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5TH SUNDAY IN LENT
APRIL 2, 2017



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Scrip Sales

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM
IN THE RECTORY

Rectory Office Business Hours
Monday - Friday 9:00AM to 4:30PM
CLOSED WEEKENDS

***Any requests for the weekly
Bulletin should be submitted by
Monday, 12:00 Noon.***

Schedule of Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:15PM
Sunday: 7:30, 10:00 and 11:30AM
Daily Monday - Friday: 7:00AM,
followed by Morning Prayer

Saturday: 8:00AM

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass - 7:00 PM
7:00 AM, 12:05 Noon and 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Exposition

7:30-8:30 AM Tuesday
7:30-8:00 AM - First Fridays

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM
Sunday before 7:30 AM Mass
Tuesday thru Saturday: 7:45-7:55 AM
or by appointment.



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Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus' resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

MONDAY, April 3

7:00 AM Michael McColgan

TUESDAY, April 4

7:00 AM Joan N. McCairns

WEDNESDAY, April 5

7:00 AM Joseph Bizzarri

THURSDAY, April 6

7:00AM Mike Ferguson

FRIDAY, April 7

7:00 AM Joseph Binstead

SATURDAY, April 8

8:00 AM Lorraine Bizzarri



**THE WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2017
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN
MEMORY OF MICHAEL MCCOLGAN.**

**THE ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH AUGUSTINE.**

**Msgr. Dougherty offers a Mass each Sunday for all
the parishioners and for those enrolled in the church
memorial fund.**

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**The Weekend of March 26, 2017: \$8,271
Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$1,673
Including Mail In: \$1,100
Envelopes:223**

**Little Sisters of the Poor: \$1,944
Military Service Collection: \$1,670**

**I sincerely thank you for continuing to live
faithful stewardship. God bless you and your
families. Msgr. Dougherty**

OPERATION RICE BOWL COMMUNITY

We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children - even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God's kingdom? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Spiritual Note - Jesus is risen not because his memory remains alive in the hearts of his disciples, but because he himself lives in us, and in him we can already savor the joy of eternal life. (Pope Benedict XVI)

From The Pastor

The Coming of Holy Week - Next Sunday, April 9, is Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord and the beginning of Holy Week. An important critical moment of commitment to holiness of life by many saints came through their contemplating the suffering and death of Our Lord. St. Francis of Assisi looked upon and began to meditate on a crucifix hanging in a small chapel. His thoughts on the suffering and death of Our Lord helped him to appreciate the depth of Christ's love for him and moved him to commit his life to the Lord and the pursuit of holiness. Next week at Mass we read the Passion of Our Lord. We recall his suffering and death to move our hearts to receive his love and put our faith in him. May this holy time of year help all of us to trust in the Lord's love and serve him with all our hearts.

Confessions - The Lenten Season is an especially fitting time to come to the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that we can humbly confess our sins and receive his forgiveness and new life. Confessions will be heard on Wednesday, April 5 and Thursday, April 6 from 7-8pm.

Rice Bowl Collection - The Collection for the Rice Bowl Program will be taken up next Sunday, April 9. Your donations will help Catholic Relief Services to serve the poor in many places throughout the world.

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions - On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:00 pm, followed by a Gospel reading, short homily, time for Adoration, and the opportunity for Confessions. At 3:00 pm we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and have Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Divine Mercy Devotion, revealed to Sr. Faustina, is a wonderful way of experiencing the Lord's compassionate love for us and bringing that mercy and peace to our world.

Catholic Charities Appeal - As of March 17, 2015, 59 parishioners have donated a total of \$15,371 toward our goal of \$84,000. We are grateful for their generosity and encourage everyone to contribute to this important Appeal to help the Archdiocese serve our local poor and needy. Envelopes in which your donation can be mailed are available at the doors of Church.

Stations of the Cross - Stations will be celebrated on Friday, April 7 at 7:00pm. This week we will be praying "The Way of the Cross with Texts from Scripture." Come and join in this Lenten devotion of meditating on the suffering and death of Our Lord.

