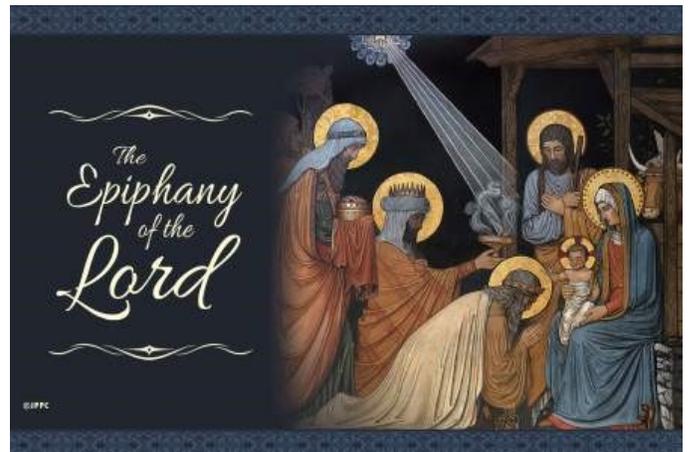


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## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 2, 2022



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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

“They returned to their country by another way.” What a near fairy tale ending to this lovely but significant episode in the Christmas story. Whether they were the traditional three figures (based on the number of gifts) or of an unknown head count; whether they were astrologers, or kings, they represent us, the Gentile world, coming to pay homage to the newborn Messiah. As happened before in those days of wonder, the wise men received a warning in a dream and escaped the clutches of the malignant monarch Herod. Instead they mounted their humped “desert ships” and headed East, never to be seen again.

But here may I interject a question, “home to do what?” Adhere to studying the stars? Perhaps. But we know that no one who comes to Jesus goes away the same.

My imagination supplies one possible answer: In their newfound lives they became evangelizers, eager to tell the world about Him whom they had seen lying in the manger. The same One whom they had gifted with items not found in stables. They now had a new purpose in life.

That leads into the subject of our individual purpose in the grand scheme of things. What is it? What specifically are we called to do for God here below in order to live with Him forever above in heaven? Will we tackle it a bit better now that a brand new year has arrived?

Prayer, for believers at least, is the main component of the search. Allow me now to bring to your attention the most helpful words of St. John Henry Cardinal Newman. He presents his thought with his characteristic eloquence and that pertinent wisdom displayed every time he put pen to paper. I have carried the following with me for years.

***“God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.***

***He has not created me for naught. I shall do good. I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace; a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I but keep His commandments. Therefore I shall trust Him.***

***Whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him. In perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about.***

***He may take away my friends; He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate; make my spirits sink; hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.”***

God love you and give you His peace in this New Year!

**MONDAY, January 3**

**7:00 AM Joe D’Antonio**

**TUESDAY, January 4**

**7:00 AM Joe D’Antonio**

**WEDNESDAY, January 5**

**7:00 AM Christina Holms (living)**

**THURSDAY, January 6**

**7:00 AM Thomas William Doyle, Sr.**

**FRIDAY, January 7**

**7:00 AM Dorothy Kalivas**

**SATURDAY, January 8**

**8:00 AM John P. Albers**



**THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022**  
**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN**  
**IN MEMORY OF**  
**JOHN LE.**

**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 19, 2021: \$ 10,915**  
**Collection in Church: \$ 5,146**  
**Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 580**  
**Mail In: \$ 1,565**  
**Parish On Line: \$ 3,624**  
**Envelopes: 192**

**The Weekend of December 20, 2020:\$9,391**

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

**Weekend Mass Schedule January 8-9**  
*(Priest scheduled is subject to change)*

**Saturday, January 8**

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

**Sunday, January 9**

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

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

**From the Pastor**

**Collection for Visitation Parish** – Thank you for your tremendous generosity in our collection for Visitation Church. The Parish School there was vandalized and burglarized a few weeks ago and the School suffered serious water damage because of the piping that was ripped out. Your contributions amounted to \$10,280, which I have sent to the pastor at Visitation. He greatly appreciates your kindness and generosity in their time of need. The Church is in a poor neighborhood in Kensington. Your donations will help it continue to be a beacon of hope for the School children and for all the needy people it serves.

**New Year** – The beginning of a new year is a time for hope. The good Lord who has faithfully walked with us through all the ups and downs of prior years will again be with us. It is a time for us to renew our commitment to walk with Christ. It is through him, with him and in him that we discover our best selves and true fulfillment. As we begin another year we resolve to deepen our faith in the Lord and live in unity with him. We look to him to be our guide so that we can be people who live the truth with joy and patient determination.

**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord** – The Lord comes to us as a bright light shining for all the nations to see. The wise men followed the star and discovered the light of Christ. The Lord seeks to draw all people to his light so that they can discover his love for them and walk in the ways of truth. The word “epiphany” is a Greek word meaning “to make clear.” The Lord wants to make clear to all that he is the Savior of the world and the source of all goodness and life. The Lord asks us as his disciples to assist him in bringing the light of his love to our world. May we let the light of Christ shine so brightly in us that through us people can be drawn to Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

**Feasts of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Saint John Neumann** – January 4 is the feast of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and January 5 is the feast of Saint John Neumann. Both of them were instrumental in starting and promoting Catholic schools in our country. Mother Seton founded in 1809 the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity, and opened in Maryland the first American parish school. Her Sisters were dedicated to serving Catholic parish schools. Mother Seton died in 1821 and was canonized in 1975. Prior to becoming a religious sister, Elizabeth Ann Seton had been married. She suffered the death of her husband and two young daughters, and bore the heartache of a son who drifted into a wayward life. In all things she was bolstered by her Catholic faith and wanted lovingly to pass that on to the young.

