, December 14**

7:00 AM Fred Matarazzo

**FRIDAY, December 15**

7:00 AM Angelina Scorzetti

**SATURDAY, December 16**

8:00 AM Lorraine Bizzarri



**THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2017**  
**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN**  
**MEMORY OF MARK W. VITA.**

**THE ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN IN MEMORY**  
**OF JOSEPH BINSTAD.**

**Msgr. Dougherty offers a Mass each Sunday for all**  
**the parishioners and for those enrolled in the church**  
**memorial fund.**

### THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**Weekend of December 3, 2017: \$10,388**

**Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 910**

**Mail In: \$ 1,162**

**Parish on Line: \$ 365**

**Envelopes: 220**

**Retirement for the Religious \$2,594**

**The Fall Collection: \$46,945**

**Last Year Total was: \$45,600**

**The Weekend of December 4, 2016: \$12,783**

**I sincerely thank you for continuing to live faithful**  
**stewardship. God bless you and your families.**

**Msgr. Dougherty**



**New Online Giving**

Saint Margaret Parish has arranged a new, secure method of online giving. You can now setup all your second collections in advance. Create or login to your Parish Giving account by going to the Parish website and clicking on the logo at the lower right or <https://tinyurl.com/StMargGiving>

## From The Pastor

**Advent Confessions** - Advent is a Season of the Church Year in which we are encouraged to turn from sin and renew our commitment to Christ. The Sacrament of Confession helps us to experience God's healing forgiveness and to be strengthened in our living the gospel. Come to the Lord to receive his mercy and new life. It will cleanse and refresh your spirit. Confessions will be heard on Thursday, December 14 from 7 - 8pm, Saturday, December 16 from 3:30 - 4:45 pm, Thursday, December 21 from 7 - 8 pm, and Saturday, December 23 from 11 am - 12 noon and from 3:30 - 4:45 pm.

**Father Dominic** - Father Dominic Nguyen has been residing at St. Margaret Rectory for the past two years while he pursued a degree in Theology from Villanova University. Father will complete his studies soon and will be leaving us on December 20. He has assisted with some of the Masses here and has been good company in the rectory. I want to extend to Father our prayers and best wishes as he returns to North Vietnam.

**Choir Concert** - Our Choir will present its Annual Christmas Concert on Friday, December 15 at 7:00 pm in the Church. They are talented musicians and the concert will inspire us as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Our Savior. Come and let your soul be nourished by this beautiful music. Refreshments will follow.

**PREP Christmas Pageant** - The Parish Religious Education students will present their Christmas Pageant next Sunday, December 17 at 8:30 am in the Church. We are looking forward to their helping us to appreciate the beauty of Christmas and the love of Jesus for us.

**Giving Tree** - Many thanks to all who took a tag from the Giving Tree to help supply Christmas presents for some needy families served by Mercy Neighborhood Ministries in Philadelphia. Thank you for helping us to extend charity to the needy for Christmas.

**New Year's Day** - Since New Year's Day, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, is on a Monday this year, it will not be a Holyday of Obligation. Mass will be at 9:00 am on New Year's Day. Come to honor Mary and begin the New Year by drawing close to God and asking for his blessing on your endeavors in the coming year and on all your loved ones.

### Helping Other People in Emergency

Week of December 11

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Please call as early in the week as possible.

### St. John's Hospice

Casseroles for St. John's Hospice, **Recipe # 2**, will be collected Wednesday morning of this week, **December 13** between 9 and 9:30am at St. Margaret Parking Lot.



We Welcome into our Parish Community  
**Avery Ryan Hartman**, daughter of Alan and Rebecca Hartman. Congratulations to the family.

**Liturgy Note** - Next Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, is marked by a rose candle in the Advent Wreath to call our attention to the virtue of Christian joy. Our joy is founded on hope. Our hope is always strong and deep because of our faith in the love of God for us, a love so wonderful that he sent his only Son to be our Savior. Let hope be the rock on which you stand so that your spirit can be filled with a lasting joy.

### **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

**Mercy Neighborhood Ministries,  
Narberth Food Bank and Homes for Christmas**

You will be able to drop off your wrapped gift(s) to the Antioch Annex **Monday, December 18** and **Tuesday, December 19** from 7:00am to 8:00pm. The Gifts are being picked up on **Wednesday morning, December 20**.