Sight And Sound Excursion - We will be going to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster to the show "Jonah" on Wednesday, May 17. The show is at 11:00am, followed by lunch at a restaurant in the Lancaster area. The cost is \$110 per adult and \$85 per child. If you wish to join us, please call the rectory office or email at office@saintmarg.org

Confirmation Parent Meeting - There will be a meeting on April 4 at 7pm in the Church for the parents of the students who will be confirmed in the Fall. Father Mostardi will help to convey to you a better understanding of this Sacrament as you prepare for its celebration with your children

HOPE

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of April 2 2017

Joan Ryan - 610-664-4009

Please call the weekly captain, as early in the week as possible.



FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND

NEXT WEEKEND is our monthly food collection weekend (**April 8-9**). This program collects non-perishable foods each month for the Archdiocesan Community Food Distribution Centers Program. They provide food at 40 Food Cupboards throughout the Philadelphia area. All items should be brought to the Cafeteria of the school when you come to Mass. Thank you for your generous support of this program.

Liturgy Note: In every Church, a depiction of the crucifixion or a crucifix itself should be near the altar. We are blessed at St. Margaret's with a beautiful stained glass window depicting the crucifixion of Our Lord that is set in the wall right behind the altar. At Mass we celebrate the life, suffering, death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The visual depiction of the crucifixion helps to center our hearts on the Lord's love for us as shown in his suffering and death. At Mass the death and resurrection of Jesus and all the saving grace it brings is made present for us. May our gazing upon our stained glass window helps us to appreciate the beauty of the Mass by which the Lord shares his life with us in a very powerful way.

A Little Humor - A young college student wrote to his family: "Dear Mom and Dad, I haven't heard from you in nearly a month. Please send a check so I know you're alright."



News From St. Margaret School

Auction~This Saturday 4/1~Tickets will be sold at the door.

Bluefest 2017 "PROM" to be held this **Sat., April 1**. Join us and you may come dressed in a prom gown and tux. We will re-create SMS gym based on the 80's Prom theme for our annual auction. It's sure to be a good time for all.

CAP'N CHUCKY'S CRAB FUNDRAISER - Back by popular demand! The 8th grade is hosting a Lenten fundraiser featuring Capt'n Chucky's crab products: Smith Island crab cakes, crab critters and Maryland crab soup. The Maryland Crab soup is not listed on the form but it is offered. If interested in ordering the soup (\$11.00) please state that on the order form. Orders must be returned to St Margaret school office by Monday, April 3rd for delivery on **Friday, April 7th**. Thank you for supporting the 8th grade graduation fun.

THE NARBERTH CF RUN AND WALK - The Narberth CF Run and Walk is on Saturday, April 29th at 9:00 am. SMS will have a team this year for the Narberth Run/Walk. See the flyer on our website for more information and to register.

SMS Talent Show - Our annual SMS Talent Show took place to great applause on last Friday. The show featured the singing, dancing, gymnastic and comedic talents of almost 60 students from 1st through 8th grade. A great night for family and friends in the SMS community. A special thank you to Mrs. Linda O'Keefe, Mr. & Mrs. Sorbello, Mrs. Peg Iannone, and Mrs. Meg Hill for all the time and effort in organizing this wonderful event for our students.

St. Margaret School Enrollment 2017-18 Opportunities

4 Year Old Pre-kindergarten with Extended Day options and Full Day Kindergarten

We are inviting families for the opportunity to explore Catholic education for your children. SMS has been enriching 4 year olds to 8th Grade with high academic standards, faith building & Middle States Accreditation. We provide a nurturing, faith based education in a caring environment, servicing parishes and families from Bala Cynwyd through Villanova. Call the school office at 610-664-2640 or e-mail: info@smsnarberth.org Visit: www.smsnarberth.org



Box Tops for Education: Please help St. Margaret School by clipping and saving your Box Tops. This is such an easy way to put money into our School's pockets. Thank you and let us keep clipping!

Used Cartridges: If you have any used cartridges, please send in to the school office. This is a great way to earn rewards for our school. Please feel free to drop them off at school or place them in the back of the Church.

Thank you for your support!

Mount Saint Joseph Academy invites all 7th grade girls to experience life at the Mount! Join us for a morning visit. Half day visitations will continue through May 23rd. A parent may go online to arrange a visit at www.msacad.org for more information.

