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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 8, 2017



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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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Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?



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Mass Intentions

- MONDAY, October 9**
7:00 AM Matthew Lazowick
- TUESDAY, October 10**
7:00 AM May Morris
- WEDNESDAY, October 11**
7:00 AM Margy Vaughan Norton
- THURSDAY, October 12**
7:00 AM Harry Gillin
- FRIDAY, October 13**
7:00 AM Julia DeSimone
- SATURDAY, October 14**
8:00 AM Lorraine Bizzarri



THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 2017
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN
MEMORY OF ROBERT M. 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 1, 2017: \$9,892
Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$1,025
Mail In: \$1,490
Parish On Line: \$ 225
Envelopes: 235

The Weekend of October 2, 2016: \$10,123

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>

A Little Humor - It was the first time that the eight-year-old had been away to camp and his parents were worried about him. They called the camp and were a little sad that the child hadn't missed them yet. "Haven't any of the other kids become homesick?" they asked. "Only the ones who have dogs," replied the boy.

From The Pastor

Polling Place - It came to my attention recently that the Voting Service Board of Montgomery County has found another site and St. Margaret School will no longer serve as a polling place in Narberth. It is my understanding that the reason for this was that the Archdiocese had to pay a large amount of money in a case in which it was sued by a voter who had fallen at an Archdiocesan site being used as a polling place. In order to protect itself against future claims, the Archdiocese asked the County to buy insurance to cover such accidents. The County decided to look for some alternate sites in order to lessen these insurance costs. This was not a case of anyone from the Archdiocese refusing to allow the polling place to be here. The County decided to move the polling place to another site because of insurance issues.

Special Collection for the Virgin Islands - There will be a special second collection at all the Masses this weekend for the Diocese of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, which was decimated by Hurricane Irma. Bishop Bevard, the Bishop of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, was a priest of our Archdiocese. His Diocese is in dire need of assistance.

Workshop for our Sunday Mass Readers - We will have a Workshop for our Parish Readers at 7pm in the Church on Wednesday, October 11. It will be a good opportunity to meet one another, to learn more about the role of the Scriptures at Mass, and to go over a few details about reading here at St. Margaret Church. All our readers are encouraged to attend.

Walk-A-Thon - Our School students will be walking through the neighborhoods on Friday, Oct. 13 on our annual walk-a-thon fundraiser. The students will receive pledges from donors to help raise needed funds to advance the mission of our School. Many thanks to all those who support our School.

Mission Sunday Speaker - Next weekend, Oct. 14-15, Fr. Frank Doyle, OSA, will be speaking at all the Masses on the missions. There is an envelope in your packet for next weekend for the support of the missions and we will have a second collection to assist in the missionary work of the Church.

Confirmation Retreat - Next Sunday, Oct. 15, those who are being confirmed on Oct. 24 will be attending the 11:30 am Mass and proceeding to the Antioch Annex after Mass until 2:00 pm for a brief retreat in preparation for their Confirmation.

Mass for Anointing of the Sick - On Sunday, October 22, the 11:30am Mass will be a Mass for the Anointing of the Sick. If you wish to be anointed at this Mass, please inform the rectory staff (610-664-3770) or email prep@saintmarg.org.

No Vigil Mass on October 31 - Because of all the festivities connected with Halloween, we will not have a Vigil Mass on October 31. Masses for Nov.1, All Saints Day, a holyday of obligation, will be celebrated on Nov.1 at 7:00 am, 12:05pm, and 7:00pm.

October is Respect Life Month - We especially pray for the lives of the unborn, and that people's hearts will come to understand the right to life of the unborn. We do not cease to pray and work for the right to life. Thank you for supporting our baby bottle campaign to support the right to life by helping those in crisis pregnancies.

Pope Francis' Share the Journey Campaign - On September 27, 2017, Pope Francis launched a global campaign to support immigrants and refugees around the world called "Share the Journey." Our brothers and sisters often make perilous journeys, leaving their homelands because they are forced to flee their homes to escape conflict, persecution, poverty, and violence. The Pope is calling for a week of prayer and action from Oct. 6-13. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information on "Share the Journey."

