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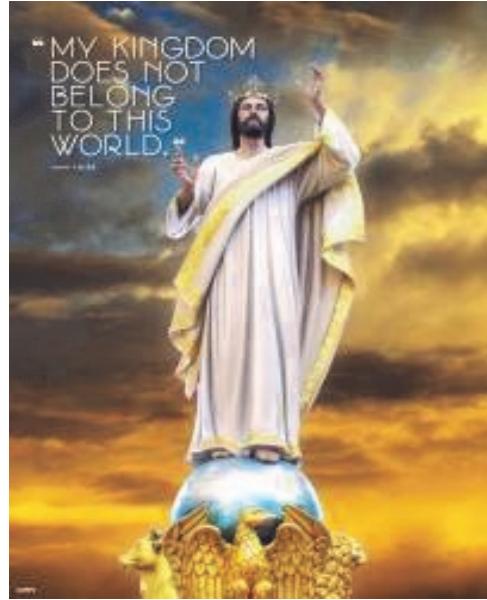
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*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 25, 2018*



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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: 5:15PM

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.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read a portion of the passion from the Gospel of John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday.

In John's Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favorable light than in the other Gospels. In today's reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse, Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again we hear echoes of John's theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 26

7:00 AM Marie McCloskey

TUESDAY, November 27

7:00 AM Bizzarri & Speranzo Families

WEDNESDAY, November 28

7:00 AM Vincent Davis

THURSDAY, November 29

7:00 AM Louise & Robert Urbani

FRIDAY, November 30

7:00 AM Denis D'Souza

SATURDAY, December 1

8:00 AM Joseph Kelso, Sr.

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

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Due to the early deadline, the Stewardship report will be in the next bulletin.



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/>

Church Teaching: Prayer of Thanksgiving

As in prayer of petition, every event and need can become an offering of thanksgiving. The letters of St. Paul often begin and end with thanksgiving and the Lord Jesus is always present in it: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you;" Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."

A Little Humor - The man walked over to the perfume counter and told the clerk he would like a bottle of Christian Dior for his wife's birthday. "A little surprise, eh?" asked the clerk. "Yes," replied the man. "She's expecting a cruise."

From the Pastor

Solemnity of Christ the King - This weekend is the last Sunday of the Church Year, on which the Church always celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. This Solemnity is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Church Year because all of the Church Year is meant to lead us to a deeper faith in Jesus Christ as the King of all the Universe and the one deserving of all our honor and praise. This deeper faith in Jesus brings us to a greater commitment to loving and serving the Lord and making him the center of our lives. We come before Christ the King today to pay him homage, place our trust in him and rejoice in his love for us.

Honor for Dolores Lopresti - Our second grade teacher at St. Margaret School will be honored this Thursday, November 29, at a Banquet hosted by the Montgomery County Foundation for Catholic Education. Miss Lopresti is in her 43rd year of teaching at our School. We are so glad that she is being recognized for her enduring devotion to the students of our School. She has been an outstanding educator and encouraging presence for all her students and a great example of living our faith with joy and devotion.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection - Next weekend, December 1-2, the second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This collection helps to support the many religious who served so faithfully for so many years and are now in need of our help as they face the challenges of aging. Your donation is a way of expressing thanks and love to them for all that they have done in serving our needs and strengthening our faith.

Choir Christmas Concert - Mark your calendars. Our St. Margaret Choir will give their annual Christmas Concert on Friday, December 14 at 7:00pm in the Church. Come and enter into an appreciation of the birth of Our Lord through the beautiful and inspiring music of our Choir.

Fall Census and Collection - Thank you to all who have responded to our Annual Fall Census and Collection. To date, the Collection has reached \$35,780. We are hoping to finish with a little more than last year's total of \$49,860. If you have not yet returned the census form and made a donation, please consider contributing to this important Collection that helps us obtain the needed resources to fulfill our Parish goals and responsibilities.



HOLIDAY ETHICAL TRADE SALE DEC. 1 & 2 CRAFTS - COFFEE - CHOCOLATE - TEA !!!

The holidays are fast approaching! Our parish Peace and Justice Committee will once again host a Catholic Relief Services Holiday Ethical Trade Sale of lovely crafts, coffee, tea, chocolate and hot chocolate in the school cafeteria after all Masses on the weekend of Dec. 1 & 2. These products make great Christmas gifts! Proceeds benefit the poor of the world.

