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*The Holy Family of Jesus
Mary and Joseph
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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.**



The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

There is a charm in making a stew, to the unaccustomed cook, from the excitement of wondering what the result will be, and whether any flavor save that of onions will survive the competition in the mixture." So wrote Annie Besant, the British philosopher, socialist writer and activist who died in 1933. For her, it was certainly a down to earth topic.

Recently I took on the challenge of cooking up a good beef stew of my own with the help of a good online recipe and a long-shelved slow cooker. I must say that the aroma from the kitchen lasted most of the day and did its part assisting the furnace in providing an overall warmth on a gray and drizzly day.

By now you are probably wondering what all this talking about stew has to do with talking about today's feast of the Holy Family. To begin, just as a hearty stew brings together a mix of vegetables, so our families gather together a group of differing personalities with their gifts and quirks, to blend into a contribution that graces our whole human society.

St. Paul, in his Letter to the Colossians read today makes another kind of "stew" by naming the gifts that blend together and make Christian family life possible. It is good for us to pay attention to his ideas, as this beautiful feast occurs amid the celebration of Christmas. Like no other time of year, this season brings the family together, often enough these days from far flung places, to rekindle relationships or perhaps heal them, and then to place knees under the one table for meals.

There are enough somewhat nasty jokes and cynical comments out there avowing that all families are in some way dysfunctional. Yes, and most of us laugh as we view the Chevy Chase classic Christmas movie about the messy holiday happenings with the Griswolds. We may feel an unspoken relief that as crazy as our own extended family may be, we're not that bad by comparison.

Our Church would rather ask us today to look at the very special model we call the Holy Family. This is not that we are to be frustrated by their perfection as much as we can be inspired by their virtues.

Above all this stands the marvelous truth that when God Himself came from His heaven to our earth for a life-saving visit, He did it as member of a family. When He preached His revelatory message, it was to tell us that we have a loving Father who wants us to be united as a family. At the end of His life, while hanging ignominiously on a cross, He capped off His mission by giving us all a perfect spiritual Mother to complement our earthly one.

So this is a meaningful feast, placed right where it should be on the Church calendar. Coming at the end of the old year and right before the new one, it offers all of us the opportunity to amend our past faults and resolve to change in the future. That may be the best way to part as everybody heads for their planes, trains, or automobiles without being (dare I say it?) "in a stew."

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, December 31

7:00 AM Robert & Louise Urbani
5:15 PM Vigil- Falcone, Gaudini
& Myers Families

TUESDAY, January 1 Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God

7:30 AM William Carey
10:00 AM Joseph S. Cain
11:30 AM Joseph Anthony Hayden

WEDNESDAY, January 2

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of
Cain, Stevens & Cronin Families

THURSDAY, January 3

7:00 AM Angelo Bovo

FRIDAY, January 4

7:00 AM John Mariscotti

SATURDAY, January 5

8:00 AM Ann Marie & Stanley Tarnoski

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 Dec 9, 2018: \$9,888
Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 803
Mail In: \$1,430
Parish On Line: \$1,895
Envelopes: 230

Weekend of December 10, 2017:\$12,930

The Weekend Collection of Dec 16, 2018: \$8,921
Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 803
Mail In: \$1,405
Parish On Line: \$1,125
Envelopes: 213

Weekend of December 17: \$ 11,224

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

Holy Family Sunday - The Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day is designated by the Church as Holy Family Sunday. We honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Birth of Our Lord Jesus into a family highlights the sanctity and importance of family life. Jesus came to sanctify us and he chose to share his holiness with us through his participation in the life of a family. An important responsibility we assume as followers of Christ is to actively engage in the life of our families through mutual support, encouragement, kindness and patience. In one of the Gospel stories Jesus heals a man and he wants to follow on the way with the Lord, but the Lord tells him to go to home to his family and proclaim the goodness of God there. Our first place of charity is in our families. It is in our families that we need to make a special effort to convey the goodness of God to one another. Jesus spent most of his earthly life with his family in Nazareth. May we seek always to love and honor our families through imitating the love shared within the Holy Family.

January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, a Holyday of Obligation - New Year's Day, January 1, has several aspects. It is the Octave (Eighth Day) of the Nativity of Our Lord, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, the World Day of Prayer for Peace, and the beginning of a new calendar year. January 1 is a Holyday of Obligation. We will use the Sunday schedule. Masses will be offered at 5:15 pm on Monday, December 31 and at 7:30, 10:00 and 11:30 am on Tuesday, January 1. January 1 completes the special eight day period of solemn and joyful celebration of the Birth of Our Savior, honors Mary who accepted the important role of bringing Christ into the world as his mother, and as the beginning of a new year, is a special time to pray for peace and to turn to the Lord in prayer to give him thanks for the gift of last year and to ask for his blessing on the year ahead. Join us at Holy Mass to begin the New Year prayerfully before God.

Holy Hour for Vocations - On Sunday, January 6 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm, St. Margaret Church will host the Deanery 6 holy hour for vocations to the priesthood. This Deanery is comprised of the Catholic Churches in our area. Every Deanery in the Archdiocese will be celebrating a Holy Hour to pray that the Lord will raise up men to accept the call to the priesthood and serve the needs of the people of God in our Archdiocese. Your presence and prayers at the Holy Hour will be a source of inspiration and a powerful way of helping to provide priests for the Catholic Church in our Archdiocese.

