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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
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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.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: in the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truths. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.

Church Teaching: Gratitude – The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her gratitude to God for all his benefits, for all that he has accomplished through creation, redemption, and sanctification. Eucharist means first of all “thanksgiving.” (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Spiritual Thought – No one heals himself by wounding another. (St. Ambrose)

A Little Humor – Having avoided the scale for a long time, a husband finally got up the nerve to climb aboard. Unable to read the numbers, he got off to grab his eyeglasses and stepped back on. What do you know?” he called out to his wife. “These glasses weigh fifty pounds.”

Lankenau Ministry

Next Sunday, December 1, is St. Margaret's weekend to take Holy Communion to the sick at the Lankenau. Group B is assigned but Group A is also welcome. If you cannot come this weekend, please try to exchange with someone. It is very important to get a replacement.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 25

7:00 AM Marie McCloskey

TUESDAY, November 26

7:00 AM Deceased members of the Urbani & D'Alonzo Families

WEDNESDAY, November 27

7:00 AM Bizzarri & Speranzo Families

THURSDAY, November 28

9:00 AM Elizabeth & Albert Justi

FRIDAY, November 29

7:00 AM Fernandes Family

SATURDAY, November 30

8:00 AM Vincent Quinn, Jr.

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

Weekend Mass Schedule November 30-December 1

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, November 30

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

5:15 PM - Fr. Pesarchick

Sunday, December 1

7:30 AM - Fr. Guckin

10:00 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

11:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of November 17, 2019:	\$ 8,258
Including Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 671
Mail In:	\$ 835
Parish On Line:	\$ 1,325
Envelopes:	212

The Weekend of November 18, 2018: \$10,983

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

Msgr. Dougherty



ONLINE GIVING - Saint Margaret Parish has arranged a 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>.

From the Pastor

Thanksgiving – Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 am. Our fundamental attitude is one of thanksgiving to God. In his love for us he has freely poured forth his blessings upon us. Giving thanks makes us more aware of God’s love for us and helps us to open our spirits to receive his many graces.

Family Consecration and Blessing of a Cherished Family item – Next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, and the beginning of a new Church Year, the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring for our families a Consecration to the Holy Family. The Knights will hand out consecration prayer cards before the Mass and we will pray them together at Mass. By consecrating our families to the Holy Family, we are inspired to make the daily effort to reflect the goodness of the Holy Family in our own families. We ask that you bring a cherished family memento to Mass that day. We will bless the items as a way of asking God’s continued blessing on your families.

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Today is the last Sunday of the Church Year. We celebrate the Feast of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. This Feast reminds us that all of our efforts at worship and spiritual growth during the entire Church Year should culminate in our more firmly entrusting our lives to Jesus Christ as our King and Savior. We lift up our hearts in fervent praise of the Lord today. In him we live and move and have our being. All praise and honor to him. He is the way, the truth and the life.

Reboot Revisited – The fifth practice Chris Stefanick gave for living our faith well was “Reboot.” God always gives us a chance to renew our lives. He forgives and allows us to move on with new life. As humans, we sometimes fail, but God’s mercy is abundant. When we turn to him in sorrow, he forgives, heals us of the hurt caused by our sins, and strengthens us to grow in his goodness. Our life is an adventure of continued spiritual growth. We constantly need to renew our commitment to Christ, and to seek how we can become more like him. A great way to “Reboot” is through the sacrament of confession. Our sins are forgiven and we go forth with a conviction to amend our lives as we turn to God for the help of his grace.

Seminary Appeal – You should have received a mailing at home for this important Archdiocesan Collection for the support of our Seminary. Please support this Annual Appeal. You can use the return envelope you received in the mail. Additional envelopes are available in the vestibule.

Finance Council – The Finance Council met on Wednesday, Nov. 13. Synopsis of the Meeting – 1) Income and expenses for the First Quarter (July, August and September) were reviewed. The figures were in line with the budget. 2) Capital Projects were reviewed: a) A couple of railings to assist people walking up into the sanctuary and a railing up to the tabernacle will be installed soon. b) A proposal for a new sound system for the Church was discussed. c) During this month the south wall of the Church will be repointed in the needed places. d) Plans submitted by the architects for the renovation of the Annex were reviewed. We are looking to provide the Annex with a simple kitchen, another bathroom, and another room or two for meeting space that will be able to be set apart by moveable sliding partitions, so that the Annex could still be used for larger groups too. These plans will be reviewed at Pastoral Council. e) A new integrated phone system for the Church and School was discussed. 3) The contract with Michael Worth for the music program will be renewed. 4) It was reported the School has received two grants: one to pay for the upgrades to our security through the installation of our new gate and our new School entry system; and the other to support a program for instructing the students on emotional development and growth in self-awareness and self-control, as well as some instruction for first aid for the upper grades.

Presentation of First Communion Candidates – The Mass for the Presentation of this year’s candidates for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, Dec. 8 at the 10:00 am Mass. We look forward to assuring our candidates of our prayers for them as they prepare to receive these sacraments.

Day of Sanctification for Priests – The priests of the Archdiocese gather every year on Monday of the first week of Advent for a Day of prayer and recollection. As we begin a new Church Year the priests renew their commitment to Christ and the service of his people. Please pray for your priests on Dec. 2 and during this Advent. Here is a prayer you could use: O God, who made your only Begotten Son eternal High Priest, grant that those he has chosen as ministers and stewards of your mysteries may be found faithful in carrying out the ministry they have received. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy Committee – We will meet on Tuesday, November 26 at 6:00 pm in the Antioch Annex.