**Please be sure to attach the tag to the gift after you wrap it.**

**Scrip Cards and donations for Haitian Families may be dropped off at the rectory.**

**If you have any questions, call Teresa or Rose Marie at the rectory, 610-664-3770, Ext 10.**



Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Irene Becker, Patrick John Thorne and Robert Cosgrove** who have recently passed away. May they rest in peace and their families be comforted.

**Augustine's Brothers** - A support group for those struggling with the use of pornography. Email: CathedralPhilly@AugustinesBrothers.org. Call - 800-348-0758. Website: www.AugustinesBrothers.org.

**Grief to Grace** - Healing the Wounds of Abuse - Our upcoming Philadelphia area program retreat will be held February 18th to 23rd, 2018. This is a fully integrated spiritual and psychological program for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual, or spiritual abuse. Offered in the privacy of a Christian retreat setting, the 5 day program offers a very unique process for helping survivors of abuse to grieve the past and discover healing and transformation. This retreat is helpful to people of every religious background and practice, as well as those who have lost their faith in god because of the betrayal of abuse. For more information for yourself or a loved one, contact Jeanne at [info@griefftoGrace.org](mailto:info@griefftoGrace.org) or by phone 610-203-2002. You can also visit our website at [www.griefftoGrace.org](http://www.griefftoGrace.org).

**Archdiocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage**

Walk where Jesus walked. Pray at the site of Jesus's conception at Nazareth's Basilica of the Annunciation and His birth in Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity. Sail on the Sea of Galilee. Walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Share the trip of a lifetime with Christians from the holy Land and fellow pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from February 1-11, 2018. For more information about the itinerary, pricing, and registration, contact Susan at 1-800-842-4842 or [susan@select-intl.com](mailto:susan@select-intl.com) or visit [www.selectinternationaltours.com](http://www.selectinternationaltours.com)

**IHM Conference Center December Offerings**

**Wednesday, December 13 - Carol Night at the Mansion** (7:00 to 8:30pm). Evening includes prayer, reflection, scripture readings, and caroling throughout the mansion in its Advent/Christmas setting. Light refreshments and conversation will follow. (Free will donation to support our ministry of spiritual hospitality will be appreciated). To register for the above, please call: 610-581-0120 or email [mdgipprich@gmail.com](mailto:mdgipprich@gmail.com). Location: 401 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr.

**Discernment Retreat** - Friday, December 15 (6pm) to Sunday, December 17 (1pm) at Villa Maria House of Studies Immaculata, PA. Young women (18-35) are invited to join us for this retreat which focuses on the IHM Charism and the importance of listening to God's call and discovering the many ways that God speaks to us. Time will be included for personal and communal prayer as well as the opportunity to interact with the sisters in formation. Contact: [ihmvoc@aol.com](mailto:ihmvoc@aol.com) or 610-889-1553.

**St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Open House and Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 10.**

The Christmas Concert will feature: Christmas music by our seminarian choir and musicians, Christmas readings led by our seminarians and an opportunity to join the seminarians in singing Christmas carols! We begin the afternoon with seminarian-led tours of our beautiful, historic campus and art collection, including our library's annual International Christmas Creche Exhibition! The Open House and seminary tours begin at 1:00pm. Light refreshments will be available prior to the Christmas Concert, which begins in Saint Martin of Tours Chapel at 4:00pm. No need to RSVP, just come and celebrate this wonderful and joyous season! This event is free and open to the public, but there will be a free-will offering at intermission to benefit the Sisters of Life at St. Malachy's parish. Please join us as we celebrate the light of God coming into the world (John 1:9)!

**ARCHDIOCESAN GIRL AND BOY CHOIR AUDITIONS**

will be held on  
January 13, 2018 from 9:00am to 4:00pm.  
**All auditions are by appointment only**  
Please contact  
[archdiocesangirlandboychoir@gmail.com](mailto:archdiocesangirlandboychoir@gmail.com)  
to schedule your appointment

**ARCHDIOCESAN ADULT CHOIR**

This group of Archdiocesan Liturgical Musicians comes together each year to sing for all Major Archdiocesan Masses including Chrism Mass, Priesthood and Diaconate Ordination, and our Annual Christmas Concert.  
Please contact [cangelini@archphila.org](mailto:cangelini@archphila.org) for an audition time after January 1, 2018.



