

# ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 12, 2021



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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: 5:15 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

I've often felt sympathy for anyone new to our country who has to learn English "from scratch." Just take the case of those homonyms: words that sound alike but have different spellings and meanings. Allow a clergyman's pet peeve here; the confusion of "alter" with "altar." The first describes the tailor's task changing the length of a pair of pants. The second refers to the sacred table used at worship. Sad to say, I have seen many publications over the years from respected Catholic sources who either skipped the proofreader or didn't realize their mistake and let an item get published with the error on bold display.

The issue of word meanings comes into play with the theme of this weekend's Scripture choices, namely "joy." It's not a matter of one word sounding like another as much as misunderstanding of the one word only. The First Reading, for example involves urging pilgrims returning from exile in Babylon to be joyful. That meant recognizing that Yahweh walks with them on their march homeward. Then comes St. Paul urging his Philippian community to rejoice in God's peace, which is a special joy.

The problem, even for people who are native English speakers, involves the frequent mixing of "joy" with "happiness." They are not the same. For our bible study and our spiritual lives, it is important to know the difference.

"Happiness" is rooted in the Middle English word "hap" or "luck." It is a matter of chance, not destined to last long. The happiness brought on by someone's good joke well told at a Christmas party. The happiness of Christmas morning with family. "Joy" however is different. It is lasting, truly permanent, arising from the deeper parts of our nature and God's design.

Living as I do now only a short car ride to the ocean makes a certain analogy come to the fore. You could say that happiness is a surface item, riding the waves where all the changing moods of the ocean happens, bringing unique sounds, temperature changes, smells and colors.

Joy is found way down deep near the seabed. It's not affected by storms or anything stirring the waves far above. It rarely changes. Particularly applicable comparison with the inevitable pain that comes like an unexpected wave in life, when trusting in the Lord is our only safeguard from despair.

At the bedside of a dying loved one, for example, there is scant happiness, but there can also be the comforting joy in believing our loved one is about to begin a new life in heaven with God.

It is joy that the Baptist brought into the world as Christ's precursor. A new time of salvation has finally come. God the Father's early promise made at Eden's gate has been kept. With it comes a deeply felt leap of the heart in a serene experience of joy.

As an annual "spelling lesson," I offer you this way of remembering joy: "J" is for "Jesus;" "Y" is for "you;" and the "O"? That's for "nothing in between."

God love you and give you His peace.

**MONDAY, December 13**

7:00 AM Mark Vita

**TUESDAY, December 14**

7:00 AM Joe D'Antonio

**WEDNESDAY, December 15**

7:00 AM Stephen Gallagher

**THURSDAY, December 16**

7:00 AM Joe D'Antonio

**FRIDAY, December 17**

7:00 AM Angelina Scorzetti

**SATURDAY, December 18**

8:00 AM John Le

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS SUNDAY  
ARE IN MEMORY OF  
THE CASEY AND ROVNER FAMILIES.**



**THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021  
THE SANCUARY CANDLE WILL BURN  
IN MEMORY OF  
STEPHEN FICHERA.**

**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 5, 2021:** \$ 9,946  
**Collection in Church:** \$ 5,047  
**Electronic Funds Transfer:** \$ 580  
**Mail In:** \$ 1,037  
**Parish On Line:** \$ 3,282  
**Envelopes:** 180

**The Weekend of December 6, 2020: \$12,843**

**Collection for Retired Religious \$1,978**

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



**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.**

**Parish Theme for 2021-2022**  
*Caritas Christi Ducit (The Love of Christ Leads)*

**From the Pastor**

**Gaudete Sunday** – This Third Sunday of Advent is referred to as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Gaudete is in the imperative mood, which is used to give a command. The Lord commands us to rejoice. It is not something we are called to do only when we are feeling particularly happy. We are called to rejoice always because of our faith that God loves us and is with us. Even when times are difficult, we can carry in the depths of our hearts a deep-seated joy which is rooted in our faith and hope in God’s loving presence in our lives. Joy is a hallmark of the life of a Christian. May we rejoice in the Lord always.

