

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekday: (Mon through Fri) 9:00am

Saturday: 5:00pm,

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am & 12 noon

Confessions:

Saturday - 4:00-4:45 PM in the Church
or by appointment.



Solemnity of Mary

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, JANUARY 5TH

3:00 - 6:00 PM



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As we start another calendar year today, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. It is the last day in the period of time known as the Octave of Christmas. It's not a signal that Christmas is over – no, far from it! It means that the immediacy of Christ's birth as indicated to us by the gospel reading at Mass each day is not the same after today. Thus, it makes perfect sense that as we started Christmas with the indispensable Mother of God, that we finish the Octave with her too.

In the gospel passage for this Solemnity, we are told that "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." (Lk 2:19) After giving birth to the Son of God, the Blessed Mother teaches us all a lesson about the proper attitude to have concerning the things of God. We should reflect on them, and what better truth to reflect on than the Incarnation. For the Incarnation begins the redemption of the human race by God's Son. The Blessed Mother, whose role in her Son's entry into human affairs is absolutely essential, sets the tone for all the followers of the Divine Infant, the King of Kings. We cannot be disinterested bystanders; no, we must be engaged at the highest level of being human, that is, we use our minds, our souls and our hearts to behold what God has done for us. The model for our engagement is always the Queen of All Saints, Jesus' mother and our mother, too.

Speaking of engagement with the gift of salvation wrought by Jesus' birth in Bethlehem of Judea, we must be engaged too with the extension of the Incarnation in the Holy Eucharist. Beginning today and continuing over the next few weeks, I endeavor to present in the weekly bulletin some comments for our reflection on the Blessed Sacrament since we are already several months along in our **Eucharistic Revival**.

Today's reflection is taken from the work entitled *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*, the document of the Bishops of our country announcing the **Eucharistic Revival**.

They write the following:

At the Last Supper, celebrating the Passover, Jesus makes explicit that his impending death, freely embraced out of love, is sacrificial. . . . In the words and gestures of the Last Supper, Jesus makes it clear that out of love for us he is freely offering his life for the forgiveness of our sins. In doing so, he is both the priest offering the sacrifice and the victim being offered. As priest, Jesus is offering a sacrifice to God the Father, an offering prefigured by the offering of bread and wine by Melchizedek, Priest of God Most High (Gen 14:18; see Ps 110:4; Heb 5-7). Anticipating his Passion in the institution of the Eucharist, Christ has indicated the forms under which his self-offering would be sacramentally present to us until the end of time.

Why is it so important that we understand the Eucharist as a sacrifice? It is because all that Jesus did for the salvation of humanity is made present in the celebration of the Eucharist, including his sacrificial Death and Resurrection. Christ's sacrifice of himself to the Father was efficacious and salvific because of the supreme love with which he shed his blood, the price of our salvation, and offered himself to the Father on our behalf. His blood, shed for us, is the eternal sign of that love. As a memorial, the Eucharist is not another sacrifice, but the re-presentation of the sacrifice of Calvary by which we are reconciled to the Father. It is the way by which we are drawn into Jesus' perfect offering of love, so that his sacrifice becomes the sacrifice of the Church.

I'll end right here for now. I will continue in future editions of the weekly bulletin to offer excerpts from the document I quoted above. May the **Eucharistic Revival** be accepted by Catholics as a salutary gift to know, love and serve the Lord in our vocations.

In the meantime, Happy New Year to all. May this year of 2023 present us with many opportunities to grow in our faith and deepen our union with Christ and His Mother (and our Mother too).

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

St. Margaret's Bible Study

The Parish Bible Study will begin at 10 AM on Wednesday, January 11th and continue on Wednesdays in the Parish Center.

Deacon Ed Hayes will be the facilitator.
Please bring your Bible.



The Parish Center will be closed on
Monday, January 2nd for New Year's Day



Wedding Banns

Banns I: Brianna Lloyd & Michael Santomassino, both St. Margaret of Scotland

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

*For your personal adoration
and prayers.*

FIRST THURSDAYS
JAN. 5TH, FEB. 2ND

3:00 - 6:00 PM in the Church



Thank you to our Church Decorating Team on the beautiful efforts for our Christmas flower placement!

