

# ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH

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## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 15, 2017



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### Scrip Sales

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

**FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY**

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**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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**Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson**

Most parents of engaged children know all about the anxiety of paying for a typical wedding these days. It will be a costly item for sure. But it need not be. That's not a topic to discuss right here. But for its part, the Church is more concerned about the marriage than the wedding.

When Our Lord uses the example of a marriage feast to describe life in the kingdom of heaven, He strikes home with His original audience. They knew as well as we do the honor implied by the invitation. So they accepted with gratitude. Jesus wanted to point that out, together with His awareness of proper dress and etiquette.

I believe that most invitees to a wedding look forward to it as a happy time that celebrates family and friendship. They attend properly dressed and observe due decorum. They would never want to mar the occasion with uncouth behavior that merits expulsion.

Now we come to the implications of the parable for ourselves today. It is really about our future life in the next world. That future depends on our everyday response to the invitation we received at our Baptism. Surely, most of us were too young to understand that at the time. But we were blessed with good parents who told us all about what Baptism means. Their instructions were hopefully kept up by our catechists.

We learned all that the Mass is, including its being an anticipation of that future banquet in the presence of our Savior Jesus Christ. He will host us at the heavenly table. The Church teaches us the proper preparation for that meal. It always includes words like "I am heartily sorry" and "I am not worthy." Then when the food and drink are distributed, the simple word "Amen" bears happy repetition.

It becomes more and more obvious as our lives here on earth unfold that our Divine Host prefers us to "walk the walk", rather than to "talk the talk." That means a follow up to our invitation. To put it more graphically: "Going to Church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car!"

**Liturgy Note: The General Intercessions -**

Following the Liturgy of the Word at Mass, we profess the creed and then pray the general intercessions. Having heard the Word of God, we respond first by professing our faith in the Word that has just been proclaimed to us, and then moved by the Word and our faith, we reach out to all the world by praying for ourselves and others in the intercessions. Our most powerful way of helping others is by praying for them. As we pray the intercessions at Mass we should be mindful of reaching out to others in prayerful and powerful charity.

# Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, October 16**

**7:00 AM Thomas Ivory**

**TUESDAY, October 17**

**7:00 AM Vernon Brightman**

**WEDNESDAY, October 18**

**7:00 AM Meegan Kiernan**

**THURSDAY, October 19**

**7:00 AM Brandon Heiler**

**FRIDAY, October 20**

**7:00 AM Florence Ryan**

**SATURDAY, October 21**

**8:00 AM Dorothy Kelly**

**THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15, 2017**

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN MEMORY OF KENNY HOFFMAN.**



**ALTAR CANDLES ARE IN MEMORY OF ANN PELLIGRINO.**

**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 8, 2017: \$12,633**

**Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$1,025**

**Mail In: \$1,455**

**Parish On Line: \$1,645**

**Envelopes: 221**

**The Weekend of October 9, 2016: \$11,725**

**Collection for the Diocese of St. Thomas Virgin Island: \$3,428**

**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>



[www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com)

**640 am**

## From The Pastor

**Mission Speaker** - Father Francis Doyle, O.S.A. will speak about the missions at all the Masses this weekend. There is an envelope in your packet for today in which you can make a contribution for the missions. If you didn't have it ready today, you can drop it in the collection basket next week too, if you wish. Your generosity supports the needy and helps the Church to proclaim to all the good news of redemption in Christ through his Church.

**Mass for Anointing of the Sick** - Next Sunday, October 22, the 11:30am Mass will be a Mass for the Anointing of the Sick. If you wish to be anointed at that Mass, please inform the rectory at 610-664-3770 or email us at [office@saintmarg.org](mailto:office@saintmarg.org)

**Holy Hour for Vocations** - On Thursday, November 9, we will have a Holy Hour for Vocations in our Church from 7-8pm. The Holy Hour is being sponsored by our Parish, as well as St. Matthias, Presentation BVM, and St. John Vianney parishes. Please plan to join us as we gather together to pray for this important intention of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**No Vigil Mass on Oct. 31** - November 1, All Saints Day, is a Holyday of Obligation but we will not have a Vigil Mass on October 31, because of all the activities connected with that night. We will have Masses on Nov. 1 at 7:00 am, 12:05pm, and 7:00pm.

**Feast of St. Luke** - October 18 is the feast of St. Luke. Tradition has it that Luke was a physician. His gospel reflects a special concern for the poor and disadvantaged, and emphasized the healing and helping works of Christ. We all have the ability to be a healing presence in our world. In recent weeks our nation has been hit with a string of natural and human disasters that have left many people hurting and suffering in body, mind, and soul. We can all counteract the hurts people experience by being healers and helpers, walking strongly and patiently in the ways of Jesus and being mindful that through us the Lord wants to make his healing presence felt in our world.