St. Thomas More Annual Communion Breakfast

St. Thomas More Alumni Association's Annual Mass and Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2017, at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 9:15am. Breakfast follows immediately at the Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel, 17th & Race Sts., Philadelphia. Ticket price is \$25 and are available by calling F. Donegan, 610-586-5407. Tables may be reserved for groups of ten.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Academy of Notre Dame de Namur in Villanova will offer summer enrichment and athletic camps for elementary, middle, and high school girls. Options include dance, science, basketball, rowing and Stix and Kicks. Please visit ndapa.org/summercamps for specific details on dates and grade levels or call 610-687-0650.

Merion Mercy will offer a variety of academic, enrichment and athletic offerings for girls and boys, including our acclaimed pre-eighth grade **Summer Academy** and **High School Placement Test Preparation** course, and our popular 6th and 7th grade **Jump Start Program**, which focuses on math, language arts, writing and study skill. Visit www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms or call Barbara Harrison at 610-664-6655 ext 120 or e-mail at bharrison@merion-mercy.com

April Feature on FORMED.org-THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Without the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, where would we be? The word paschal refers to Jesus' offering of his life as the new Passover (or Paschal) Lamb for our salvation. Underlying the Paschal Mystery is one fundamental reality: Jesus gave himself completely in love to the Father on our behalf to restore our relationship with God. And Jesus, through his death on the Cross, also reveals to us that we are all called to the sacrificial love that leads to true happiness here on earth and eternal joy in the next life.

Check out THE PASCHAL MYSTERY, new on FORMED.

Take advantage of our parish membership to FORMED.org.

FORMED.org is an online center, rich with Catholic resources, available anytime, anywhere for FREE, courtesy of St. Margaret Church!

Watch movies and videos, read eBooks, listen to talks and webinars, etc. Just go to FORMED.org and create your free and secure online account using your own email address and password.

Then log on using our very own parish code: WRVZND. It's that easy!

CAMP VERITAS 2017 **FUN FAITH FRIENDS**

Come see what 1400 campers and 400 volunteers experienced last summer!

DATES

July 16-22, 2017 at Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY
(Optional Basketball & Dance programs available also)

July 23-29, 2017 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD.,

August 13-19, 2017 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY

Daytime activities include, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, volleyball, basketball, dodgeball, swimming, and much, much more!

Evening activities include Mass, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, testimonies, and talent shows. Spiritual staff includes Diocesan priests, Community of Franciscan Friars of the Renewal Sisters, CFR friars, Sister of Life and more!

RATES: Regular rate is \$450 per camper per week (no extra charge for special program)

Volunteers (must be at least 18 years old) are free! **Register NOW at: WWW.CAMPVERITAS.COM**

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Catholic Social Services (CSS) has ongoing job opportunities available in the programs that serve individuals with intellectual disabilities at St. Edmond's Home for Children Divine Providence Village and Don Guanella Village, and its programs serving dependent youth at St. Francis & St. Vincent Homes for Children. For more information contact:

St. Edmond's Home, Divine Providence Village and Don Guanella Village: Bud Murphy at 484-472-5048 or bmurphy@chs-adphila.org

For St. Francis & St. Vincent Homes for Children: Denise Hilbert at 215-642-3091 or dhilbert@chs-adphila.org

Job Fair For Developmental Programs Division: Offered in conjunction with the Office for Pastoral Care for Migrant & Refugees and Office of Hispanic Catholics: Wed., April 5, 2017 from 7-9pm at Archdiocese of Philadelphia, 222 N. 17th St., Phila., PA 19103.



CONFIRMATION PARENTS' MEETING Tuesday, April 4th at 7 PM in the Church

This meeting is for parents of all Level 6 SMS and PREP students preparing for

Confirmation in the fall of 2017.

Fr. Joseph Mostardi, OSA, will be our speaker. All information regarding Confirmation requirements will be given at this meeting.

THIS MEETING IS MANDATORY: At least one parent per family is required to attend.

There will be no PREP sessions on Palm Sunday, April 9 and Easter Sunday, April 16.



2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is quickly filling up.

Don't delay – register today!

WHO? Children ages 4-10

WHAT? 5 days of bible stories, music, crafts, games, and snacks

WHERE? St. Margaret School

WHEN? June 26 - 30 (Mon.-Fri), 9:00-12:00 Noon

HOW MUCH? \$50/child covers all snacks, crafts, materials, camp T-shirt and music CD

Enrollment is limited to the first 60 PAID participants. VBS is also looking for Junior Counselors – students from 6th thru 12th grade – to work as Junior Counselors. This is a tremendous opportunity to fulfill service hours required for Confirmation. VBS 2017 Registration Forms are available in the church rectory.