**Outdoor Nativity Set** – At the recommendation of our Saint Margaret Knights of Columbus Council we have purchased and displayed an outdoor Nativity set. It is our hope that it will help all who look upon it to appreciate the great love that Jesus has for us. He humbled himself and took on human flesh so that he could lead us to new and eternal life in him. He became man that we might be able to share in divine life. The Advent and Christmas Seasons invite us to ponder anew the mystery of the Incarnation, God becoming man. Jesus accepted humanity and the suffering and death connected with it that he might lead us through suffering and death to eternal peace and heavenly joy. We adore our Lord and welcome his saving presence into our lives.

**Blood Drive** – St. Margaret’s is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 22 from 2:00 to 7:00pm in the School cafeteria. Your gift of blood is a great act of charity. See the information in this Bulletin on how to register to be a donor.

**Conclusion of the Year of St. Joseph** – December 8 marked the conclusion of the Year of St. Joseph. This year dedicated to him has been a great blessing in helping us to understand and appreciate more the role of St. Joseph in the life of Jesus, the Church and our lives. Joseph is a wonderful companion for us on our spiritual journey. He is a great example of a just and holy life, and a fervent intercessor for us as we seek to grow in holiness.

**Caritas Christi Ducit** – Our new Parish motto, Caritas Christi Ducit, which means the love of Christ leads, is included on our Parish logo. The logo depicts the chalice and host that are on the door of our Church’s tabernacle. This Eucharistic depiction reminds us that the Love of Christ comes to us most powerfully through his real presence in the Eucharist, His Body and Blood. We are called to let the love of Christ lead us especially by our participation in Sunday Mass and the reception of Holy Communion.

**Advent Confessions** – Confessions will be heard on Wednesdays, December 15 and 22 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

**Church Teaching: The Real Presence** – The sacramental re-presentation of Christ’s sacrifice, crowned by the resurrection, in the Mass involves a most special presence which is called real not as a way of excluding all other types of presence as if they were not real, but because it is a presence in the fullest sense: a substantial presence whereby Christ, the God-Man, is wholly and entirely present. This sets forth once more the perennially valid teaching of the Council of Trent: “The consecration of the bread and wine effects the change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord, and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. And the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called this change transubstantiation.” Truly the Eucharist is a mysterium fidei, a mystery which surpasses our understanding and can only be received in faith, as is often brought out in the catechesis of the Church Fathers regarding this divine sacrament: “Do not see” – Saint Cyril of Jerusalem exhorts – “in the bread and wine merely natural elements, because the Lord has expressly said they are his body and blood: faith assures you of this, though your senses suggest otherwise.” (from the encyclical letter of Saint John Paul II entitled “On the Eucharist in Its Relationship to the Church”)

**Weekend Mass Schedule December 18-19**

*(Priest scheduled is subject to change)*

**Saturday, December 18**

Confessions 3:30 - 4:45 PM - Fr. DePrinzio  
5:15 PM - Fr. DePrinzio

**Sunday, December 19**

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

**Spiritual Thought** – In matters of prudence, man stands in very great need of being taught by others, especially by old folk who have acquired a sane understanding of the ends in practical matters. (Saint Thomas Aquinas)

**A Little Humor** – A linguistics professor was lecturing, “In English, a double negative forms a positive. But in Russian, a double negative is still a negative. However, there is no language in which a double positive forms a negative.” A student in the back of the room snorted, “Yeah, right.”

# SCRIP



**Giving gift cards this year?  
Please consider buying your  
gift cards through the Saint  
Margaret Home and School Scrip program. Order  
forms are available in the vestibule.**



**Blood Drive  
St. Margaret's Roman Catholic Church  
St. Margaret School Cafeteria  
Wednesday, December 22, 2021  
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: **SMRCCNarberth** to schedule an appointment. Eligibility Questions?...call 866-236-3276.



### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

**MARRIED COUPLES** – Resolve to “Live your best life in love” in 2022: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? In-person experiences in the new year are: February 11-13 and April 22-24 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/>.

### **Job Openings**

#### **Saint John Vianney Parish, Gladwyne**

Saint John Vianney Parish, Gladwyne, is hiring! We have openings for a full-time Parish Secretary, and part-time Weekday Sacristan. Please visit [www.sjvgladwyne.com](http://www.sjvgladwyne.com) to view the full job descriptions. Questions about the open positions can be submitted to [parishoffices@sjvgladwyne.com](mailto:parishoffices@sjvgladwyne.com).



