



# *St. Margaret of Scotland Roman Catholic Church*

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- *Encounter the God who loves*
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## Parish Office Staff

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### Welcoming Committee

Trish Gerhart: 302-379-3869


### Parish Office Hours

*Mon. - Thurs.: 9:00am - 4:00pm  
&  
Fri.: 9:00am - 12:00pm*



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 17 & 18, 2022



### Advent Waiting

We all ache for God, and we wait...

The addict in the alley behind the Cathedral waits: for a God who will come and remove all that enslaves him.. The single mother waits: for the day when she longer has to work 54 hours, when she can sleep eight, and when she'll finally know the kids will be ok.

The soldier in a ditch in Iraq waits: for a morning when there are no more explosions of IEDs, and every look is not feared as the precursor to an assault, and you don't have to bury your new best friends.

The old man in the nursing home waits: for the day he will no longer be alone, when pain will no longer be his most constant companion, and when he can once again rest in the embrace of her whom he loved.

The prisoner on death row waits: for a place where he will no longer be seen as evil, for a life that makes sense, for a time when love can be given and received, for the coming of a God who will love him.


The investment banker waits: for the day when he's not gripped by the fear that he's about to lose everything, for the day when he can count his value in the quality of his love rather than the size of his profit.

The little child waits within her mother's womb: for a world that will welcome her, and parents that will love her, and a country who will protect her.

We all wait in joyful hope, with bated breath, as we gaze toward the Eastern skies in expectation of the one who rises with healing in his wings...

Exiled in a Babylon of our own selfishness, we cry out: "rend the heavens, O Lord, and come down to us!" Yet he waits for us in that confessional, ready to embrace us pick us up on his shoulders and carry us home to himself.

*This excerpt is part of a new weekly series devoted to particularly good homilies. This one comes from Msgr. James P. Moroney, of St. Paul's Cathedral in Worcester, MA.*




Flock Note is used to share important information that needs to be shared with the entire parish. **It's easy to subscribe:** Text **SMOS1** to **84576** or go to **[margaretofscotland.flocknote.com](http://margaretofscotland.flocknote.com)**

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** 5:30 pm  
**Sunday:** 8:30 am & 10:30 am  
**Weekday:** Mon., Wed., & Fri. 8:30 am  
**Holy Day:** 8:30 am & 7:00 pm  
**Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 4:30 pm & Mondays 6-7pm  
**Rosary:** Every Monday & Friday after 8:30 am mass

## Devotions




Check out: <https://www.ewtn.comcatholicism/adoration>  
**EWTN CHAPEL - AVAILABLE FROM 9:30 AM TO 6:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**First Friday of the Month after 8:30am Mass**  
**Monday Evenings 6pm-7pm**

## Mass Intentions

<b>December 19</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Edith Kennedy</b>
<b>December 21</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Elizabeth A. Plum</b>
<b>December 23</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Andrew Bobik</b>
<b>December 24</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Steven &amp; Andrew Bobik</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Julia Almeida</b>
	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Cheddar &amp; Concavage Families</b>
	<b>10:00 pm</b>	<b>Len Shoemaker</b>
<b>December 25</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Matthew Hessey &amp; George Broda, Jr.</b>

## Sacraments



### Baptism

Baptisms can be scheduled at Sunday masses and at 9:45 and 11:45 on Sundays. If this is your first child you are required to attend a class. **The next baptism class is January 26, 2023 at 6:30pm.** Call the office to schedule.

**Reconciliation**— After weekday masses & Saturday at 4:30pm

**Matrimony**

Consult the parish priest at least one year before your wedding date.

**Communion to those unable to come to Mass**

If you, or a family member are not able to participate at Mass and would like to receive communion, please contact the parish office.

**Anointing of the Sick**

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick brings the compassionate presence of Christ into the midst of the suffering of those who are ill, aging, or preparing for minor /serious surgery. If you would like to be anointed, please contact the parish office.

*"The faithful should be encouraged to ask for the anointing, and, as soon as the time for the anointing comes to receive it with faith and devotion".*

**- Rite of Anointing**

## Christmas Mass Schedule 2022

Christmas Eve  
 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm & 10:00 pm

Christmas Day  
 9:30 am

New Year's Eve  
 5:30 pm

New Year's Day  
*Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God*  
 8:30 am & 10:30 am



## Parish News



### St. Vincent de Paul Food Closet

Thank you for your generous donations to the needs of the food closet. Thank you for your generosity in helping to feed and care for the community.

