

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

310 Mansfield Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15220  
Green Tree



January 22, 2012

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MISSION STATEMENT

*The Mission of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish is to promote our Christian Community through worship, education and service. In the spirit of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we offer hospitality and service to all.*

### PARISH STAFF

**Fr. Francis J. Murhammer**

*Pastor*

**Kevin L. Lander**

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*Director of Religious Education*

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### MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil ..... 4:00 PM  
 Sunday ..... 8:00 AM; 10:00 AM & 12:15 PM  
 Monday - Saturday ..... (See "Mass Intentions")  
 Holyday ..... (See "Mass Intentions")

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR INFANTS:** Baptism is celebrated by appointment on the second and fourth Sundays of the month after the 12:15 PM Mass. A reflection on the gift of the Sacrament of Baptism is provided monthly for parents, in the Parish Office. Call the Religious Education Office to register.

**INITIATION INTO THE CHURCH (RCIA & CIC):** RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and CIC (Christian Initiation of Children) are processes by which un-baptized persons and baptized persons from other faith traditions or with no formal religious education, are brought into the Church. Please contact the Director of Religious Education.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** All children of the parish are expected to receive Religious Education in the parish school or the CCD program. Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation take place in this context.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** The Sacrament is available Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM, and any time by appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Arrangements must be made at least six (6) months in advance of the anticipated date by contacting the priest. A date will not be set until a couple has met with the priest.

**RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS:** For information on the priesthood or religious life contact the priest or the Vocation Office of the Diocese of Pittsburgh at 412-456-5800, ext. 23.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Every Sunday after the 8:00 am Mass this Sacrament is offered for anyone who is facing an operation or going into the hospital. If you are homebound and need this sacrament, contact the Parish Office.

**HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS AND SHUT-INS:** Please call the Parish Office if someone in your family is hospitalized or a shut-in. If a parishioner is not able to attend Mass, the priest and/or Eucharistic Ministers can take Communion to the home on Sundays.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** The Youth Ministry is open to all high school teenagers of the parish and their friends. It offers a variety of social, educational, and service activities to assist young adults in their growth toward maturity in the faith.

**NOCTURNAL ADORATION:** There is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Friday of the month from 10:00 PM until 7:00 AM on Saturday.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Those new to the area, newlyweds and single adults, (even if registered before with their families) are asked to register by contacting the Parish Office.

**Pittsburgh Diocese Victim's Assistance Hotline - 1-888-808-1235**

# School News



**Recognition ...** Congratulations to Mrs. Gina Whitehair on being recognized by PPG associates for her active involvement in our school. Gina is in charge of our Script/Gift Card program. She received a check for \$1000.00! This check is for the school to use in its' fundraising efforts! Thank you Gina and PPG Industries Foundation!

**Market Day pick-up ...** is tomorrow from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria.

**Parent conferences ...** The teachers will be having parent conferences on Thursday and Friday.

**Penance Retreat ...** We end our week with the second grade students attending a Penance Retreat on Saturday from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm.

**Tournament ...** The Forensics team travels to St. Louise de Marillac for a tournament.



## NIGHT AT THE RACES

St. Margaret of Scotland School Athletic Association will hold their Annual Night at the Races on Saturday, February 4, 2012. Doors open at 6:00 pm, with dinner at 6:30 pm and races starting at 7:00 pm.

Cost is \$15.00 per person, or \$25.00 per couple. Admission includes: buffet dinner, and beverages. Chinese Auction tickets sold separately.

For tickets, please contact Amy at the school 412-922-4765, by January 30.



## GIFT

*What I am is God's gift to me.  
What I become is my gift back to God.*

- Anonymous

**Java and Jesus ...** Join us **THIS** Wednesday, January 25 from 7:00-8:00 pm at Starbucks on Greentree Road for a tasty Starbucks beverage and a Youth Group meeting.

**Donations for the Poor ...** On February 12, the Youth Ministry will participate in the "Love Walk for the Poor." On the weekend of January 28 and 29, a donation box will be located in the lobby of the church for the following items that are needed: diapers, baby wipes, and non-perishable food items. These items will then be given out to the homeless and poor of our region by the Youth Ministry on February 12, during the "Love Walk for the Poor."

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

**Youth Night ...** Our next Youth Night will be on January 29 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Hoehle House.

