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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.



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 26, 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.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

They can be ridiculously laughable or memorably lovely, or even eerily scary but always touched with a tinge of the mysterious. I speak of our dreams, those concoctions derived from our varied experiences and mixed into a kind of stew by our brains making mini-movies often fit for recall. In his narrative highlighted today, Luke the physician has no interest in a medical analysis of dreams, because he has a story to tell that cannot wait. He does want us to know that dreams can be the instruments of God's communications with us. His agents are usually angels. One or more of them came to St. Joseph, and he, "that just man," was attuned to accept them as coming from God. So he obeyed.

Coming so quickly after Christmas Day for this Liturgical calendar year compels us to lift up our eyes momentarily from the Child in the manger to take some precious time looking also at His parents, in this case, Joseph, the foster father of Jesus. We are reminded once again of his strength of character; his obvious humility; and his exemplary obedience. All told, St. Joseph is a marvelous model of masculine virtue honed into sanctity. The Holy Spirit, speaking through St. Luke, sees Joseph as the head of the Holy Family, not lording it over them but serving as their caregiver. He protects Mother and Child.

Our complementary Readings today expand on the virtues needed for a healthy Christian family to flourish and grow in love for God, each other, and everyone else.

The cultural context in which this Feast arrives is certainly toxic to good family life. The family as it was known in biblical times has been shifted off its traditional base by forces we know full well. There is no need to be explicit here. All one needs to do is watch, look and listen. But this feast day, like all others in the Church, is not meant to focus on the negative. Nor is it meant to foster cynical criticism of our own families.

Instead, we have an annual call to put aside for a time the Toy-land reveries that emerge at Christmas and consider the beauty of God's design for families as seen in this most blest circle of three. The Book of Sirach and Paul's letter to the Colossians offer specific ways for us to follow God's blueprint that, while often difficult to live day in and day out, is the best. The need is there from time to time to observe what good or its opposite the man or woman in the mirror brings to family life.

Returning to St. Luke's "man of the hour," St. Joseph, here is a touching story offering advice to any and all Catholic parents:

A little boy, frightened by a thunderous lightning storm, called out one dark night, "Daddy, come. I'm scared." "Son," the father said, "God loves you and He'll take care of you." "I know God loves me," the boy replied, "but right now I want somebody who has skin on."

It seems to me that the role of the father (and the mother) is to be and demonstrate God, with skin on. God love you and give you and your family His peace.



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

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, December 27

7:00 AM Deceased & Living Members of the Mischler family

TUESDAY, December 28

7:00 AM Joe D'Antonio

WEDNESDAY, December 29

7:00 AM Gene S. Wentling

THURSDAY, December 30

7:00 AM Robert Urbani

FRIDAY, December 31

7:00 AM Joe D'Antonio

5:15 PM In memory of the Falcone, Gaudini & Myers family

SATURDAY, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

7:30 AM Stanley Weglos

8:45 AM Helen Kelso

10:00 AM Carmen & Regina Carfagno

11:30 AM Robert & Louise Urbani

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



**THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021
THE SANCUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF GEORGE CONSTANTINE.**

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of December 12, 2021:

Collection in Church:	\$ 17,079
Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 8,462
Mail In:	\$ 580
Parish On Line:	\$ 5,787
Envelopes:	\$ 2,250

**The Weekend of December 13, 2020:
\$10,126**

Collection for Christmas Flowers \$2,198

Collection for Immaculate Conception \$863

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

Weekend Mass Schedule December 31-January 2

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Friday, December 31

5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Saturday, January 1

7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

8:45 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

10:00 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

11:30 AM - Fr. Moriconi

Sunday, January 2

7:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

8:45 AM - Fr. Moriconi

10:00 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

11:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

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

From the Pastor

Holy Family Sunday – Today we celebrate Holy Family Sunday. The Sunday after Christmas we always celebrate in Church the gift of family life. Jesus was born into a family and thus sanctified family life as a sacred place. Our first call as followers of Jesus is to love and support our families. The Church refers to the family as a domestic church, where we learn to love God and one another. Our families are the means by which the Lord wants to provide us with loving assistance and teach us the ways of a patient and steadfast love for one another. This day is a time to recommit ourselves to loving, forgiving and serving one another in our families. We ask the Holy Family to bless all of our families. Charity does indeed begin at home. May the love of Christ strengthen us to imitate the Holy Family and may we let the light of Christ shine in our families by our mutual concern, understanding and kindness.

