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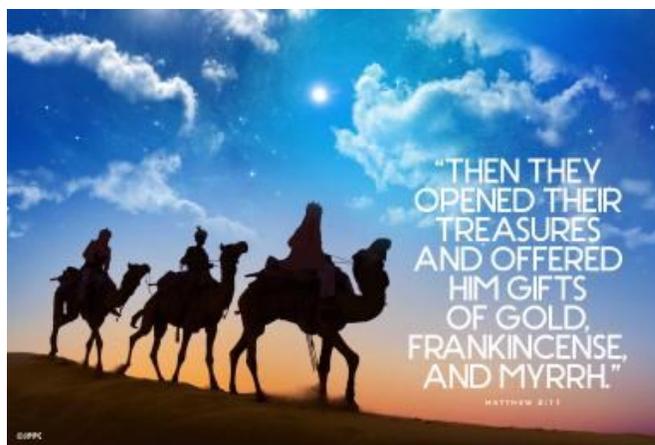
Scrip Sales

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.



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD *JANUARY 3, 2021*



Schedule of Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:15 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 8:45, 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.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

From boyhood I have always loved the Epiphany story, perhaps because the magi manage to bring a touch of the exotic and color to the nearly monochrome stable scene of the first Christmas. More than that, their very arrival after a presumably long dangerous journey has always underscored the attractive power and authentic divinity of the baby Jesus. Also, the stark contrast the gift bearers make with the humble homespun couple and their newborn has always struck me with how God acts in ways that challenge our expectations.

Of course, we should not be surprised how often God does this, thoroughly upsetting our ideas about "how things ought to be." When our notions clash with His, urging us to ask for Him to change His decision, He simply refers to His prior admission that "My ways are not yours" and the added codicil "Learn from Me."

Inevitably we come to think about our personal failure in at least one aspect of our lives. One would think that after all this time, all these centuries since the Bethlehem event, and the clear teaching of the grown up Nazarene, we would not be guilty of racial prejudice. And what about this awful habit of practically naming ourselves "God's selected ones" all the time forgetting the petty betrayal of Him involved in our every sin? One could analyze that each sin of ours is like a spike of rough straw chafing an infant's skin. Or more heinous, like a thorn crowning a condemned God-Man's sacred head.

We have our work cut out for us, as in our imaginations we rise up from our knees behind the wise men when they stand up. We know they won't be going back to Herod with any report. Nor will they take the same route home. Nobody who has seen Christ goes away the same. They will have learned without any words from the Holy Infant what it takes to be truly wise. All of this is what makes the Epiphany celebration wonderful. Our Eastern rite brothers and sisters celebrate this day more than Christmas. It is the day our God revealed Himself as Someone available to everybody and not to just one race.

When I find myself tempted to join the growing number of cynics in the world beyond my front door, who seem more aggressive these days than we are in spreading their convictions, I can recall this scene for comfort. It has adorned many a Christmas card; been added to literary fiction in Henry Van Dyke's story of "The Other Wise Man," and immortalized in music as the subject of Menotti's opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

In my mind I see the weary camels shaking the tiny bells in their livery. I hear rustling silk in the apparel of the extraordinary travelers from the East. I smell the aroma of incense competing with the stink of the stable. And I see the look of delight on that tiny Face which I believe with all my heart to be my God's countenance.

May that same God love you throughout this New Year and give you His peace.

MONDAY, January 4

7:00 AM Albert Sborlini

TUESDAY, January 5

7:00 AM Kathleen Valentine

WEDNESDAY, January 6

7:00 AM Charlotte Croce

THURSDAY, January 7

7:00 AM Joe Augustine

FRIDAY, January 8

7:00 AM Kathleen Kienlen

SATURDAY, January 9

8:00 AM Rita Marconi



THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF THE HOA LE FAMILY.