Holy Hour for Vocations - In celebration of Vocations Awareness Week, Nov. 5-11, 2017, Parishes across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will all join in a Holy Hour dedicated to increasing vocations in our Archdiocese. Our Parish will participate long with St. Matthias and Presentation BVM on Thursday, November 9 at 7pm in St. Margaret Church. All our welcome! Please come and give one hour to Almighty God to raise up holy and fervent priests and religious.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of October 8, 2017
Robert Ritzco 610-649-3973
Please call as early in the week as possible.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE

Casseroles for St. John's Hospice, Recipe # 6, will be collected Wednesday morning of this week, **October 11** between 9 and 9:30am at St. Margaret Parking Lot.



WE WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY Kathryn Clare Morrison, daughter of James and Jenny Morrison.
Congratulations to the family.

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

NEWS FROM ST. MARGARET SCHOOL

SMS 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 Thons, please call the school office 610-663-26-40 or email info@smsnarberth.org.

Grandparent Day: Truly Heartwarming

From a Parent: "What a great idea for a 'special guest day'. I know a lot more came than expected, but it was a wonderful day for the kids and a proud day for the school. Just to see all the proud grandparents and special friends show up for our little ones. I really enjoyed seeing the kids join you with prayers and the song. I loved seeing people come together and help keep things moving. Lots of love to the staff, volunteers and teachers!

Our guests were gracious and loved the visit! God bless them and equally important God bless every effort and sense of humor that it took to get through the day. No kids were lost and no grandparents were left behind. All is good because God is good all the time...Thank you everyone who helped pull this day together, giving us room to plan for future fun visits like this year after year. The sock & baby items donations and Mercy Day Service was a huge success. We will ship these items off to Mercy Neighborhood Ministries later this week.

We had 100 guests RSVP, but the good news is that over 260 attended. Needless to say, we may not have captured everyone's name and address. If you did not RSVP for your child's special guest - please go to the Advancement Page, select Grandparent/Special Guest day and let us know their mailing address. We are sending out our next newsletter in the next week or two and would love to share with them all.

SMS Scholastic Book Fair

The Fall Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success.. It was an exciting event. Thank you to all the students, parents and grandparents for all your support! Thank you, Beth Mirzai, for coordinating this Book Fair

Community Service At SMS

This past Saturday, the day started with a prayer in the Mary Garden. Then, 16 Villanova students, JT McNally, Anne Becker and a few SMS families: Hills', Hockers' and Fishers' came together to help update our SMS blacktop (where our students line up in the morning, play at recess in the afternoon). The students painted the map of the USA on the blacktop. With the help of our SMS families, we were able to add a foul shot for our basketball hoop, update the grade lines and add hopscotch and another set of kickball bases! The students then went over to the church and helped breakdown the tent, chairs and tables used for the SMS golf outing dinner that was held the evening before. We hope the kids at recess, lunch and cares are enjoying our new look!

Narberth Women's Club – Girls Night Out!!! Join The Fun

The Narberth Women's Club is hosting our annual Girls Night Out fundraiser on Thursday, October 12th at the Merion Tribute House. This year, we are raising money for Philly's Stars Foundation (www.phillysstars.org), which was started by SMS parents Lauren Baraldi and Megan Fisher, to provide after-school programming and more for at-risk youth in Philadelphia. Please join us for a fun evening with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction and raffles. Enjoy the music from DJ Walt Brisling and shop for Marlin Schiff jewelry. For tickets, go to www.narberthwomensclub.org. If you have any questions, you can email Shannon FitzGerald (mom of Cormac, 2A, and Thomas, 1A): smflynn22@hotmail.com.

Congratulations to our SMS students who were elected Student Council ,Kids Care Reps and Homeroom Reps for 2017-2018. We are very proud of these students and they will continue to make SMS a good place to be! The Installation Mass took place on Friday, Oct 6th.