St Margaret School

May you and your family have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

KIDS CARE NEWS

SMS Kids Care Club oversees the selection and implementation of all of the community service projects that our St. Margaret students participate in during the school year. This month, our Second Grade hosted the annual *SMS Thanksgiving Food Drive* benefiting Mercy Neighborhood Ministries.

CLASSROOM NEWS

The SMS Kindergarten students discussed who the Pilgrims and Native Americans are and how they celebrated the First Thanksgiving together. This past week, they focused on the many blessings that they are thankful for in their own lives.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Fourth Graders at SMS tried their hands at writing spooky stories as part of an SMS Library Writing Contest in the month of October. The winners of the Library Spooky Story Contest are: **Maggie Caprari, Bea Emery, Ben Veith, and Emmie Veith.** Well done, young writers!

Happy Birthday to these Birthday Book Students who generously donated a book to our library: **Joseph Emery, Grade 2B; Elizabeth Carmody, Grade KA; Ashley Zhao, Grade 1; Francis Passarella, Grade 6; and Carter Voss, Grade 3.** Thank you!

Look for the **Christmas Book/ December Birthday Book** donation form on our website.

MINTED HOLIDAY CARDS

Home and School is hosting a fundraiser. This month only, shop holiday cards and gifts on [Minted.com/holiday](https://www.Minted.com/holiday). You will receive 15% off on your order and Minted will give 15% back to our school.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

Parents, please let your friends and neighbors know about our upcoming Open Houses! We are welcoming new families to visit this fall on several Wednesdays from 9 am to 11 am: December 4, 11, or 18 (Walk in any Wednesday).

COMING SOON – CHRISTMAS SHOPPING THROUGH SMS

EARN MONEY BY PURCHASING GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS AT SMS! Coming soon on our website, you will find an updated list of retailers participating in SMS Christmas SCRIP. Do not miss this opportunity to earn SCRIP credit on your holiday gift card purchases. The number of retailers on this special SCRIP list is astonishing!

WINTER SPIRITWEAR: H&S will be selling Winter Spiritwear, including Hats, Blankets, Sweatshirts, and other warm items. These will be perfect **Christmas gifts** for families and friends. We will be sending a link to each family next week.



Advent Taizé Prayer For Young Adults

December 17, 2019 from 7 PM - 8 PM
Sisters of Mercy Convent
5015 Montgomery Ave, Merion, PA

Immerse yourself in music and silence.

Find yourself in letting go. Wrap yourself in the Mystery of the Creator. The worship service includes repetitive prayers, music, and silence. This service is based on prayer that was begun by an ecumenical community in Taizé, France.

Light refreshments to follow. RSVP
tsaetta@mercymidatlantic.org.

St. Margaret Parish Family Consecration to the Holy Family During the Masses on Sunday, December 1, 2019



Every family is also invited to bring a Christmas item of their choosing for a blessing from the priest. We encourage all household members to intentionally gather to make a selection of the item - be it a Christmas ornament, Nativity scene figurine, holiday plate, etc. - and be present at Mass for the blessing.

Congratulations! Congratulations to Saint Basil Academy freshman **Amelie Sorbello**, who achieved High Honors during the first quarter of the 2019-2020 school year!



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 15 between 7:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

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 Maryann at the rectory, 610-664-3770, Ext 10.



Silence of the Season Open House & Christmas Concert St. Charles Borromeo Seminary December 8, 2019

Seminary tours of the beautiful, historic campus and art collection, including our international Christmas Creche display, begin at 1 PM with the last one starting at 3 PM. The concert, which is free and open to the public, begins at 4 PM. There will be a free-will offering to benefit a charity selected by the seminarians. No need to RSVP, just come and celebrate this joyous season with us!



Thank you to the generous parishioners who brought soup, cereal, pasta and other needed food and hygienic supplies to our November Food Collection. We sent **30** boxfuls to be distributed to our Archdiocesan Food

Cupboards. Your kindness is very appreciated. Our next opportunity to fulfill this corporal work of mercy is December 7-8.



Merion Mercy Catholic Meditation Group

prayer = peace

We meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the Mother House in Merion. We open with prayer, listen to a teaching about silent meditation, we sit in silence for 20+ minutes and we close by offering up our intentions and with an Our Father. For more information, please call Sister Catherine Rawley at 484 562 1658.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of November 24, 2019

Pam Owsik 610-659-7021

Please call as early in the week as possible.



HOLIDAY ETHICAL TRADE SALE DECEMBER 7 and 8 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. 7 and 8. These products make great Christmas gifts! Proceeds benefit the poor of the world.

Benefits of Buying Ethical 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.

We hope to see you at the sale!



Annual Advent Open House

The Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus invite you to join us on Sunday, December 8, 2019, for a peaceful pause during the Advent Season to reflect on the true gift of Christmas. People of all ages are welcome. The event takes place at 1341 Montgomery Ave, Rosemont, PA 19010.

Self-Tour of International Nativity Scenes: 10:00 a.m.
Mass at New Sharon Chapel: 11:30 a.m.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Joanna Pelizzoni at 610-626-1400 x315 or jpelizzoni@shcj.org.

Devon Prep Entrance Test Dates

High School: December 7

Middle School: November 23, December 14,
February 15, and March 28

Practice Tests offered in the Spring

Go to www.devonprep.com to register.



If you or someone you know is curious about religious life, visit www.sistersofmercy.org.

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 19, 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 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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