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**THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 29, 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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Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

A little over two months ago, the cold dead rock we call the moon passed in front of the hot blazing light of our sun in an eclipse that lasted for roughly three minutes. Only twelve million Americans by their location were caught in the band of darkness that crossed the width of our country resembling a sash around its waist. But the entire country had a share in the incident and was fascinated.

That eclipse came back to me as I thought of the supernatural darkness of evil and sin as it treks across the moral landscape of the country and the world. In our culture that would be delineated by widespread diseases like opioid and pornography addiction. Of course, such items need not have such control over us were we to tap into our residual powers of resistance. There is never an eclipse of divine grace within us unless we will it.

Consider this powerful command given to us by the Lord of light Himself: Jesus our Savior. That unknown "scholar of the law" who makes his appearance in this weekend's gospel heard it first. It must have been a surprise and a disappointment that his entrapment scheme fell apart. He got his answer all right. So do we get ours.

Ah, but there is a problem! We know this greatest commandment. But sadly, we know our track record on keeping it. We blame our damaged will power. The first part of the commandment isn't all that hard, we conclude. The matter of loving God is relatively easy, particularly if we only think of Him on Sunday.

No, the real rub is that radical connection of loving my neighbor as myself. The linking of that pesky creature next door, next cubicle, next pew, next in line. He/she's the problem. Does God really want me to love him/her? That seems to be asking a little too much. Note, God never said you have to like him/her. But can you at least wish the best for him/her? After all, that's exactly what Christ did. He even forgave His neighbors (us) from the cross.

Such love never has to be given in spectacular ways. It is usually done every day by people in a million unnoticed ways. Here's one example.

A young lady walked into a fabric shop, went to the counter, and asked the owner for some noisy, rustling, white material. The owner found two such bolts of fabric but was rather puzzled at the young lady's motives. Why would anyone want several yards of noisy material? Finally the owner's curiosity got the best of him and he asked the young lady why she particularly wanted noisy cloth.

She answered: "You see, I am making my wedding gown, and my fiance is blind. When I walk down the aisle, I want him to know when I've arrived at the altar, so he won't be embarrassed."

May such love be in our hearts for all those the Lord has created.

MONDAY, October 30

7:00 AM Rit Campbell

TUESDAY, October 31

7:00 AM Dorothy Kane

WEDNESDAY, November 1 All Saints

7:00 AM George Ciarmello

12:05 PM James F. Roper, Jr.

7:00 PM Francis Gallagher

THURSDAY, November 2

7:00 AM Lorraine Bizzarri

FRIDAY, November 3

7:00 AM Joseph Augustine

SATURDAY, November 4

8:00 AM Alice Noone



THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 29, 2017
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN
MEMORY OF NICHOLAS & ANNA 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 October 22, 2017: \$ 8,412

Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 910

Mail In: \$ 635

Parish On Line: \$ 1,240

Envelopes: 208

Fall Collection so far: \$37,005

The Weekend of October 23, 2016: \$6,900

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>



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From The Pastor

Solemnity of All Saints - Wednesday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints. It is a Holyday of Obligation. November is the month in which we remember the deceased. On the first day of the month we recall all the deceased who now stand before God and share in eternal glory. We celebrate their holiness and renew our desire to walk in the ways of the Lord so that we too can share in heavenly glory. The saints inspire us to pursue our main goal in life, to be holy and be united with Jesus Christ by loving and obeying him. Come and celebrate Mass on November 1 as we honor all the saints, all those who have lived good lives and now experience the joy and peace of heaven. **There will be no Vigil Mass on Tuesday, October 31. Masses on November 1 will be at 7:00am, 12:05pm, and 7:00pm.**

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, All Souls Day - November 2 is the day on which we remember all the departed and support them with our love and prayers. We will have the regular daily Mass at 7:00am. On Sunday, November 5, at the general intercessions, we will read the names of all those in our Parish who passed away in the last year. We will prayerfully place them before the Lord and keep them in our prayers during the month of November.

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.

Holy Hour for Vocations - 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.

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 October 29, 2017

Pam Owsik 610-659-7021.

Please call as early in the week as possible.



We Welcome into our Parish Community
Lily Marie Gallagher, daughter of Ryan and Meghan Gallagher. Congratulations to the family.



Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Peter J. Lowney, Helene Addis, Agnes O'Neill and Francis Gallagher** who have recently passed away. May they rest in peace and their families be comforted.

Lankenau Ministry - Next Sunday, November 5, 2017 is St. Margaret's weekend to take Holy Communion to the sick at the Lankenau, Group A is assigned but Group B is also welcomed. If you cannot come this weekend, please try to exchange with someone. It is very important to get a replacement.

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. Angioillo; his nightly themes are:

Monday the 20th: Zacchaeus the Tax Collector.

Luke 19:1-10 - Why would this tax collector be interested in seeing a man who would most likely change his whole outlook on life, indeed his whole life itself? What made him want to climb up a tree to guarantee him a better look? What made him take up Jesus' challenge to come and dine with me in your home? What made Zacchaeus joyful about changing his attitude, about giving back his fortune just to be with Jesus? What made him strong in the face of the doubtful crowd? What about us? Are we willing to be Zacchaeus?

Words of Wisdom - A grandmother is someone with silver in her hair and gold in her heart.

