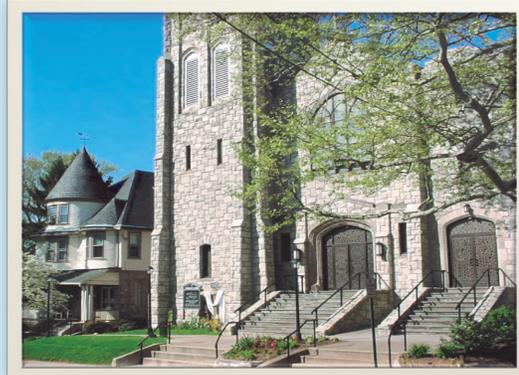


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***THE NATIVITY OF  
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JUNE 24, 2018***



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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.**



## *THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST*

The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel alternate between stories of two births. One is the annunciation and birth of John the Baptist, who was, for Luke, the last great prophet of the Old Testament and who prepared the way for someone greater than any prophet—Jesus the Messiah. The annunciation and birth of Jesus is the other story. The story of John sets the very Jewish environment into which Jesus and John were born. Jesus' annunciation and birth begins to move the Gospel into the environment of the Roman empire.

In the verses before those read today, the birth of John the Baptist has been announced by the angel Gabriel to Zechariah, who was performing his duties as a priest in the Jerusalem Temple. Gabriel then announced the birth of Jesus to Mary in her home in Nazareth. Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, are an old couple who have never had children. Mary is engaged to Joseph, but they have not yet come to live together.

We read today that Elizabeth's neighbors and relatives rejoice with her because God has shown her mercy in the birth of a son. But they are confused when she tells them that his name is to be John, which means "God has been gracious." Zechariah has been unable to speak since Gabriel appeared, because, unlike Mary, he doubted the angel's word. But when he writes on a tablet "John is his name" all are amazed, and a great fear comes upon everyone. Fear, along with joy and praise, is for Luke the appropriate response to God's mercy. People ask, "What, then, will this child be?" But this question has already been answered by the angel. "He will be great in the sight of the Lord. He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God."

Zechariah responds with praise in his famous canticle, the Benedictus. But that is not read today. Instead we jump to the last verses of the chapter, which explain that John will become strong in spirit living in the desert until it is time to show himself to the people of Israel. When John appears again at the beginning of Chapter 3, after the stories of the birth and childhood of Jesus, he will prepare those people for the ministry of Jesus by preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Pro-Life Note - Our nation was established on the fundamental principles of every person's right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The right to life of the unborn should not be denied but protected.

## *Mass Intentions*

**MONDAY, June 25**

7:00 AM Eleanor D'Antonio

**TUESDAY, June 26**

7:00 AM Robert Giuliani, 23rd Anniv.

**WEDNESDAY, June 27**

7:00 AM John Le

**THURSDAY, June 28**

7:00AM Harry Mayer

**FRIDAY, June 29**

7:00 AM Eleanor D'Antonio

**SATURDAY, June 30**

8:00 AM Vincent D. Quinn, Jr.



**THE WEEK OF JUNE 24, 2018**  
**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN**  
**MEMORY OF GEORGE H. PAHLER.**

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

### THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**THE Weekend Collection of June 17, 2018: \$8,365**

Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 872

Mail In: \$ 1,147

Parish On Line: \$ 1,085

Envelopes: 188

**Weekend of June 18, 2017: \$7,557**

**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. 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>.

**The 2019 Mass Book** is open. It would be helpful if you are able to prepare a list of your announced Masses when you come to the rectory. You may also leave a copy and we will do our best to accommodate you.

## From The Pastor

**The Nativity of St. John the Baptist** - Today we commemorate the Nativity of John the Baptist. Other than Jesus and Mary, Saint John the Baptist is the only person whose Nativity we celebrate as part of the Church calendar. John the Baptist is given such a preeminent place among the saints because he faithfully and courageously proclaimed the coming of our Savior and called the people to repentance. John the Baptist lived a simple life by focusing on the saving power of Jesus and guiding us to the Lord. In a very powerful way John shows us that Jesus is the source of all goodness and life. John urges us to turn away from sin and to the Lord. This is the essential message of Christianity, to repent and believe in the Lord. John said, "He must increase; I must decrease." May we heed John's call not to seek praise for ourselves but to glorify Jesus and let the power of Christ grow in our hearts.

**Summer** - School is over and summer is upon us. The more relaxed pace of summer and the opportunity for vacations affords us the gift of stepping back a bit from the pace and pressures of work to enjoy the love of the Lord and the company of one another. We must, of course, be good workers, but we also have to lift up our noses from the grindstone to remember the love of the Lord and the priority of our relationship with him and our loved ones. I pray that summer will help us all to grow in our relationship with the Lord and each other and to renew our commitment to keeping them as the main priorities of our lives. We have some great books and CDs on the kiosk in the back of Church. Summer can be a good time for some spiritual nourishment through reading or by audio.

**Blood Drive** - Please see the note in this bulletin about the St. Margaret Red Cross Blood Drive on July 5 in our cafeteria from 2:30 - 7:30pm. Donating blood is a great act of charity. Please support this Drive, if you are able.