Church Safety – With the recent surge in coronavirus cases I remind you of our mask policy in Church. Those vaccinated are not required to wear masks, although they certainly are welcome to do so. It is highly recommended that those who are not vaccinated wear masks. Although it is an indoor space with a number of people present, our Church has proven to be a safe place. It helps that we are all facing in one direction and that in Church face-to-face conversations with one another are limited. I don't know of any case of the virus being transmitted through participation in Mass and Services here. I pray that our Church will continue to be a safe place for worship of God and growth in sanctity.

Mass Schedule – Because it falls on a Saturday, January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and the beginning of a new calendar year, is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. You are still encouraged to attend Mass to celebrate the gift of our Blessed Mother and to prayerfully begin the New Year. The Mass schedule will be that of what we usually do on New Year's Day, which is to follow the Sunday Mass schedule. There will be a Mass at 5:15 pm on Friday, December 31, and on January 1, there will be Masses at 7:30, 8:45, 10:00 and 11:30 am. There will be no confessions or Mass on Saturday evening, January 1. On Sunday, January 2, we will follow again the normal Sunday Mass schedule (7:30, 8:45, 10:00 and 11:30 am).

University of Notre Dame Chorale – We are truly blessed that the 45 strong University of Notre Dame Chorale will be performing at our Church on Friday, January 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm. The concert is free and open to the public. Don't miss this opportunity to experience some beautifully presented, wonderful traditional Christmas music of Byrd, Schubert, Schumann, Tchaikovsky, and Mussorgsky.

March for Life – This year's March in Washington will be on Friday, January 21. Bus transportation is available for any St. Margaret parishioners who wish to participate in this witness to the value and dignity of the unborn. We are sharing a bus with members of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. If you wish to join us on the bus, please call 610-664-3770 and leave your name on email us at office@saintmarg.org.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest – The youth of our Parish, ages 9-14, are invited to participate in a free throw contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Local winners can move on to regional and state contests. The event will take place at St. Margaret Gymnasium on Saturday, January 15 from 1 – 5 pm.

Church Teaching: The Eucharist and the Spirit –

Through our communion in his body and blood, Christ also grants us his Spirit. Saint Ephrem writes: "He called the bread his living body and he filled it with himself and his Spirit....He who eats it with faith, eats Fire and Spirit...Take and eat this, all of you, and eat it with the Holy Spirit. For it is truly my body and whoever eats it will have eternal life." In the Roman Missal the celebrant prays: "Grant that we who are nourished by his body and blood may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ." Thus by the gift of his body and blood Christ increases within us the gift of his Spirit, already poured out in Baptism and bestowed as "seal" in the sacrament of Confirmation. (from the encyclical letter of Saint John Paul II entitled 'On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church.')

Spiritual Thought – Parents and families of the whole world, let me say to you: God calls you to holiness! God has chosen you "before the creation of the world," St. Paul tells us, "to be holy and blameless before him...through Jesus Christ." God loves you passionately and desires your happiness, but God wants you to be always able to combine fidelity with happiness, because one cannot exist without the other. (Saint John Paul II)

A Little Humor – "Do you realize you were speeding?" the officer asks the old woman after pulling her over. "Yes, officer," she replies, embarrassed, "but I've got a very good excuse." "What's that?" he asks. "I'm trying to get where I'm going before I forget where I'm going."



**Project Rachel: Healing after Abortion
Peace Starts Here**

Prayer - Jesus, Healer of Wounds and Source of Mercy, your hands embrace and welcome little children. As we look on your hands painfully nailed to the cross,

extend your Divine Mercy to the tens of millions of women and men in our nation who are wounded from their participation in abortions. Help us as a Church to recognize the unique pain that abortion brings to individuals, families and our society. May the wounds of your hands on the Cross remind us each day of your steadfast love for us as we seek to build a culture of life and be faithful instruments of your hope and healing.

Project Rachel is a collaboration of The Office for Life and Family and Catholic Social Services. For more information, call 1-844-772-2435 or email ProjectRachel@chs-adphila.org.



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 or visit <https://www.scs.edu/ICF>.



For nearly half a century, Nutritional Development Services (NDS), an agency of the

Archdiocese of Philadelphia, has been on the frontlines of the fight against hunger by providing nutritional food and related resources to children, families, and senior citizens throughout the five-county Philadelphia region.