### World Mission Sunday

Dear Faithful Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In his message for **World Mission Sunday, October 22**, Pope Francis invites us to understand that *Mission is an essential aspect and at the Heart of Christian faith*. The Holy Father reminds us that we are sent to our brothers and sisters in order to bear witness of our faith in Christ and to proclaim His Gospel. By our baptism, we are all called to be Missionary disciples.

Pope Francis exhorts us repeatedly to go out of the temple's sacred walls and to make sure that our Church becomes a Mission-centered Church. We are challenged "to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the peripheries in need of the light of the Gospel."

Your prayers and financial help, through the Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith, will provide resources to the countless faith-filled Missionaries who bring the Gospel to 1,108 Catholic Mission Dioceses, serving as the Church's witness to Christ through their care for the poor and most vulnerable.

As Pope Francis' World Mission Sunday message asserts, "The world vitally needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through the Church, Christ continues His Mission as the Good Samaritan, caring for the bleeding wounds of humanity, and as *Good Shepherd*, constantly seeking out those who wander along winding paths that lead nowhere."

I pray that the faithful in every parish in the Archdiocese will respond to this year's World Mission Sunday by actively offering your fervent prayer and heartfelt generosity for Missionaries and the people they serve, responding to the vast pressing need for evangelization in the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

### HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

**Week of October 15, 2017**

**Pam Owsik 610-659-7021**

**Please call as early in the week as possible.**

**A Little Humor** - My wife and I were at the beach. I said, "You know, I'm 56. I'm middle-aged." She said, "Sorry, honey, you're a little past that! How many men do you know over 112?" Evangelist Tony Campolo.

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

**Spiritual Thought** - Marriage is not regarded by Christianity as a mere accident of life, but it is taken as a recognized vocation essential to the building up of the Church on earth, and thereby entering into the scheme of the world's salvation.

### **Little Sisters of the Poor Dinner at La Locanda**

**Mangia!** Join us at a yummy fundraiser at La Locanda for the Little Sisters of the Poor! 20% of your bill will benefit the needy elderly Residents at Holy Family Home. The event will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 11:30 am to 10pm. Call the restaurant at 610-353-7033 for reservations and let them and your server know that you are there for the Little Sisters of the Poor! La Locanda is located at 4989 West Chester Pike in Newtown Square. Cash bar only available that night. Thank you for your prayers and support!

## NEWS FROM ST. MARGARET SCHOOL

### Kindergarten Classroom News:

**Religion:** The students continued learning about God's special gifts of creation. This week, we completed the lesson, *God Gave Us Land*. We read a short story about St. Rose of Lima and how she used gifts from the land to share God's love with others. We talked about how we can do that too in our own lives. In Math, the students practiced counting groups of 6, 7, 8 and 9. They also practiced reading and writing these numbers. They are doing a great job!



**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!

**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](mailto:info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org). You can also search RESPONSE 2018 online at [www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org](http://www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org)

### St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

As part of the seminary's Theology Lecture Series, Dr. Timothy George, Dean of Beeson Divinity School and executive editor of Christianity Today, will present "The Reformation After 500 Years: An Ecumenical Remembrance," on the occasion of the Reformation's 500th anniversary. Dr. George sits on the editorial advisory board for First Things and Books & Culture, is general editor of the Reformation Commentary on Scripture, has contributed numerous writings to scholarly journals and authored more than 20 books.

### Job Opportunities

#### St John the Baptist Church

Parish front office secretary needed. A local parish in the city of Philadelphia is looking for a full time parish secretary (M-F, 9-4). The secretary is responsible for providing clerical support and office services for parish staff, ministries, activities and organizations. The secretary works in conjunction with other parish secretaries and staff to perform common office tasks. Competitive salary and individual benefits offered. Please send a resume to [secretary19127@gmail.com](mailto:secretary19127@gmail.com).

#### Merion Mercy Academy

Merion Mercy Academy has an immediate opening for a short term (12 week) position as the coordinator of Media Services. The ideal candidate would possess a bachelor's or master's degree in Media Services or a related field. Duties include maintaining print and electronic resources, managing the library's catalog system, updating the media center's website and supporting faculty and students with research projects. The candidate should have a working knowledge of libguides, Destiny, and NoodleTools. Proficiency with technology is required. The ability to teach AP Computer Science Principles is a plus. Applicants are asked to submit a cover letter and resume as soon as possible but not later than Thursday, October 19. Email to [madanovich@merion-mercy.com](mailto:madanovich@merion-mercy.com).

