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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 5, 2020



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

<u>Holy Day of Obligation</u> 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)

> <u>Eucharistic Exposition</u> 7:30-8:30 AM Tuesday 7:30-8:00 AM - First Fridays

<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM Sunday before 7:30 AM Mass Tuesday thru Saturday: 7:45-7:55 AM or by appointment.



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

"Tis the season" of beautifully wrapped boxes encasing treasures specially chosen by the givers. They are meant to express many things, above all love, but also friendship, forgiveness for perceived failures, or just plain joy for the present and the future.

"Tis the season" for receiving gifts, presumably given by loved ones or recent acquaintances, or even perhaps a co-worker from the wider reaches of our "people circle" wishing to acquire or strengthen a relationship. Or they may be expressions of thanks for favors received.

"Tis the season" of a brand new year, its number 2020 often used to define perfect eyesight, thereby giving a hint that this may be the perfect year to look for a "new vision" to permeate our outlook.

"Tis the season" of Winter's apex, when ever so slowly the daylight lasts longer with each new day, calling for us to live the hope we invest in Spring.

"Tis the season" above all to recognize that Jesus Christ is Himself our greatest gift. His unchanging love for us is no prisoner of time or whim. He is "the Light of the World" for all men and women anywhere and everywhere.

"Tis the season," finally, of Epiphany, which is Christmas for many Eastern Christians. That marks the time when Christ burst out of the confines of a Bethlehem stable to be a Gift, beautifully wrapped but eager to be opened for all nations.

All of this expanded meaning for the season underscores why we love it as being so special. True, it shakes us up a bit, especially if we have commercialized it, or limited its invitation to love God and our neighbor, or unconsciously made our Christianity into some kind of private possession, not to be shared with people who don't look like us or speak our language. It tells us each year that we share this blue ball we live in with billions of others, all created by the one God and Father. There are no strangers here.

The poets of our world have a way of stating the truth that makes us pause and rehearse their words with our inner ears. We need them more desperately than we sometimes acknowledge. They open us up on this Epiphany day so that we can ponder and grow. Here is one of them with the lilting name of Edna St. Vincent Millay. This is what she wrote:

"The world stands out on either side, No wider than the heart is wide. Above the world is stretched the sky, No higher than the soul is high."

Peace to you and yours this New Year of the Lord 2020!

Mass Intentions

- MONDAY, January 6 7:00 AM John J. Dougherty, Jr.
- TUESDAY, January 7 7:00 AM Buddy Bitetti
- WEDNESDAY, January 8 7:00 AM Catherine & Frank C. Campbell
- THURSDAY, January 9 7:00 AM Rev. Anthony Genovese
- FRIDAY, January 10 7:00 AM John M. Doyle, Sr.

SATURDAY, January 11 8:00 AM Francis Bayer

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



Weekend Mass Schedule January 11-12 (Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, January 11 Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Msgr. Dougherty 5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty Sunday, January 12 7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty 10:00 AM - Fr. DePrinzio 11:30 AM - Fr. Guckin

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
Weekend of December 22, 2019:	\$ 10,227
Including Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 671
Mail In:	\$ 1,375
Parish On Line:	\$ 2,015
Envelopes:	219

The Weekend of December 23, 2018: \$9,135.

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

Parish Theme for 2019 - 2020 The Family: a Communion of Life and Love

From the Pastor

Epiphany of the Lord – Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word 'epiphany" is from a Greek word that means "manifestation," or "to make clear." On this solemn feast we celebrate that the Savior is made manifest to the people of all nations, as represented by the three kings who came from afar to give homage to Jesus. The baby born in Bethlehem came for the salvation of all. He wants to reveal himself and make himself manifest to all the world. We rejoice that God reveals his Son to us so that we can give him honor and follow his ways of peace, goodness and joy. O, come, let us adore him, who came for our salvation.

