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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 1, 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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The context for today’s Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers’ tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today’s Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that “actions speak louder than words” and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father’s will.

Jesus’ conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John’s message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

Liturgy Note: Come to Me - Jesus called his disciples to follow him. Every time we come to Mass the Lord is there for us to experience his love for us and to call us to follow him so that we can share in his love and life. Mass is a privileged place where we meet Jesus in a very special way. Come to him, follow him. He wants to fill you with his spirit, peace and strength.



WE WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY Bowen Foster Read, son of David and Copley Read. Congratulations to the family.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, October 2

7:00 AM Clare Palone

TUESDAY, October 3

7:00 AM Colleen Morrison

WEDNESDAY, October 4

7:00 AM Abbot Placid Spearritt

THURSDAY, October 5

7:00 AM Joan & Robert G. McCairns

FRIDAY, October 6

7:00 AM Dr. Max Brightman

SATURDAY, October 7

8:00 AM Kathleen McCarthy Keefe



**THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2017
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN
MEMORY OF
LOWELL LUBIC, 1ST ANNIVERSARY.**

**THE ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN IN MEMORY OF
JOSEPH & MARY JOSEPHINE D’ALONZO.**

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 September 24, 2017: \$9,471

Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$1,025

Mail In: \$1,005

Parish On Line: \$1,350

Envelopes: 230

Collection to date for the Hurricanes: \$9,579

The Weekend of September 25, 2016: \$8,167

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

Special Collection for Victims of Hurricane Irma - We recently took up a collection for victims of Hurricane Harvey. Subsequent to that storm, Hurricane Irma devastated much of the Caribbean and Florida. I know this is asking more of you very soon after the last collection but the severity of Irma calls again for a charitable response. In particular, Bishop Bevard, who served as a priest of our Archdiocese, has requested urgent help for his Diocese of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, which was hit hard by the storm. Next Sunday, October 8, we will have a special second collection which will be forwarded to Bishop Bevard for the benefit of the people of his Diocese.

Respect Life Sunday - Today is Respect Life Sunday. We renew our belief in the value of every human life and our commitment to respect and cherish all human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Our persistent prayers and efforts are needed to help all people understand the value of every human life, especially the lives of the unborn.

Blessing of Animals - This Sunday, October 1, at 2:00pm in front of the rectory we will have our annual blessing of the animals. We have this blessing near the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, which is on Oct. 4. St. Francis had a special love and respect for animals and all of God's creation. Our blessing of the animals expresses our gratitude to God for the gift that his creatures are to us.

Catholic Relief Services - Deacon Tom Berna is speaking at all the Masses this weekend on the many charitable works of Catholic Relief Services, the international relief and charitable work agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. We are grateful to learn more about CRS so that we can prayerfully and materially support the good work in disaster relief and help for the poor carried out so well by CRS.

School Advisory Board - We will meet on Thursday, October 5 at 7:00pm in the Antioch Annex.

Our Lady of the Rosary - Saturday, October 7, is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The rosary is a traditional and powerful prayer by which we can come to Jesus through Mary. The repetitive prayers of the rosary calm our spirits and allow us to meditate on the saving grace of Our Lord that has been given to us through Our Blessed Mother.

Golf Outing - On Friday, September 22, we had our Inaugural Saint Margaret Golf Tournament. It was a highly successful event with 68 golfers and 120 guests for dinner. I offer many thanks to all who participated, and especially to Leslie Lorei, Donna Davis and Anne Becker for organizing this wonderful day.

Summary of Pastoral Council Meeting - The Council met on September 20. Msgr. Dougherty made announcements regarding coming events and activities, including the Golf Outing, the Day of Service here by Villanova students, the PREP Opening Mass, Grandparents Day at School, the forthcoming Workshop for our Readers at Church, the Confirmation Retreat on October 15, and a Holy Hour for Vocations on Nov. 9. Monsignor shared some information from the Archdiocese regarding possible legislation concerning abuse victims, and on the use of our School as a polling place. The County has been looking to find another polling place because it wants to lessen the cost of paying for insurance requested by the Archdiocese to cover the costs of any accidents that could happen at polling places on Archdiocesan sites. Monsignor and Mary Anne Monroe, the director of religious education, presented some information from a recent Workshop they attended regarding Parish Religious Education Programs in the Archdiocese. The Pastoral Council discussed various ideas presented at the Workshop. At the end of the discussion, Monsignor requested that Mary Anne form a group consisting of representatives from our PREP Program to discuss the possible implementation of some of these ideas in our Parish. Lastly, the Pastoral Council spent a good portion of the meeting trying to develop a three-year plan for our Parish. We discussed goals and objectives in five areas of Parish Life: Worship and Spirituality, Education, Evangelization, Service, and Community Life. We hope to finalize the plan at our November 16 meeting and present it to the Parish in January 2018.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of October 1, 2017
Pam Owsik 610-659-7021
Please call as early in the week as possible.

