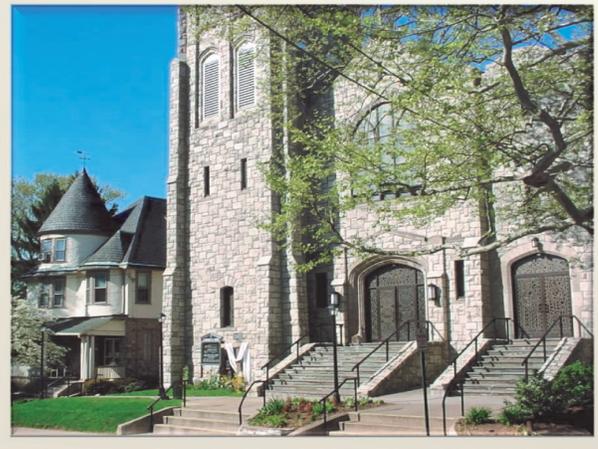


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*2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2018*



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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.**



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

MONDAY, January 15

7:00 AM Eleanor D'Antonio

TUESDAY, January 16

7:00 AM Richard Griffin

WEDNESDAY, January 17

7:00 AM Candida Antonelli

THURSDAY, January 18

7:00 AM Eleanor D'Antonio

FRIDAY, January 19

7:00 AM Ardelle & Colleen Quinn

SATURDAY, January 20

8:00 AM Frank O'Neill



THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2018
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN
MEMORY OF SR. CORINNE RITCHIE.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR
THIS WEEK ARE IN MEMORY OF
JOSEPH AUGUSTINE.



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 January 7, 2018: \$ 12,983

Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 904

Mail In: \$ 4,257

Parish On Line: \$ 2,285

Envelopes: 215

Christmas Collection 2017: \$57,046

Christmas Collection 2016: \$53,908

The Weekend of January 8, 2017: \$11,483

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

Pastoral Council Meeting - The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday, January 17 at 7pm in the Antioch Annex. Members of the Council are; Msgr. Dougherty, Bess Combs-Chmielewski, Catherine Moriarty, Ellen Giangiordano, George Gazella, Nuria Lopez, Robert McCairns, Robert Cermignano, Mary Anne Monroe, Bruce Fay and Heather Emery. We will be finalizing a three-year Pastoral Plan for our Parish.

End of the Christmas Season - The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated this year on Monday, January 8. This marked the end of the Christmas Season in the Church Year, and the beginning of Ordinary Time. I extend my deepest thanks to all who helped to make our Christmas Season so beautiful and meaningful in the Parish: our staff, our Choir and musicians, our Church decorators, and the liturgical ministers (extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, readers, ushers, and altar servers). Now that we are back in Ordinary Time, we pray that our celebration of the special feast of Christmas has deepened our love for the Lord and will strengthen us with the grace to bring the light of Christ more radiantly to our families and our society.

Parish Neighborhood Gatherings - This year we have undertaken a series of neighborhood meetings in the Parish. In certain neighborhoods we are asking a family to host. Parishioners in the vicinity are invited to come to the home for a brief presentation by Monsignor Dougherty and Robert Cermignano, the Coordinator of Parish Services, concerning Parish Life at St. Margaret's, followed by an opportunity for questions and sharing on our Parish. We see these gatherings as a chance, too, for the parishioners to get to know one another and for Monsignor and Robert to get to know the parishioners better. We held one gathering in the Fall, and the next one is scheduled for January 18. Invitations have already gone out to the families in the area in which we are having the gathering. We are looking forward to coming together.

Martin Luther King Day Service Project - Some students from Villanova University will be joining some of our parishioners for a service project on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 15. Our project is to assist Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in providing clothing, food and household necessities for a few refugee families settling in the Philadelphia area. We are grateful for the donations we have received for the families, and I want to express our gratitude, also, to the Villanova students who will be assisting us. Special thanks to Robert Cermignano, our Coordinator of Parish Services, for overseeing this service project.

Addiction Awareness Series - Nina Marie Corona will present an Addiction Awareness Series here at St. Margaret's on four Wednesday evenings during Lent. Nina knows the heartache of addiction all too well. After her daughter became dependent on drugs, Nina sought to learn everything she could about addiction. Now she is a certified recovery specialist and doctoral candidate in ministry at Fordham University. "We Thirst: Lessons in Mercy" is a four-part reflection on addiction from a Christian perspective. Each session is designed to focus on a particular aspect of addiction, including the biological, psychological, sociological and spiritual factors of the disease. The program is intended to both educate participants about the complex nature of addiction while inspiring hope in how the addicted can be helped to recover and be spiritually transformed. The sessions will be held in the Antioch Annex on Wednesdays Feb. 21, Feb. 28, March 14, and March 21 at 7pm. The presentations include a mixture of lectures, reflection, music, videos and prayer. Mark you calendars. Attendance is open to all, and the sessions qualify for continuing education credits for social workers and chaplains.