<u>March for Life</u> – The March for Life will take place in Washington, D.C., on Friday, January 24. This annual March proclaims the right to life of the unborn. Our Parish will be joining with Our Lady of Lourdes Parish to provide transportation to the March. The bus will leave from Our Lady of Lourdes in Overbrook at 7:00 am and should arrive at the Basilica in Washington to allow you to participate in the Mass for Life, which is celebrated prior to the March. There is no cost to ride the bus, but you will be asked to consider making a free will offering. A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule for anyone who wishes to ride the bus, or you can contact Peggy Walsh at walsh.peggy71@gmail.com or at 267-241-3516.

<u>Volunteer Appreciation Dinner</u> – Our Parish is hosting an Appreciation Dinner for all our Parish volunteers on Saturday, January 25, following the 5:15 pm Mass. Dinner will be served and Deacon Mike Pascarella will speak briefly on this year's Parish theme of "Family: a Communion of Life and Love." We will conclude by about 8:00 pm. If you are a Parish volunteer and we overlooked sending you an invitation, you can contact our Coordinator of Parish Services, Nicole Bazis at <u>faith@saintmarg.org</u> or at 610-664-3770 ext. 20.

<u>Reboot Revisited</u> – One of the principles Chris Stefanick explained as an important way of living and nourishing our faith was "to share the faith." A powerful way to share the faith is through service of others. Service is one of the great signs of a disciple. People should be able to see clearly how we as disciples love others. Look for opportunities to help others, especially the needy. This is a wonderful way of sharing our faith.

Church Teaching: The Epiphany – The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan, and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

<u>Spiritual Thought</u> – In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon the ship but to keep her on course. (Saint Boniface)

<u>A Little Humor</u> – After you've heard two eyewitness accounts of an automobile accident, you begin to worry about history. (Tim Allen)



THANK YOU! HOLIDAY ETHICAL TRADE SALE

The Peace and Justice Committee wishes to thank all who participated in our recent Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Holiday Ethical Trade Sale. We sold more than \$1200 of crafts, coffee, chocolate, tea, and hot chocolate. Every item purchased, no matter how small, assists the disadvantaged farmers and artisans overseas to obtain a fair price for their products. Additionally, as a percentage of our sale, CRS will receive \$120 from the vendors from which we purchase the crafts plus \$100 from donations from parishioners and a small profit from the sale. We also wish to thank Joanne Kratz, CRS Ethical Trade Ambassador, for her assistance with procuring the crafts. Our best wishes for a holy and happy holiday with many blessings in the new year! We look forward to seeing you at our Welcome Spring Sale!



SMS UPCOMING EVENT – Gather all your friends for a fun event.

St. Margaret Trivia Night 2020 (Antioch Annex) Saturday, January 11th Join us for a chance to win the coveted Golden Brain Trophy!

Food Collection

<u>Weekend</u> - Next Weekend is our monthly food collection weekend (January 11 & 12).



This program collects non-perishable foods each month for the Archdiocesan Community Food Distribution Centers Program. They provide food for 40 Food Cupboards throughout the Philadelphia area. All items should be brought to the school Cafeteria next weekend. Thank you for your generous support of this program.



Catholic Cruises and Tours Take your Faith on a Journey with these

Holy Land Discovery with Jordan - March 6, 2020 -March 16, 2020. Registration deadline February 2, 2020. space permitting.

upcoming tours:

<u>Shrines of Italy</u> - April 23, 2020 - May 6, 2020, space permitting.

Spiritual Highlights of Iberia, Lourdes & Italy - May 29, 2020 - June 17, 2020. Limited space available. Land prices begin at \$3059 per person, based on double occupancy. A deposit of only \$400 per person will reserve your space.

For more information or to register, call Michael or Eileen at 860-399-1785, email <u>Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com</u>, or visit <u>https://</u> <u>www.catholiccruisesandtours.com</u>.

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. **<u>St. John's Hospice</u>** - Casseroles for St. John's Hospice, Recipe #3, will be collected Wednesday morning of this week, January 8, 2020, between 9 and 9:30 AM at St. Margaret School Parking



9:30 AM at St. Margaret School Parking Lot. Pans are available in the vestibule if you would like to participate.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY Week of January 5, 2020 Pam Owsik 610-659-7021 Please call as early in the week as possible.

