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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.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE NOVEMBER 22, 2020



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

Kings are more than cards in a deck or pieces on a chessboard. We know them as the linchpins for many an historical account and their lives intersect with those of many revered saints. As time passed, they gradually changed from being staunch persecutors of Christianity to royal purveyors of it.

While we proudly live in a democratic republic, many of us remain fascinated by anyone who wears the crown in other nations. Here at home, the title can denote a chief company executive or a country's heroic founder; a master spirit, or an otherwise noteworthy person, at least of superior importance.

Recall when Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, amid the tension of their Good Friday encounter, whether or not He was a king. Jesus answered with another question: "Is this your opinion or have others told you of Me?" This followed by a reassurance to the nervous procurator: "My kingdom is not here."

So we know He is a king by His own strong admission. As we believe Jesus unconditionally, it is easy for us to add to today's feast its complete title for Christ, namely "King of the Universe." A corollary of that last has to be that His coming judgment of us all on the Last Day is momentous. We should be keenly aware of how to get ready.

Like so many aspects of our relationship with God, that readiness is simple: habitual practice of good deeds done to our neighbor. And this presumably from a pure and loving heart. That's it. No need to make readiness more complex. Look no further.

As we gather this week around the family table for our annual American Thanksgiving Day, there are myriad reasons to think and thank before we eat. One of the major ones is to remind ourselves that Jesus our Lord, our King, is loyal to, and loving of us, His sisters and brothers. All He asks is our return of the favor.

Gilbert Keith Chesterton, the great British writer, philosopher and lay theologian once wrote this: "I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder."

God love you and give you His peace!

 **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!

MONDAY, November 23
7:00 AM Ignatius Lo

TUESDAY, November 24
7:00 AM John Le

WEDNESDAY, November 25
7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Urbani and D'Alonzo Families

THURSDAY, November 26
9:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Mischler Family

FRIDAY, November 27
7:00 AM Bizzarri & Speranzo Families

SATURDAY, November 28
8:00 AM Vincent Davis

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 November 15, 2020:	\$ 7,857
Collection in Church:	\$ 2,027
Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 665
Mail In:	\$ 3,265
Parish On Line:	\$ 1,900
Envelopes:	151

The Weekend of November 17, 2019: \$8,258

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

Weekend Mass Schedule November 28-29
(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, November 28
Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Msgr. Dougherty
5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, November 29
7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty
8:45 AM - Fr. DePrinzio
10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty
11:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended until further notice.

Parish Theme for 2020-2021

Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer

From the Pastor

Reminder Regarding the Reception of Communion – I remind everyone that Communion should be consumed immediately after receiving it and before you proceed back to your seat. We should not carry the Body of Christ back to the pew to consume it there.

Covid-19 Resurgence – As the cases of Covid-19 have risen in our nation, I am grateful that we have not had any Covid-19 cases stemming from our Masses or Parish activities. I thank you for observing the protocols we have in place and ask that you continue to observe them so that we can continue to be a safe environment here at St. Margaret Church.

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – This is the last Sunday of the Church Year. It is fitting that the culmination of the Church Year is to celebrate the Kingship of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus came to usher in a new kingdom, one of love, justice, joy and peace. We participate in that kingdom by confessing that Jesus is Our Lord and King, the center of our lives and the source of salvation, truth and peace. All that we have celebrated this Church Year, from the birth of Our Lord to his resurrection from the dead, ascension into heaven, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us, is meant to lead us to surrender our lives to the Lord our King and open our hearts to the gifts of his grace and goodness. Jesus is the King of the Universe. He rules with love and mercy and wants to share his love and life with us. We bow before the Lord with humble hearts, pledging our allegiance to him, and seeking to follow him always, for his is the path to the fullness of life.

Forty Hours Devotions – Our Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions begin today, Sunday, November 22, and end on Tuesday evening, November 24. Father Sean Loomis, the parochial vicar at Annunciation BVM Church in Havertown and the priest chaplain for the deaf apostolate in the Archdiocese, will be preaching at the Evening Prayer Devotion at 7:00 pm on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in Church from after the last Mass each morning until Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm each evening. Come and pray before the Lord. You can sign up for a 30 minute time slot on the sheets in the vestibule of the Church. We would like at least two people to be praying in Church before the Blessed Sacrament at any given time. It is fitting that our Forty Hours Devotions come at the end of the Church Year. The Eucharist is the greatest gift the Lord has given us, the gift of himself, his own Body and Blood. As we close out the Church Year and prepare for a new one, we worship the Lord and renew our love for the Eucharist.

Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 26, is the national holiday of Thanksgiving. Mass will be celebrated that day at 9:00 am. Come and join us as we lift up our hearts to God in thanksgiving for his many blessings and ask that he watch over and bless our families, our Parish and our nation. A collection will be taken up during the Mass to support the Interfaith Hospitality Network, which serves the needs of the homeless in our area.

Consecration to the Holy Family – Next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, is the beginning of a new Church Year. The Knight of Columbus have requested that we consecrate our families to the Holy Family again this year, as we did on this Sunday last year. We will distribute the family consecration cards as you enter Mass, and we will offer the consecration prayer together after the petitions of the Universal Prayer. The family is the most important unit of the Church and society, and the place where faith in Christ and the love of God are best communicated. It is our hope that this consecration will root our families more deeply in the love and faith of the Holy Family.

Parish Theme for this Year: “Rejoice in hope; endure in affliction; persevere in prayer.” – The continued challenges of Covid-19 can be discouraging. But we cannot give in to discouragement. What can keep our hope alive is prayer. Prayer connects us to God and opens our hearts to receive his strength and life. Prayer reminds us that God is love and God is with us. Our souls are refreshed by God’s presence and discouragement gives way to hope.