Parish Social Ministry



Food Pantry Needs

PLEASE bring all donations to the front door of the Parish Center during office hours or bring to the box in the rear of the Church.

**We are in need of: Cereal, Kids Snacks, Cookies, Juice Boxes,
White Rice, Small Jars of Jelly**

A very special THANK YOU to all!

Outreach Christmas

*St. Margaret's Christmas Giving Day was a tremendous success!
We were able to help 85 children have a wonderful Christmas Day!*

*Thank you to Nick Caracappa's Office, Marinello Funeral Home and Country Village Estates
for their generous donation.*

Many of our Parishioners took the lead of St. Margaret and were so giving this season!

The families were thrilled! Thank you all and God Bless!



New Parishioner? Moving out of the parish?

Kindly fill out the form below—drop it in collection basket or mail to Parish Center. It will help us keep our files up-to-date and welcome newcomers.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Telephone _____

New Parishioner _____ Moving _____



Filipino Mass

St. Margaret of Scotland Church

Come join to sing and praise!

Sunday, January 8th

Rosary ~ 2:00 PM

Mass ~ 2:30 PM

Living Waters Wholistic Healing

Therapeutic Catholic Counseling dedicated to healing the whole individual with a an integrated approach to the intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual. For more info go to livingwaterstherapy.org.

Sunday, Jan 01, 2023**And let it begin with me**

"The world must be educated to love Peace, to build it up and defend it." With these words, Pope Paul VI in 1968 called us each to personal responsibility for keeping the peace. Since then, successive popes have related the quest for peace to fighting poverty, protecting creation, defeating racism, caring for migrants, supporting education, ensuring opportunities to work, and overcoming indifference. As the pandemic bloomed, Pope Francis described peace as cultivating a "culture of care." Building peace includes encountering people outside our typical social cocoons. It necessarily involves creating good politics and living with hope. Make peace your personal priority.

OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 (18). *"The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!"*

Monday, Jan 02, 2023**Spirituality is a friendly endeavor**

Is there anyone you regard as a "spiritual friend"? Someone with whom you share your Christian journey and who helps you grow in faith? Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen were two such friends who were monks together for a while and later both became bishops. They lived in a time—the fourth century—when there was great conflict and heresy, and the pair worked to keep the church united on the right path. Gregory wrote of their friendship: "We seemed to be two bodies with a single spirit ... Our single object and ambition was virtue, and a life of hope in the blessings that are to come ..." If it's true that you are the company you keep, choose wisely!

MEMORIAL OF BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS, DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 (205). *"Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us?"*

Tuesday, Jan 03, 2023**The name above all others**

The Most Holy Name of Jesus occurs in early January to signify the eight days since Jesus' birth—when, as a Jew, he was presented in the Temple and given a name. As the Bible reminds us, an angel told Joseph: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Today is also the main feast day of the Jesuit religious order, as their name derives from Jesus' name. Celebrate as suggested by today's most famous Jesuit, Pope Francis: "It means thinking like him, loving like him, seeing like him, walking like him. It means doing what he did and with his same sentiments."

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:29—3:6; John 1:29-34 (206). *"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."*

Wednesday, Jan 04, 2023**Stand firm for justice**

Today, the church celebrates the feast of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first person born in the future United States to be canonized, and the de facto founder of America's Catholic school system. Seton was also a voice of reason in a time of rampant contradiction in the realm of human rights. Though her family owned slaves, Seton apparently rejected the practice and spoke lovingly of African Americans. Though her order did not protest the

practice, and in some cases benefitted from the labor of enslaved individuals themselves, recent studies have found no evidence that Seton herself ever engaged in the practice—a rarity for her time and social class. Let's pray that a spirit of holy resistance will fill us all in the fight against injustice—in a world where up to 50 million people live in modern slavery.