Saint John Neumann became bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. John Neumann was a saintly man who sought to maintain and strengthen the faith of the many immigrants who came to Philadelphia. The immigrants often experienced rejection and anti-Catholic bias, so John Neumann wanted to ensure that they received the proper understanding of their faith and the graces that came from fidelity to the Lord.

He promoted Catholic schools and in his eight years as bishop the number of pupils in Catholic schools increased twentyfold. He died in 1860 and was canonized in 1977.

We celebrate these two great saints this week and are grateful for the positive effect they had on Catholic education in our country. We pray that through their intercession our School and all Catholic schools will be beacons of our faith for our youth.

**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.

**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.

**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 or email us at [office@saintmarg.org](mailto:office@saintmarg.org).

**Spiritual Thought** – The most Blessed Sacrament is Christ made visible. The poor sick person is Christ again made visible. (Saint Gerard Majella)

**A Little Humor** - Did you hear that everyone at the mint went on strike? They wanted to make less money.



**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.**

**Church Teaching: The Eucharist and Heavenly**

**Glory** – The Eucharist is a straining toward the goal, a foretaste of the fullness of joy promised by Christ; it is in some way the anticipation of heaven, the pledge of future glory. In the Eucharist, everything speaks of confident waiting in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Those who feed on Christ in the Eucharist need not wait until the hereafter to receive eternal life: they already possess it on earth as the first-fruits of a future fullness which will embrace man in his totality. For in the Eucharist we also receive the pledge of our bodily resurrection at the end of the world: “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.” This pledge of the future resurrection comes from the fact that the flesh of the Son of Man, given as food, is his body in its glorious state after the resurrection. With the Eucharist we digest, as it were, the “secret” of the resurrection. For this reason Saint Ignatius of Antioch rightly defined the Eucharistic Bread as a “medicine of immortality, an antidote to death.”

*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: Michael 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 Franc-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.

**FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND!**



Next Weekend is our monthly food collection weekend (January 8 & 9). This program collects non-perishable foods each month for the Archdiocesan Community Food Distribution Centers Program. They provide food for 50 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.



**Mass for Religious Education & Presentation of Anniversary Awards**  
**Sunday, January 9, 2022, at 2PM**  
**Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul**

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez will be the celebrant for the Mass and awards which recognize the ministry of Directors and Catechists of Parish Religious Education.



**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>.

**Retrouaille  
Marriage  
Program**

**Rediscover the Love in your Marriage**

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

The Retrouaille 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.

**Please visit [Helpourmarriage.org](http://Helpourmarriage.org) to learn about the program, find upcoming weekends and register.**



**Nourish for Caregivers  
Caring for the Caregiver**

Virtually every one of us will care for a loved one at some point in our life.

Though rewarding, it is not always easy. The *Nourish for Caregivers* ministry understands that family caregivers need somewhere to turn to for information, support in their faith and personal connection during the caregiver journey. Each *Nourish* gathering provides practical approaches, tools and resources to help navigate these times with a Christ-centered view. For more information, visit [Phillyevang.org/nourish](http://Phillyevang.org/nourish).

**Nourish for Caregivers Virtual "House Calls"  
Tuesdays or Thursdays at 11:00 am**

[Nourish For Caregivers](http://Phillyevang.org/nourish) offers two weekly virtual support groups through the "House Calls" ministry. Caregivers may participate via land line, cell phone, or through the use of a computer/tablet device. Each session will last approximately one hour depending upon the number of participants. Visit this website for log-in information: <https://page.co/j05Km>



**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 Nicole at the rectory, 610-664-3770, Ext 10.



**Prayer for Priestly Vocations**

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with the Spirit of courage and love. Raise up from our families future priests: worthy ministers for your altars, generous and ardent servants of the Gospel. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

**Restore: A Women's Healing Retreat  
January 21-23, 2022**

**St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, PA**

**Restore:** return to its original condition; return what was lost, stolen, or taken away.

God longs for us to believe that we indeed are who He says we are: His beloved daughters, carefully created, infinitely loved and valued beyond measure. Yet, here amidst the darkening caused by sin, betrayals, lies and trauma, we struggle to experience the Truth of who we are. Our pain and woundedness distort the lens through which we look at ourselves and others. Come...and let Him Restore you!

Retreat talks and experiences will reconnect us with the Truth of our inherent dignity, beauty, and wholeness. Retreat also includes: small groups, individual healing prayer, Mass and Adoration. Retreat leaders are Father Stephen DeLacy and De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry.

Find the full schedule and register at <https://youaremadenew.com/restore-womens-retreat> or email De: [de@youaremadenew.com](mailto:de@youaremadenew.com).

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



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

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

### **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](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)**.

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### **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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