#### St. Vincent de Paul

*Today, let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving. Is there a family you know that needs assistance?*

*Please call the society of St. Vincent de Paul at 302-834-0228, so that together we can help those that are hungry.*

Thank you for your financial support to this ministry. We are in need of laundry soap, bath soap, paper towels, pasta sauce, spam and canned tuna. We would like to thank everyone for your contribution to the food closet.



### From the Religious Ed Office:



#### From Fr. Ed, all of our parish catechists and classroom aides, and myself -

We wish you all of the blessing that this holy season holds. Our prayer for you and yours:

May love come alive within your heart as Christmastime draws near. May hope fill each room you decorate and bring joy to those you hold dear. May peace be before you at every meal and faith ring through every song, for Christ is alive - the Light of the World! May He bless you all season long.



This is an invitation for anyone age 18 or older who is interested in becoming Catholic or completing their initiation into the Catholic Church. This process begins in the fall and finishes at the Easter Vigil next spring. There is a branch of the RCIA process that is available for Teens and for Children as well, which is shared at an age-appropriate level. If you would like to find out more about the RCIA process, or to register, contact Deacon Tommy Watts ([tommy@margaretofscotland.org](mailto:tommy@margaretofscotland.org)).

### THE SCOUTING CORNER

Cub Scouting is for boys in Kindergarten through 5th grade, or ages 5 (must be in Kindergarten) through 10 years old. Anyone interested in learning more about Pack 283 should contact Tom Hill at 302-388-9996. Boy Scouting is for boys who are at least 11 years old and have completed the 5th grade. Anyone interested contact James Barry [jamesbarry007@gmail.com](mailto:jamesbarry007@gmail.com) (302) 489-9671.



### Fraudulent Emails and Texts

Recently, emails have been received by parishioners, parish staff and out-side numbers, to be from Rev. Ed Oden, asking for urgent assistance or a favor. This is NOT his email. **Please note that Fr. Ed and the diocesan office staff will never solicit for personal assistance via email.** Please disregard.



### Homeless Shelter and Food

It is that time of the year again when the clocks change, the leaves fall and as the weather becomes colder our thoughts and concerns go out to those that do not have a permanent residence. In the past St Margaret of Scotland parishioners have been most generous in providing their time and talents cooking for the homeless in our area so we will be undertaking that effort once again. We are targeting preparing food and joining the residents for an hour to serve at the Mary Randall Center in Elkton. We are looking at the six Mondays in a row starting on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. As this will allow those that work a chance to participate by preparing their food on Sunday. Please contact Theresa Deakins at [theresa@theresadeakins.com](mailto:theresa@theresadeakins.com), or 302-598-4082 for texts, for more info and to participate and a menu will be sent to you. .



### Knights of Columbus

The St. David Council #12842 invites all men of our parish, who are 18 years old and older, to join our Council in supporting the St. Margaret of Scotland Parish and our community through acts of service. Please Contact our current Grand Knight, Mike Robinson, for more information. He can be reached at 302-438-5232 or by email at [mjfamily@gmail.com](mailto:mjfamily@gmail.com).

### Friends of St. Margaret Senior Group

If you are age 50 or over, interested in meeting and socializing with other parishioners, The Friends of St. Margaret of Scotland would like to welcome new members to our group.

Our group is primarily a social group, that also participates in Church activities, group luncheons, and occasional day trips.

For more information, email [jzecca@comcast.net](mailto:jzecca@comcast.net) or 302-540-7060.



### Bible Study

Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the parish office conference room. For more information, contact Deacon Tommy at [tommy@margaretofscotland.org](mailto:tommy@margaretofscotland.org).

### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Join us every Friday morning at 9:30 am, and we will explore the Mass readings for the upcoming weekend. Our goal is to break open those Sacred Words and try to discover what God is telling us and how those words might fit into our daily lives. Questions or more info, contact Deacon Tommy at [tommy@margaretofscotland.org](mailto:tommy@margaretofscotland.org)



### Men's Fellowship

We have started a Men's Fellowship group and invite others to join us. Gathering together to enjoy each other's friendship, ideas, and sharing what is important within our lives, which the Spirit makes into something truly awesome...

Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the parish office conference room. For more information, contact Deacon Tommy at [tommy@margaretofscotland.org](mailto:tommy@margaretofscotland.org).



### Young Adult Group

#### Mondays at 7:30pm

St. Margaret of Scotland hosts a young adults group that meets every Monday in the Choir Room, in the parish office at 7:30pm. Contact Fr. Ed at [EFOden@margaretofscotland.org](mailto:EFOden@margaretofscotland.org)



### People's Plaza Christmas

**THANK YOU** to all who helped decorate the North Pole, volunteered to work, & helped with cleanup afterwards.

Thank you also to the attendees, and especially the People Plaza Merchants Association for hosting the event. With the efforts of so many from our parish, it was a huge success. All proceeds will go to our St. Vincent de Paul Society, who helps the neighbors in need in our community.