Knights of Columbus - The Knights of Columbus, an organization for Catholic men and their families, are seeking to begin a Chapter here at St. Margaret Parish. A representative from the Knights will be speaking at all the Masses on the weekend of January 5-6. He will be asking our men to prayerfully consider becoming a Knight. This organization performs charitable works and is a source of mutual support in learning and living the faith for Catholic men. There will an information night regarding the Knights of Columbus at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 8 in the Antioch Annex.

Sabbatical for Studies for Father Guckin - Father Guckin, who works for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as the Director of Catholic Mission and Identity for Secondary and Collegiate Education, resides here at St. Margaret Rectory. Beginning January 6, Father Guckin has been granted a six month sabbatical for continuing education. He will be traveling to California to study the life and work Father Junipero Serra, who died in 1784 and served as a missionary in the Western part of the United States. We wish Father all the best on his sabbatical.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of December 3, 2018,

Robert Ritzco 610-649-3973

Please call as early in the week as possible.

Spiritual Thought - Righteousness is the natural and essential food of the soul, which can no more be satisfied by earthly treasures than the hunger of the body can be satisfied by air. (St. Bernard of Clairvaux)

Catholic Teaching: Family Life - The family is the original cell of social life. It is the natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life. Authority, stability and a life of relationships within the family constitute the foundation for freedom, security and fraternity within society. The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society. (from The Catechism of the Catholic Church)

A Little Humor: Raising the Children - Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children. Now I have six children and not theories.

Saint Colman Parish - Parish Secretary needed. Please send resume to Rev John Ames, Saint Colman Parish, 11 Simpson Rd., Ardmore, PA 19003



Faith in Action

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting an open house on Tuesday, January 8th in the Antioch Annex at 7:00 PM. Refreshments will be served. All members of the parish are invited to attend this event. Come out, greet old friends and make new ones. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, Family, Fraternity, and Service organization of 1.9 million members built on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Its main purpose is to strengthen parish life, support its members and the church and provide an organization where families can come together to share their beliefs and socialize. Msgr. Dougherty asks that all eligible men consider becoming a member of the Knights, an organization described by the Vatican as "the strong right arm of the Church." In the interim feel free visit the Knights of Columbus website at www.kofc.org

Main Line Health Smoke Free Program - FREE six week tobacco treatment program that covers stress management, healthy eating, non-smoking strategies, problem solving and coping skills.

Bryn Mawr Hospital Community Health Services - Thursdays, January 10, 17*, 24, 31, February 7, 14. 933 Haverford Rd., Bryn Mawr, Lower Level, Conference Room A (*Conference Room C) 2-3:30pm.

Radnor Memorial Library - Saturdays, January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16 - 114 West Wayne Ave., Wayne. Small Group Room 3 - 10:00am to 11:30 pm. To register for any program, 484-227-FREE.

The Main Line Singles Dinner Club (Ages 52-66)

Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join The Main Line Singles Dinner Club to dine together & share common interests twice a month. Our next scheduled events are (Sat.) Jan 6th, at 5:30 P.M. our "Post Christmas/New Year's House Party" at a member's home in Havertown. (Sun.) Feb. 4th at 5:00 PM, Super Bowl Sunday House Party at a member's home in Havertown. More info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.

Volunteer Thank You Dinner

In gratitude for all service to St. Margaret Parish, it is our honor to cordially invite all parish volunteers and a guest to our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at St. Margaret Parish. We thank them for their devoted time and effort in making St. Margaret Parish a wonderful place to experience the love of Christ and our community.

**Saturday, January 26, 2019, Mass at 5:15 PM in church, including a blessing for all volunteers
Dinner at 6:15 PM-8:30 PM, St. Margaret School Gym, including keynote speaker**

RSVP - Volunteers have received an email regarding the dinner and are asked to please email Robert Cermignano at faith@saintmarg.org no later than Friday, December 14 with your name and the name of your guest. If you are a volunteer who has not received an invite please email faith@saintmarg.org.



RETROUVAILLE... A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGES **Rediscover in Your Marriage!**

Is your marriage going down the right road...or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Is your marriage hurting? Do you feel helpless? Hopeless? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples who can help you re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought you together, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille can help heal your marriage, as it has for tens of thousands of couples throughout the world. **The next program begins on the weekend of February 8-10 at the Family Life Center in Malvern.** Additional weekends will be held in April and August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Feast Day Retreat

Saturday, February 2, 2019. Full Day Retreat
Presentation of Our Lord & Candlemas Day.
St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Media.
Mass 8:30 am - Ends 2:30 pm
www.flameoflove.us

St Margaret School



To All of our friends and family of St. Margaret,
Wishing you the gift of Peace
To soothe your soul and smooth your way...
Wishing you the gift of Joy
To brighten up your life each day...
Wishing you the gift of Faith
To see His Promise shining clear
Wishing you the love of Christ
To guard and guide you through the coming year
Wishing you all the wonderful gift of Christmas

Mrs. Johnston and the Faculty at St. Margaret School

Happy 2019 NEW YEAR - may it be filled with much joy and happiness!

SMS UPCOMING EVENT

Please note the date change for the SMS TRIVIA NIGHT! The original date was on a holiday weekend (MLK weekend), so as we have been advertising in the newsletter the event has been moved up a week to the 12th. Start gathering your friends and join us for some fun.

Questions: Email Eileen Coyne at eecoyne22@yahoo.com

St. Margaret Trivia Night 2019

Saturday, January 12

Join us for a chance to win the coveted Golden Brain Trophy!

St. Margaret School has begun accepting applications 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.

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, January 10, 2019 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 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.



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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