Financial News - This year's Christmas Collection totaled \$57,046. It was about \$3,000 more than last year. The Fall Collection totaled \$49,435. This was about \$5,000 more than last year. Thank you for your generous support of these two important Parish Collections. Your generosity enables us to serve the pastoral and spiritual needs of the Parish. May God bless you abundantly for your kind response to both these Collections.

Helping Other People in Emergency

Week of January 14, 2018

Robert Ritzco 610-649-3973

Please call as early in the week as possible.

A Little Humor - First man: I think we should all confess our faults to one another. I've got a terrible habit of stealing! Second man: I've got a terrible habit of lying! Third man: I have a terrible temper! Fourth man: I am very lazy! Fifth man: I've got the terrible habit of gossiping, and I can hardly wait to get out of here!

Spiritual Thought - The tragedy of hunger which plagues hundreds of millions, the diseases which afflict developing countries, the loneliness of the elderly, the hardships faced by the unemployed, the struggles of immigrants...These are evils which are present - albeit to a different degree - even in areas of immense wealth. We cannot delude ourselves: by our mutual love and, in particular, by our concern for those in need, we will be recognized as true followers of Christ. (St. John Paul II)

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fulfilling the Church's mission of mercy and the Gospel call to love others as we love God, The Catholic Relief Services Collection funds six Catholic agencies that work for the benefit of our brothers and sisters around the world. In providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims of atrocities such as human trafficking, the organizations supported by the CRS Collection act from their belief that every individual is an equal heir of Christ's love and care.

The annual Catholic Relief Services Collection challenges American Catholics to put their faith into action and to see "Jesus in disguise" in the faces of the poor, and to support ongoing efforts to respond to their needs. The funds collected support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life. A small amount from the collection is retained by the Archdiocese to help cover local efforts to promote the collection.

The collection will be taken up in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia the weekend of January 20 and 21, 2018. The American Catholic community, and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in particular, have always responded very generously to this annual collection.

I am grateful to you for your compassionate response. May you be blessed for your faithfulness to living the Gospel and recognizing Jesus in those in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia.

Catholic Teaching: The Magisterium, or Teaching Authority, of the Church

The task of giving an authentic interpretation of the Word of God, whether in its written form, or in the form of Tradition, has been entrusted to the living, teaching office of the Church alone. Its authority in this matter is exercised in the name of Jesus Christ. This means that the task of interpretation has been entrusted to the bishops in communion with the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome. Yet this Magisterium is not superior to the Word of God, but is its servant. It teaches only what has been handed on to it. At the divine command and with the help of the Holy Spirit, it listens to this devotedly, guards it with dedication, and expounds it faithfully. All that it proposes for belief as being divinely revealed is drawn from this single deposit of faith. (From the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Young Adult Retreat - February 9-11, 2018

Marianist Family Retreat Center - Cape May Point, NJ. Come joining other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun! Cost: \$130 per person, double occ. Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829. All questions for further information about our Center can be directed to Anthony Fucci, Center Director, 609-884-3829.

Career Opportunity

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a candidate for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Joseph Grayeske, General Agent, at 215-362-2469 or send e-mail to: Joseph.Grayeske@kofc.org

Jan 26, 2018, 7:00pm - Jan 28, 2018, 12:00pm

Event: Come and See Weekend for High School Men

A Come and See Weekend is a perfect opportunity for men who are considering a vocation to the priesthood to come to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to see what seminary life is like and explore the possibility of their own call to the priesthood. **Location:** St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. **More information:** View the website heedthecall.org/come-and-see

A Successful Saint Margaret Parish Blood Drive on December 20



A hearty "thank you" to all parishioners who donated blood or volunteered to make our semi-annual American Red Cross Blood Drive a success. In addition to a steady and robust turnout of regular donors, seven first-time donors participated. One pint of blood contributes to saving two-to-three lives. If you were unable to donate at the Saint Margaret Parish drive, you can make an appointment by calling 1-800-RED-Cross, or going to redcrossblood.org.