**Souper Bowl of Caring ...** Since 1990, more than \$71 million has been raised for local charities across the country through the *Souper Bowl of Caring*. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Following all Masses on the weekend of February 4 and 5 members of the Youth Ministry will be collecting donations for the *Souper Bowl of Caring*. Every dollar donated will go directly to the Southwest Food Pantry.

Last year in an incredible display of generosity by the parishioners of our parish, we were able to raise \$1,483.23! Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

# CCD NEWS

CCD Classes ... **NO CLASSES** Monday, January 23.  
Tuesday, **January 24 classes are in session.**



### BAPTISM CLASS

Our next Baptism Class will be held on **Sunday, February 5, 2012 after the 12:15 pm Mass.** You must register for the class by calling 412-921-1613. A date cannot be confirmed for baptism until you have attended the class and your documents are in the office.



### FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to compete in the Knights of Columbus Regis J. Sheehan Memorial Council #12355 Free Throw Championship. Competition will be held on Sunday January 29 at 2:00 pm in the Greentree Borough Municipal Gym.

There will be awards for each age group. No pre-registration is necessary. Proof of age is required at the time of competitions (a birth certificate is preferable.) If there are any questions, please call Bill O'Connor at 412-716-5577.



### CONFIRMATION DOCUMENTS

**Anyone expecting to be Confirmed this Spring must submit** Confirmation Registration forms, baptismal /sponsor information, and/or parish form to the Religious Education Office immediately. If you have any questions please contact the Religious Education Office at 412 921-1613 or email: [smosdre@gmail.com](mailto:smosdre@gmail.com).



### FIRST PENANCE RETREAT

The First Penance Retreat for second grade students and their parent(s) is scheduled for Saturday, January 28 from 9:30-Noon in the school cafeteria.



### ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Members will meet on Monday, January 23 at 7:00 pm in the Hoehle House

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

There have been some interested adults who have come forward to volunteer for this ministry. If we have enough help we can schedule two Masses or more a month probably at the 10:00 am, and/or at the 12:15 pm Sunday Masses.

We have the resources available, training is minimum and takes about 20 minutes to participate. You will still be "attending" Mass, the only difference is that the readings are from the Children's Lectionary.



### SAVE THE DATE

It's that time of year again to prepare for the annual Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community! In recent years Angels Place has been fortunate to have many participants walk on their behalf. Last year, nearly 130 walkers joined together to raise almost \$7,000 to help cover the cost of childcare expenses at our three centers.

Angels Place provides single parents who are low-income, full-time students, with the help needed to complete their education through no-pay child care and family support programs.

We provide a loving, nurturing, safe and healthy environment that every parent and child deserves.



### TAX RECEIPTS

If you would like to receive a statement of your contribution for 2011 (for tax purposes), please fill out the form below. Drop it off (along with a self-addressed envelope) at the Parish Office, or drop it in the collection basket.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_



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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**

4:00 pm - Kaley Forster & Hannah Mitchell

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

8:00 am - Jenny Murtha & Shawn Murtha

10:00 am - Joshua Short & Zachary Trusky

12:15 pm - Devan & Dylan Procopio



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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**

4:00 pm - Sara Ciesielski

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

8:00 am - Randy Detweiler

10:00 am - Josephine Ritter

12:15 pm - Meg Gegick



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Offertory .....	\$9,287.52
Parish Share .....	\$2,090.00
St. Anthony/DePaul Institute ...	\$2,154.00



**Mass Intentions for January 21 - 29, 2012**

**Saturday, January 21, 2011**

4:00 pm Mim Osman  
(Miriam and Gene Rossi)

**Sunday, January 22, 2012 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am For Our Living and Deceased Parishioners  
10:00 am Peter J. Pollice  
(Wife Audrey and Family)  
12:15 pm Mary Carolyn Pauley Murray  
(Geraldine and Kristan Hayward)

**Monday, January 23, 2012**

9:00 am Bill Cramer  
(Dolores Thomas Family)

**Tuesday, January 24, 2012 - St. Francis de Sales**

9:00 am Louise Seredinski  
(Friends)

**Wednesday, January 25, 2012**

9:00 am Anna Lamb  
(Betty and Gene Glancy)

**Thursday, January 26, 2012 - SS. Timothy and Titus**

9:00 am Joseph Prah  
(Daughter)

**Friday, January 27, 2012 - St. Angela Merici**

9:00 am Peter J. Pollice  
(Wife Audrey and Family)

**Saturday, January 28, 2012**

4:00 pm Eugene Glancy  
(Virginia McCloskey)

**Sunday, January 29, 2012 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am Helen Stepnick  
(Bob and Joanne Dapper)  
10:00 am For Our Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:15 pm Garnetta Betkowski  
(St. Margaret of Scotland Women's Group)

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# Join St. Margaret's PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We need people who knit and crochet!