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42 (207). *"The person who acts in righteousness is righteous, just as he is righteous."*

Thursday, Jan 05, 2023**Live and learn—and pass it on**

Education was of supreme importance to both Saint John Neumann (1811-60), who is memorialized today, and to scientist and devout Christian George Washington Carver, who died on Jan. 5, 1943. Both men obtained an education long before it was seen as a birthright. Both made enormous social contributions as a result: Neumann to faith development of the masses; Carver to applied agricultural science impacting the country in numerous ways. For them, cleverness was never an end in itself; they both believed their talents were given by God to serve others. How does *your* education serve others?

MEMORIAL OF JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51 (208). *"Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."*

Friday, Jan 06, 2023**The door will be opened**

Born frail and weak in 1845 near Montreal and orphaned at 12 when both parents died, André Bessette tried a number of trades as a young man, none with much success. He was initially turned away when applying to the Congregation of Holy Cross but was finally accepted and given the humble task of doorkeeper, messenger, and laundry worker at Notre Dame College in Montreal. There he faithfully served for decades. His life of devotion and healing presence eventually attracted legions of visitors and 80,000 prayer requests mailed in each year. "When I joined this community, the superiors showed me the door, and I remained 40 years," he quipped near the end of his long life. Make yours a life of simple service and devotion—and a sense of humor won't hurt either!

MEMORIAL OF ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38 (209). *"I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals."*

Saturday, Jan 07, 2023**Signs of life**

All that water at the wedding feast of Cana was used, the story tells us, for "Jewish ceremonial washings." Such washings were prescribed by the Jewish *Halakha*, or body of laws derived from the Torah. The fact that Jesus turned pure water for cleansing into wine for drinking would have sent a powerful message of the true nature of "living water" to the wedding guests. That same message is transmitted to us as simple table wine becomes the blood of Christ at every Eucharist. Like the wedding guests at Cana, don't hesitate to drink deeply from the cup of life Jesus offers.

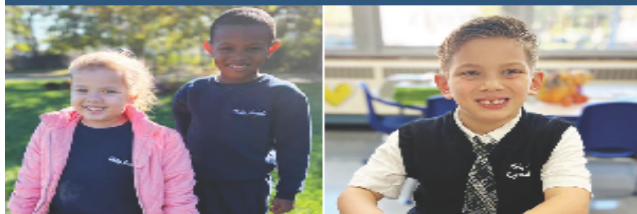
CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:14-21; John 2:1-11 (210). *"Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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12:00 - 2:00PM

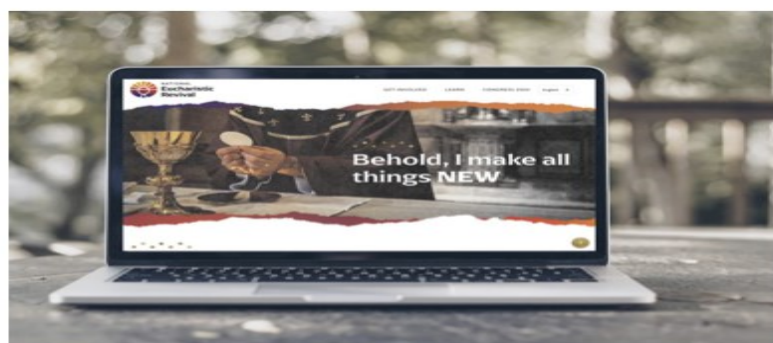
At the Holy Angels Regional School Open House, you will have the chance to meet faculty and staff, tour the buildings and see how Holy Angels can be the best fit for your child! All are welcome!

"Making the switch from public school to Holy Angels was by far the best decision we ever made; our children could not be happier and are thriving both academically and socially. We are confident that attending Holy Angels is preparing our children for their future!"

-A Holy Angels Regional School Parent

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- Holy Angels is committed to integrate the Gospel message with the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development of students, enabling them to become the leaders of tomorrow.
- Holy Angels cultivates a robustly Catholic culture centered on the spiritual, intellectual, sacramental, and liturgical life of the Church and challenges its students to learn, lead, and serve as Jesus taught.
- Holy Angels provides a safe and supportive community that recognizes the dignity of every person and promotes human flourishing in a familial atmosphere.



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