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

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of December 20, 2020: \$ 9,391
Collection in Church: \$ 3,932
Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 665
Mail In: \$ 1,160
Parish On Line: \$ 3,634
Envelopes: 172

The Weekend of December 22, 2019: \$10,227

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

Weekend Mass Schedule January 9-10
(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, January 9

Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Msgr. Dougherty
 5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, January 10

7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty
 8:45 AM - Fr. DePrinzio
 10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty
 11:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

Parish Theme for 2020-2021

Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer

From the Pastor

The Epiphany of the Lord – Today we celebrate the visit of the Magi to adore our Lord Jesus Christ. The word epiphany means to reveal, to make clear, to manifest. This Feast is given that title because the Lord reveals to the gentiles his Lordship over all. By the light of the star the magi are led to Jesus to worship him as the King and Lord of all. The Lord is always eager to reveal himself to us. He wants to lead us to himself to adore and worship him as our Savior. Look for the stars in your life that are leading you to the Lord. So often we can miss the ways the Lord is manifesting himself to us. O come, let us adore him, honor him, and serve him. He is our Redeemer and Lord.

Catholic Schools – This week we celebrate the feasts of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on January 4 and St. John Neumann on January 5. Both of them played pivotal roles in the establishment of Catholic Schools in the United States of America. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821) opened the first American parish school. She also founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity, who dedicated themselves to Catholic education. St John Neumann (1811-1860) was the Bishop of Philadelphia from 1852-1860. During that time he encouraged the foundation and development of many Catholic schools and increased the number of students almost twentyfold within a short time. St. Margaret School was built on the rich heritage of the work of these saints. Our School was founded in 1922 and staffed by the Sisters of Mercy. Next year we will celebrate its 100th Anniversary. We are grateful for the many blessings God has bestowed upon our School and the many students it has helped to educate in faith, virtue and knowledge. Through the intercession of Saints Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. John Neumann, both of whom are depicted on our Church doors, may the Lord pour forth continued blessings upon Saint Margaret School.

Parish Theme for This Year (“Rejoice in hope; endure in affliction; persevere in prayer.”) – The wise men are wonderful examples of perseverance. They looked for many years for the star of the King of Kings and persevered through a long and treacherous journey to come and pay him homage. Their perseverance brought them great joy. It allowed them to honor the Savior and go home as different people, filled with a newfound faith, hope and joy in the love and mercy of God. May we persevere in our search for the Lord and his saving grace. The Lord will not disappoint us. He will fulfill our deepest desires and longings for love, salvation and peace.

Church Teaching: The Sunday Eucharist – The Eucharist is not only a particularly intense expression of the reality of the church’s life, but also in a sense its “fountainhead.” The Eucharist feeds and forms the church: “Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread” (1 Corinthians 10:17). Because of this vital link with the sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord, the mystery of the church is savored, proclaimed and lived supremely in the Eucharist. This ecclesial dimension intrinsic to the Eucharist is realized in every Eucharistic celebration. But it is expressed most especially on the day when the whole community comes together to commemorate the Lord’s resurrection. Significantly, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that “the Sunday celebration of the Lord’s Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the church’s life.” (from the Apostolic letter “On Keeping the Lord’s Day Holy” by Saint John Paul II)



St. Margaret Church is open from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM on Saturday, and 7:15 AM to 1:30 PM on Sunday.

Spiritual Thought – Look on us, Jesus, and let all the darkness of our souls disappear before the beams of your brightness. (St. Augustine of Hippo)

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended until further notice.

A Little Humor – How long is this social distancing supposed to last? My husband keeps trying to come into the house.



St Margaret School

St. Margaret's School will hold virtual classes the week of January 4-8, 2021, and return to in-person learning on Monday, January 11, 2021.

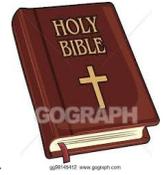
FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND!

Next Weekend is our monthly food collection weekend (January 9 & 10). 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.



Bible Novena

The Word of God is living and speaks to each of us daily. Each day, we turn to God and ask for His guidance and strength. This is accomplished no better than by turning to the Bible - the inspired word of God.



Between September 2020 and May 2021, the Vocation Office will be praying an extended Novena, reading the entire Bible over the course of these 9 months, and we invite you to join us as we proclaim and hear the word of God and listen for His voice in our lives.

On the first and third Sundays of each month, we will issue videos of the faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia reading the Bible - including priests, deacons, seminarians, and lay faithful. As we read, we invite you to enter into this amazing relationship with Our Lord, by reading along with us and sharing your thoughts, prayers, and how God is speaking to you through His inspired word.

For more information on this 9-Month Bible Novena, please visit Heedthecall.org/BibleNovena or contact Fr. DeLacy or Sue Matour in the Vocation Office at 610-667-5778.

