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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 12, 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.



THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I know of a parish where the pastoral council “pushed for” a steeple to be added to their rather lackluster church building, never meant to be a permanent church. With its shining surface and cross on top it brought a needed identity to the structure as a place of Christian worship. In addition came an installation of mechanized bells. It’s those bells that came to mind as I thought about the message of this weekend’s Gospel selection.

First, the bells. What they do for the neighborhood is offer a triple-tiered message. They announce; they remind; they warn. They announce the schedule of holy Masses. As such they underscore the importance of taking time out to think of and worship almighty God. They remind the community of how important this time is. Perhaps they shake up the listeners who may have gotten drowsy from running “the rat race” without knowing why. Finally, they warn Christians of all stripes that if you stay away from community worship, as it was recommended by God’s own Son, Who told us to “do this” in His memory, you’d better have a good reason.

Today’s parable has much the same purposes as do those church bells. First, it too makes an announcement. In this case, that the “bridegroom”, who is Christ, awaits our coming home to Him. That most of this running around we do down here, packing multiple meanings into many of our decisions, will amount to nothing when we finally get to meet God face to face.

Second, the parable is a potent reminder that our entrance into heaven depends on the “oil in our lamps”, namely our good works. Most of us do try to keep our symbolic lamps lit. We also admire those who do. The rescue workers who gave so generously of their time and talent during the recent hurricane crises caught our attention and tugged at our heartstrings. Yet it is those individual good efforts of ours that reflect Christ in the world on ordinary days as well that keep our lamps in oil.

Thirdly, the parable offers a warning. With the delay of the end time, now twenty-one centuries past a time when the early Church thought it was immanent, there comes the danger that our love for Christ will grow cold. Note how the bridegroom was delayed in coming making the unwise virgins frantic when he finally showed up. We certainly don’t need to be frantic. Nevertheless, when “the door was shut” in that parable moment, it means for us that entering heaven is not automatic.

All of this teaching through powerful imagery shows clearly that Jesus is the master Teacher. It also means that we pupils are at our best when we pay attention.

Way back in 1963, then presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson spoke to the students at Princeton University. He said this: “I understand I am here to speak and you are here to listen. Let’s hope that we both finish at the same time.”

A Little Humor - If you have trouble getting your children’s attention, just sit down and look comfortable.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 13

7:00 AM Frank & Lorraine Doyle

TUESDAY, November 14

7:00 AM Bernardino Nardi

WEDNESDAY, November 15

7:00 AM Sophia D’Souza

THURSDAY, November 16

7:00 AM Mary Downey

FRIDAY, November 17

7:00 AM J. Taney Wilcox, Jr

SATURDAY, November 18

8:00 AM Thomas E. Mapp, Jr.



THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2017
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN
MEMORY OF *DOMINIC & FLORA URBANI.*

ALTAR CANDLES FOR THE *EMERY FAMILY.*

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

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of November 5, 2017: \$ 11,958

Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 910

Mail In: \$ 3,627

Parish On Line: \$ 1,640

Envelopes: 219

Fall Collection so far: \$42,450

The Weekend of November 6, 2016: \$13,014

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



New Online Giving

Saint Margaret Parish has arranged a new, secure method of online giving. You can now setup all your second collections in advance. Create or login to your Parish Giving account by going to the Parish website and clicking on the logo at the lower right or <https://tinyurl.com/StMargGiving>

From The Pastor

Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life - Last week we had a Holy Hour to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The call from God for these vocations is a mystery heard in the depths of one's spirit. We foster vocations by providing a context in which people will listen for his voice and be able to hear and follow it. We help create this context by first and foremost living our own callings from God with appreciation, devotion and dedication. Each of us responding to our calls helps others to hear God's call to them. We also create the context for vocations by our prayers and living our faith with commitment and joy. This helps others, especially our young, to see that God's ways are the ways of peace, requiring sacrifice but bringing a deep and lasting joy. We pray that through our prayers and efforts, God will help those who are called to the priesthood and religious life to hear his call.

Seminary Appeal - Ross Williams, a seminarian at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend on behalf of the Annual Seminary Appeal. You should have already received a mailing from the Seminary and can respond by means of the return envelope provided there. Your support of this important Appeal to assist in the formation of priests is greatly appreciated. Extra envelopes and brochures are available at the doors of the Church.

