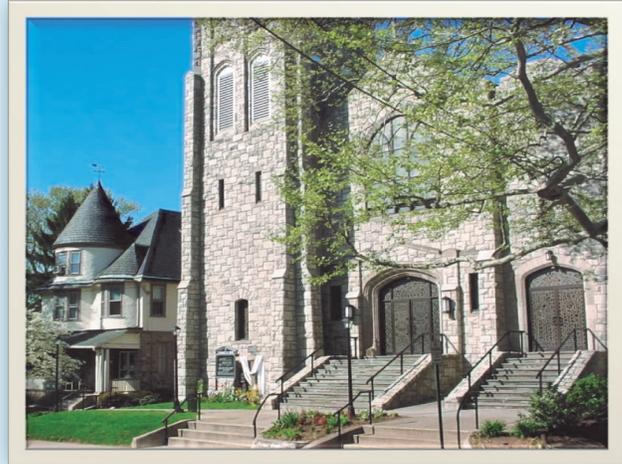


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*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2018*



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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.



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history. In 1873, the cause of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, was identified. We now know that leprosy is caused by a bacterial infection. Although it is infectious, modern medical studies have shown that transmission is more difficult than previously thought. Since the 1940s, medical treatments have been available, and the patient no longer needs to be isolated once long-term treatment has begun.

In Jesus' time, however, religious and social taboos dictated the behavior of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

MONDAY, February 12

7:00 AM Joan & Robert G. McCairns

TUESDAY, February 13

7:00 AM Brian Zwann

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14

7:00 AM Eleanor D'Antonio

12:05, 4:00pm (Prayer Service), 7:00 PM

THURSDAY, February 15

7:00 AM Evelyn Kazeniak

FRIDAY, February 16

7:00 AM John Le

SATURDAY, February 17

8:00 AM Franca Quaglia



THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2018
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN 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 February 4, 2018: \$11,436

Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 872

Mail In: \$ 2,095

Parish On Line: \$ 1,085

Envelopes: 234

Fuel Collection: \$2,544

The Weekend of February 5, 2017: \$12,720

I sincerely thank you for continuing to live faithful stewardship. God bless you and your families. Msgr. Dougherty

Tax Information for 2017

To properly claim your donations to the Church, the IRS may require a donation receipt. To request your information go here <http://tinyurl.com/stmargtax> or contact the rectory during normal business hours, 610-664-3770.



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

Lent - This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season of Spiritual Repentance, Renewal and Recommitment. The title of the Season, "Lent," comes from a word meaning "Springtime." The earth sprouts new life in the Spring, and Lent is meant to be a time in which we can turn away from sin so that the new life of Jesus Christ can arise more fully in our hearts. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the means by which we can allow the Lord to lead us away from sin and to bring us closer to him. During Lent we especially focus on the suffering Christ endured for us to remind us of the depth of his love for us and to inspire us to bear the crosses the Lord asks us to carry. It is through the cross that we come to a new and enduring life in the Lord. We provide several additional opportunities for spiritual renewal during the Lenten Season. Please take note of our Series on Addiction, the times for the Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Confessions. Make this Lent a time of spiritual awakening so that the Lord can fill you more with his compassion and peace.

Operation Rice Bowl - This is a Lenten practice that combines prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. A simple meal is shared each week and the money that was saved is put aside for the poor. Prayers are offered during the meal. Rice bowl cartons and information are available at the doors of Church.

Ash Wednesday Schedule - Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 7:00 am, 9:00 am (School Mass, but all are welcome), 12:05 pm, and 7:00 pm. Ashes will be distributed after the homily at each of the Masses. In addition, there will be a Prayer Service at 4:00 pm, during which ashes will be distributed.

2018 Catholic Charities Appeal - The Appeal has been launched recently and a mailing has gone out soliciting your support. This is our most important Archdiocesan Collection. It helps to fund many programs to assist the needy and to help the Archdiocese fulfill its mission of spreading the gospel. Your contribution is much appreciated. You can mail it back in the return envelope you received in the mail. Brochures on the Appeal are available at the doors of Church. Our Parish goal is \$85,000.

World Day of the Sick - Today is the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. On February 11, 1858, the Blessed Mother appeared to a young girl, Bernadette Soubirous, in Lourdes, France. The Blessed Mother asked Bernadette to dig a small hole in the ground, from which water emerged. People soon began to flock to Lourdes and some were wondrously healed by the waters. Ever since, it has been a place of pilgrimage, especially for the sick. Because of the special connection of Lourdes to the sick, this day is declared by the Church every year as the World Day of the Sick. Those who suffer from illness have a special place in the life of the Church. Their suffering allows them to be united with Christ, who suffered his passion for us, in a powerful way. Christ saved the world by his suffering and death and those who bear sufferings can unite with Christ to help bring his saving grace to our world today. Those who are sick can feel abandoned by God and can become isolated from others. Our concern for them helps them to recognize their important place in our community and in the life of the Church.