Church Teaching: Forty Hours Devotions and Exposition of the Holy Eucharist – For several centuries, the traditional Forty Hours Devotion has been celebrated in parishes as a time of annual renewal and prayer. It originated in the early part of the sixteenth century at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Milan, Italy, probably as a commemoration of the forty hours that Christ’s body lay in the tomb between his death and resurrection...The solemn exposition of the holy eucharist offers the opportunity to the people of God for prayerful reflection on their call to a deeper devotion to the holy eucharist and a more faithful living of the Christian life. It provides them with an opportunity to become more aware of Christ’s presence with his people and invites them to a spiritual communion with him. (from the Introduction to the Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist)



St Margaret School

May you and your family have a Blessed Thanksgiving.

Home and School News by Mrs. Seal, H&S President

Walk-A-Thon - A huge thank you to the parents, students, staff, grandparents and dogs who participated in our annual Walk -A-Thon by walking, sending in pictures and raising money for SMS. The 2020-2021 Walk-A-Thon raised \$21,355.38 for our school. We loved seeing all of your pictures and are thankful for the beautiful weekend we were given in October to get out and walk. We have a slide show of all submitted pictures from Walk-A-Thon streaming in the lobby for students, staff and parents to see!

The class with the highest participation was 3B! Congrats to them for showing their SMS spirit and winning a dress down day. Honorable mentions go to 4th and 6th grade tied for the second most participation and 5B for third. The students with the highest amounts raised are **Mia and Roman Nepomuceno, Libby Shea and Kara Quillinan.**

Water Filling Stations - There are now water filling stations on the main level and second floor inside the building so students do not have to travel out of the main doors to refill their water bottles.

Technology Updates - We have a new smart panel in our 5B grade. Grades 4th and 5A are enjoying their new technology addition. Chrome book chargers were purchased to replace older chargers that were challenging for students.

Recess Fun - Each class now has a class bag for their use during recess. Different items are in the bags depending on ages. Bags are disinfected at the end of the day. We also have ladder ball and can jam for grades 3-8. We have been lucky to have such great weather and are making the most out of outdoor recess!

Support St. Margaret Parish and School

Now that it is close to the holidays, we will be hitting the food stores to shop for our holiday dinners, etc. SMS can earn \$\$ when you shop. Please take the time to download the BOX TOP APP on your Iphone. Enter our zip code (19072), enter your name, and submit. Remember after you food shop, take your receipt and open up your app and scan your receipt. It will pick up any Box/canned food with a box top. It is truly that easy. We are up to \$78.00 so far. We can use your support!

Smile.Amazon.com - St. Margaret School & Parish participation earns funds with every purchase on AMAZON! Shop through SMILE.AMAZON after you register our school! The code can be saved for all your future purchases and makes a HUGE difference year round! START TODAY! <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2134217>.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is the largest pro-marriage organization in the world and promotes Experiences for couples who want to make their good marriage even better. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce there is a way to reach joy in your marriage or in your priesthood, even during stay at home periods. We are now offering a virtual Marriage Encounter Experience. Go to www.WWME.org or www.WWME-philly.org to find the next Experiences being offered.



SCRIP Holiday Sales

Support our school by buying your holiday gift cards through our SCRIP program. Holiday order forms are in the vestibule or can be downloaded from the church website.



NEW HORIZONS VIRTUAL CENTER For Seniors

The Staff of New Horizons is here to help you, comfort you and connect you to needed services, while also providing engaging and fun wellness programs. For more information and a schedule of activities, please visit www.newhorizonsseniorcenter.org or call 610-664-2366.

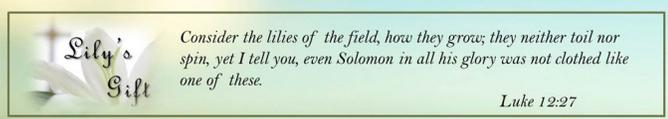
Scouting for Food No Contact Food Drive

The BSA Narberth Troop 176 and 176 Trailblazers along with Narberth Pack 212 will be having a Scouting for Food event on **Saturday, November 21**. We hope to split the food donations between the Narberth Food Pantry and Grace Lutheran Church in West Philly. It will be a contactless collection at St. Margaret's parking lot from 9am-3pm. Please consider making a donation at our drive thru. Thanks for your support!



A Little Humor – I got myself a senior GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there.

Spiritual Thought – Let us love being with the Lord! There we can speak with him about everything. We can offer him our petitions, our concerns, our troubles. Our joys. Our gratitude, our disappointments, our needs and our aspirations. (Pope Benedict XVI)



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 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.



This past Saturday, several members of the **Saint Margaret Knights of Columbus Council**, coordinated by Bill Petty, spent a few hours cleaning up our beautiful Mary Garden. Many thanks to all involved!



Advent Reflections from Society of the Holy Child Jesus

In lieu of our annual Advent Open House event, the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus and Holy Child Associates invite you to join us for our virtual Advent Reflections. This four-part series of 90-second video meditations features images of the Sisters' Nativity collection. The videos provide an opportunity to take a peaceful pause during the Advent Season to reflect on the true gift of Christmas. Sign up for free at our website: www.shcj.org/american/175th-anniversary/2020-advent-season/

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



The Institute for Christian Formation
Launching in January 2021 at
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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>.



We welcome into the Church
Maxwell Nima Vegari
son of
Theresa and David Vegari

Congratulations to the family on the Baptism of their child.



Nightly Rosary to End Coronavirus CONTINUES!

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 remember in your prayers the soul of Paul Gallagher who recently passed away. May he rest in peace and his loved ones be comforted.



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.

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 17, 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/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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