Prayer shawls and prayer shawl kits are available in the ushers room in church. Please see an usher if you would like to get a finished one to distribute, or get a kit to make one. Kits contain yarn and directions.

Those who make prayer shawls pray while they are working on each one. It can be an occasion and inspiration for daily prayer. After the prayer shawls are completed, they are brought to church and blessed. Then, our priests or lay people will take the prayer shawls to those in need. Recipients of the prayer shawls receive a comforting reminder that the prayers of the parish are with them, and that God is near when one is suffering.

Prayer shawls are made on your own time in your own home. If you want to receive one, or distribute one, you can also call and we will pick up or deliver.

Yarn donations are gratefully accepted.

**For more information, call  
Judy Bentz at 412-921-1613  
or Lynne Gross 412-303-0631**

Over 150 Prayer Shawls have been distributed to: Cancer Patients, Arthritis Patients, Nursing Home Residents, People Undergoing Surgery, Elderly Parishioners, Stroke Victims and even a Black & Gold Shawl for an ill young boy. Thank you to our talented volunteers who keep churning them out!

Hi, This is to thank all you kind ladies who use your time and talent doing such good work, I really appreciate and love the prayer shawl. It comforts me when I'm feeling sad knowing that it was made by loving hands while saying prayers. Such a beautiful concept!! Thank you all once again

## Prayer shawl ministry grows beyond churches

The prayer shawl ministry began in 1998 when Janet Bristow and Victoria Galo, graduates of the 1997 Women's Leadership Institute at Hartford Seminary developed the effort as a result of their experience in a program of applied feminist spirituality.

The shawls were a way of reminding people, young or old, that God could bring warmth, healing and comfort.

Slowly, as word spreads, the ministry has gone beyond churches in Connecticut to dozens throughout the United States.

Judith Bentz, Director of Religious Education at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Green Tree, recognized the need within her own community and two years ago, with the assistance of Lynn Gross, began such a ministry.

"Anyone who is physical, spiritual or emotional

stress and would benefit from having a prayer shawl is invited to ask for one," Bentz said. "The shawls are made with prayers and love by St. Margaret volunteers and are available at no charge."

The volunteers have not kept a true count of exactly how many have been given away in the last two years but do know they have made several hundred shawls and, almost as soon as a few are made, they are distributed.

"Wonderful volunteers knit or crochet, while other people buy or donate yarn and supplies," Bentz said.

The shawls come in all shapes and sizes, "just like the people who need them," she points out.

Some are lap robe size, or rectangular or triangular. Some have fringe; others may be pastel in color and are usually used for



BY CHARLOTTE SMITH

### AROUND TOWN

babies in need.

A soft yarn is used; patterns are available on line, or from the group's collection of patterns; some volunteers design their own patterns.

A prayer card is inserted with each shawl, which is first blessed by the pastor at St. Margaret's.

It is a reminder of God's healing presence and the hope that the person receiving the shawl is wrapped in peace, love and a feeling of joy.

To volunteer or to request a shawl, call 412-921-1613.

A year ago, the prayer

shawl ministry began at Holy Child Parish in Bridgeville.

Their group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the rectory conference room for a "group sew."

The meetings are resuming on May 4.

To date they have distributed 34 shawls; some have been sent nationwide and have inspired the beginning of this ministry in parishes as far away as Louisiana.

For more information, call 412-221-1087.

Our Lady of Grace Parish in Scott Township is just beginning the prayer shawl ministry under the guidance of their Ladies of Charity.

You need not be a member of the LOC to be involved.

To donate yarn and supplies, call 412-531-4931.

Charlotte Smith can be reached at 724-693-9441.