To support our continued hunger relief efforts, NDS is once again pleased to have the opportunity to team up with Convergence Acceleration Solutions Group (CAS Group) to provide increased access to nutritious food. Now through January 31, 2022, CAS Group is pledging to match all donations made to NDS dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000.

Those wishing to double their impact can support NDS by visiting the NDS website at <https://nutritionaldevelopmentservices.org/> and clicking on the secure online donate button. Please include "CAS Challenge" in the "How did you hear about us?" comment box. Together, we can alleviate hunger in our communities and make a difference in the lives of those who need it most today.



The Communities of Don Guanella and Divine Providence

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Who will care for your Adult special needs family member when...?

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- You need a break/vacation
- Your home is undergoing renovation

The Communities of Don Guanella and Divine Providence specialize in caring for adults with intellectual developmental disabilities. Our **Life Sharing through Family Living Respite Program** provides you and your loved ones with caregiving relief when you need it most. All respite families have

- Training in ID, Autism, medication administration, and behavioral concerns
- All federal and state mandated clearances
- Trained social workers to provide oversight.

BECOME A LIFE SHARING FAMILY

Are you someone whom God is calling to share your life and home? Our residential program needs people like you to provide a loving home life for an adult with IDD who wants to live in a family environment. Training and daily stipends are available. Call or email today! 484-472-5068 or 484-472-5069 or cabrams@chs-adphila.org. For more information, visit <https://dgdpcommunities.org/>.



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.



The Gianna Center of Philadelphia is dedicated to providing general gynecologic care, natural family planning education and infertility services – all while honoring the sanctity of each human life, the dignity of women and the integrity of marriage. Their commitment to pro-life health care includes:

- A restorative approach to reproductive health care
- Natural alternatives to hormonal contraceptives
- Modern, effective natural family planning
- A safe place for virtue-based health care for teens
- Pro-life alternatives to in vitro fertilization
- Support for abortion-vulnerable women

For more information, call 215-857-9599 or visit www.phgiannacenter.org.



St. Lucy's Guide, a great new spiritual virtual outreach group, meets weekly on Sundays at 4 p.m. Eastern via Zoom. If you or a family member has a disability, come share the Scripture, learn about resources, assistive technology, and

personal experiences of others. For more information including links to the ZOOM meetings, please e-mail stlucysguide@gmail.com.



The Raymond Nonnatus Foundation
for Freedom, Family and Faith

Spiritual Accompaniment for Families in Crisis and Catholics Affected by Divorce and Separation

Offerings: prayer for your intentions; podcasts and videos on topics related to family crisis; free spiritual consultation with a Mercedarian friar by appointment.

Subscribe: to the YouTube Channel at PhillyNonnatus.

More information? Go to www.Nonnatus.org or text/call 215-870-9913.

For Free Spiritual Consultation Appointment: Email director.srnf@gmail.com.



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.

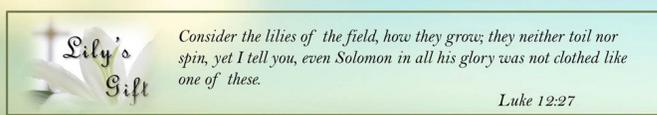
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Welcome to *True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation*, a series about those who led the Church's rebirth from the ashes of confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation. The saints of the Catholic Reformation show us just how powerful—and beautiful—is the human heart's free response to God's generous grace. Meet these six inspiring saints in the following episodes:

- St. Thomas More: The Age of the Author*
- St. Ignatius of Loyola: Soldier for Christ*
- St. Philip Neri: The Apostle of Joy*
- St. Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd*
- St. Teresa of Avila: A Study in Perseverance*
- St. Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls*

As a member of St. Margaret Parish, you have FREE ACCESS to this series, and many more resources such as videos and books, on **FORMED**, an internet site designed for growth in the knowledge and prayerful practice of our Catholic faith. Not every parish offers a subscription to FORMED, so take advantage of this opportunity as a St. Margaret's parishioner and go to FORMED.org to sign up. The Parish Code is WRVZND.



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 a prenatal diagnosis. This ministry can provide a peer support team to assist couples during this critical time. Email LilysGiftLuke12.27@gmail.com for support or call 215-587-3530. For more information about a Catholic response to PPD, visit www.LilysGift.org or www.BeNotAfraid.net.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended until further notice.

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 Thursday, January 13, 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. 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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