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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 5, 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 FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lectionary sequence at this point, however, is not quite a continuous reading of Matthew. In between last week's reading from Matthew and this week's, we find Jesus' question to the Pharisees about the Messiah being "David's son." Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees.

The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honored and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. *Phylacteries* are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. *Tassels* refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.



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Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 6

7:00 AM Jeanne Sacone

TUESDAY, November 7

7:00 AM Stanley Kazeniak

WEDNESDAY, November 8

7:00 AM James Molyneaux, Jr

THURSDAY, November 9

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Darmopray Family

FRIDAY, November 10

7:00 AM Giustino Giuliani

SATURDAY, November 11

8:00 AM Joseph Kelly



THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2017
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN
MEMORY OF JOSEPH GAUDINI.

ALTAR CANDLES ARE IN MEMORY OF
ROBERT & LOUISE URBANI.

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 October 29, 2017: \$ 11,027

Including Electronic Funds Transfer:\$ 910

Mail In:\$ 1,348

Parish On Line:\$ 555

Envelopes: 217

Fall Collection so far: \$39,200

The Weekend of October 30, 2016: \$9,762

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

A Little Kindness Goes a Long Way - Someone recently relayed to me how a small act of kindness she performed eventually led to some very positive results in the lives of several people. We should never doubt the power of kindness. Kind thoughts, words and deeds help to unleash the goodness of God in our world and become the source of many blessings. I can recall our car breaking down on the way to the Shore one year and a co-worker of my father's going out of his way to bring us his car and take ours to be repaired. We stopped and switched cars again on the way home after our week at the beach. What made my father even call that particular man was that my father knew him to be a kind person. A little kindness goes a long way in our mutual support of one another in living peaceful and good lives.

Holy Hour for Vocations - In connection with Vocations Awareness Week, we will have a Holy Hour for Vocations here at St. Margaret Church on Thursday, November 9 from 7:00 - 8:00pm. The other Parishes in our cluster, Presentation B.V.M., St. John Vianney, and St. Matthias, are also invited. Please join us as together we pray that the Lord will raise up among us vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Songs and Suds - Please join us in the Antioch Annex on Friday night, November 10 at 7:30pm for a fun night of Karaoke and sing-along. Beer, wine and snacks will be provided. Ticket price: \$20 before November 10 or \$25 at the door. If you would like to pay in advance, please send your check and contact information to the school office.

Seminary Appeal - Next weekend, Ross Williams, a seminarian at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, will speak at all the Masses in connection with the Annual Seminary Appeal. You should have already received a mailing for the Appeal and can respond by use of the return envelope provided. Your support of this important Appeal for the formation of priests is greatly appreciated.

Forty Hours Devotions - Our Annual Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions will take place on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, November 19-21. Evening Prayer and Benediction will be celebrated each evening at 7:00pm. Deacon Ernest Angiolillo from Presentation BVM, Penn Wynne, will be our preacher. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar for personal adoration from after the last Mass each day until 6:30pm. We need to have someone before the Blessed Sacrament at all the times it is exposed. Sign up sheets for half hour time slots are available at the doors of the Church. Please sign up to spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Book of the Deceased - A book will be placed on the St. Joseph altar during the month of November. All are welcome to write in the book the names of the deceased that you would like to lift up to God during the month of November when we especially remember the deceased.

Finance Council - The Council will meet on Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00pm in the Antioch Annex.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of November 5, 2017

Robert Ritzco, 610-649-3973

Please call as early in the week as possible.



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



ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE

Casseroles for St. John's Hospice, **Recipe # 1**, will be collected Wednesday morning of this week, **November 8** between 9 and 9:30am at St. Margaret Parking Lot.



FOOD COLLECTION

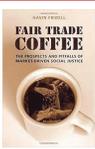
Next weekend is our monthly food collection weekend (**November 11 & 12**). Manna bags are available in the back of church.



Forty Hours Devotion

Mark your calendars now for a very special Forty Hours Devotion on the three evenings of Sunday, **November 19 through Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00pm each night**, consisting of

Benediction, Eucharistic Adoration, sacred music and spiritual reflections by this year's homilist, Deacon Ernest W. Angiolillo; his nightly themes are: **Tuesday the 21st: The Samaritan Woman. John 4: 4-42** - What do we see in this Samaritan woman? Do we see ourselves in our resistance and bitterness to Jesus' outreach of love and refreshment? Have we built ourselves a tower that keeps out those who want to help, even Jesus? Do we see the power of conversion alive in her as she convinces her 'enemies' the townspeople, the ones she avoided so much, that Jesus is THE ANSWER? Do we ever 'drop our bucket' to follow Jesus and depend on him with joy in spite of difficulties?



**HOLIDAY ETHICAL TRADE SALE
INCLUDING CRAFTS NOV. 11 AND 12**

The holidays are fast approaching! Here is a great opportunity to get an early start on your Christmas shopping. Our Parish Peace and Justice Committee will once again host a Catholic Relief Services Holiday Ethical Fair Trade Sale of lovely crafts, coffee, tea, chocolate and hot chocolate in the school cafeteria after all Masses on the weekend of Nov. 11 and 12. These products make great Christmas gifts! As Deacon Tom Berna from CRS recently reminded us the proceeds benefit our struggling sisters and brothers overseas.

