



# SAINT MARGARET MARY CHURCH

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil**  
5:00 p.m.

**Sunday**  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

**Weekdays**  
(Monday ~ Friday)  
8:00 a.m.

**Holy Days**  
8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**Confession**  
Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.  
and by appointment



**Your presence here makes all the difference!**

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## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Contact the parish office to schedule a Baptism Seminar prior to the baptism of your first child.

**MARRIAGE:** Contact the parish office at least **nine months** in advance for information and scheduling.

**(RCIA) RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Considering entry into the Catholic Church? Contact the parish office for an appointment.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE HOMEBOUND:** To arrange for the Sacraments, contact the parish office.

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### “IN CHALLENGE THERE IS GROWTH”

The Great Barrier Reef, stretches some 1,800 miles from New Guinea to Australia. Tour guides regularly take visitors to view the reef.



On one tour, the guide was asked an interesting question. “I notice that the lagoon side of the reef looks pale and lifeless, while the ocean side is vibrant and colorful,” a traveler observed. “Why is this?”

The guide gave an interesting answer: “The coral around the lagoon side is in still water, with no challenge for its survival. It dies early. The coral on the ocean side is constantly being tested by wind, waves, storms – surges of power. It has to fight for survival every day of its life. As it is challenged and tested it changes and adapts. It grows healthy. It grows strong. And it reproduces.”



Then he added this telling note: “That’s the way it is with every living organism.”

That’s how it is with people. Challenged and tested, we come alive. Like coral pounded by the sea, we grow.

Physical demands can cause us to grow stronger. Mental and emotional stress can produce tough-mindedness and resiliency. Spiritual testing can produce strength of character and faithfulness.

So every time life brings you a challenge -- just say: "There I grow again!"

*Father Ken*

# The Eucharistic Table

<p>Sat./Sun. 1/2-3 5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:00 am</p>	<p><b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 + Mary Jane Spiering &amp; Angeline Kilgore (<i>Tom Spiering &amp; Family</i>) + Mass for the Congregation + Joe Thimons (<i>Family</i>)</p>	
<p>Mon. 1/4 8:00 am</p>	<p><b>ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON</b> 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 + Margie Lukens (<i>Lukens Family</i>)</p>	
<p>Tues. 1/5 8:00 am</p>	<p><b>ST. JOHN NEUMANN</b> 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44 + Josey Cocco (<i>Butch &amp; Sissy</i>)</p>	
<p>Wed. 1/6 8:00 am</p>	<p><b>ST. ANDRE BESSETTE</b> 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52 + Mary Thur (<i>Friend, Jane Policchio</i>)</p>	
<p>Thurs. 1/7 8:00 am</p>	<p><b>ST. RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT</b> 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a + Mary Cambal (<i>Children &amp; Grandchildren</i>)</p>	
<p>Fri. 1/8 8:00 am</p>	<p><b>CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY</b> 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16 + Paul Lang (<i>Loving Sister, Roberta</i>)</p>	
<p>Sat./Sun. 1/0-10 5:00 pm 8:30 am 11:00 am</p>	<p><b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 + Deceased Members of William &amp; Evelyn Shirey Family (<i>Robert &amp; Carole Krajci</i>) + Mass for the Congregation + Virginia Zorich (<i>Tyler Spondike</i>)</p>	

## This Week

### Sunday, Jan. 3

- 12 noon Senior High Youth Ministry - Sullivan Room
- 7:00 pm Young Adult Ministry - Freude Room

### Tuesday, Jan. 5

- 4:15 pm Cherub Choir - B-3



### Thursday, Jan. 7

- 6:45 pm Handbell Choir - Church

### Saturday, Jan. 9 ~ Change for Haiti

#### Project S.E.E.D. Collection

- 4:00 pm Youth Choir - Church
- 5:00 pm Come to the Table - Church & Parish Center

### Sunday, Jan. 10 ~ Change for Haiti

#### Project S.E.E.D. Collection

- 9:30 am Youth Choir - B-1
- 9:45 am 3rd Grade Choir - B-3

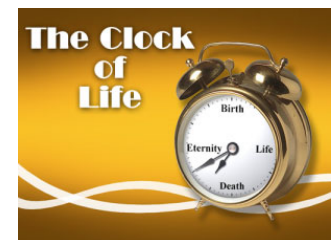
## Life's Clock

The clock of life is wound but once,  
and no man has the power  
to tell just where the hands will stop  
at late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad  
indeed;  
To lose one's health is more;  
To lose one's soul is such a loss  
As no man can restore.

The present only is our own,  
Live, love, toil with a will --  
Place no faith in "tomorrow" -- for  
The clock may then be still.

(This poem appeared in one of Father Sullivan's bulletins many years ago.)



**SMM MUSIC MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO SING, PLAY AND OR RING!  
ALL OF OUR MUSIC MINISTRIES WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AT ANY TIME.  
PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER SHARING YOUR MUSICAL GIFTS WITH THE PARISH.**

## HANDBELL CHOIRS

### MATTHEW 25 HANDBELL CHOIR & LITURGICAL HANDBELL CHOIR



We need people who are willing to ring bells for the new Handbell Choirs at SMM. In order to join, you do not need to be able to read music. We rehearse in the church on Thursday evenings from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. This group, called the *Matthew 25 Handbell Choir*, will go at a relaxed pace and is an

opportunity to serve others while making music. SMM also has a *Liturgical Handbell Choir* which rehearses on Thursday evenings from 6:45 - 8:15p.m. This choir goes at a faster pace and requires music reading. Both choirs are open to new members. To join, please contact Mary Murphy at the parish office or [mmurphy@smmlb.org](mailto:mmurphy@smmlb.org). We look forward to welcoming new members.

