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### THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 AM  
Mon.-Tues. – Wed.- 8:00AM Thurs. - NO MASS  
Friday: 9:15AM (SCHOOL MASS)  
HOLY DAY MASSES 6:30AM, 9:00AM, 7:00PM

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 to 10:25 AM  
Other times by appointment

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the 4th Sunday of the month. A pre-baptismal workshop is required for parents, who are expected to be active members for at least three months. Please call Deacon Mike to make all arrangements. (610-262-2227)

### HOLY MATRIMONY

A minimum preparation time of six months is required for the couple by the Diocese for the proper celebration of the Sacrament. Please call Father Lamb to make all arrangements. (610-262-2227)

### WE WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please introduce yourselves to Father Lamb  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY JANUARY 11**

8:00 AM Cecelia Soltis - John &amp; Maryann Yanders

**TUESDAY JANUARY 12**

8:00 AM Frank Winklebauer - wife Jeanette &amp; family

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13**

8:00 AM Anna Marakovits - Rose Prickler

**THURSDAY JANUARY 14****NO MASS****FRIDAY JANUARY 15**

9:15AM Joseph Kearns - Family

(SCHOOL MASS)

**SATURDAY JANUARY 16**

4 PM Anna Motsko - Jeanne Ebert &amp; Julie Leland

**SUNDAY JANUARY 17**8:00AM Joseph Oldock - Vinnie & Linda Santucci  
& family

10:30AM Joseph Kearns - Ann Campisi

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:****CHRISTMAS - \$17,494****DEC. 27 - \$9750.00****JAN. 1 - \$1789.****JAN. 3 - \$11,089**

May God bless your generosity!

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

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WE WILL BE DOING IT AGAIN NEXT DECEMBER, SEE YOU THEN!!!**

**A Message From Young at Heart**

The officers and board members of BVM Young at Heart trust you had a bountiful Thanksgiving and a Holy and Peaceful Christmas. Due to the governmental regulations concerning Covid-19, we are extending our return to meetings until May of 2021. The outlook for our beginning looks positive with the vaccines and the restrictions being lifted. Until then stay safe, wear those masks, wash those hands and love each other from 6' away. Happy New Year! We will keep you posted.  
Nancy / Anita

**St. Marguerite Bourgeoys**

Marguerite had survived many threats in the twenty-six years she had been in wilderness of Canada. She had lived through Iroquois attacks, a fire that destroyed her small village, plagues on the ships that she took back and forth to France, but nothing threatened her dreams and hopes more than what her own bishop said to her in 1679. He told her that she had to join her Congregation of Notre Dame with its teaching sisters to a cloistered religious order of Ursulines. This was not the first time she'd heard this command. Whether from a misplaced desire to protect her Sisters or from discomfort in dealing with an active religious order of women, bishops had long wanted to fit her into the usual mold of cloistered orders.

But Marguerite had overcome many challenges to get to this day and was not deterred. In her own native France, she had belonged to a sodality of women who cared for the sick.

The stories of hardships and dangers in Montreal that made other people shiver had awakened a call from God in her to serve the Native Americans and settlers who endured this adversity. She met with the governor of what was then called Ville Marie and convinced him she was the person he was looking for to help start a school for the children of Montreal.

When she arrived in Ville Marie, as it was called then, she found that few children survived to school age. She helped the remarkable Jeanne Mance, who ran the hospital, to change this tragedy. When she finally had children to teach, she had to set up school in a stable.

So she was not ready to surrender to the bishop. There was too much at stake. She reminded him that the Ursulines because they were cloistered could not go out and teach, as her Sisters had done. The poor and uneducated would not and could not travel to a Quebec cloister over miles of frontier at the risk of their lives.

But her Sisters were more than willing to live in huts in order to fulfill their call from God. She had set up schools all over the territory, not just for children. When the king, in well-meaning ignorance, had sent untrained orphans over to be colonists she had set up a school for the women to teach them how to survive and thrive in Canada. How could they do the work for God that they had done so well in a cloister?

The bishop replied, "I cannot doubt, Mother Bourgeoys, that you will succeed in moving heaven and earth as you have moved me!" The Congregation remained an active teaching order, one of the very first of its kind for women. Their rule had to go through one more attempt at turning them into a cloister but Marguerite lived to see the triumph when their Rule was made official in 1698. She was canonized in 1982 by Pope John Paul II.

**SUNDAY READINGS**

January 10, 2021

**Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7 or Isaiah 55:1–11**

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased.

**Acts 10:34–38 or John 5:1–9**

He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil.

**Mark 1:7–11**

[John the Baptist] proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals."

**WEEKDAY READINGS**

January 11–16

**Monday, Weekday:** Heb 1:1–6 / Mk 1:14–20**Tuesday, Weekday:** Heb 2:5–12 / Mk 1:21–28**Wednesday, Weekday:** Heb 2:14–18 / Mk 1:29–39**Thursday, Weekday:** Heb 3:7–14 / Mk 1:40–45**Friday, Weekday:** Heb 4:1–5, 11 / Mk 2:1–12**Saturday, Weekday:** Heb 4:12–16 / Mk 2:13–17**Prayer:**

Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys, you survived attacks of all kinds on your faith and service. Help me keep my vocation strong despite the threats of the world and my own doubts.