### Helping Other People in Emergency

Week of June 24, 2018  
Pam Owsik, 610-659-7021  
Please call as early in the week as possible.



**Just a reminder that next Sunday, July 1 is St. Margaret's weekend to take Holy Communion to the sick at the Lankenau.** Group A is assigned but

Group B is also welcomed. If you cannot come this weekend, please contact someone on the other team and ask to exchange with them. It is very important to get a replacement.



**We welcome into the Church Nate Evan Gaughan,** Son of Matthew and Katie Gaughan. Congratulations to the families on the Baptism of their son.

**Church Teaching: Life in Christ** - Incorporated into Christ by Baptism, Christians are "dead to sin and alive for God in Christ Jesus" and so participate in the life of the Risen Lord. Following Christ and united with him, Christians can strive to be "imitators of God as beloved children, and walk in love" by conforming their thoughts, words and actions to the "mind...which is yours in Christ Jesus," and by following his example. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)



Give Blood.  
Give Life.

**Our parish blood drive** will take place on Thursday 7/5/18 from 2:30-7:30 pm in the St. Margaret School Cafeteria. 85% of blood donations to our 200+ local hospitals come from local blood drives like this one. Each year, our blood supply drops over the holidays, so your donation is crucial. Please help save a life and make our blood drive a success. Each donor will receive a free t-shirt. Call 1-800 REDCROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to sign up. In addition, there is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Thank you.

**FORMED** - Countless Catholic resources for faith formation and spiritual growth for adults, teens and children are available at your fingertips for free through FORMED: The Catholic Faith on Demand. Everyone in our Parish has free access at [FORMED.ORG/COMMUNITY](http://FORMED.ORG/COMMUNITY). The Parish has paid a fee to allow you to have free access. Use code WRVZND. If you have any questions about this, contact [fatih@saintmarg.org](mailto:fatih@saintmarg.org).

**Words of Wisdom** - Your opponents would love you to believe that it's hopeless, that you have no power, that there's no reason to act, that you can't win. Hope is a gift you don't have to surrender, a power you don't have to throw away. (Rebecca Solnit, a writer, in her book Hope in the Dark)

**Saturday, July 7, 12:00 - 2:00pm**

**Ice Cream, Art Galleries, & St. Augustine**

All mothers in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia of all ages and backgrounds are invited to come together for hand-scooped ice cream, local art, and prayer at St. Augustine Church. Franklin Fountain at 116 Market St. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/philacatholicmamas/> or email Gosia Sanchez at [philadelphiacatholicmamas@gmail.com](mailto:philadelphiacatholicmamas@gmail.com).

**July 10-20, 2018 - Philadelphia Catholic Scholars**

**Program** - Male juniors and seniors in high school are invited to apply for the 2018 Philadelphia Catholic Scholars Program: Faith & Reason. Taught by seminary and university faculty on the grounds of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Professors include: Dr Kevin Hughes, James Despres, Dr. Michael Rombeiro, Kelly Anderson. Visit [philadelphiacatholicmamas.org](http://philadelphiacatholicmamas.org) to learn more.

**July 12 to 15 - Annual Courage International**

**Conference** Annual gathering of the Courage Roman Catholic Apostolate that ministers to men and women who experience same-sex attractions and those who love them. Speakers: Archbishop Charles Chaput, Bishop Thomas Olmstead, Johnnette Benkovic, Sr. Sheila Galligan, IHM, Fr. Paul Check, Fr. Chris Rogers, and more. Location: Villanova University. For more information visit <https://couragec.org/event/courageconference2018/>

**Retrouvaille...a lifeline for Marriages** Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage! Our next program for those experiencing difficulties in their marriage is coming up at the Family Life Center in Malvern. (August 17-19) For more information, visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) or call 1-800-470-2230



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** has been strengthening marriages for 50 years. Join the millions of couples around the world who have made a weekend. The next weekends in the Philadelphia Area are July 13-15 and October 19-21 both at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more information or to register go to [www.wmme-philly.org](http://www.wmme-philly.org) or call 484-393-1645. Help us celebrate 50 years by of Discovery and a Lifetime of Love!

**Learn Natural Family Planning (NFP) June 29 (6-9pm)**

Engaged and married couples, as well as single women and men, are invited to learn about NFP. This date is for Class 1 of 3. Class 2 is July 27th and Class 3 is August 24th. Location: Mother of Divine Providence Parish Offices, King of Prussia. Speakers: Jim and Jen Volpe. Registration is required: [https://register.ccli.org/class\\_series/11306](https://register.ccli.org/class_series/11306).

**July 13, 2018, 9:30am - 7:00pm**

**Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp** - B.B.V.C. is an opportunity for middle school boys in Grades 6,7,& 8 to come together at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for a day of fun, food, and faith! Activities include Mass, sports, great talks, activities, and a Eucharistic Procession. Questions: Contact Sue Matour at [smatour@archphila.org](mailto:smatour@archphila.org).