**American Red Cross**

**St. Margaret Winter Blood Drive**

In light of our country's recent tragedies including hurricanes and the Las Vegas disasters, our blood supply is low. Donors like you save lives everyday. Give a priceless gift this Christmas Season. Please consider donating blood on **Wednesday December 20th from 2:30-7:30 PM at the American Legion Post next to the Narberth Library**. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are welcome. Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment. Our goal is 57 units this month and we need your help to achieve this. Thank you

## NEWS FROM ST. MARGARET SCHOOL

**SAVE THE DATE** - SMS Christmas Concert, which will include our SMS Band, Children Choir, grades 1 and 8 Christmas Plays, will take place on Wednesday evening, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. We welcome all Alumni back to SMS!

### CLASSROOM NEWS:

**Grade 1** - The 1<sup>st</sup> grade worked very hard preparing for their Thanksgiving Creation Play which was held last Wednesday! Each student represented something special that God created and that we are thankful for. The students were very excited to show the school and their families the songs and lines they have memorized for this special day.

**Grade PK** - Pre-k is wrapping up a unit on God's Creation. We discussed ways that we can take care of the world and made our own books about creation

**WALK-A-THON WRAP-UP 2017** - Thanks to all who made the 2017 Walk-a-thon a success! A Special thank you is extended to **Mrs. Meg Cuff** who coordinated this fundraiser! After many weeks of collecting pledges, we were finally able to meet our fundraising goal: a job well done by all!

Thanks to the generous prize donations from parents, we were able to recognize students for their contributions before leaving for Thanksgiving break. Special thanks to **Roman and Mia Nepomuceno (Grades 5 and 3), Kaitlynn and Elizabeth Constantine (Grades 3 and 1), and Patrick McCullough (KA)**, for leading the school in pledges!! Other top pledge earners included: **Kara Quillinan (Grade 1B), Evan Riddick (Grade 3), Brandon Williams (Grade 6), Maya Walker (Grade 6) and Ned Donahue (Grade 7)**. Great work!

Thanks again to all of the volunteers who make the Walk-a-thon possible: we couldn't do it without you. Special thanks to Mrs. D and Mrs. Dodderidge for all of their assistance "behind the scenes!"

**EXCEL BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CLINIC** - Dec 27-Dec 29<sup>th</sup> (9:00 to 12: 00 pm) OPEN TO ALL GIRLS AND BOYS Grades 1 to 8 grade at St. Margaret School. If interested, Contact Erick Woods ewoods@excelball.org.

### CHRISTMAS SCRIP – BUY YOUR GIFT CARDS AT SMS (www.smsnarberth.org)

On our website, you will see an order form for Christmas Scrip. Orders will be collected between now and Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>. It takes approximately 1 week between the order and shipment so please plan accordingly. Please note that the percentage of rebate noted next to the retailer is allocated as a 50/50 split between SMS and the family purchasing. For example - 1-800-FLOWERS has a rebate of 12%. For a \$100 purchase, SMS receives \$6.00 and a family can use their \$6.00 towards tuition reimbursement, before and after school care, etc. If would like to donate your credit scripts to a sms family, please call the school office (Mrs. D- 610-664-2640 or email office@smsnarberth.org) Thank you for all your support.)

**The DeMaio Allstate Agency is coordinating a Donation Drive with Toys for Tots during this Holiday season.** Toys are being collected from now until December 15 and can be dropped off at the Lauren DeMaio Allstate Agency at 227 Haverford Avenue.

**FORMED** - Don't forget to take advantage of our Parish subscription to Formed, an online service that provides free educational materials on the Catholic faith. There are video based study programs, audio presentations, movies, ebooks. It is a tremendous resource for growing in our understanding and living of our faith. Go to formed.org. Our Parish code is WRVZND.

**Words of Wisdom** - If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

**THE PARISH CYO ATHLETIC ADVISORY BOARD** is seeking new applicants for membership on the Board. The CYO Board is a volunteer board consisting of parish members who work with the Pastor to coordinate the parish CYO Athletic and Ministry programs as outlined by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office of Youth and Athletic Ministry. The board is responsible for the oversight of activities for parish children from elementary to high school. If you are interested in serving on this board or have questions please contact Jim McNulty (jmcnulty@hq.novacare.com).