Amen

## NEW YEAR PRAYER

Thank you Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And the happiness it brings.

## CLASSES WITH SR. DONNA

The following classes will be available this week in the Church Social Hall.

Any questions you may email Sister Donna ([sdonnascc@gmail.com](mailto:sdonnascc@gmail.com)).

**Tuesday classes on the Bible at 7PM.**

**Thursday evening at 7PM we will have Craft Night.**

Hope to see you this week.  
Sister Donna

Many thanks for all the prayers, cards, and well-wishes we received from so many during the time of Artie's hospitalization. God is listening!!! Artie is improving but has a way to go so keep up the prayers.

The Galgon Family



We welcome our  
newly baptized  
children in Christ.



**Dylan Thomas Stanglein  
Henry Charles Ziegler**

**May God bless and keep them always  
in his love.**



# Stories as Windows into the Past

By Mary Katharine Deeley

**W**hen we were growing up, my siblings and I would often ask our grandmother to tell us stories about our mother when she was young. We liked listening to our mother tell those same stories from her perspective. The stories varied in some details, but it always felt like a veil was lifted on the past and we had some sense of where we came from along with some insight about our mother's personality.

She, of course, did the same thing for my daughters, making them giggle at the story of my getting into her perfume bottle when I was three. Such stories connect us with the people we know. Old friends trade stories of shared experiences; young companions learn about the world from the stories of their elders and even from the stories their friends tell them about their lives.

In Acts, Peter appeals to his listeners by telling the story they know so well. He even appeals to their shared experience as he says, "You know..." (v. 36). Stories connect us to one another, opening the door to understanding each other a little more and a little better. In his story, Peter marks the baptism of Jesus as the beginning of his ministry. Our story in the Christian community begins with baptism as well. Peter records that Jesus went on "doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him" (v. 38). What would the story of our lives after baptism tell people about us? Would someone like Peter tell people that we went about doing good and loving God and neighbor? +

***Stories connect us, opening the door to understanding each other a little more and a little better.***

Do you tell children you know stories about your life that teach moral lessons?  
Do you look back on your life stories, and use lessons learned to draw closer to God?

## PRAYER

*Lord, help me to discern my gifts and talents and use them for the common good of all people.*

From *Peaceful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

## A Word from Pope Francis

To baptize a child is an act of justice toward them. Why? Because at baptism we offer a treasure, at baptism we offer a pledge: the Holy Spirit. Baptism endows the child with the strength of the Holy Spirit: the Spirit that will defend and assist each of them throughout life.

—Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 12, 2020

*In loving memory*



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# Our Great Mosaic

*By Johan van Parys*

A few years ago, our church hosted an exhibit of contemporary art. Some considered the art beautiful and engaging; others thought it ugly and offensive. Though acceptable for a gallery, contemporary art was deemed unfitting for our historic church. I was told a classical building should be adorned with classical art, not abstract.

I remembered the many churches I'd visited throughout Europe. Most had been built and rebuilt over the course of many centuries, with each century leaving its own distinctive mark. As a result, it isn't unusual for a church to have a Romanesque nave, Gothic adornments, a Renaissance facade, Baroque side altars, abstract windows, and contemporary appointments such as the altar and ambo. Regardless of their stylistic complexity, they evoke a sense of perfect unity and harmony. Often it takes a guide to remind a visitor that the building is the result of hundreds of years of labor and love.

I have often wished for a similar guide to point out that, similar to its buildings' art and architecture, the Church itself is complex and diverse and was not created all at once. But unlike a tour guide who easily elicits repeated oohs and ahs, someone pointing out the diversity in our Church may not experience the same reception. Many of us probably wish for a kind of cookie-cutter Catholic Church. Wouldn't things be easier if everyone believed and prayed exactly the same and preferred the same art and architecture? In our search for ecclesiastical safety and security, do we readily confuse unity with uniformity and create a false notion of what it means to be a "true" Catholic?

The fundamental unity of the Church, after all, is not based on superficial uniformity. Rather, it is rooted in our shared belonging to the body of Christ, in which there are many different parts. Like its architecture, art, and music, for example, the Church has evolved and grown for more than twenty centuries into a complex and diverse reality while enjoying harmony and unity within its rich diversity. And as is the case with architecture and art, the differences between the many members of the Church do not detract from the unity of the Church, but rather enrich, enhance, and strengthen our bond.

Addressing new metropolitan archbishops, Pope Francis said this about unity in our diversity: "In the Church, variety, which is itself a great treasure, is always grounded in the harmony of unity, like a great mosaic in which every small piece joins with others as part of God's one great plan. United in our differences—there is no other Catholic way to be united. This is the Catholic spirit, the Christian spirit: to be united in our differences. This is the way of Jesus!" +

***The Church is the result of centuries of labor and love.***

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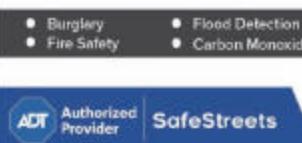
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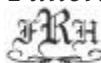
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