### Holiday Food Drive

For over 25 years, NDS has hosted its holiday food drive to counter hunger in the five-county area during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Last year, approximately 15,600 pounds of non-perishable food was collected through this effort.

Those interested in helping our neighbors in need can support NDS' Community Food Program by purchasing items online now through Friday, January 7 at <https://yougivegoods.com/holidayfood2021>.

All goods donated will help stock the shelves of NDS' network of 50 food cupboards throughout the Greater Philadelphia region for the fall and winter months including five food cupboards operated by Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (CSS); five soup kitchens; and numerous outreach programs.

# SOULS SHOT PORTRAIT PROJECT™



**Beth Am Israel**

**Portraits of Victims  
of Gun Violence**

**Thursday,  
December 16, 7 pm**

Please join us live or by Zoom for an evening of music, art and conversation with artists and loved ones of the victims portrayed in this year's exhibit. Beth Am Israel will host this year's Philadelphia Exhibition from December 20, 2021 through January 31, 2022, Mondays through Thursdays, from 10 am to 1 pm. For information on visiting in-person and for information on registering for the opening night program via Zoom, please visit

<https://www.bethamisrael.org/serve-kindly/souls-shot/>



**Nightly Rosary** will now continue on Monday nights only, hosted by the Pontifical Mission Societies office.

**Please join** with the link found at [phillymissions.org](http://phillymissions.org).



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### **The Future of Catholic Preaching**

As a final examination in their Homiletics courses, students at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary will give a “public” homily about the Epiphany. We invite any parishioners to join us as the “real life” congregation to whom they will preach. The task is easy: just come to the Seminary and listen to the student preachers, then offer a helpful critique of one affirmation and one recommendation.

Join us on any one of three nights: December 13 (Mon) or 15 (Wed) or 16 (Thur). We begin at 7pm and will conclude around 9pm. RSVP to Fr. Thomas Dailey, OSFS at [tdailey@scs.edu](mailto:tdailey@scs.edu) and let us know which evening you’d like to join us. Your help will be greatly appreciated!



### **The Institute for Christian Formation**

**Sessions begin January 20, 2022 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 certificate Experiential Faith Formation program. The program will be held for four seasons (Spring & Fall in 2022 and 2023) with each season consisting of eight Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:15 pm. The Institute welcomes all those eager for a closer walk with Jesus Christ to join with others on a journey of discovery of the riches of the Catholic Faith.

For more information about this exciting spiritual formation opportunity which will renew hearts and minds in Christ, please call 610-785-6287, email [sts@scs.edu](mailto:sts@scs.edu) or visit <https://www.scs.edu/ICF>.



**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>.

**HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY**  
**Suspended until further notice.**

## **IHM Conference Center 401 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue Bryn Mawr, PA 19010**

### **Spirituality Day: Carmelite Spirituality Thursday, January 13, 2022**

9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Michaele Wicks, MA

Stipend: \$20 (includes refreshment break only)

The heart of the Christian vocation whether religious or lay is to become like Christ and to love as God loves, extravagantly and without condition. Carmelite spirituality guides us along this well-worn path by encouraging us to ponder the mystery of the divine-human friendship with a focus on scripture and special emphasis on the person of Jesus Christ. At its very core, Carmelite spirituality is a love story of human desire—not to be conquered or controlled—but to be transformed into the will of God. This presentation will offer some basic tools necessary for traveling this ancient but ever new Carmelite Way.

### **Conference Day: “Hildegard of Bingen: Practical Mystic”**

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022**

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Presenter: Michelle Francl-Donnay

Stipend: \$40 (includes Continental Breakfast, lunch and Mass)

St. Hildegard of Bingen was a 12<sup>th</sup> century Benedictine Abbess, preacher, musician, and scientist—a very practical mystic. Come learn more about this extraordinary woman’s life and what practical advice she might have for us today about drawing closer to God through exploring the created universe.

### **Movie With Meaning: “First Dog” Wednesday, January 26, 2022**

10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Stipend: “\$25 (includes lunch)

\*Lunch will be served at noon for both groups

To register for any event, please call  
**610-581-0120** or email  
[ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com](mailto:ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com).

### **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 12:30 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 12, 2022, 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/ArchbishopPerez>

[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 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](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 12.



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