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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEBRUARY 2, 2020



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Scrip Sales
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

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

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass - 7:00 PM
7:00 AM, 12:05 PM and 7:00 PM
(schedule subject to change on certain Holydays.
Check website for final schedule)

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 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Presentations are nothing new to us. They come with the calendar. In the sports world, we have presentation of the Super Bowl trophy. This leads to the Stanley Cup for ice hockey, and the World Series award for baseball. In between, we have the movie world's Oscars and TV's Emmys and Broadway's Tonys for the best in entertainment. There are tournaments galore, foot races, horse races, marathons and contests of all kinds, not to omit graduations at all academic levels, in which the various winners are each presented with an award of some kind to mark their achievement. We know about presentations.

Today, however, we come together to celebrate a presentation unique in world history: that coming of the Christ Child into the earthly house of His Father. Yet, as Luke describes it, there are echoes of the humility that we first observed at His birth. Mary and Joseph walk into the great spaces of the grand Temple in Jerusalem, dwarfed by its columns and surrounded by whispered voices. There are no trumpets sounding, no applause heard, and certainly no choirs of angels proclaiming the news. Instead, just two elderly people, humble themselves and holy as well, who come close to the saintly family with powerful witness of their own. Simeon is relieved and happy to have reached the time when he could see in Mary's arms the Messiah he had prayed to see before his death. Following that, he gave "permission" to the Lord as Promise Keeper, by his beautiful prayer which is now prayed nightly in the Liturgy of the Hours.

Beside him is Anna, smiling eyes behind the wrinkles of her eighty plus years and the wisdom gained from prayer and fasting, who also thanks God for this Child. Evidently, a group of onlookers had gathered, as Anna speaks to them of the Child as the one who would end their wait for the redemption of the city and nation.

The Holy Spirit, working through St. Luke, wanted us to know about this momentous but quiet Presentation largely lost to the wide world. What could be His reasons? I can think of four. First, to see the humble obedience of Mary and Joseph to the demands of their religion's laws. It seems logical to ask: Do you all know the six precepts of our Church? Do you respond with humble obedience?

Secondly, the Holy Spirit wants us to notice that God does indeed keep His promises. We may doubt Him at times, often because He has a different timetable from ours. Thirdly, there is an unspoken plea here to respect our elders. There are jokes about aging all over the place, a lot of them cute, but they become harmful when they lead to disregard for the wisdom and fidelity of age. Who better to reach out to youth and make a presentation of the value of hope?

Fourth and finally, there is that subtle reminder in this feast that prayer and fasting are just the right combination to help us attain that ever elusive holiness that lets us present ourselves to Christ our Lord. We have come this Sunday to a place of Christian worship because it has replaced the Temple of Jerusalem that is no more. Here in our parish church Jesus presents Himself to us in the miraculously transformed bread and wine. What do we present to Him? Think it over. Here's a follow up question for the week: If God now seems far away, who made the first move?

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 3

7:00 AM Robert Neely

TUESDAY, February 4

7:00 AM Daniel P. McCartney

WEDNESDAY, February 5

7:00 AM Nafeh Aziz Almenar

THURSDAY, February 6

7:00 AM Ramona McCullough

FRIDAY, February 7

7:00 AM John Le

SATURDAY, February 8

8:00 AM Anthony S. Masi, Jr.

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



THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2, 2020
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF THE HO LE FAMILY
AND
THE ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF TERESA FALCONE

Weekend Mass Schedule February 8-9

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, February 8

Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Fr. DePrinzio

5:15 PM - Fr. DePrinzio

Sunday, February 9

7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

10:00 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

11:30 AM - Fr. Guckin

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>Weekend of January 26, 2020:</u>	\$ 10,242
Including Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 665
Mail In:	\$ 1,667
Parish On Line:	\$ 1,315
Envelopes:	232

The Weekend of January 27, 2019: \$8,900

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

Msgr. Dougherty

From the Pastor

World Day of Consecrated Life - The World Day of Consecrated Life is celebrated today, February 2. It is a day to celebrate the many religious priests, brothers, sisters, consecrated virgins, and hermits. We take the opportunity today to thank God for those who are living a Consecrated Life in the Church and we pray for an increase in vocations to this calling to serve the Lord.

Knights of Columbus Coat Drive - The Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations outside Church today toward the purchase of winter coats for needy children. Your support is much appreciated.

Youth Retreat and Service Day - Nicole Bazis, our Coordinator of Parish Services, has organized a retreat and service day for our parish teenagers (8th to 12th Grade). It will take place on Saturday, February 8 at the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Germantown. The youth will participate in some service work and other activities and learn about the history and work of the beautiful Shrine. Students should have received a mailing about the day. It is not too late to join in. You can contact Nicole at faith@saintmarg.org or 610-664-3770 to get more information or to sign up for the day.