Young Adult Retreat February 7 - 9, 2020 Marianist Family Retreat Center Cape May Point, NJ 08212



Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions. Eucharist and lots of fun!

Cost: \$135 per person, double occupancy **Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org** or call 609-884-3829.

Some financial aid is available.

Purses for Mercy Hospice



As part of the Martin Luther King Jr Day of Service, the 7th graders of SMS and Prep are invited to participate in a morning of service. On January 20th, we will be in the Annex packing purses

for the residents of Mercy Hospice. We are asking members of the community to assist our drive by donating gently used purses, as well as new toiletries, hygiene products, baby items, linens, women's socks and underwear. A box will be in the vestibule for drop -off at any time.



St. Margaret School Walk in Wednesdays 9am-11am

Serving this parish and area Catholics, we welcome 4 year olds to our PK

through 8th Grade parish school. All other grades for 2nd to 7th will be considered on an individual, as available basis. Please call for more information.

Our mission to engage our Catholic faith throughout learning remains instrumental in forming our student's lives through virtues and giving to others. Each Wednesday from December through February, we welcome prospective parents to visit while school is in session. Tours begin at 9 am and 10 am. Please join us early for a wonderful opportunity awaits your family. Visit <u>www.smsnarberth.org</u> or call 610-349-7747.

Hope Blooms

A Healing Retreat for Catholic Women JANUARY 10-12, READING, PA

This retreat is for any woman seeking healing from betrayal trauma, abuse, emotional wounding and freedom from habitual patterns such as anxiety and



feelings of unworthiness. Our time together includes: opportunities for individual healing work, teachings on the 5 Keys of Unbound, personal reflection time, Mass, adoration, Confession and more. **Spots are limited, register by December 15 for Early Bird Pricing of \$299**, which includes all retreat materials, lodging, and meals. Visit <u>https://integrityrestored.com/hope-bloomsretreat-2020</u> for more information or email De Yarrison: de@youaremadenew.com.



<u>Main Line Health Smokefree</u> <u>Program</u>

A FREE behavior management reprogram designed to help tobacco users and vapers quit.

Bryn Mawr Hospital Community Health and Equity Thursdays, January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27 933 Haverford Rd, Bryn Mawr, PA Lower Level Conference Room A 3:00 - 4:30 PM **Bryn Mawr Hospital** Mondays, February *3, 10, 17, 24, March 2, 9

130 S Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA Conference Room F / *Ladd Conference Room 6:00 - 7:30 PM. To register, please call 484-227-FREE.



Save the Date St. Blaise Men's Retreat at Malvern Retreat House January 31 to February 2, 2020

Have you ever thought about going on a retreat? If you have, come join us at the St. Blaise/Curran Memorial Men's weekend retreat at Malvern. Our retreat starts at 5pm on Friday, January 31 and ends at 12pm on Sunday, February 2, 2020. Father Charles Zlock will be our retreat master this year.

Taking time to get away from the fast pace of work or school is critical to maintaining your relationship with our Lord. As men, we always have more "important" demands. But really what is more important than strengthening our spiritual fortitude? It also gives us a chance to reconnect with the Lord and see where he is directing us. His goal is to draw us closer to him by being away from our busy schedules and allowing us to focus on what is important on our path toward holiness.

Men from our Parish attend this annual weekend retreat so we hope you can join us. Mark your calendar now! For additional information and registration, please call Steve Burgess @ 484-366-5978.

<u>Springs in the Desert</u> is a new ministry that responds to struggles with infertility through accompaniment and discernment of new paths of fruitfulness. This ministry seeks to help couples process the pain of infertility and to discover the fruitfulness God has planned for their marriages. For more information, please visit <u>https://springsinthedesert.org/</u>



Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

Luke 12:27

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is poor, you are not alone. *Lily's Gift*, is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. They can provide a peer support team to assist couples during this critical time.

For support, email <u>LilysGiftLuke12.27@gmail.com</u> or call 215-587-3530. For more information, visit <u>www.LilysGift.org</u> or <u>www.BeNotAfraid.net</u>.

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 16, 2020 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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