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## NATIONAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

### **Drawn by Love: Sent on Fire**

Saturday, October 21 | 8:30am-4:00pm  
National Shrine of our Lady of Czestochowa

Cost: \$55 before Oct. 1, \$50 for Groups 5+  
Questions? Email [monicamlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:monicamlawrence@yahoo.com)

Register Online  
[wineconference.com](http://wineconference.com)

### **Our Lady of the Rosary and St. David's Family Retreat**

**October 20-22 - Malvern Retreat House**

Retreat Director Fr. Michael Shea, Associate Director, Central Assoc. of the Miraculous Medal. Enjoy an opportunity to renew your relationship with God and your loved ones. To register or for more information call 610-644-0400 or visit [malvernretreat.com/register](http://malvernretreat.com/register).

## PREP News

As we enter our 4th week of PREP, we find our classes well-organized and our teachers already established in their routines. We've figured out our classroom situation and the appropriate meeting spaces for the different grades. Thank you to all of our volunteers who serve as catechists, classroom aides, and hall monitors. We appreciate your support of our program.

The Sadlier "We Believe" series we utilize teaches the children about very specific themes which grow and develop along with your children -- themes like creation and divine revelation, the Holy Trinity, sacraments, and Jesus' ministry. The children learn about many bible stories from both the Old and the New Testament. The 6th graders are learning about the Old Testament as they begin their sacramental preparation for Confirmation. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders are anticipating their Confirmation retreat, rehearsal, and reception of the sacrament.

The success of your child in PREP can be guaranteed if you could support them in the following ways:

- Talk to your children about what they are learning in PREP. Be there to answer their questions and explain some of the themes they might have discussed in class.
- Look over the work that they bring home. Engage them in dialogue and share your own personal experience about what they are learning.
- Bring them to Mass every week. Our job, as catechists, is to supplement what you are teaching them at home. Your involvement in the liturgy not only reinforces what they are learning in PREP, but it also helps them to be members of a worshipping community.
- Remind them to avail themselves of the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist. Most children in 3rd grade and above have already received their sacraments of initiation and healing. The Sacrament of Penance is crucial in making sure that the children are always in a state of grace and in a loving relationship with our Lord. Holy Eucharist ensures that they always have Jesus in their hearts and foremost in their minds.
- Be good Catholic examples to your children. Be kind and patient with one another. Treat each other with care and respect. Forgive each other's faults and shortcomings. Make your home a place of peace, harmony, joy and love.
- Pray together. Say grace before meals. Spend some quiet time together before bed. Talk about the readings and the homilies you hear every Sunday.
- Start your own Catholic traditions. Light the candles on an Advent wreath. Set up a Christmas crèche. Participate in a parish penance service.
- Pray the rosary together. October is the month of Mary and the rosary. Explain to your children that the rosary commemorates the life and times of Jesus and Mary. Practicing your faith as a family will instill in them good Christian values and make them realize the importance of being Catholic.
- Bring them to class every week. Make their religious education a priority. Make sure they've had breakfast. We have much to teach them.... we want to make sure that they are alert and receptive to take these lessons seriously.

### Sunday Preschool Program

The Sunday Preschool Program runs simultaneously with the Sunday 10 AM Mass. The preschool program, which occurs in the St. Margaret School cafeteria, is a perfect place to leave your young children while you participate in the 10 AM Mass. Our dedicated catechists will engage them in a faith-based, age-appropriate program that incorporates songs, stories, crafts, movies and activities into the Sunday scriptures. The fee for the Sunday preschool program is only \$20 per family/year. Participation in this program is not a pre-requisite for PREP

### Confirmation Dates (for current 7<sup>th</sup> Graders)

Oct. 15 (Sunday) - Confirmation Retreat for candidates and parents - 11:30 Mass – 2:00 PM in Church (No PREP for 7<sup>th</sup> graders)

Oct. 17 (Tuesday) - Confirmation Rehearsal (*mandatory*) 4:00-5:00 PM (Church; parents and sponsors NEED NOT attend)

Oct. 22 (Sunday) - Mass for the Anointing of the Sick - 11:30 Mass, 12:30 Hospitality (Confirmation candidates needed to help out.)

Oct. 24 (Tuesday) - Confirmation with Bishop Deliman - 4:00-5:15 PM (Candidates should report to the Annex by 3:30 PM.)



**Looking for the perfect pie to compliment your Thanksgiving feast?** St. Margaret's has you covered! This year, St. Margaret Parish is proud to offer Highland Orchard famous fresh baked pies in the first annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale. Choose from 20 different flavors, along with apple cider and "Best of Philly" apple cider donuts. Orders due by November 4th. Items will be available for pickup at the Rectory November 20th & 21st. See accompanying order form in bulletin for more info.

### **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](http://www.twitter.com/ArchPhilly)  
[www.youtube.com/user/CatholicPhilly](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@saintmarg.org) or 610-664-3770, Ext \*812.