### Holiday Office Hours

December 22nd: 9:00 am -12:00 pm

December 23rd & 26th: CLOSED

December 27th-29th: 9:00 am- 12:00 pm

December 30<sup>th</sup> & January 2nd: CLOSED

Normal office hours resume

Tuesday, January 3rd: 9am -4pm

Merry Christmas



### PRAYER SHAWL

If interested in picking up a prayer shawl at the parish office, contact the parish office at 302-834-0225.



## Family Advent Prayers The Fourth Week of Advent

Prepare: Put out the shepherds and the sheep and any other animals, as well as the Advent wreath. Light all 4 candles on the Ad-vent wreath and lower the lights, preparing for prayer.

All: Lord, we gather with the people who waited one thousand years for your coming.

Reader 1: A reading from the gospel according to Luke: (Luke 2:6-12) While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped in cloths, and laid him in a manger. There was no room for them to stay in the inn.

Reader 2: There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them:

Reader 3: "Do not be afraid. I am here with good news for you which will bring great joy to all of the people. This very day in David's town, your Savior was born, Christ the Lord! And this is what will prove it to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Each family member adds a shepherd, a lamb, and any other animals to the manger.

Leader: Caring God, help us to be open to you in our lives. Slow us down so that we will not miss you when you come. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. All: Amen

### On Christmas Eve

Prepare: Place a single white candle in the center of the Advent wreath. Give a candle to each person present and gather at the manger scene. Put out the figure of the Infant Jesus. As you lower the lights, quiet and get ready for prayer. Light all 4 candles of the Advent wreath.

All: Lord, we gather with the people who no longer wait because you have come!

Reader: A reading from the gospel according to Luke: (Luke 2:15-20) Now, when the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened that God made known to us." So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in the manger..... And the shepherds returned to their flocks, glorifying and praising God.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord. At these words, the appointed child places the baby Jesus in the manger. Light each person's candle from one of the Advent candles. Next, all gathered light the single white candle from their candles. Then, extinguish the 4 Advent candles.

Leader: Jesus, we carry your light in our hearts!

All: Amen!

## UPS Toy Drive for A.I. Children's Hospital

We will be collecting

**NEW, UNOPENED, UNWRAPPED** toys in the lobby between the church and parish office, until the Monday after Christmas.



## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the staff of The Dialog!

Pick up our annual Christmas edition in the back of church beginning on Dec. 17th. The next edition of The Dialog will be on January 13, 2023. As always, up-to-the-minute Catholic news for Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore is available online at [TheDialog.org](http://TheDialog.org). We thank all our dedicated readers and advertisers for your support throughout the year!

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Delaware Contact: Sr. Janet Mary

302-368-5886 or [vocnewark@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:vocnewark@littlesistersofthepoor.org)

## Via Crucis 2023

We cordially invite you to be a part of a special weekly  
Lenten presentation now in its 60th year.

This special presentation is a liturgical drama called the *Via Crucis*. The Via Crucis was first presented in St. Anthony of Padua Church in 1933. It was revived in 1961 and has been presented continuously from 1961 to the present. Your participation can be credited towards community service or other scholastic requirements. All grade-school age to college-age boys and girls are welcome. Bring along your friends and relatives as well!

**NEW VIRTUAL SIGN-UP BEGINNNING ---December 16th, 2023 AT [stanthony.viacrucis@gmail.com](mailto:stanthony.viacrucis@gmail.com)**

**(INCLUDE: NAME, AGE & CONTACT INFO)**

**Sign-Ups will be on Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 1:30 pm**

**Additional sign-up on 1/22/23 at 1:30 and first rehearsal immediately following from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in**

**St. Anthony of Padua Church at 9<sup>th</sup> and DuPont Streets.**

Practices are: Jan 22, 29 and Feb. 5, 12, and 19, 2023 from 2:00 to 4:00

Performances are: Feb. 22, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 2023 at 7:30

We welcome the **entire family** to be a member of the cast or support group. For further details, please contact me at: [stanthony.viacrucis@gmail.com](mailto:stanthony.viacrucis@gmail.com) or 302-545-5047

## Join St. Margaret of Scotland parish members on an adventure to Alaska.

This is an adventure that brings together the best of both land and sea. Included are visits to Sternwheeler Discovery, Tundra Wilderness Tour, Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, and Inside Passage.