**Saturday, July 14, 2018, 9:00am - 8:00pm**

**“Get Spirit Savvy” Retreat for Teen Girls**

Women of Grace hosts a one-day retreat to help teen girls use their God-given feminine genius as a tool to protect their hearts and minds against the modern-day culture. The day includes two meals, an outdoor nature walk, crafts, games, Mass and more. Speakers: Johnnette Benkovic and Susan Brinkmann of Women of Grace, Katelyn D’Adamo of Generation Life. Location: Malvern Retreat Center’s Family Life Center. For more information or to register call 610-644-0400.

**August 3-5, 2018 - the Joy of Restoration Retreat for Men and Women**

- All of us need restoration from time to time in our spiritual lives, our relationships with God and others, in our families and communities. This retreat will look at restoration in terms of forgiveness and accountability, impediments to evangelization and spiritual growth, relationships with God and others, mercy and healing. Location: Malvern Retreat House. For more information visit <https://www.malvernretreat.com>.

**CatholicPhilly.com** Looking for local Catholic news? It’s as easy as email - sign up for the free, twice-weekly email newsletter of CatholicPhilly.com, official news website of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Sign up at [CatholicPhilly.com/newsletter](http://CatholicPhilly.com/newsletter).

**5th Annual AbbeyFest: Faith, Music, Family**  
**Saturday, September 22, 2018**  
**220 South Valley Rd., Paoli, PA**

The day includes Holy Mass, contemporary Christian praise and worship music, confession throughout the day, Catholic witness, food, religious vendors, games for little kids, and fun for all ages. More information visit [www.TheAbeyFest.com](http://www.TheAbeyFest.com)

**HOW CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN TODAY'S WORLD?**

**The Art of Loving**

**Presented by the Focolare Movement**

**Sunday, July 1, 2018 1:00 - 5:00 pm**

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

[www.focolare.org/usa](http://www.focolare.org/usa)

Contact: [phillyfocolare@gmail.com](mailto:phillyfocolare@gmail.com)

Please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/phillysg2018>.

Join us for fun and games, presentations and discussions. All ages are welcome. Free event. Refreshments will be served potluck style - bring something to share.



**3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys CYO Soccer**

Parents of sons entering 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade - Saint Margaret's will be continuing the soccer team for the 2018 fall. Last year we played a few games against Holy Child in Drexel Hill. As the season progressed we held a few split scrimmages against the JV team on the big 100 yard field. It would be anticipated that the team would play two games a month (probably on the weekend), and practice twice a week. In addition, it would be anticipated the team would play roughly 4-6 games. The main focus of the program is to go through essential soccer drills, scrimmage, and play a few games. More info will be coming during the start of the school year. In addition, there will be a registration link coming soon. If interested, please contact Ed Zaroni for more information: (Ed Zaroni 610-291-2790 [ed\\_zaroni@hotmail.com](mailto:ed_zaroni@hotmail.com)) Also, please let me know if you would be willing to help out/coach during the practices.

**Merion Mercy Academy High School** is looking to hire a varsity & assistant varsity tennis coach and a assistant volleyball coach. Please contact Athletic Directory Barbara Clarke - [bclarke@merion-mercy.com](mailto:bclarke@merion-mercy.com).

**The Society of the Holy Child of Jesus**, which is an international congregation of religious women in the Catholic Church, has an excellent opportunity for an Assistant Treasure to support the Treasurer of the American Province. B.S. in Business or equivalent degree, previous accounting and general business experience required. Interested and qualified candidates may submit a resume and cover letter with salary requirements to [hr@shcj.org](mailto:hr@shcj.org) or fax to 610-525-2910.

**Main Line Health Smokefree Program** is a free six week tobacco treatment that covers stress management, healthy eating, non-smoking strategies and coping skills. To register for any of the following programs, call 484-227-free.

Bryn Mawr Hospital, Tuesdays, July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 21, 28. 130 South Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr. 3B Ortho Conference Room 6 to 7:30pm

Lankenau Medical Center, Wednesdays, August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 19, 26. 100 E Lancaster Ave, Wynnewood. Knorr Conference Room, Annenberg Center 6:00 to 7:30pm.

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Thursdays, August 23, 30, September 6, 13, 20, 27. 625 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr. Fullerton Room 2:00 to 3:30pm.

**Casting Nets Ministries** is coming to Malvern Retreat House this summer July 27-29 to offer a dynamic and actionable training for pastors, pastoral teams, parish staff, lay leaders, DRE's and catechists centered on missionary discipleship and evangelization. Conducted by National Catholic Evangelists & Authors. This retreat/training will be facilitated by renowned Catholic authors and evangelists, Christ Stewart, Tony Brandt, and Hector Molina. For more information and to register, 610-644-0400 or visit [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com).

**A Little Humor** - Feeling that I'd had a very productive day, I called my mother to brag. "What's it like having an awesome daughter?" I asked her. "I don't know," she replied. "Why don't you ask your grandmother?"

**HOPE IN CHRIST**

**SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR ADDICTIONS**

Seeking solace and spiritual support in the journey towards recovery. To find a Catholic resource for addiction for you or a loved one visit [archphila.org/hope](http://archphila.org/hope).

### **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, June 27, 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. 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>  
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[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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