NEWS FROM ST. MARGARET SCHOOL

SMS ALUMNI-PARENT CONNECTIONS - We are looking for several alumni from SMS who are interested in cultivating our Alumni network over the next several months. Please email questions or ideas to info@smsnarberth.org. We will be asking for some planning and support over a 12-18 month period. Contact Anne Becker: info@smsnarberth.org or 610-349-7747.

SAVE THE DATE FOR "SONGS AND SUDS" - Gather your crowd and come to the Annex on Friday night, **November 10th at 7:30pm** 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S FIRE PREVENTION ESSAY WINNERS! -

Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out! **Winners:** 1st place - **Erica Belden, Grade 8**; 2nd Place - **Ella Rumsey, Grade 7**; 3rd Place - **Ainsley Davis, Grade 8**. Students in the 7th and 8th grades worked very hard on their essays. We congratulate all students who submitted their work for this annual contest.

BIRTHDAY BOOK FOR THE LIBRARY! - **A HUGE THANK YOU and HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Demetri Staparounas, Grade 4, for his birthday book donation to the SMS Library!** This year's donation included "Goosebumps", "Magnus Chase", "Super Bowl Book", "Pete the Cat" and more! Thanks! If your child would like to make a birthday book donation, Mrs. Cavallaro, SMS Librarian, has a list of books that the library would love to have on her class page. Just click the link to Birthday Books on the SMS Library webpage at smsnarberth.org.

THE FAMOUS 4th STREET COOKIE COMPANY IS DOING FUNDRAISING AT SMS!

On Thursday, **October 26, 2017**, brochures and order forms are available at St. Margaret School. On **November 10**, completed order forms will be collected from students. On **December 1, 2017**, **cookie dough** orders will be delivered to Saint Margaret's School for distribution to families and students. For more info, contact the school office: Mrs. D 610-664-2640.

CLASSROOM NEWS FROM

PRE-KINDERGARTEN had a great time on our first field trip. We spent a wonderful Wednesday morning learning about fire safety at the Narberth Firehouse. The Firemen showed us the tools they use to fight fires, they let us climb inside the fire trucks to explore and as a special treat they let all the children take turns squirting the fire hose. It was a wonderful morning!

KINDERGARTEN

Religion - We wrapped up our unit on God's gifts to the world. We made our own Creation books as a way to celebrate all the wonderful things God has given us to enjoy!

Social Studies - The children discussed that citizens have a responsibility to follow rules and laws. We brainstormed responsibilities we have as "citizens" in our homes. The children shared a responsibility they have at home and we posted them in our classroom. We also focused on identifying a problem, thinking of ways to fix it, and choosing the best solution.

GRADE 7 - Last week, the 7th grade went on a service project trip. We toured CADES, a school in Swarthmore for kids with severe and profound cerebral palsy. The students will be raising money so we can donate speaking devices for the CADES kids!



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 5th. Items will be available for pickup at the Rectory November 20th & 21st. Orders forms are available at the doors of Church.



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.

A Little Humor - Feed a man a fish and he's full for the day. Teach a man to fish and he's gone for the weekend.

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.



Congratulations to the 2017 Confirmation Class

Agustin Francisco Aliaga	Michael Thomas Galloway	Grace Anne O'Connor
Paul Patrick Belmont	Salvatore John Galloway	Caroline Catherine Olender
Jonathan Christopher Bernicker	Harrison Anthony Gillin	Evelyn Mary Paller
Ella Catherine Breslin	Camille Gianna Halbert	Christina Cecilia Parker
Frances Phoebe Byrne	Andrew Christopher Havey	McKenna Mary Reardon
Joseph William Cerniglia	Isabella Bernadette Hennessey	Henry Anthony Rendle
Andrew Francis Choksi	Drew Francis Hollowell	Francis Cosmas Rogai
Ethan Patrick Cook	Owen Benedict Huntington	Juliette Katherine Schad
Charles Raphael Coyle	Margaret Cecilia Iannone	Brodie Maximilian Shea
Andrew Terence Coyne	Elijah Anthony Karn	Cadence Catherine Smith
Alice Birgitta Deutsch	Matthew Sebastian Krebs	Leo George Solga
Neuman Henry Donahue	Juliano Andrew Lucca	Rose Cecilia Solga
Gavin James Doucette	Antonio Anthony Madsen	Jack Thomas Stead
Maria Gertrude Dymek	Matthew James Malone	Andrew Sebastian Stickney
Katherine Beatrice Ferenchick	Maya Helen Masotti	Augustus Francis Walls
Aidan Joseph Fliszar	Luca Gerard Morabito	Andrew John Zanoni
	Evelyn Francis Mooney	

Liturgy Note: Remembering the Deceased - At every Mass we remember and pray for the deceased. Those who have gone before us still gather around the altar with us. By remembering them, we recall that they are part of our Church Community and our love and prayers continue to touch their lives, and their love for us continues to help us on our journey. The Lord is the Lord of both the living and the deceased. At Mass we come together to praise and honor the Lord as we look forward to that great day of final reunion when we stand before the Lord with our loved ones and are filled with joy and peace as we give glory and honor to God.

Help Wanted - Part Time Van Driver - Merion Mercy Academy needs a part-time van driver to transport students weekdays from the Chestnut Hill and Andorra Shopping Center areas in the morning and return in the afternoon. Pick up at Chestnut Hill is 7:00am and departure from MMA is 4:45pm. MMA provides the 10 passenger van. Excellent driving record and Federal, State and Archdiocesan clearances are required. If you are interested in morning, afternoon or both please contact Mike Wallace at 610-664-6655 X 169.

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!

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.