Benefits of Buying Fair Trade:

- Guarantees fair wages to disadvantaged artisans, farmers and workers.
- Provides the technical and financial assistance that poor people so desperately need but so rarely get in the conventional trading system.
- Makes a strong connection with hardworking but impoverished workers around the world.
- Returns human dignity to people just like us.

Lankenau Ministry Next Sunday, December 2, 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 try to exchange with someone. It is very important to get a replacement.

Open House and Christmas Concert at the Seminary
Please mark your calendars and save the date (Sunday, December 9) for our annual Open House and Christmas Concert, featuring our seminarian choir. The Open House and seminary tours begin at 1:00 pm and the concert begins at 4:00 pm in our St. Martin of Tours Chapel.

Spiritual Thought - Meekness, the greatest of virtues, is reckoned among the beatitudes. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land." For the blessed land, the heavenly Jerusalem, is not the spoil of warriors who have conquered, but the hoped-for inheritance of the meek, who patiently endure the evils of this life. (St. Basil the Great)

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of November 25, 2018
Pam Owsik 610-610-659-7021
Please call as early in the week as possible.

Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we review the history of the Catholic Church in the United States, we are aware of the example and contribution of outstanding men and women in consecrated religious life. Here in our own Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Saint John Neumann and Saint Katharine Drexel stand out prominently and we revere their memory. These two notable figures invite us to reflect upon the ministry and service of those unsung consecrated religious, so very many throughout the decades, that have built up our local Church.

These consecrated persons, men and women, have lived out their sacred calling in exemplary fashion. By their service in education, health ministry, caring for the most needy, and contemplative life they have been visible instruments of God's grace. Living out daily their faithful commitment, they have enabled persons of every background to accept and rejoice in the Gospel.

With gratitude for their dedicated service and yet recognizing the situation confronting so many congregations with declining vocations and caring for their senior members, each year our Archdiocese participates in the national Retirement Fund for Religious Collection. This collection provides an opportunity for us to demonstrate gratitude and personal concern for how they have affected each of us.

As Archbishop and as a Religious, I ask prayers for our consecrated persons who strive to live out their special calling. Likewise, I encourage your generous support for this national collection scheduled for December 1-2, 2018. May the Lord reward your generosity and may His peace fill your hearts.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap
Archbishop of Philadelphia

The Chestnut Foundation

Please join us at our *Jolly Holiday Fundraiser and Auction*, Friday, December 7, 2018 from 7 to 11pm. Auction, Dancing and all you can eat and drink. Casey's Saloon and Restaurant, 812 Lansdowne Ave., Drexel Hill, Pa 19126. Cost: Adults \$42, Children \$15. Children under 10 free. Santa will be there from 7 to 9pm. If you cannot come to the party, please consider making a donation to The Chestnut Foundation, 134 Kenilworth Rd., Merion, PA 19006 to support the care of children with disabilities.

Merion Mercy Academy, a Catholic independent all girls high school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a short-term substitute Spanish teacher. The position will begin on January 3, 2019 and conclude by April 8, 2019. Degree required. Experience and certification preferred. Qualified applicants are asked to email a cover letter and resume by Monday, December 3rd or until position has been filled to Mary Ann Danovich, at madanovich@merion-mercy.com or call 610-664-6655 for more information.

Mercedarian Third Order invites you to Christmas for the Holy Land

Event Benefits: Select to Give Foundation and Mercedarian works of charity
<http://www.selecttoggive.org>

Date: Saturday, December 1, 2018

Time 6:30 to 10:00pm

Location: Ivy Hall, 6331 Lancaster Ave., Philadelphia

Tickets: \$25 in advance (\$30 at the door)

Middle Eastern Food & Dessert Included (BYOB)

Entertainment: DJ Trisha Silvestri & Karaoke

Also: Raffles, Auction Items and more

For tickets: Call 215-473-1669 or email

thirdorderofmercy@gmail.com

Win a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land January 15-24,

2019. Land and Air Included, Tour Sites includes: Tel Aviv, Cana, Nazareth, Mt. Tabor, Galilee, Korazim, Jericho, Dead Sea, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Shepherd's Field, Bethany, Mt. of Olives, Mt. Zion Via Dolorosa, Temple Mount, Wailing Wall, Sharing The Bread Dinner, Old Town Jerusalem, Ein Karem. Call 215-473-1669 or email thirdorderofmercy@gmail.com. Raffle Tickets: \$25 each (5 for \$100).