Finance Council - The Council will meet on Thursday, February 6 at 7:00 pm in the Antioch Annex.

Come and See Weekend - High School men who are interested in learning more about the seminary and diocesan priesthood are invited to a come and see weekend on February 22-23. For more information or to register, visit heedthecall.org or contact Sue Matour at 610-667-5778.

Spiritual Thought – It is the wisdom of the just to love the truth as it is and to avoid what is false, to do what is right without reward and to be more willing to put up with evil than to do it, not to seek revenge for wrong, and to consider as gain any insult for truth's sake. (Pope St. Gregory the Great)



Valentine Evening of Reflection for Couples Sunday, February 9, 2020, 5 PM - 9 PM Malvern Retreat House

The Valentine Evening of Reflection is for dating, engaged and married couples and includes an elegant dinner for two, romantic candlelight setting, inspirational talks, Mass, and renewal of wedding vows for married couples. To register, please visit malvernretreat.com/valentine-twilight-right/ or call 610-644-0400.

A Little Humor – Betsy: If you have \$2, and ask your father for \$4, how much will you have? Billy: “Two dollars.” Betsy: “You don’t know your math.” Billy: “You don’t know my father.”



Food Collection Weekend - Next Weekend is our monthly food collection weekend (February 8 & 9). This program collects non-perishable foods each month for the Archdiocesan Community Food Distribution Centers Program. They provide food for 40 Food Cupboards throughout the Philadelphia area. All items should be brought to the school Cafeteria next weekend. Thank you for your generous support of this program.

Church Teaching: - A parish is a definite community of the Christian faithful established on a stable basis within a particular church; the pastoral care of the parish is entrusted to a pastor as its own shepherd under the authority of the diocesan bishop. It is the place where the faithful can be gathered together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The parish initiates the Christian people into the ordinary expression of the liturgical life: it gathers them together in this celebration; it teaches Christ's saving doctrine; it practices the charity of the Lord in good works and brotherly love: You cannot pray at home as at church, where there is a great multitude, where acclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of the priests. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of February 2, 2020

Pam Owsik 610-659-7021

Please call as early in the week as possible.

Tax Information for 2019

To properly claim your donations to the Church, the IRS may require a donation receipt. To request your information go here <http://tinyurl.com/stmargtax> or contact the rectory during normal business hours, 610-664-3770.



Catholic Schools Week was a huge success here at St Margaret School. Looking back over the week the children designed and shared STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Art, Math) activities. These projects were displayed outside their classroom. Students participated in a Religion Bee, and experienced the Earth inside a dome. They also had a dress down day. Thank You notes to parents for sending them to St. Margaret School were written. The closing Liturgy was beautiful and finally the teacher swap was the highlight of the week. Our students continue to Learn, Serve, Lead, and Succeed.

St. Margaret School, is having on-going registration for children grades Pre-Kindergarten (must be 4 years on or before September 1st) and Kindergarten. Walk in Wednesdays are available for tours. Questions: Email Mrs. Becker: info@smsnarberth.org.

SAVE THE DATES FOR SMS FAMILIES AND PARISHIONERS



Gather your family and friends for a fun evening here at St. Margaret School. **Designer Bag Bingo** will be held on **FRIDAY EVENING February 21** in our gymnasium. Any questions, email Mrs. D office@smsnarberth.org.



MAGGIE'S PUB: This year, in place of Bluefest, SMS will be hosting “Maggie’s Pub!” This major fundraiser for St. Margaret School will take place on **Saturday evening March 14**, just in time for **St. Patrick’s Day**. Families and friends can enjoy their community. We will have dinner, drinks, live music and a DJ for your entertainment.



Sunday Preschool Program runs simultaneously with the Sunday 10 AM Mass. The preschool program, which occurs in the St. Margaret School cafeteria, is a perfect place to leave your young children while you participate in the 10 AM Mass. Our dedicated catechists will engage them in a faith-based, age-appropriate program that incorporates songs, stories, craft movies and activities into the Sunday scriptures. The fee for the Sunday preschool program is only \$20 per family/year. Participation in this program is not a pre-requisite for PREP.



Waldron Mercy Academy invites you to learn about the benefits of our school at an Open House on Tuesday, February 4 at 9:00 a.m. We are a Catholic, coeducational, independent school where students from age 3 to grade 8 learn through the joy of discovery. Sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, our students engage in service learning from the minute they step through our doors. A Waldron Mercy student graduates well-rounded, excelling academically and socially. Students are prepared to take on challenges through an enriched spiritual life and advanced technology. Please register by emailing our Director of Admissions, Sr. Joellen McDonnell, at jmcdonnell@waldronmercy.org or by visiting www.waldronmercy.org.