President: **Kathryn Gallagher**

Vice President: **Patrick Zanoni**

Commissioners of Yearbook: **Erin Beck & Erica Belden**

Commissioners of Liturgies and Assemblies: **Ella Rumsey & Brodie Shea**

Commissioners of Publicity & Public Relations: **Margaret Iannone & Caroline Olender**

Commissioners of Service: **Amelia Bagnell & Maya Walker**

Class Representatives

Grade 1A: **Violet Lazur**

Grade 2A: **Ben Veith**

Grade 2B: **Anna Arnoldi**

Grade 3: **Adrian Weidmer**

Grade 4: **Nya Johnson**

Grade 5: **Duncan Thain**

Grade 6: **McKenzie Fisher**

Grade 7: **Francis Rogai**

Grade 8: **Amir Mayo-Mintz**

Kids Care Representatives

Grade 1: **Elizabeth Constantine**

Grade 2A: **Maggie Caprari**

Grade 2B **Kate Veith**

Grade 3: **Abigail Swartz**

Grade 4: **Emily D'Alonzo**

Grade 5: **Kelsey Beck**

Grade 6: **Owen McCabe**

Grade 7: **Jake Gillin**

Grade 8: **Olivia Null**

Parish and SMS Golf Outing A Huge Success

A big thank you to all who attended the Saint Margaret Inaugural Golf Outing and dinner! Sixty-seven golfers enjoyed a beautiful day of golf at Cobb's Creek. Afterward 126 people gathered for a festive dinner in the Mary Garden. Thank you also to the many people who could not attend but were sponsors and made donations. We couldn't have done it without the help of Monsignor Dougherty, Anne Becker, Matt Lorei, Tom Davis, Kristin Beck, Andrea and Tom Bagnell, Becky Klick, Robert Cermignano, Peg Iannone, Meg Byrne, the 7th graders and the Villanova students who helped with cleanup. Thank you, Leslie Lorei and Donna Davis.

This year **St. Colman's Ardmore**, will be joining with America Needs Fatima and conducting a Recitation of the Rosary following our 12:00 Noon Mass on Saturday, October 14 in "our Public Square" (which will be in our School Yard in the area facing Lancaster Avenue) We have received a beautiful banner of the Blessed Mother to place along the fence. All are welcome to join us in praying the Rosary.

Flame of Love Movement Celebrates the 100th Anniversary of Fatima

Friday Evening, October 13.

Place: St. Charles Seminary

Time: 6:00pm - Holy Hour

7:00pm - Fatima Narrative

7:30pm - Mass

Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Chris Walsh.

No Registration Necessary

Liturgy Note: Meeting the Lord at Mass - Although they did not recognize that it was the Lord, the hearts of the two disciples burned within them as the Lord explained the Scriptures to them on the road to Emmaus. The Lord agreed to stop and eat with them that evening and when he broke the bread, they recognized that it was the Lord and that he had risen from the dead. Filled with joy, they returned to Jerusalem to spread the good news of the Lord's resurrection. They had begun their journey downcast, but after meeting the Lord on the road they were filled with hope and joy. We come to Mass and the Lord speaks to us through the Scriptures, he makes himself truly and fully present to us in the Eucharist. We are lifted up by the Lord's presence and go forth from Mass with renewed spirits, filled with the love, joy and strength of Jesus.

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.

SUNDAY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

All 3-6 year olds are invited to join our Preschool Program every Sunday from 10-11 AM in the SMS cafeteria. Young children will learn about the Sunday Gospels while their families participate in the 10:00 AM Mass. The Preschool Program involves faith-based, age-appropriate lessons about the Sunday scriptures. Children are guided by catechists who incorporate stories, songs, crafts, and other activities in their lessons. The Sunday Preschool Program is a wonderful way for young children to learn about God's love for them. Families are welcome to participate as often as necessary, no reservations required. Suggested contribution: \$20 per family for the year

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

The Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is a scripture-based program which occurs every Sunday during the 10 AM Mass. All children in preschool until 4th grade are invited to participate. The CLOW occurs during the Liturgy of the Word when children are escorted from church to the Antioch Annex (lower level of the church). There they listen to the Gospel for the day and learn about its relevance in their lives. The entire session takes about 15 minutes, after which the children are returned to church in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This is a FREE, weekly program which teaches children about the Sunday scriptures in a friendly, age-appropriate manner.

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 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.