FOOD COLLECTION

Next weekend is our monthly food collection weekend (October 14 & 15). Manna bags are available in the back of church.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE

Casseroles for St. John's Hospice, Recipe # 6, will be collected Wednesday morning of this week, October 8 between 9 and 9:30am at St. Margaret Parking Lot.

Spiritual Thought - I have tried many methods of governing, but I have found none better than gentleness and tolerance. (St. Jan Frances de Chantal)

News From St. Margaret School

SMS Fun Fair:

Thank you for all of those that attended St. Margaret School Fun Fair! The event was once again a huge success. SMS would especially like to thank the **The DeMaio Family/ DeMaio Allstate Agency** for sponsoring the event, **The Papatsiaras Family/ Wynnefield Pizza** for their delicious pizza, **Nicole Veith** for the graphic design of the posters, **WAWA** for donating the water, and the **Narberth 4th of July Committee** for donating games and a moon bounce. Special thanks are extended to all of the parents and students that volunteered their time. We had a great turnout of volunteers, several of whom volunteered for multiple shifts. We truly could not do this event without you!

New After School Activity

Miss Ally Amenta, 7th grade teacher, invited the girls and boys in grades 4-8 to join the new afterschool SMS Chess Club! They will learn strategies and tactics of the game, develop problem solving and critical thinking skills, and most of all, have fun!

A Donation from a SMS Family

Saint Margaret will have some new sporting equipment for playtime at recess this year: balls for soccer, kickball, and wall ball. Here is to more fun on the playground for our students! We are very grateful to this SMS Family for their generous donation to our students

WALK A THON

Our Annual Walk-a-thon will take place on Friday, **October 13, 2017**. This is one of our major fundraisers. Students in grades PK to 8 participate in this walk. If you would like to donate towards our SMS Walk-a-Thon, please call the school office 610-663-2640 or email info@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!

Fatima 100 Conference

October 14, 2017 - 8:00am to 3:00pm
St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

15 E Pleasant Grove Rd., West Chester, PA

Conference will start with Mass and will feature 3 well known speakers: Christopher West, Ralph Martin and Paul Kengor. It is not hyperbole to say that the most significant event of the last century was Our Lady's appearances between May 13, 1917 and October 13, 1917. It was the end of WW1, the start of the Bolshevik Revolution (Lenin and Stalin) which led to the spread of communism throughout the century, the start of the Knights of the Immaculata, Our Lady's prediction of WW2, the three secrets of Fatima, the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981 as fulfillment of the third secret of Fatima, and the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the fall of communism in 1989. The historical framework of Our Lady's appearances at Fatima and its effect on the rest of the century are hard to challenge.

Brochures about the Conference are available in the back of the church.

SAVE THE DATE HOLIDAY ETHICAL (FAIR) TRADE SALE INCLUDING CRAFTS NOV. 11 & 12 AFTER ALL MASSES IN SCHOOL CAFETERIA.

Lectio Divina meets on Saturdays after the 8:00am Mass in the Antioch Annex. We seek to prayerfully grow in our communion with God by reading the Gospel for the coming Sunday three times, first for what strikes us, second for how God may be speaking to us personally, and thirdly for how He may be inviting us to change or grow. All are welcome. Please contact Bruce Fay if you are interested in learning more at 610-667-6159 or Brewster.fay@gmail.com.