Mount Saint Joseph Academy, a Catholic preparatory school for girls, invites all interested 7th grade girls to a **Grade Practice Test (Pre-HSPT)** to be given on **Saturday, March 21, 2020, from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.** The Pre-HSPT is a 7th grade edition of the actual Scholarship/Entrance Exam given to eighth grade applicants. Registration is available **online only**. Register at: www.msjacad.org/practicetest You will receive registration confirmation via email.



Devon Prep Entrance Test Dates
 Middle School: February 15, and March 28. Practice Tests offered in the Spring. Go to www.devonprep.com to register.



St. Margaret School
Walk in Wednesdays 9am-11am

Serving this parish and area Catholics, we welcome 4 year olds to our PK through 8th Grade parish school. All other grades for 2nd to 7th will be considered on an individual, as available basis. Please call for more information.

Our mission to engage our Catholic faith throughout learning remains instrumental in forming our students' lives through virtues and giving to others. Each Wednesday from December through February, we welcome prospective parents to visit while school is in session. Tours begin at 9 am and 10 am. Please join us early for a wonderful opportunity awaits your family. Visit www.smsnarberth.org or call 610-349-7747.



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
The 12th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference-March 7, 2020
Man Up Philly presents
No Greater Love – Sacrifice Over Self

Man Up Philly invites the men of our parish to the 12th Annual Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 7th at Neumann University in Aston, PA. We encourage all men – husbands, fathers, sons, brothers, friends – to join us for an inspiring day of faith and fellowship - to become the men God is calling them to be! Rediscover the power and purpose of your faith! Speakers include veteran **Philadelphia Eagle Brent Celek, Steve Bollman**, founder of That Man Is You, and **Immaculee Ilibagiza**, author of **Left to Tell** and survivor of the Rwandan genocide. Register online at ManUpPhilly.com.

Tax Credits in Pennsylvania

Do you pay the State of Pennsylvania over \$1000 per year in state income taxes? If so, you can take advantage of the EITC/OSTC program to donate that \$1000 to Saint Margaret School and receive a PA tax credit of \$900. So you give Saint Margaret School \$1000 at an out-of-pocket cost to you of \$100. Does this sound interesting? For more information, email info@smsnarberth.org. We are happy to share more information and count on this support for our school each year.

Catholic Relief Services

Ruar Leek village, where James Jongkuch Nyang's lives, suffers from harsh drought during South Sudan's dry season, leaving the earth parched and the local watering holes empty. When that happens, herders can be forced to drive their cattle for miles to access water and green pasture. But now, through a Catholic Relief Services-led initiative, James' community is working together to find a solution that will provide enough water to sustain their village through the dry months. James and his community are taking part in a food-for-assets program initiated through the Resilience and Food Security Program funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of Food for Peace. Since 2017, the program has emboldened communities to rehabilitate more than 4,570 miles of access roads, improve more than 195 classrooms and 40 health facilities, and create 287 water harvesting points with a combined capacity of more than 146 million gallons of water.

Thank you for your support!!!

You Are Called to Holiness

Please join us for a Day of Recollection and Conference on "You Are Called to Holiness" on Saturday, April 4th from 9:00 AM to 6:15 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia with the following speakers: His Eminence Raymond Cardinal Burke, D.D., J.C.D., Member and prefect Emeritus, Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura; the Most Reverend Joseph E. Strickland, J.C.L., Bishop of Tyler, Texas; and Rev. Gerald Dennis Gill, S.L.L., Director of the Office for Divine Worship and Rector and Pastor, Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. We will have Eucharistic Adoration and recitation of the Rosary and the presence of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. His Eminence Raymond Cardinal Burke will be the principal celebrant at the 5:15 PM Palm Sunday Vigil Mass in the Cathedral Basilica. The Cathedral Basilica Choir will sing at the Mass. Reservations are required. To download a flyer and registration form, please go to our website: www.stjohnneumannchapter.org. For more information, call 215-247-2585.

Saint John Vianney Pilgrimage - May 2020

Major Shrines of Portugal, Spain, and France with Fr. Bill Donovan. Join us for a life-changing trip as we visit the famous Marian Shrines of Lourdes (France,) Fatima (Portugal), as well as Santiago de Compostela, the greatest pilgrimage site of Spain. We'll also enjoy a visit to the lovely UNESCO city of Burgos and Loyola in Northern Spain. We'll be hosting a free informational meeting for all those who are interested on Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00pm at St. John Vianney Church. All are welcome. Please contact Matt Robinson, mrobinson@sjvgladwyne.com, for more information.

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, February 19, 2020 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**. For email inquiries, **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>
www.twitter.com/ArchPhilly
www.youtube.com/user/CatholicPhilly
<http://livestream.com/archphila>

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**.

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 Maryann 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.



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 or 610-664-3770, Ext 12.



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