Benefits of Buying Ethical Trade:

- Guarantees fair wages to disadvantaged artisans, farmers and workers;
 - Provides the technical and financial assistance that poor people so desperately need but so rarely get in the conventional trading system;
 - Makes a strong connection with hardworking but impoverished workers around the world;
 - Returns human dignity to people just like us.
- We hope to see you at the sale!



Liturgy Note: Come Holy Spirit - Our celebration of Confirmation last week reminded me of the power of the Spirit to transform our lives. The priest calls on the Holy Spirit at every Mass to descend upon the bread and wine and transform them into the Body and Blood of Christ. We then receive the Body and Blood so that we can be filled with the life of Christ and be changed to become more like him. Just as the Spirit descended upon Christ at his baptism and sent him forth to teach and heal his people, so we receive the Spirit at each Mass so that we can go forth with new life to witness to the Lord in our world.

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. 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.

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.

Catholicism and the Morality of Markets
November 8 (4:30-6:00pm). A Conversation with R.R. Reno and Father Robert Sirico for a moderated conversation discussing the merits of the free markets from a Catholic perspective: does a free market system promote a healthy and virtuous society, or does it have a corrosive effect on the moral and social institutions that promote the common good?
Location: Connelly Cinema, Villanova University
Speakers include: Dr. R.R. Reno, editor of First Things and Rev. Robert Sirico, president and co-founder of the Acton Institute. To learn more: For details and description e-mail austin.detwiler@villanova.edu.

Young Adult Movie Night at the Seminary
Friday, November 10 (7:00-10:00pm)
Join us for a viewing of "I Confess," an Alfred Hitchcock thriller and a discussion to follow. It will be a fun way to grow in our understanding of this great Sacrament as we celebrate the fact that God still calls men to be the priests who hear our confessions. Soft drinks and snacks will be provided.

Community Concert at the Basilica, PhilHarmonia
November 11 (8:00pm) - PhilHarmonia is a 25-voice community choir that sings classical and contemporary choral music. Founded in 2013, and now in its fifth season. PhilHarmonia continues to delight audiences with its commitment to musical excellence, and its diverse range of choral programs. Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. To learn more: visit www.philharmoniasings.com. Free will offering.

Westminster Williamson Voices
November 19 (3:00pm) - James Jordan and the Grammy nominated ensemble return with a diverse and inspiring program showcasing their rich palette of choral colors. Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Tickets at cathedralphilconcerts.org.

Words of Wisdom - Decide whether or not the goal is worth the risk involved. If it is, stop worrying.

NEWS FROM ST. MARGARET SCHOOL

This year SMS has developed a **VIRTUES Program** for our students. They will be discussing a new virtue each month in each class as well as doing a short assignment: The following virtues:

Sept: Faith, Oct: Reverence, Nov: Stewardship, Dec: Generosity, Jan: Gratitude, Feb: Honesty, March: Mercy, April: Justice, May: Zeal.

Grade 7 - This year, the 7th Grade are "Living the STREAM"! This slogan is all over in the 7th grade bulletin boards. STREAM refers to the interconnectivity of Science, Technology, Religion, and Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics across their curriculum and in almost everything they learn in life. There are many upcoming 7th Grade Service Projects, about which the students are very excited!

Grade 6 - The students are reading about the terra cotta warriors, making clay warriors in art class and going to the Franklin Institute for the terra cotta warrior's exhibit,

SMS HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES WAS A HIT - PK and Kindergarten paraded through the school in the morning and had a party hosted by the Homeroom Moms. The classes celebrated Halloween in the afternoon with a party with games and activities in the Gym hosted by the Student Council, followed by light refreshments in the Cafeteria hosted by the Homeroom Moms. It was a fun celebration!

DONATE HALLOWEEN CANDY TO SUPPORT MERCY NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES: Once again this year, if you have an abundance of Halloween Candy left over after Halloween and you would like to donate it, please send it to St Margaret School office. The candy will be 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 - Last week a flyer was enclosed in the bulletin. All orders are due to the SMS school office or rectory by Friday, November 10th. The cookie dough orders will be delivered to SMS for distribution on Friday, Dec 1st.

SAVE THE DATE FOR "SONGS AND SUDS" - Please gather your friends and print out the form from our website for a fun night of Karaoke and sing-along. Beer, wine and snacks will be provided. Ticket price: \$20 before November 10th or \$25 at the door Please join us in the Annex on Friday night, **November 10th at 7:30pm.**

APPLE CRUNCH DAY - For the past several years, **Mrs. Kathy Eicke (mother of Katherine, SMS graduated 2017)**, has celebrated Apple Crunch Day with our students here at SMS. Each student from PK to 8 celebrates d Apple Crunch Day by receiving an apple on Tuesday. This has been a fun day to promote healthy snacking as well as a reminder for our kids to be mindful of taking in plenty of fruits/veggies.

SMS WEB - Thank you, Mrs. Eileen Brazunas (**mother of Grace, SMS 2016 alumna**), for updating our website and proofreading our information on the web.

We appreciate all the support from all our current and alum SMS parents.



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.

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.

Dawn's Place - A transitional home for women that have been trafficked

Dawn's Place is having a craft show at Temple Lutheran Church, 501 Brookline Rd., Havertown on **November 18**. Space is \$15. plus a raffle donation. Time is 9:00am until 2:00pm. Any questions, contact Angela Brown, 610-316-9353 or dawnsplaceAB@gmail.com.

A Little Humor - The optimist believes the glass is half full. The pessimist believes it is half empty. The mother just wants to know why you didn't use a coaster.

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.