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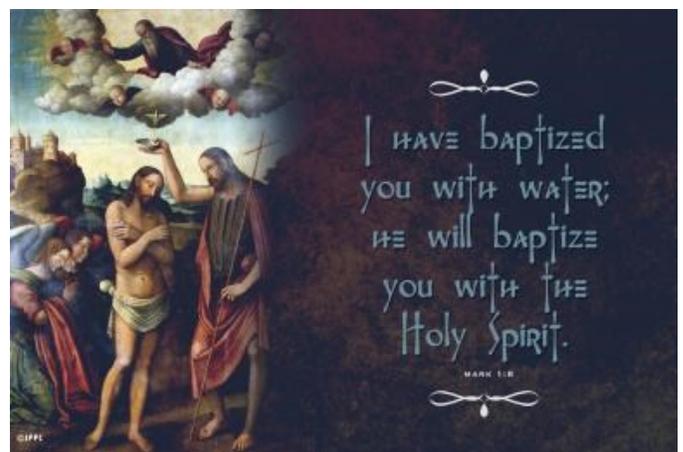
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MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

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.



BAPTISM OF THE LORD *JANUARY 10, 2021*



Schedule of Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:15 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 8:45, 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.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Many a joke has been told about the trial and tribulation that is part of most people's dealings with their state's Department of Motor Vehicles. My needs were twofold: buying a car from a private seller, and renewing my driver's license. Were I to tell you my whole story, including a suggestion from an official to "go have breakfast and we'll text you when it's near time for your spot in line to get serviced," I believe you might giggle a little and think how it resembled an episode of "Seinfeld."

My point in all this recall is to highlight the importance these days of carrying some proof on your person that you are who you claim to be. Today's feast celebrates the fact that at His baptism, Our Lord had no such need, for He received in spectacular fashion His authentication. God the Father said it in five words: "You are my beloved Son."

However, you and I cannot remain simple observers of a passing scene in this case. The fact that Jesus was baptized, and declared God's Son then and there brings to the fore a pair of religious obligations we all have inherited as a result of our own baptism.

First is that we take our baptism very seriously, far from being just a happy memory caught by a collection of posed pictures of us as infants at the font. Second, we must take seriously every facet of Christ's teaching in making decisions for action practically every day.

Most Catholic adults only confront the importance of their baptism when they visit the parish office seeking permission to be a godparent; or arranging a wedding; or setting up the baptism of their own new child.

The significance of this sacrament is the fact that it is the "gatekeeper" for the other six. It begins our full commitment to Christ, albeit made through our parents and godparents, waiting for us to make it on our own. This automatically means that we are called to full participation in the life of the Church He founded, and identified Himself with as its Head.

What are some aspects of our commitment? For one, we may have to decide on any given Sunday, do I go to Mass, or junior's soccer game? Do I opt for more sleep because I've had a hard week at work? Do I attend my daughter's Confirmation class on Saturday or go instead to a ballet performance? Basic items but real cases. And those are only the beginning.

Our baptism gave us our permanent identity and it involves far more than a cleansing from original sin. I leave it up to you to research the whole beautiful treatment of the sacrament given by the Church from her earliest days. Refresh your earlier learning by finding online the beautiful truths presented by the official Church catechism.

Meanwhile, here is rich food for thought from C.S. Lewis, one of the best exponents of the Christian faith: "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen. Not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

God love you and give you His peace.

MONDAY, January 11
7:00 AM Sally Grey

TUESDAY, January 12
7:00 AM Charlotte Croce

WEDNESDAY, January 13
7:00 AM Ignatius Lo

THURSDAY, January 14
7:00 AM Kathleen Valentine

FRIDAY, January 15
7:00 AM Kathleen Valentine

SATURDAY, January 16
8:00 AM Deceased Members of
The Kienlen Family



THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
KAREN COLETTA DeGENNARO.

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 27, 2020: \$ 6,864
Collection in Church: \$ 2,389
Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 665
Mail In: \$ 1,445
Parish On Line: \$ 2,365
Envelopes: 131

The Weekend of December 29, 2019: \$7,291.

Weekend of January 3, 2021: \$ 8,758
Collection in Church: \$ 3,255
Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 631
Mail In: \$ 3,090
Parish On Line: \$ 1,782
Envelopes: 157

Collection for Solemnity of Mary: \$1,464

The Weekend of January 5, 2020: \$18,466.