Meeting for Parents of Those Receiving First Reconciliation and First Communion This Year - There will be a meeting this Wednesday, November 15, at 7:00pm in the Church for the parents of the children who will be receiving First Penance and First Communion this year.

Pastoral Council Meeting - The Council will meet on Thursday, November 16 at 7:00pm in the Antioch Annex.

Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions - Our Devotions will be from Nov. 19-21. Services will be on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday Evening at 7:00 pm. We will celebrate Evening Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Our preacher will be Deacon Ernest Angiolillo from Presentation BVM Church, Penn Wynne. Please join us in honoring the Lord in the Eucharist and growing in our love for this wonderful sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar for your personal prayer and adoration on each of the three days from after the last Mass in the morning until 6:30 pm. We need someone before the Blessed Sacrament whenever it is exposed. Come and pray. It will draw you closer to the Lord and his peace. Sign up sheets for the various time slots are available at the doors of the Church.

FORMED - Don't forget to take advantage of our Parish subscription to Formed, an online service that provides free educational materials on the Catholic faith. There are video based study programs, audio presentations, movies, ebooks. It is a tremendous resource for growing in our understanding and living of our faith. Go to formed.org. Our Parish code is WRVZND.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of November 12

Pam Owsik, 610-659-7021

Please call as early in the week as possible.



Please remember in your prayers the soul of *Patricia Randolph* who has recently passed away. May she rest in peace and her family be comforted.

Augustine's Brothers - A support group for those struggling with the use of pornography. Email: CathedralPhilly@AugustinesBrothers.org. Call - 800-348-0758. Website: www.AugustinesBrothers.org

Liturgy Note: The Entrance Hymn - We begin each Sunday Mass with a hymn. It plays an important role in focusing our spirits on God and uniting our hearts and minds in loving worship at the beginning of Mass. Singing together unites us as one in our desire to praise God and to draw near to him who shares with us his divine life and saving power in a very special way through our celebration of the Eucharist.

Pro-Life Note - It often takes many decades to correct social injustices and human rights' problems. It took many decades to abolish slavery. Our generation might not see an end to the injustice of abortion. However, the younger generation seems to be becoming increasingly pro-life and it is vitally important that we raise pro-life children. If so, they will one day see our nation becoming one of liberty and justice not just for some, but for all human beings. A baby and, indeed, life itself is nothing short of a miracle. As faithful Catholics, we should be teaching our children - at every opportunity - that all human beings, at all stages of development, should be cherished, respected, loved and protected at all times.



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St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Lecture Series
Monday, November 13 at 7pm
St. John Vianney Auditorium.
Philosophy Lecture “Evolution and Creation”.
Presenter: Nicanor Austriaco, O.P.
No registration necessary. All are welcome.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Women’s Retreat - All women are welcome to attend this **November 17-19** retreat that will be directed by a former close associate of St. Teresa, Fr. Tom Sullivan. The theme for the weekend will focus on the mission of St. Teresa of Calcutta and the message of Our Lady of Fatima. For more information or to register for this retreat, please visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

After Divorce - Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Overbrook is hosting a one-day healing retreat for divorced Catholics. Saturday, **November 18 (9:00 am to 5:00pm).**
Speaker: Catholic author and speaker Rose Sweet. Event sponsored by the new “St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation” which initially ministers to families affected by divorce. For more information or to sign up, visit: [Eventbrite.com/e/after-divorce-hope-healing-for-the-catholic-family-registration-37740811784](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/after-divorce-hope-healing-for-the-catholic-family-registration-37740811784). Price: \$25 includes lunch.

Westminster Williamson Voices

November 19 (3:00 - 5pm) - James Jordan and the Grammy nominated ensemble return with a diverse and inspiring program showcasing their rich palette of choral colors in music by a wide range of composers exploring spirituality. **Location:** Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. To purchase tickets visit <https://cathedralphilconcerts.org/event/Westminster-Williamson-voices-2/>

Ad Lumina Christi Healing Retreat - This mid-week retreat at Malvern Retreat House will be led by renowned evangelist, preacher and retreat director Kathleen McCarthy. The **November 13-17** retreat that begins Monday evening and concludes Friday morning is designed to uplift men and women looking for physical, spiritual and/ or emotional healing. For more information or to register, please call 610-644-0400 or visit malvernretreat.com.

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary - Our Annual Open House and Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, December 10. Tours will begin at 1:00pm and our Christmas concert will take place in the St. Martin of Tours Chapel at 4:00pm. This event is free and open to the public.

Archdiocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage

Walk where Jesus walked. Pray at the site of Jesus’ conception at Nazareth’s Basilica of the Annunciation and His birth in Bethlehem’s Church of the Nativity. Sail on the Sea of Galilee. Walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Share the trip of a lifetime with Christians from the Holy Land and fellow pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from February 1-22, 2018. For more information about the itinerary, pricing, and registration, contact Susan at 1-800-842-4842 or susan@select-intl.com or visit www.selectinternationaltours.com.

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

School of Theological Studies offers Undergraduate college level courses in Theology? Admission is open to all and courses may be taken for credit or audit. Our experienced and dynamic faculty provides outstanding instruction in the beautiful setting of Overbrook. Undergraduate coursework through the School of Theological Studies fosters a greater knowledge and a deeper appreciation of the Catholic Church, its theological traditions and its pastoral mission. It also serves as a pre-requisite program for those who need college level theology and/or philosophy to be considered for acceptance in the Graduate program. Applicants for admission to the Undergraduate Program are required to have a high school diploma or its equivalent. It is easy to apply right online and start classes as soon as the Spring semester! We will be offering Creed and the Sacraments and Church History starting in January. Evening Classes are scheduled during the week which makes it convenient to pursue your academic goals at your own pace. Visit our website at www.scs.edu/sts.

Flame of Love Retreat - Malvern Retreat House is hosting a dynamic Advent retreat for men and women with gifted retreat director Fr. James Blount. This **December 15-17 weekend retreat** will focus on the theme: Why Shop Until You Drop When You Can Purchase the Pearl of Great Price? For more information or to register, please visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

NEWS FROM ST. MARGARET SCHOOL

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Mrs Gabor – Grade 4 is learning about how energy is transferred in Science. Students have been working on showing how energy is transferred to make objects move. Students had to find a way to move a toy truck or car using elastic or spring. Students raced the toy trucks or cars in the gym to see who was able to create the most energy to move a truck or car the farthest.

FIRST GRADE SERVICE PROJECT - Our First Grade will support “Tree House Books” in its mission and goal to collect and distribute books to families in Philadelphia. If you have any gently used children books, please drop them off at the school office. Thank you for all your support.

DONATE YOUR UNUSED HALLOWEEN CANDY TO SUPPORT MERCY NEIGHBORHOOD

MINISTRIES - Once again this year, if you have an abundance of Halloween Candy left over from Halloween and you would like to donate it, please drop it off to St. Margaret School office. The candy is donated to a most wonderful organization: “The Mercy Neighborhood Ministries” (Philadelphia). There will be a box outside the school office. Thanks for your support.

THE FAMOUS 4th STREET COOKIE COMPANY ORDER FORM IS DUE TOMORROW - Place your order, and return it along with payment (**check payable to St. Margaret School**). If you need another order form, call the school office. **PLEASE NOTE: *On December 1, 2017, cookie dough orders will be delivered to Saint Margaret School for distribution to students, just in time for the holidays!***

Spread the News:

OPEN HOUSE

Walk in Wednesdays, November 15 & 22, (9:00 – 11:00 am)

Faith • Character • Academics

For questions or to schedule a tour, info@smsnarberth.org
Contact: Anne Becker, Advancement, 610-664-2640 ext. 105

Visit to see for yourself, what makes us shine!

Pre-kindergarten through 8th Grade

Before & After School Cares

Full Day Kindergarten



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!



Registration for Winter CYO basketball is now open for all parishioners and school attendees for boys and girls grades 5-12. The link is <http://smsnarberth.org.assn.la> and please open the link that is age appropriate for your child.

Spiritual Thought - In the face of the mystery of death people are helpless. Human certitude begins to waver. However, it is precisely in the face of this setback that Christian faith, if it is understood and accepted in all its richness, offers itself as a source of serenity and peace. In fact, in the light of the gospel the human person assumes a new, supernatural dimension. What seemed to meaningless acquires sense and value. (Saint John Paul II)



SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Nov. 15 (Wed) - First Penance and First Communion Parents Meeting; 7 PM in the Church (Mandatory - at least one parent per family is required to attend.)

Nov. 19 (Sun) - Presentation Mass for First Communicants, 10 AM, Church.

Please let me know if your child will NOT be receiving First Communion at St. Margaret.

(610) 664-3770 ext. 16
PREP@smsnarberth.com

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, December 13, 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 the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM in the 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 *812.