The Institute for Christian Formation Launching January 21, 2021 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

For Adults, 18 and above (HS diploma required)

Deepen your relationship with Jesus and live out committed discipleship in Him in a 2-year non-degree, non-credit Experiential Faith Formation program. For more information about this exciting new spiritual formation opportunity which will renew hearts and minds in Christ, please call 610-785-6287, email sts@scs.edu or visit <https://www.scs.edu/ICF>.



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

Learn more about St. Margaret School!

Our 4 year old prekindergarten through 8th grade continues to grow strong faith, develop outstanding character and offer exceptional academics in our unparalleled community. Learn more through an online inquiry and virtual tour today. Request more information: bit.ly/382vTAU or visit our website: smsnarberth.org.

We welcome Prekindergarten 4 year olds and Full Day Kindergarten applications after a virtual tour | meeting. Contact our Admissions/Advancement Director at 610-664-2640 ext 2 or at info@smsnarberth.org. We look forward to hearing from you, to engage our parish community in Catholic education at its best!

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is poor, you are not alone.

Lily's Gift Ministry is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced, or worked closely with, issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. To expectant parents, we offer unique insight and sensitivity regarding such difficult issues as:

- Maintaining hope when a prognosis is poor
- Sorting through medical decision making
- Grieving the loss of the anticipated baby
- Stillbirth and neonatal critical care.

For more information, visit www.LilysGift.org or call Sr. Kathleen Schipani at 215-587-3530.

**For Engaged Couples:
Archdiocesan Marriage
Preparation Courses**

THE **Joy-Filled
Marriage**

We are thrilled for you and your upcoming marriage! The Archdiocese of Philadelphia offers the **Joy-Filled Marriage** Program, a thorough, enjoyable, and comprehensive program, which discusses practical “life skills” and the sacramentality of marriage. The purpose of Marriage Preparation is to introduce you to the theology behind the sacrament and give you practical advice using sound psychology that will equip you for your life journey together. All courses are being delivered in a live online format until further notice. For more information and to register, visit: phillycatholicmarriageprep.com.

**Online Ministries
for Separated & Divorced Catholics
Office for Life and Family
Phone: 215-587-0500
Email: sbozza@archphila.org
www.phillycatholiclife.org**

Separated Faithful: Divorced or separated Catholics who remain faithful to their marriage. Catholics who were reluctantly divorced or separated can continue to fulfill your marriage mission - to sanctify yourself and your spouse. Discuss the ongoing seven stages from the book, “The Gift of Self, A Spiritual Companion for Separated and Divorced Faithful to the Sacrament of Marriage.” Conference phone call, second Mondays monthly 9 PM. Contact MaryOfCana@chaosmt.net with your name, parish, city.

Families/Individuals affected by Divorce and Separation: Online meeting sponsored by St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation held every month the **FIRST TUESDAY** of the month at 8 PM. Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/668359061>. You can also dial in using your phone: 1-312-757-3121, access code: 668-359-061.



Online Giving - Saint Margaret Parish has arranged a convenient and 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>.

This is an easy way to continue to support your parish both during the COVID-19 pandemic and going forward. Thank you!

**Retrouvaille
Marriage
Program**

Rediscover the Love in your Marriage

Retrouvaille is a lifeline for marriages - a program to help couples heal and renew their hurting marriages.

The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship.

- A Marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship.
- A Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend.
- Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect.
- Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Retrouvaille had recommended communities suspend the weekend programs until they can be safely held. In the meantime, please visit Helpourmarriage.org to learn about the program and keep updated on the resumption of the weekends.



**Nightly Rosary to End
Coronavirus
CONTINUES!**

Through the month of January, and until further notice, the rosary will continue Monday through Thursday at 8:00 PM in English using the link found at phillyevang.org/rosary/. For details about joining the rosary in Spanish on Thursdays, please email pherrera@olguadalupe.org.

Please join the hundreds of households in the Archdiocese and beyond who have been praying the rosary since March for an end to the pandemic and for peace in our nation.

“I repeat, there is no problem, as difficult as it may be, that we cannot resolve at this time by praying the Holy Rosary.”

Sr. Lucia of Fatima

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 Wednesday, January 13, 2021 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/ArchbishopPerez>
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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