Facing separation?

Divorce?

Remarried yet need annulment?

Know someone who is in this difficulty?

The St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith can help. This is a collaborative apostolate of the Mercedarian Religious Order (Orderofmercy.org) offering healing services, resources and accompaniment to families and individuals in need of support in challenging times especially related to separation and divorce. Learn more at www.nonnatus.org. Call or text us at 215-870-9913.

St. Margaret School will begin accepting applicants for Prekindergarten 4 year old and Full Day

Kindergarten. Applicants for grades 1 to 8 are considered on an individual basis. St. Margaret School accepts parish members and the area Catholics as a priority with early application. We invite you to learn more with a visit to school while in session on a Walk in Wednesday from 9am to 12 noon. If you would like to visit on another day / time. Please email: info@smsnarberth.org to make arrangements.

St Margaret School

SMS BAND NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to participate in the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Festival Band/Honor Band:

Honor Band: **Matt Norton and Joseph Zanoni**

Festival Band: **Alexander Moritz and Charlie Coyne**

Happy Birthday and Thank You to Demetri Staparounas (gr 5)!! This is the sixth year in a row that Demetri has asked classmates to bring books for library instead of presents for himself to his birthday party. The whole school benefits from your generosity.

FOX NEWS VISITS SMS It was an exciting week at Saint Margaret's School! Jenaphr Frederick from Fox 29 came to visit SMS on Tuesday, November 13th for a Holiday Toy Preview with students from grades 1-8. Cassie Slane, a Consumer Product Expert, joined her as they showed all the new holiday toys to our students and got their reactions. The students were excited to get to preview and play with the new toys before the Christmas season and to be featured on the Fox Morning Show that day.

WINTER SMS SPIRITWEAR H&S will be selling winter Spiritwear. These will be perfect Christmas gifts for families and friends; items include flannel pajamas, sweatshirts, hats and other warm items. There is a link on our website for ordering.

Message from Marketing and Development

Matching Gifts Double the Donations

Did you know that many employers match donations to our school? These funds contribute to many events throughout the year from the Walkathon, Tuition Assistance, Grandparent Day, Our Highest priority, Smart Panels & Technology or BlueFest. Check with your employers and be sure to notify Anne Becker, Advancement Director, with your gift and matching gift. All checks / donations should be mailed to the Advancement Director, and from there will be designated as donors have directed. This makes it easier for Matching Gifts to be confirmed and support our school. **Contributions will be acknowledged and certainly make a difference for our great little school.** THANK YOU IN ADVANCE for all you do to make every donation support St. Margaret School.



Box Tops for Education - Please help St. Margaret School by clipping and saving your Box Tops. This is such an easy way to put money into our school's pocket. Thank you and let's keep clipping!

Used Cartridges - If you have any used cartridges, please send them in to school office. Great way to earn rewards for our school to earn rewards.

Please feel free to drop off at school or place in back of the church. Thank you for your support!



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

**Mercy Neighborhood Ministries,
Narberth Food Bank and
Housing for Haiti**

You will be able to drop off your wrapped gift(s) to the Antioch Annex Sunday, December 16, Monday, December 17 and Tuesday, December 18.

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

Scrip Cards for Mercy Ministries and Narberth Food Bank 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.

Main Line Singles Dinner Club (AGES 52-66)

Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join and share common interests & dine together twice a month. Our next scheduled events are:

(Sat) Nov. 24th at 5:45 PM (Post Thanksgiving House Party at a member's home in Haverford)

(Sun) Dec 9th at 5:30 PM (Christmas Restaurant Event at "The Choice Restaurant" located at 845 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr)

(Mon) Dec. 31st (Our New Year's Eve Restaurant Event at 9:00 PM at Stephen's On State Restaurant, located at 105 W. State St., Media.) For more information, please call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic Men are encouraged to participate.

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 Thursday, December 13, 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. 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 cuhn@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.

EUCARIST 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 *812.



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