



St. Margaret of Scotland Roman Catholic Church

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To follow the readings during mass, visit USCCB.org and
click on "Daily Readings"

The Church WIFI Password is #sunflower

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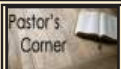


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important information that needs to be
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84576 or go to margaretofscotland.flocknote.com



March 16 & 17, 2024



The Feast of Saint Joseph

Each year the Church celebrates the Feast Day of St. Joseph on March 19th. St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary was declared Patron of the Universal Church in 1870 by Pope Pius IX and Guardian of the Redeemer in 1989 by Saint Pope John Paul II. He is patron of workers and carpenters as well as of Austria, Belgium, Canada, Mexico, Peru, and (south) Vietnam. This year the feast of St. Joseph is moved to Monday, March 20 because of his feast day falling on the fourth Sunday of Lent.

What do we know about St. Joseph?

- His father was Jacob, from the royal family of David.
- He was the foster father of Jesus and the husband of Mary.
- He was a carpenter who lived in Nazareth.
- He never uttered a single, blessed word that was recorded in Scripture.
- He was a man of faith and action: he does what the angel tells him—he takes Mary as his wife, he goes to Bethlehem, he finds a place to stay for the night—even if it is a stable, he takes his family and flees to Egypt, and then returns to Nazareth.
- When Jesus was 12 years-old he and Mary took Jesus to be presented to the Temple – customary practice for a devout Jew. That is the last reference or knowledge that we have of Joseph.

Throughout Christian history, there's been a lot of discussion/debate about Joseph's age. Early on, due to concern about making sure it was understood that Mary was a virgin, Joseph was depicted as an old man—the thought being that advanced age safeguarded virtue (in this instance, virginity). Eventually this was debunked by examples from the OT which depict lecherous old men, e.g., Lot falling into sin with his daughters, the elders who accused Susannah. Later on, it was believed that Joseph was a mature but not old man, as he would have had to possess the maturity and experience, together with the physical vigor, necessary for his mission as the protector of Mary and Jesus.



The Gospels are silent on this point in one way, but in another their silence indicates that no one thought that anyone other than Joseph was the father of Jesus, so Joseph and Mary must have been a normal looking couple, and together with Jesus, their family must have appeared to be nothing out of the ordinary. Scholars suggest there's good reason to think, given age, marriage, and morbidity patterns of the time, that Mary was about 14 years old and Joseph was perhaps a few years older, say, 18-20, when they married.

Parish Office Hours

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

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 Friday after 8:30 am mass

Devotions



Check out: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/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

March 18	8:30am	Joseph Bucci
March 20	8:30am	Elizabeth Boyer
March 22	8:30am	Louis McHale
March 23	5:30pm	Andy & Steve Bobik & Tim App
March 24	8:30am	Katherine Belford
		William Hackett
	10:30am	Dolores Allan

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 baptism class. **The next Baptism Class is April 16, 2024 at 6:30pm.** Call the office to schedule.

Reconciliation

Monday 6-7pm & Saturday 4:30pm or by appointment

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



Congratulations to the following children and their families who were baptized last weekend at St. Margaret of Scotland Church.

Georgia Bea Alfrey

God Bless you as you begin your faith journey.

Our third annual Reconciliation Monday will take place on Monday, March 25th from 3 until 8 p.m. Not only will we have confession here in our church during that time, but all parishes in the diocese will be holding confessions.

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 **toilet paper, stuffing and apple juice**. We would like to thank everyone for your contribution to the food closet.



From the Religious Ed Office:



PREP FAMILIES- Please remember to bring your books to class.



FIRST EUCHARIST FAMILIES-

Continue working in the Eucharist folder and using the online component



CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2024 -

Continue working on your modules.

Check out www.thekidsbulletin.com for fun weekly kid activities.



Parish Easter Egg Hunt & Activities Saturday, March 23rd

Festivities begin at 10:00 am for various age groups up to age 12. Crafts & games in Hopkins Hall. A Sign-up sheet is in the gathering space. You may also contact Madeline Romano to sign up or for more information: madeline@margaretofscotland.org



Looking For Volunteers to drive the **MARYDALE Retirement Home** van for 4 hours once or twice month. Contact Ed Lyons at 302-293-3083 for more information.

Extended dates By Popular Demand for Together Tuesdays with Marydale!

You may have noticed that we are preparing and serving meals w GREAT success at Marydale (low income independent living facility run by the Catholic Diocese). The trial was to end in March but the residents just Love our food and fellowship so we are adding 2 more months to the original schedule. (April and May) If you would like to help in any way (paper supplies or be added to the list for menu items and maybe serving/socializing, please email Pat Hessey so you can get the newest menu. Phessey526@msn.com. For additional questions please call Theresa Deakins at 302-598-4082 - theresa@theresadeakins.com

~SAVE THE DATE~

The Annual Tony Francia Memorial Golf Tournament

Monday, June 24, 2024 At Patriots Glen- Elkton

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR EASTER

**RECONCILIATION
MONDAY
MARCH 25 3-8 PM**



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. We are pleased to announce that Jack Novak has been elected as the Grand Knight of the St David Council #12842. For questions or info contact Jack: quincyde@comcast.net or 302-229-5923.