Christmas Collection 2020: \$79,502

Christmas Collection 2019: \$61,726

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

Msgr. Dougherty

Parish Theme for 2020-2021

Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer

From the Pastor

Baptism of the Lord – Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. At his baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, the voice of God the Father proclaimed from the heavens, “This is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests.” And the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove. These dramatic occurrences made clear that Jesus was the Son of God sent to reveal God to us and bring us God’s saving grace by sharing his life with us. The Baptism of the Lord helps us to understand our own baptism. Through baptism we become in Christ adopted sons of the Father. We are filled with the life of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. After his baptism the Lord began his public ministry of healing and teaching and bringing the love of God to all. As we celebrate the baptism of the Lord, we rejoice in our own baptism. We are mindful that we share in divine life and are called to let the light of God’s goodness shine through our words and deeds. May we be true to the astounding gift of our baptism by faithfully following our Lord and proclaiming his kingdom of justice, love and peace.

Work on Sanctuary Floor – The repair of the marble floor in the sanctuary will begin this week. After the repairs are done this week, the plan is for the floor to be polished next week. We are looking forward to the completion of this work. We will be able to appreciate better and enjoy the beauty of our sanctuary as a fitting setting for the worship of God and the reception of his bountiful grace, especially through the celebration of the Eucharist.

Father Cossavella – Father Anthony Cossavella is now residing at St. Margaret rectory for a time. He is a friend of mine and is in between assignments. He will be ordained forty years this year, and he is spending some time here for rest and relaxation before receiving his next assignment.

Pastoral Council - The Council will meet by Zoom on Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 pm.

Liturgy Committee – This Committee will be meeting by Zoom on Tuesday, January 19 at 6:00 pm

Christmas Collection – Many thanks for your great generosity at Christmas! We have collected almost \$80,000. Last year’s total was \$61,000, so we surpassed that by quite a bit. We really needed the help in this year of the pandemic and I appreciate your rising to the occasion. May God bless you all for your faithful support of our Parish.

Saint Charles Seminary Appeal – it is not too late to support the 2020 Seminary Appeal, which began in November. You can make your donation in the envelope you received at home or donate at stcharlesseminaryappeal.org. Also, extra envelopes are available in the vestibule of Church. For 2019, 99 of our households donated a total of \$23,913. For 2020, thus far, 92 households have donated a total of \$25,476. Once again, thank you for your generosity to the 2020 collection, for already surpassing the 2019 total.

Parish Theme for 2020-2021 (Rejoice in hope; endure in affliction; persevere in prayer.) – Today’s Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. All those who came to worship the Christ child were renewed in hope. The presence of the Lord among us lifted their spirits and helped them to see that the love of God is stronger than any difficulties and able to overcome any darkness. We have worshipped the Lord in a special way this Christmas Season and now we go forward with great hope and a deeper love for Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. We place our trust in him.

Church Teaching: Sunday Mass – The dies Domini (day of the Lord) is also the dies Ecclesiae (day of the Church). This is why on the pastoral level the community aspect of the Sunday celebration should be particularly stressed. As I have noted elsewhere, among the many activities of a parish, “none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord’s Day and his Eucharist.” Mindful of this, the Second Vatican Council recalled that efforts must be made to ensure that there is “within the parish, a lively sense of community, in the first place through the community celebration of Sunday Mass.” (from the Apostolic Letter “Keeping the Lord’s Day Holy” by Saint John Paul II)

Spiritual Thought – All life demands struggle. Those who have everything given to them become lazy, selfish and insensitive to the real values of life. The very striving and hard work that we so constantly try to avoid is the major building block in the person we are today. (Saint Paul VI)



St Margaret School

St. Margaret's School held virtual classes the week of January 4-8, 2021, and will return to in-person learning on Monday, January 11, 2021

Upcoming Events

Starting Mon., January 11, 2021 or Wed., Jan 13, 2021 or Fri., Jan 15, 2021 (Choose which day/time of the week works best for you.)

Event: Hearing God's Voice through Deeper Prayer Life (4-Part Series)

Do you desire to hear God's voice? Do you long to be filled up by Him, led by Him, and live a dynamic relationship with the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit? Join one of Catholic Christian Outreach founders, Andre Regnier, as he leads us toward the deep prayer life that we all desire in a weekly 1 hour video call.

Location: Virtual Via ZOOM. **Enroll for FREE:** <https://forms.gle/D1PNT8FDegymDie1A>.

Saturday, January 23, 2021 - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Event: Philadelphia March for Life (first-ever!)

With the Annual March for Life in Washington, DC being extremely limited by COVID restrictions, join us instead for a March for Life in Philadelphia. Come and give joy-filled witness to the dignity and sanctity of human life from conception to natural death!

