

# ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH

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## Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 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.**



## Second Sunday of Advent

### Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

There is nothing like a straightaway. I refer to a stretch of road that beckons a driver to wed the wheels to an accelerator in full power. "Pedal to the medal" as we say. I ought to know the truth of this because I live near a straightaway, and I have to use it often enough for travel, albeit with my eyes alert for amateur drag racers. For more drivers than I care to count, the speed limit signs are just ornaments. On temperate nights, with my bedroom windows open, I can hear the T-Rex roar of their engines even three blocks away. I imagine frightened nearby deer making U-turns away into a deeper retreat from the macadam madness.

The Scriptural straightaway that forms part of John the Baptist's mission is of an entirely different order. It doesn't involve speed or noise or ignoring of the laws of speed and courtesy. Instead, his is a figurative royal highway paved for the feet of the Messiah, as He makes His entry into mission. Later on, it will be the road for pilgrims of faith who will walk behind Him. Hopefully that includes all of us.

During this first half of Advent, before the Church retells us the wondrous tale of Christ's historical birth, she wants us to remain fully aware of His adult mission. As the Anointed One, the Savior of the world, His calling is actually more significant than His Bethlehem birth. We are involved with our baptismal obligation to carry out His mission twenty-one centuries later.

Surely there are obstacles on John's ideal straightaway. Some of them are of our own making. Others are Satan's projects. He above all does not want us ever to follow Jesus. Together, they slow down our progress. That very deceleration can be so pronounced and discouraging that we are tempted to take a detour away from Christ, and these days also from His Church.

What are these roadblocks? None other than temptations to selfishness and sin. Casting about looking for Easy Street as our route of choice through life. Admittedly, the spiritual straightaway is narrow and at times features potholes and faulty paving.

Advent is the season for "highway repair." Only afterwards can we really find our way back to the truth. Then we come to the simple stable scene and begin with a kind of rebirth.

The "detours" so many of us take throughout the year is a reason why "we need a little Christmas", as Auntie Mame sang. The great saving event of Christ's life, made available to us through the sacraments He established, and which endure through His Church's actions, are the only guaranteed way by which we will all arrive safely at our true home. Curves will straighten and detours be avoided through God's saving grace. In the end, maybe it's best to get out of our imaginary "cars" altogether to complete our mission to others seeking truth. The reason: "People are guided to heaven more by footprints than by guideposts."

## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, December 10**

7:00 AM Anthony De Nardo

**TUESDAY, December 11**

7:00 AM Evelyn Kazeniak, 1st Anniv.

**WEDNESDAY, December 12**

7:00 AM Mark W. Vita

**THURSDAY, December 13**

7:00 AM Mike & Marion Morley

**FRIDAY, December 14**

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

**SATURDAY, December 15**

8:00 AM Thomas Woods

**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 2, 2018: \$11,749**

**Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 803**

**Mail In: \$ 3,230**

**Parish On Line: \$ 750**

**Envelopes: 225**

**Collection for Retirement of the Religious: \$2,328**

**Weekend of December 3, 2017: \$10,388**

**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

**Spiritual Thought** - Active waiting for the Lord means not allowing ourselves to be lulled into purely private interests in our homes, but donating our attention, time, and talents. It implies sharing our strengths and accepting our weaknesses in our parishes, schools, community work, and in society. (Joseph Cardinal Bernardin)

### From the Pastor

**Hope** - This is the virtue particularly emphasized during the Season of Advent. The Lord does not remain distant from us. He comes to us to share his life and give us his saving grace. The Lord was born in the darkness of the night. No matter how dark the circumstances of our lives may seem, we can have hope. The Lord comes to us; we can trust in his love and place our hope in him.

**Advent Confessions** - Some extra times for Confession have been scheduled for the Advent Season. In addition to the regular times, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available: on Wednesday, December 12 from 7-8pm, and Wednesday, December 19 from 7-8pm. Advent is a good time to prepare the way of the Lord by repenting of our sins and being forgiven so that the Lord can come to us and give us his peace, strength and joy.

**Presentation of the Gifts** - We want to give everyone the opportunity to volunteer to bring up the gifts of bread and wine at our Sunday Masses. There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule. Please consider signing up to bring up the gifts. The people who perform this important liturgical action represent the entire community's desire to unite ourselves with Christ and offer our lives for the glory of God and the service of others.

**Christmas Concert** - Our choir will offer their annual Christmas concert at 7:00 pm on Friday, December 14 in the Church. The Concert is a fitting way to turn our hearts to the Lord through the power of spiritually inspiring music.

**Giving Tree** - Many thanks to all those who took tags from the Giving Tree in order to provide some Christmas gifts and assistance for the needy. The gifts can be brought to the Antioch Annex from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on Sunday, December 16, Monday, December 17 or Tuesday, December 18. May God bless your generosity.

**PREP Christmas Pageant** - The students in our Parish Religious Education Program will perform their Annual Christmas Pageant at 8:30 am in the Church on next Sunday, December 16. The pageant will be followed by a party in the School Cafeteria.

**Blood Drive** - We are hosting Red Cross Blood Drive in our School Cafeteria on Thursday, December 27 from 2:30 - 7:30 pm. To register, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter the sponsor keyword: st margaret rc church, or call 1-800-Red-Cross. Thank you for considering serving the sick by donating blood..

#### HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

**Week of December 9, 2018**

**Pam Owsik 610-659-7021**

**Please call as early in the week as possible.**



**St. John's Hospice** - Casseroles for St. John's Hospice, Recipe #2 will be collected Wednesday morning of this week, December 12 between 9 and 9:30am at St. Margaret School Parking Lot. Pans are available in the vestibule if you would like to participate.

**A Little Humor** - One day a man was watching a game on TV, when his mother-in-law shrieked from the kitchen, "Jim, there's a horsefly in here!" Not taking his eyes off the screen, he barked back, "Give it some cough syrup."

**Employment Opportunity** - We are looking to hire a part time (3 days a week) Administrative Assistant for St. Margaret Rectory. If interested, please call the rectory, 610-664-3770.



**American Red Cross**

#### Red Cross Blood Drive -

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by St. Margaret Church on Thursday, December 27, 2018 from 2:30 to 7:30 pm in the Saint Margaret School Cafeteria. This is a critical time of year for blood supplies. Please consider being a donor. To register, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter the sponsor keyword: st margaret rc church, or call 1-800-Red-Cross. Also, if you would like to volunteer to assist at the Blood Drive, you can contact Tina Braun at [christinabraun2002@yahoo.com](mailto:christinabraun2002@yahoo.com)

#### Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood **Holy Hour For Vocations, Sunday, January 6, 2019**

**Where: St. Margaret Parish**

**When 2:00 - 3:00pm**

**Questions? Contact the Vocation Office:  
610-667-5778, [cgallagher@archphila.org](mailto:cgallagher@archphila.org).**



**Open House and Christmas Concert** at the Seminary today, December 9, featuring the seminarian Choir. The seminary tours begin at 1:00 pm and the concert begins at 4:00 pm in our St. Martin of Tours Chapel.



**Faith in Action**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting an open house on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.kofc.org)

**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](http://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](http://www.nonnatus.org). Call or text us at 215-870-9913.

**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 to 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.



**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 from 7:00am to 8:00pm.**

**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 purchased at the rectory**  
**If you have any questions, call Teresa at the rectory, 610-664-3770, Ext 10.**

**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.

**Metropolitan Tribunal**

The Metropolitan Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church.

When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. One is the durable bond of marriage. This is God's law. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Even though a Catholic marriage was celebrated, perhaps there was some deficiency in the consent of the parties involved regarding intentions, understanding or ability. The annulment procedure addresses these circumstances.

Metropolitan Tribunal  
222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Telephone 215-587-3750

**St. Colman Parish** - Mark your calendar for an afternoon of Christmas joy. The Savio Boys Choir will entertain at St. Colman Church, Ardmore on December 16 at 3:00pm with a selection of Christmas carols, followed by the lighting of the Christmas tree and refreshments.

# St Margaret School

## SAVE THE DATE

SMS Christmas Concert, which will include our SMS Band, Children Choir, Christmas Play, will take place on Wednesday evening, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. We welcome all Alumni back to SMS!

## SMS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS - **Jake Gillin**, Grade 8, who received the Purple and Gold Scholarship to Roman Catholic High School and **Andrew Coyne**, Grade 8, who received an Academic Merit Scholarship to Archbishop Carroll.

**SMS CHRISTMAS DRIVE TAG DAY (NO UNIFORM FOR THE DAY)** - One of our favorite holiday traditions returns! St Margaret School “adopts” a family from the Mercy Neighborhood Ministries’ Tioga neighborhood in Philadelphia. To raise the funds needed to purchase the gifts, we will hold a TAG DAY (no uniform for the day) that will take place on Thursday, Dec. 6. Each student who wishes to participate in this Tag Day for Mercy Neighborhood Christmas donates \$2; each student who donates does not need to wear his/her uniform on 12/6. Older members of our Student Council purchase the gifts; 8<sup>th</sup> grade students wrap them, and then help load the school and parish gifts into the Mercy Neighborhood Ministries’ van. This project brings joy to everyone involved! An informational letter and envelope are being sent home in today’s family envelope. Please visit our website for background information on Mercy Neighborhood Ministries and the great good done by this organization in the Tioga area.

## SMS CLASSROOM NEWS

**Kindergarten students** have been working very hard. Advent has arrived and they are busy exploring how to get ready as they wait for someone special. Each child made an Advent wreath and they “lit the 1<sup>st</sup> candle of Advent. In Math, the students focused on making and taking apart groups of 4,5,6, and 7. They are making combinations. The students are most excited about writing sentences in their copybooks using combination of sight words and words they sounded out. They are continuing to learn each day and doing a great job! They are very proud of themselves.



**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 in to the school office. Great way 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!**

**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](mailto:madanovich@merion-mercy.com) or call 610-664-6655 for more information.

**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](mailto:info@smsnarberth.org) to make arrangements.

**Church Teaching: Hope** - The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration for happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man; it takes up the hope that inspire men’s activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven; it keeps man from discouragement; it sustains him during times of abandonment; it opens up his heart in expectation of eternal beatitude. Buoyed up by hope, he is preserved from selfishness and led to the happiness that flows from charity.

**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, crafts, 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.

### 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](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>  
[www.twitter.com/ArchPhilly](http://www.twitter.com/ArchPhilly)  
[www.youtube.com/user/CatholicPhilly](http://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](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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