Are You Called to be a Deacon?

Minister of the Word - Minister at the Altar - Minister of Charity.

Learn more on April 20, 2017 from 7-9pm at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 East Wynnewood Rd, Wynnewood, PA. Registration required. To register email Laura Nimmons at lnimmons@archphila.org

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In case of serious illness, please contact the Rectory to make arrangements. If someone is already in the hospital, be sure to register as a Catholic so that the priest will visit.

COMMUNION CALLS

Parishioners unable to attend Mass regularly because of age or illness should call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Communion at home. If any member of your family is hospitalized, please be sure to register as a Catholic and inform the Rectory so that a visit can be arranged.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays at 1:00 PM. Arrangements must be made in advance at the Rectory by calling Msgr. Dougherty, ext. 12. If parents have not attended a Baptism class, they must attend our Baptism Preparation Seminar. Call the rectory to register for the class. Godparents guidelines state that one godparent must be Catholic. They must be at least 16 years of age, registered in the parish where they live, fully initiated, and practicing their faith; they must obtain a letter of eligibility from their own parish. One practicing non-Catholic Christian may also be admitted as a Christian Witness. **The next Baptism Preparation Seminar is Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Rectory.**

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners who wish to marry at St. Margaret should contact Msgr. Dougherty. The Sacrament of Marriage is celebrated after a period of preparation of not less than six months. Engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage can register, explore possible dates or find out more information for pre-marriage classes by visiting **PhilaMarriagePrep.com**. For email inquiries, **Amy@PhilaMarriagePrep.com**.

REGISTRATION

A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners. If you live within the parish boundaries, you may register by calling the parish office during office hours to set up an appointment. Parish registration is required for reception of the Sacraments and letters of eligibility to serve as godparent or sponsor.

REQUESTS FOR ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES

The role of a sponsor is primarily a spiritual role to model a Christian life for the child. Therefore, anyone requesting a certificate must be a registered, participating member of St. Margaret Parish, a practicing Catholic in good standing (not living in violation of the church laws), at least 16 years of age and have received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Please call the rectory for an appointment if you need a certificate.

SOCIAL NETWORKING WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE

<http://www.facebook.com/ArchbishopChaput>
www.twitter.com/ArchPhilly
www.youtube.com/user/CatholicPhilly
<http://livestream.com/archphila>

PRAYER GROUP

The Living Vineyard Prayer Group meets every Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM in the Antioch Annex. The 2nd Wednesday of the month they meet in church to celebrate Mass.

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study meets every Tuesday from September to June in the Antioch Annex (9:00 to 10:30am).

THE ROSARY

Every Saturday the Rosary is recited beginning after the 7am Angelus. Come and pray with us.

PRAYER CIRCLE

Do you have an immediate prayer need or can you offer the Gift of Prayer? Tap into our electronic Prayer Circle and receive an outpouring of heartfelt prayer by members of St. Margaret Parish and others. E-mail your prayer requests or if you want to join the **Prayer Circle at cbuhn@yahoo.com**.

REMEMBER THOSE YOU LOVE

For a donation of \$10.00, the **sanctuary candle or altar candles** will burn for a week for your intention or in memory of a loved one. Another memorial opportunity is to have **flowers** placed on the altar for a donation of \$100. Each week the intention or memorial will be published in the bulletin. If you would like to take advantage of these opportunities, please call Teresa or Rose Marie at the rectory, 610-664-3770, Ext 10.

EUCHARIST FOR CELIAC COMMUNICANTS

St. Margaret Church is aware of the need to have the low gluten hosts available at all Masses. If you or a member of your family is interested in receiving Low Gluten Holy Eucharist at any Mass, please contact Maria at mecarinato@gmail.com.



JOURNEY WITH US TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey to a deeper experience of God's love manifested through the teaching and treasures of the Catholic Faith. St. Margaret Church offers instructions for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These instructions are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or, if you are already a baptized Catholic would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. **RCIA classes meet on Tuesday, at 7pm.** Please contact Msgr. Dougherty at pastor@saintmarg.org or 610-664-3770, Ext 12.