**When: June 14, 2023 through June 25, 2023**

**Highlights:** Denali National Park, Denali Dinner Theater, scenic train ride to Talkeetna in a luxury domed rail, plus a cruise through Glacier Bay and the Inside Passage.

For more information, call Chris Linsner at 302-832-1488.

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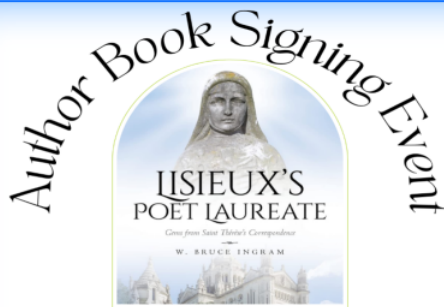




### Millions of Monicas

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Join with other mothers as we pray to grow in holiness and humility and for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church.  
**Mondays 6:30-7:30 PM ~ St Patrick's Catholic Church 1414 N King St. Wilmington DE** This is NOT a support group or counseling. There is no "sharing" involved other than our child's first name. It is simply praying together, following a specific format, for one hour each week. **Join a movement inspired by the perseverance of St Monica.**

All affected mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, etc. are welcome  
For more information visit: [www.millionsofmonicas.com](http://www.millionsofmonicas.com) or email Lucy Sneeringer at [lucy.millionsofmonicas@gmail.com](mailto:lucy.millionsofmonicas@gmail.com)



Please join us for a Meet and Greet with local author

**W. Bruce Ingram**

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All proceeds fund the W. Bruce Ingram Scholarship at  
**Saint Mark's High School.**

### Boy Scout Religious Awards

Any scout who is interested in earning their Catholic religious award should contact the Diocese of Wilmington's Catholic Committee on Scouting. Our committee can help get the process started and will supply the award, once earned. Each year the Bishop will present the awards to the scouts of our Diocese at our annual Scout Mass. For further information please contact either Bob Murray, Committee Chair at (302) 993-6290 or Deacon Tommy Watts, Boy Scout Chaplain (302) 218-1415.

### Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

**February 12, 2023**

Bishop William E. Koenig invites all couples celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50<sup>th</sup>, to the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass** being held on **World Marriage Sunday, February 12, 2023**, at 1 pm at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, Delaware. The Mass coincides with National Marriage Week, February 7-12. The Bishop will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 12:00 noon and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 12:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. There is no cost to you, however **reservations are required**. Please make your **reservations by January 30<sup>th</sup>**. This year, you can register by clicking on <https://cdow.coursestorm.com/category/family-life-events> or by calling the office at 302-295-0657.

For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage and Family Life 302-295-0657 or [OMFL@cdow.org](mailto:OMFL@cdow.org)

### Are you being called to God?

If you think God might be calling you to the priesthood or to religious life, contact Fr. Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations!](http://www.cdow.org/vocations!)



### Good News

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> we will feature Bishop William Koenig's Christmas message to the people of the Diocese of Wilmington. Due to special programming, Catholic Forum will not air on Relevant Radio 640 on Christmas Eve, however; you can listen online any time after 2:00 p.m. at [//cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum), or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum)



### Marriage Pointers

Wednesday, Dec. 21, is the Winter Solstice - the longest night of the year. Dark nights can be cozy when warmed by love and candlelight. If this week finds you blessed with pleasant experiences of darkness, pray for those who aren't.

*"by Susan Vogt, [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net)"*



### Parenting Pointers

"Do not be afraid, Joseph..." (Matthew 1:20) Substitute your own name for Joseph. Bearing and raising a child can be scary. So many things can go wrong. Turn to God and each other when you are nervous or afraid of how to parent your child.

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### WORD OF LIFE – December 18, 2022

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at [respect-life.org/support-her](http://respect-life.org/support-her).

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

*Make a difference this holiday. Shop for gifts at [smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0389890](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0389890) to generate donations for St Margaret of Scotland Rc Church*

### READINGS FOR

**December 18th—December 25th**



#### December 18- Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14/ Rom 1:1-7/ Mt 1:18-24

**December 19-** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/ Lk 1:5-25

**December 20-** Is 7:10-14/ Lk 1:26-38

**December 21-** Sg 2:8-14/ Lk 1:39-45

**December 22-** 1 Sm 1:24-28/ Lk 1:46-56

**December 23-** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/ Lk 1:57-66

**December 24-** Is 9:1-6/ Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14

**December 25- The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

Is 9:1-6/ Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14

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