NEWS FROM ST. MARGARET SCHOOL

Jan. 15 (Mon): Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (School Holiday)

New 8TH Grade Student Scholarship Recipients:

Congratulations to **Noah Klick**, who received a Xavierian Scholarship to St. Joseph's Prep and a Christian Brother Scholarship to Archbishop Carroll High School.

Congratulations to **Caroline Doyle**, who received a scholarship to John W. Hallahan High School. We are very proud of these students.

SMS Representatives Chosen For Archdiocesan Festival Choir:

Congratulations to **Marae Hill** (Grade 6) and **Sophie Ryan** (Grade 5) who will represent SMS with their voices in the Archdiocesan Festival Choir in the Spring. We thank these students for sharing their gifts in this regional event.

St. Margaret's Trivia Night - Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018 – St. Margaret Antioch Annex Doors open at 6:30 pm, Trivia starts at 7:00 pm SHARP! \$10/person in advance; \$15 at door.

Always a good time, trivia teams will consist of 6-8 adults. To play, you may sign up as part of a formed team or as an individual or couple and you will be placed on a team.

Team sign ups: Please designate a team captain (sign up form on website – www.smsnarberth.org) Please include the team's name, members, and playing fees.

Individual/Couple sign ups: Please complete the form with names and player fees and we will place you on a team.

Details: This year's Trivia Night will be hosted by local Quizzo Host Patrick Hamilton and will cover a variety of categories. **BYOB** – Bring beer/wine and appetizers or desserts for your table. **SIGN UPS KINDLY REQUESTED BY MONDAY, JAN. 22.** Questions? Eileen Coyne eecoyn22@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE FOR GREENFEST

Bluefest (SMS Auction) turns **GREEN** this year! This entertaining event will take place on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th! The SMS gym will transform into an Irish pub as we join with friends to eat, drink and bid on interesting silent auction items. As you know, we rely heavily on parental involvement to make this event a great success.

PREP NEWS

The PREP students prepared for a more meaningful Advent and Christmas by receiving the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation from Msgr. Dougherty. PREP also held its annual Advent Prayer Service on Dec. 17th which included a Christmas Pageant performed by the 1st and 6th graders. PREP families all got to celebrate the season by sharing in a breakfast social that same morning. Students even got to participate in a service project by writing Christmas cards that were sent to our troops overseas.

SUNDAY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

All 3-6 year olds are invited to participate in our Sunday Preschool Program every Sunday from 10-11 AM at the St. Margaret School. Young children will learn about the Catholic faith every Sunday morning while their parents attend the 10:00 Mass. Preschool sessions are held in the SMS cafeteria and include faith-based, age-appropriate lessons about the Sunday scriptures. Children are guided by experienced Catechists who will incorporate stories, songs, activities and videos in their lessons. Participation in this program is NOT required for future attendance in our PREP. The Sunday Preschool Program is simply a wonderful opportunity for young children to learn about God's love for them.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

All children between Kindergarten and 4th grade are invited to participate in the CLOW – the Children's Liturgy of the Word – every Sunday during the 10 AM Mass. Before the Liturgy of the Word, the children will be invited to join a Catechist and proceed to the Antioch Annex to "Break open the Word of God." Children will have an opportunity to listen to the Gospel of the day, learn about its special message for them, and engage in meaningful discussions. CLOW takes about 15 minutes, after which the children will be returned to their parents to continue their participation in the Mass.

FORMED

St. Margaret Parish has subscribed to a dynamic new online platform called FORMED. Every parishioner will have 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device, including your computer, Smartphone, or tablet with internet access. With FORMED, you'll find video programs that explain the Catholic faith and explore the deepest meaning of marriage. You can receive Bible studies on a variety of topics with inspiring audio talks. You'll find books, movies, and other resources. And you'll find presenters like Dr. Tim Gray, Dr. Edward Sri, Dr. Mary Healey, Chris Stefanick, Dr. Scott Hahn and a lot more. They're all part of our parish subscription. It truly is the Catholic faith - on demand. It's easy to get FORMED: Just go to www.FORMED.org and look for the registration box for parishioners. Type in our parish code (WRVZND) and set up your username and password. You can keep it simple now and change it later, if you want. Get set to use all the great programs on FORMED.org any time by simply logging in. It's that easy! For more information about FORMED, contact Mary Anne Monroe at (610) 664-3770 ext.16, or write PREP@smsnarberth.com.

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, March 1, 2018 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.



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