## CHOIRS

**Resurrection Choir** sings for funerals.

**Adult Choir** – sings September through early June and rehearses Wednesday evenings from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.

**Youth Choir** – Grades 4 – 12 rehearses Sundays from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. (between Masses).

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade Choristers and Chime Ringers** – rehearses on Sundays from 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

**Cherub Choir** – children age 4 – Grade 2 rehearses Tuesdays at 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.



## INSTRUMENTALISTS



We welcome instrumentalists who would like to play on an occasional or more frequent basis.

For more information, please contact Mary Murphy at [mmurphy@smmlb.org](mailto:mmurphy@smmlb.org) or the parish office at 724-335-2336.



## Come to the Table ~ Saturday, January 9, 2016



**Come to the Table** is a multi-generational program designed to serve the whole congregation. Both single parishioners and families are urged to attend, and the sessions are broken down by age group, so that all receive the same lesson, at his or her respective level. We meet once a month on Saturday evenings, beginning with the 5:00 p.m. liturgy, followed by a meal together. After the meal, we explore aspects of our Catholic faith across the age levels of children, youth, and adults. For those who haven't registered, you may do so by calling the parish center at 724-335-2336.

**The meal:** This month we will enjoy **baked ham, parsley potatoes, and a vegetable medley.** If you have an allergen or food intolerance concern, please feel free to bring a meal with you.



St. Margaret Mary Youth Ministry, with **YOUR** help, will be collecting **non-perishable food items next weekend** and at every **Come to the Table Mass.** Project **Something To Eat Everyday** provides needy kids in the New Kensington/Arnold School District with food for the weekend.

## Marriage Preparation

For all engaged couples who are planning on celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony in 2016, please be aware of two very important dates:

We are hosting a **Wedding Workshop** on **Saturday, January 23, from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon.** We will go over details and guidelines regarding the wedding liturgy and review the book *Together for Life.* It is **very important** that you, both the bride and groom, attend this session. Please mark it on your calendars.

While planning the wedding is certainly exciting, it is your *marriage preparation* that we most want to emphasize. This preparation must be completed before the sacrament takes place. New this year, we are hosting a one-day **Marriage Preparation** session co-sponsored by Saint Margaret Mary and Mount Saint Peter Parishes. The day will feature married couples who present topics that are critical to sustaining a lasting and loving marriage. We are working diligently to plan a day that will be both formative and fun. This event will take place here on **Saturday, February 6, from 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.** The fee \$30 includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner at Villa Ballanca (dinner optional).



Please email Gabrielle Genovese to RSVP for both of these events:  
[ggenovese@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:ggenovese@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways:

“20 + C + M + B + 16.” The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for “May Christ bless this house.” The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names.



The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi’s. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chanked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi’s quest for meaning and peace.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Ministry Schedule — January 9 & 10

		GREETERS			Technical Team				
5 pm	Father Ken	T. DeMoss	L. Dickerson	G. Kaforey	M. Schultz	D. Misak	E. Green	J. Green	
8:30 am	Father Dan	D. Carabin	J. Carabin	E. Jones	K. Hayes	K. Hayes	J. Hayes		
11 am	Father Ken	P. Allman	D. Donati	J. Donati	R. Skowronski	A. Pacuch	C. Shipman		
ALTAR SERVERS					LECTORS		Liturgy of the Word		
5 pm	M. Garda	K. Ryan	K. Ryan	J. Ryan	A. Bucci	Youth	D. Holtzman	K. Stevenson	
8:30 am	A. Malagari	M. Malagari	M. McGowan	S. Bordonaro	R. Polinski	M. Sharick	None	None	
11 am	D. Hyland	A. Trefelner	N. Olinger	C. Lender	M. Cochran	D. Couturiaux	None	None	
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS									
5 pm	P. Couturiaux	J. Cox	M. Cox	K. Hayes	C. Ozdany	A. Pavetto	K. Romano	E. Sosinski	D. Swick
8:30 am	J. Bieranoski	S. Bieranoski	G. Bordonaro	D. Branzet	C. Moyes	J. Musolino	R. Musolino	S. Pfund	MK Sedlacek
11 am	B. Fedoush	L. Hyland	T. Hyland	P. Mike	J. Ondako	N. Rehberg	Sister Gratia	Sister Jossy	D. Skowronski
USHERS									
5 pm	A. French	Grosse/Keller	A. Falleroni	M. Kardabin	J. Tallarico	T. Cavanaugh	G. Rapp	T. Cambal	D. Swick
8:30 am	G. Rapp	T. Cambal	T. Farina	S. Warden	S. Skeba	B. Crivaro			
11 am	J. Hess	S. Mike	M. Misak	J. Potosnak	D. McClaine	T. Rayburg			



Magi  
from  
the  
East  
arrived

*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!  
Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

— Isaiah 60:1

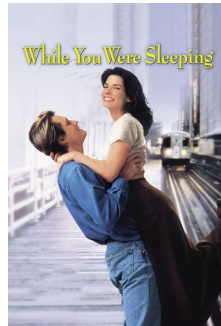
## FILM SOCIAL

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Date: Wednesday, January 20

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: Freude Room



This movie wasn't available last month so will be the featured film for January:

**While You Were Sleeping.**  
*Lonely transit worker Lucy Eleanor Moderatz (Sandra Bullock) pulls her longtime crush, Peter (Peter*

*Gallagher), from the path of an oncoming train. At the hospital, doctors report that he's in a coma, and a misplaced comment from Lucy causes Peter's family to assume that she is his fiancée. When Lucy doesn't correct them, they take her into their home and confidence. Things get even more complicated when she finds herself falling for Peter's sheepish brother, Jack (Bill Pullman).*

Magi from the east arrived, saying,  
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?”

(Matthew 2:1-12)