Friends of St. Margaret Senior Group

If you're a parishioner over 50, come, be a friend! Enjoy trips, activities, as well as occasional luncheons. Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 3/27/24 at 1:00pm** in the DeSales Room.

Annual Dues are \$10.00. For more information, contact Sharon at smbathon@comcast.net.



Bible Study

Join us on the **1st Monday of each month at 7:00pm** in the Parish office Glasgow room. For more information, contact Deacon Tommy at 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



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 **2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm** in the parish office conference room. For more information, contact Deacon Tommy at tommy@margaretofscotland.org.



Young Adult Group

St. Margaret of Scotland hosts a young adults group that meets **every Monday at 7:30pm** in the **Choir Room**, in the Church.

For information, contact Francis Klineciewicz at Francisk@udel.edu.

SMAC HAPPENINGS

~ Save the Date ~

Pub Night

Saturday, April 27th in Hopkins Hall

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 19, 2024 @ 7pm** in the hall. We are always welcoming new members. Any questions please contact Laura at Laura.sheppard10@icloud.com.



Faith Matters

Thursday, March 21st at 7:00PM; DeSales Rm

A 6 Week Session

A History of the Catholic Church

"Modern Church Period (1648-Present)"

Presenter: Fr. Ed Ogden OSFS



SOUP & STATIONS
OF THE CROSS

Soup Supper

6:00 pm in DeSales Room

February 16, 23

March 1, 8 and 22

Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm in Church

February 16, 23

March 1, 8, and 22



During this time of giving, a QCD from your IRA is a great way to give back to the church. The IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows taxpayers 70 ½ or older to donate up to \$100,000 from their individual retirement accounts (IRAs) directly to charitable nonprofits. When a taxpayer reaches age 72 (old rule 70 ½) they have to withdraw a required minimum distribution (RMD) from their IRA each year, which is taxable income. However, if the taxpayer donates up to \$100,000 of their RMD to a qualified charity, via a QCD, the RMD is not taxable income, which could be more beneficial than getting the charitable deductions for the actual donation. See your tax or financial advisor to discuss further how this could benefit you. If you have questions, you can also contact your fellow parishioner, Sue Morgan at isawsam19@aol.com.

"Forgiveness Benefits the Forgiver"

Resurrection Parish 3000 Videre Dr. Wilm. DE 19808, RM. 1969
Monday, March 25 9:30am – 11:00am

Join us for an interactive discussion about how forgiveness benefits the forgiver. The content will include what forgiveness is and is not, the barriers to forgiveness, Scripture references, the impact of holding on to hurt and anger, stories of forgiveness, and an article entitled "How to Strengthen Your Forgiveness Muscle". It will be lead by Eileen Donnelly. Mass will be offered at 8:30am before talk. Register at www.jesushousecenter.org or call 302-995-6859.

HOLY WEEK



SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday– March 24th

5:30 pm– Vigil Mass
 8:30 am & 10:30 am– Mass

Monday, March 25th

8:30 am– Daily Mass
 3:00 pm– 8:00 pm– Confession & Adoration

Tuesday, March 26th

7:00 pm– Chrism Mass
 Holy Cross Church
 631 S. State Street Dover, DE

Wednesday, March 27th

8:30 am– Daily Mass
 10:00 am– School Mass

Holy Thursday, March 28th

7:00 pm– Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Visit with the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 pm
 Good Friday, March 29th
 12:00 pm– Stations of the Cross
 7:00 pm– Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, March 30th

12:00 pm – Blessing of the Easter Food
 8:00 pm– Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, March 31st

Mass– 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm

Bulletin Advertiser of the Week

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Mother & (Adult*) Daughter Retreat **May 10 – 12 (Mother's Day Weekend)** **Marianist Family Retreat Center**

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Knowing that your relationship is special, and the need to nurture it throughout the years, this is a wonderful opportunity to walk upon common ground while celebrating your differences. Eucharist, small group sharing, prayer experiences, socials and fun are included - beach walks too!

Cost: \$150 per person

Sign up online at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829 for more information.

***ages 16+**



Bake Sale Fundraiser

April 6th & 7th after each mass

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Synod Discernment Listening Sessions

Join Bishop Koenig in reflecting upon those things that encourage or hinder the Church's mission and ways that we as a Church can be helped in our ability to live and proclaim the Gospel. Two listening sessions will be held in the diocese as part of the universal Church's Synod of Synodality:

Monday, March 18, 6:30 pm
Saint Francis de Sales, Salisbury, Md.

RSVP today at cdow.org/svnod.