WILL YOU FILL THE BOTTLES FOR BABIES? At all the Masses this weekend, bottles will be offered for you to take home to fill with change. As in the past, the parish has been very generous and the money collected has enabled the many outreach efforts of the Pro-Life Union, particular the support of guiding star home for women in crisis pregnancies. Please see Prolifeunion.org and guidingstar.org for more information...and Thank You! **We will collect the bottles next weekend (October 7 & 8).**

AFFORDABLE LODGING FOR OUT-OF-TOWN PATIENT-FAMILIES

Hosts For Hospitals (HFH) is a nonprofit organization that provides lodging and support at volunteer host-homes for typically \$10 per night per patient-family as a caring response to the lodging needs of patients and their loved ones coming to Greater Philadelphia for specialized medical care.

Since July 2000, over 3,000 patient-families have been welcomed into HFH host-homes. Patient-families need host-homes near Center City and throughout Greater Philadelphia, especially:

- 1) At homes with minimal stairs for patients or family members unable or not allowed to do stairs.
- 2) For immune compromised patients who require a private lodging setting such as an in-law suite, the home of a 'snowbird' away during the winter or that of anyone else away for extended periods at other times.

For information about becoming a host or helping to spread word of the patient-family lodging need, please contact HFH Outreach Coordinator Cathy Davis at 215-687-1022.

An interactive workshop to assist Catholics in central Montgomery County with the spiritual and temporal aspects of end of life planning. Speakers include: Rev.

Louis P. Bellopede, an estate planning attorney, a funeral director, a representative of Calvary Cemetery and a financial planner. **Tuesday evening October 10th from 6 - 9 pm.** Complimentary Buffet. Seating is limited. To reserve your spot or for additional information please call Tim Seiders at 215-699-6993.

Catholic Volunteer Network - Would you like to make a difference in your community, the country, or the world? Do you want to serve those in need and work for social justice? Check out *Response 2018*, a free guide listing nearly 200 faith-based volunteer programs and thousands of opportunities. Volunteers serve full-time for periods of one week to one year or more across the United States and in more than 100 countries worldwide. Summer and school break opportunities are also available. Our volunteers are from all walks of life - from high school to senior citizens and every stage in between. Positions are available for both single and married volunteers, including those with children. Contact Catholic Volunteer Network to receive your free copy/copies of RESPONSE 2018. Call 800-543-5046 or email info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org. You can also search RESPONSE 2018 online at www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org

A Little Humor - If you look like your passport photo, in all probability you need the holiday.

St. Katherine Day School

1. Part-time Teaching Assistants needed to work with student with disabilities. St. Katherine Day School - Radnor Campus & Wynnewood Campus.
2. Kitchen Manager needed to take care of both breakfast and lunch for students with disabilities. St. Katherine Day School - Wynnewood Campus.
3. Special Education Teacher needed for Life Skills Program at St. Katherine Day School - Wynnewood Campus

If interested, please contact Kathleen Gould, Principal, at kgould@stkds.org.

Friday, October 6 (7 to 11pm)

Anthem Ministries Oktoberfest

For young adults 21 and over: We're all about bringing people together to laugh, hang out, and show off our lederhosen. We're pretty sure that one of the best ways to do that is beer, German food, live music and having the place all to ourselves.

Location: Frankford Hall, Philadelphia

Sunday, October 8, 2017 - 6:30pm Mass

Queen Takeover: Consecration of Archdiocesan youth and Young Adults to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

At this Mass, Archbishop Chaput will dedicate the youth & young adults in Philadelphia to Mary, a woman whose courage ultimately changed the world.

Location: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

Sunday, October 8, 2017 - 2 to 6pm.

Sidewalk Advocates Training by Dr. Monique Ruberu

Sidewalk Advocates training is an opportunity to learn how to be the hands and feet of Jesus on the sidewalk in front of abortion centers. It teaches us how to effectively and lovingly offer alternatives to those entering or leaving the centers and engage in conversations when the moment arises. It allows us to bring peace, prayer and love to where it is needed most. It helps us to be the voice for the voiceless.

Location: The Neumann Room, located behind the Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter & Paul, next to Our lady of the Apostles Garden. Free parking available: 222 N 17th St. **Visit home page <https://anthemphilly.com> for more information on these events.**

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat - October 6,7,8th, 2017. For information call: Lauren 215-720-5828 or Priscilla 215-906-6337.

**Archdiocesan Rosary
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
18th St. and Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 7:00pm**

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, October 25, 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 *812.