Schedule: 9:00 AM Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul followed by a March, ending with a rally on Independence Mall. Event will conclude at 1:00 PM.

More info: <https://www.prolifeunion.org/2021-mfl>.

Friday, January 29, 2021

Event: March for Life, Washington, DC

For information on the national march, visit <https://marchforlife.org/>. For all those who are unable to attend the March for Life in Washington DC this year, you are invited to celebrate Mass on Friday, January 29th at 10 am with Archbishop Pérez at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Philadelphia. Contact the Office for Life and Family for more information:

<http://phillycatholiclife.org/>.



Casseroles for St. John's Hospice

Recipe # 3 will be collected Wednesday morning of this week, January 13, between 9 and 9:30 AM at St. Margaret School Parking Lot. Pans are available in the vestibule if you would like to participate.

You can also support the efforts of St. John's Hospice to continue to provide life-sustaining support to those experiencing homelessness by donating at:

<http://saintjohnshospice.org/>



Come and See Events begin in January 2021 and are designed for young men (high school age and above) who are discerning the priesthood.

Come and See Events are available for high school men (single day program) and post-high school men (overnight). These events are held monthly between January and March 2021. Specific dates are listed below - to register for one of these events, please visit Heedthecall.org/comeandsee or contact Fr. DeLacy at fr.sdelacy@archphila.org.

High School Days of Discernment

Sunday, January 17, 2021
Saturday, February 20, 2021
Saturday, March 13, 2021

Post-High School Overnights

January 22-23, 2021
February 26-27, 2021
March 19-20, 2021

RETROUVAILLE

***REDISCOVER THE LOVE
IN YOUR MARRIAGE***



Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 12 - 14, 2021, at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Suspended until further notice.

Weekend Mass Schedule January 16-17

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, January 16

Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, January 17

7:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

8:45 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

10:00 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

11:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

Dear St. Margaret Church Congregation,

Even during the pandemic, there is much to celebrate. Two weeks ago, a family moved into their new apartment. This single mom of three very rambunctious girls worked together with them to pack their belongings to move into their new home just a few blocks away from the IHN-ML Day Center. As the children helped carry things down the Day Center's stairs you could hear them asking, "Mommy is today moving day?" "Are we going to our new house?" "Yay!"

On behalf of the board of directors of *Interfaith Hospitality Network*, and especially on behalf of the families we serve, thank you for your support and generous donation of \$585.00, Thanksgiving collection. This funding comes at a time of great need and will make a significant impact on the lives of the families we serve. The recently graduated mom is happy to know she still has people who care about her and the girls as she takes the next step in her journey.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fulfilling the Church's mission of mercy and the gospel call to love others as we love God, The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection funds Catholic agencies that work for the benefit of our brothers and sisters around the world. In providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims of atrocities such as human trafficking, the organizations supported by the CRS collection act from their belief that every individual is an equal heir of Christ's love and care.

The annual Catholic Relief Services collection challenges American Catholics to put their faith into action and to see "Jesus in disguise" in the faces of the poor, and to support ongoing efforts to respond to their needs. The funds collected support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life. A small amount from the collection is retained by the Archdiocese to help cover local efforts to promote the collection.

The collection will be taken up in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia the weekend of January 16 and 17, 2021. The American Catholic community, and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in particular, have always responded very generously to this annual collection.

I am grateful to you for your compassionate response. May you be blessed for your faithfulness in living the Gospel and recognizing Jesus in those in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



St. Margaret Church is open from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM on Saturday, and 7:15 AM to 1:30 PM on Sunday.

A Little Humor – There are many theories on why humans even need to sleep, but I'm pretty sure it is to charge our phones.



Online Giving - Saint Margaret

Parish has arranged a convenient and secure method of online giving. You can set up 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>.

This is an easy way to continue to support your parish both during the COVID-19 pandemic and going forward. Thank you!



Learn more about St. Margaret School!

Our 4 year old prekindergarten through 8th grade continues to grow strong faith, develop outstanding character and offer exceptional academics in our unparalleled community. Learn more through an online inquiry and virtual tour today. Request more information: bit.ly/382vTAU or visit our website: [smsnarberth.org](https://www.smsnarberth.org).

We welcome Prekindergarten 4 year olds and Full Day Kindergarten applications after a virtual tour | meeting. Contact our Admissions/Advancement Director at 610-664-2640 ext 2 or at info@smsnarberth.org. We look forward to hearing from you, to engage our parish community in Catholic education at its best!

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 13, 2021 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/ArchbishopPerez>
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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