Community Shirt Sponsorship

CTTCS is launching a Community Shirt Sponsorship program for the Annual Fun Run on Friday, April 26. Sponsors' logos or names will be printed on nearly 700 T-shirts for all Christ the Teacher students and staff members. The shirts will be worn at the Fun Run and other school events. If you are a part of a business interested in becoming a featured partner or can help us spread the word to businesses that would benefit from this partnership, please use this link <https://bit.ly/42ZM3aE>. Contact Clarice Kwasnieski at ckwasnieski@christtheteacher.org or 302.838.8850 x142 for more information.

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www.christtheteacher.org
 302-838-8850



Bible Study on Zoom - lead by Thedal Tamil Catholics

When: March 10th (Every 2nd Sunday of the month)

Time: 12:00pm to 1:30pm

What: Numbers 24 & 25

Contact: biblestudy.ttc@gmail.com for zoom link to connect.

Wedding Anniversary Mass 2024 – Pictures

Thank you to all who attended the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass with Bishop Koenig at St. Margaret of Scotland Church. The pictures have been placed on the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington website under the Office for Marriage and Family Life. Please visit <https://www.cdow.org/religious-education/office-for-marriage-and-family-life/> and click on the red link to access the pictures. Any questions can be directed to the Office for Marriage and Family Life – 302-295-0657.



JOB POSTINGS

Holy Family Parish, in Newark DE is seeking a Religious Education Program Assistant to provide administrative support in the parish Religious Education program. The ideal candidate is proficient in basic administrative skills (phone, receptionist, and email) and has experience with the Catholic Church and knowledge of Catholic Teachings. Part-time, 25-30 hours/week. Hours are flexible, with some evening and weekend hours. Please submit your resume to Judy Stives at JStives@holyfamilynewark.org or call 302-368-4665.



All are invited to the
13th CYM Pilgrimage
“Blessed are They/Bienaventurados sonellos”
Saturday, March 23, 2024, in Wilmington, DE.

We hope to gather 1000 pilgrims this year to walk with Bishop Koenig through the route and encourage families to accompany their young people! The CYM Pilgrimage will be blessed this year by the presence of the Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit, which St. Elizabeth Parish will host throughout that weekend. Please share the attached logo and registration link with all who may be interested: <https://www.cdowcym.org/events/detail/pilgrimage-2024>. Questions directed to catholicyouth@cdow.org.

Eucharistic Encounter Weekend

St. Elizabeth Parish and School are honored to host the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit, collected and designed by +Blessed Carlo Acutis, from **Friday, March 22 through Sunday, March 24**. It contains extensive images and historical descriptions of Eucharistic Miracles recognized by the Catholic Church. Enjoy a self-guided tour of these miracles, on loan from Malvern Retreat House. The presentation, created by +Blessed Carlo, will be displayed in Msgr. Grant Hall at St. Elizabeth Church. Throughout the exhibition, there will be the opportunity to venerate a first-class relic of +Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Benedict. For updates about the event, the full schedule and video, please visit <https://steparish.org/>. Please call 302-353-0480 with any questions. For information about +Blessed Carlo and his cause for canonization, carloacutis-en.org.

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Is hosting a **MINI RETREAT** on **PADRE PIO!**

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Tuesday, April 16

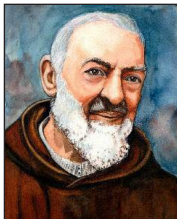
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and he will share his remarkable experiences with Saint Pio.

For questions, contact Rita McDowell
at mcdowell@ihm.org or 302-438-9739.

To register, contact Lisa Krueger
at lkrueger@ihm.org or 302-762-5550.



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). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!



Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next week, we explore the Sacrament of Penance with Pastor, Rector, Chancellor and Judicial Vicar, **Father Joseph McQuaide**, as we prepare for Reconciliation Monday on March 25th. The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and [//YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseofWilm) debuts every Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.; and on Relevant Radio 640 every Saturday afternoons at 1:30. More information is available at [//cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum) and [//FaceBook.com/CatholicForum](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicForum).



Marriage Pointers

The Spring Equinox (<https://www.almanac.com/content/first-day-spring-vernal-equinox>) is Tuesday, March 19 when planet earth has nearly equal light and darkness. Why should you care? Perhaps use nature's day of equality to ponder how you & your beloved each have happy and sad, good and bad days. Love each other through both.

“by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net”



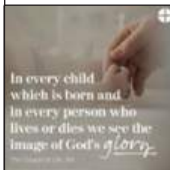
Parenting Pointers

Next Tuesday, March 19, is the **Spring Equinox** when daylight and night darkness are equal. Perhaps use the increasing daylight to look for dirt and clutter. Ok, so this is a sly hint to draft your kids into helping you do some Spring cleaning this weekend.

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“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ”

(The Gospel of Life 84).

READINGS FOR March 17th - March 24th



March 17- Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34/ Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33

March 18- Dn 13;1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

March 19-2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

March 20- Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/ Jn 8:31-42

March 21- Gn 17:3-9/ Jn 8:51-59

March 22- Jer 20:10-13/ Jn 10:31-42

March 23- Ez 37:21-28/ Jn 11:45-56

March 24- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mk 11:1-10/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 14:1-15:47

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