**A Little Humor**-When I was little, my Dad had me convinced that the ice cream truck only played music when it was all sold out.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In case of serious illness, please contact the Rectory to make arrangements. If someone is already in the hospital, be sure to register as a Catholic so that the priest will visit.

### COMMUNION CALLS

Parishioners unable to attend Mass regularly because of age or illness should call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Communion at home. If any member of your family is hospitalized, please be sure to register as a Catholic and inform the Rectory so that a visit can be arranged.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays at 1:00 PM. Arrangements must be made in advance at the Rectory by calling Msgr. Dougherty, ext. 12. If parents have not attended a Baptism class, they must attend our Baptism Preparation Seminar. Call the rectory to register for the class. Godparents guidelines state that one godparent must be Catholic. They must be at least 16 years of age, registered in the parish where they live, fully initiated, and practicing their faith; they must obtain a letter of eligibility from their own parish. One practicing non-Catholic Christian may also be admitted as a Christian Witness. [The next Baptism Preparation Seminar is Wednesday, January 11, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Rectory.](#)

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners who wish to marry at St. Margaret should contact Msgr. Dougherty. The Sacrament of Marriage is celebrated after a period of preparation of not less than six months. Engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage can register, explore possible dates or find out more information for pre-marriage classes by visiting [PhilaMarriagePrep.com](http://PhilaMarriagePrep.com). For email inquiries, [Amy@PhilaMarriagePrep.com](mailto:Amy@PhilaMarriagePrep.com).

### REGISTRATION

A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners. If you live within the parish boundaries, you may register by calling the parish office during office hours to set up an appointment. Parish registration is required for reception of the Sacraments and letters of eligibility to serve as godparent or sponsor.

### REQUESTS FOR ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES

The role of a sponsor is primarily a spiritual role to model a Christian life for the child. Therefore, anyone requesting a certificate must be a registered, participating member of St. Margaret Parish, a practicing Catholic in good standing (not living in violation of the church laws), at least 16 years of age and have received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Please call the rectory for an appointment if you need a certificate.

#### SOCIAL NETWORKING WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE

<http://www.facebook.com/ArchbishopChaput>  
[www.twitter.com/ArchPhilly](http://www.twitter.com/ArchPhilly)  
[www.youtube.com/user/CatholicPhilly](http://www.youtube.com/user/CatholicPhilly)  
<http://livestream.com/archphila>

### PRAYER GROUP

The Living Vineyard Prayer Group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM in the church to celebrate Mass.

### BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study meets every Tuesday from September to June in the Antioch Annex (9:00 to 10:30am).

### THE ROSARY

Every Saturday the Rosary is recited beginning after the 7am Angelus. Come and pray with us.

### PRAYER CIRCLE

Do you have an immediate prayer need or can you offer the Gift of Prayer? Tap into our electronic Prayer Circle and receive an outpouring of heartfelt prayer by members of St. Margaret Parish and others. E-mail your prayer requests or if you want to join the **Prayer Circle at [cbuhn@yahoo.com](mailto:cbuhn@yahoo.com)**.

### REMEMBER THOSE YOU LOVE

For a donation of \$10.00, **the sanctuary candle or altar candles** will burn for a week for your intention or in memory of a loved one. Another memorial opportunity is to have **flowers** placed on the altar for a donation of \$100. Each week the intention or memorial will be published in the bulletin. If you would like to take advantage of these opportunities, please call Teresa or Rose Marie at the rectory, 610-664-3770, Ext 10.

### EUCHARIST FOR CELIAC COMMUNICANTS

St. Margaret Church is aware of the need to have the low gluten hosts available at all Masses. If you or a member of your family is interested in receiving Low-Gluten Holy Eucharist at any Mass, please contact Maria at [mecarinato@gmail.com](mailto:mecarinato@gmail.com).



### **JOURNEY WITH US TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey to a deeper experience of God's love manifested through the teaching and treasures of the Catholic Faith. St. Margaret Church offers instructions for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These instructions are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or, if you are already a baptized Catholic would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. **RCIA classes meet on Tuesday, at 7pm.** Please contact Msgr. Dougherty at [pastor@saintmarg.org](mailto:pastor@saintmarg.org) or 610-664-3770, Ext \*812.



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