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 your calendars. Attendance is open to all, and the sessions qualify for continuing education credits for social workers and chaplains.

Helping Other People in Emergency

Week of February 11, 2018

Robert Ritzco 610-649-3973

Please call as early in the week as possible.



Please join us for a couples' Bible study during the season of Lent. Sundays at 8pm, starting February 18th until the Sunday before Easter. Just bring your Bible and yourselves. For more information, please contact Jill and Keith Karn at jillkarn@gmail.com.

St. John Hospice - Casseroles for St. John's Hospice, **Recipe # 4**, will be collected Wednesday morning of this week, **February 14** between 9 & 9:30am at St. Margaret School Parking Lot. Pans are available in the vestibule if you would like to participate.

Spiritual Thought - God doesn't ask for the impossible, but wants everyone to offer their good intentions, their day's work, and some prayers. That will help them a lot. The best Way of the Cross is when people accept willingly the crosses that are sent to them. (St. Andre Bessette)

A Little Humor - On Valentine's Day a group of kids, ages 4 to 8, were asked, "What does love mean?" Some of the answers: "Love is like an avalanche when you have to run for your life." - John, 8. "Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day." - Noelle, 7.

**FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER
ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT**

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

During Lent our parish community will again participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter our neighbor, as companions on the journey, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

We will reflect on how an encounter with our neighbor can be transformative. We will see how our prayers, fasting and alms can support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities.

As we prepare for this holy season, it is especially meaningful to come together in prayer as a family. Reflecting on the crosses of hunger, poverty and war carried by our brothers and sisters forced to flee from their homes, we have an opportunity to also reflect on our roles in caring for them as members of our human family.

Please consider these suggestions in shaping your own family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily guide for your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey--and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- Prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.
- Visit crsricebowl.org/stories to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.

We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowl offering on Palm Sunday weekend, March 24 and 25.

NOTE: Twenty-five percent of the Rice Bowl collection remains in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and is used to purchase food for the fifty local food cupboards and soup kitchens.

Care of Aging and Retired Priests of the Archdiocese

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Throughout the history of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we have been blessed with many dedicated men who responded generously to the Lord's call to "Come, follow me." These men, through their gift of priestly ordination, have generously ministered God's love in our parishes, hospitals, schools and various other ministries. Through the waters of Baptism, they have welcomed us into the family of God. Through the Eucharist, they have helped nourish us for the journey of life we have entered into. Their preaching of the Word has helped give shape to the person we have become. They have been present at our Marriages as well as our funerals; always reminding us of the God who loves us.

Years go by so quickly. As of this writing, we currently have 163 retired priests here in the Archdiocese. Villa Saint Joseph in Darby, Regina Coeli in Warminster as well as various other health care facilities, now provide a home and health care for our priests who are retired or in ill health and no longer able to serve you in active ministry. They now depend on you for your prayers and financial support.

Our annual 2018 Collection for the Care of Aging and Retired Priests of the Archdiocese will take place on the weekend of February 17th and 18th throughout the Archdiocese. Your past generosity to this collection has been tremendous. We are grateful. We recognize your generosity as a symbol of your own love and gratitude to these priests who have served so well. Through your continued kindness we can be assured that they will be watched over and cared for in their retirement.

Your kindness is remembered daily in their Masses and prayers. We ask that you please continue to remember them in yours.

Gratefully and with continued prayers for you,
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Solidarity Tour

With its roots in our area and because of the outstanding support of the faithful of the Archdiocese of Phila., all are invited to hear the inspirational story of hope and transformation shared by Thomas Awiapo of CRS, Ghana on Tuesday, February 20th, from 7-8:30pm at Vianney Auditorium, St. Charles Seminary. For more information and to RSVP, contact Jeff Wallace at CRS at 610-293-4669 / Jeffrey.wallace@crs.org or Anne H. Ayella at aayella@archphila.org.



**Fridays of Lent - 2:15 and 7:00 PM
We will have adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament before Stations,
from 6:00 - 7:00PM**

Saint Margaret School

CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK CELEBRATED AT SMS:

Last week, we celebrated Catholic Schools Week at SMS! The week opened with our eighth grade students presenting their thoughts about Catholic education at all of the Masses on Sunday. We had two special events that were based on the Stem initiative devised in the Middle States plan.

Throughout the week, the students attended a presentation on Energy. Another awesome assembly that our students were fortunate to experience last week was a sky dome planetarium that was brought into the gym. This presentation invited all the students from PK to 8 to explore the solar system and beyond. Thanks to Home and School for its generous offer to provide this for our children.

Throughout Catholic School's Week, the students shared their thoughts based on the story *The Important Book* written by Margaret Wise Brown. This is a very simple book that invited the students to look at familiar things and think about the importance of the object. For example: What is the importance of spoons, weather, an apple, a shoe, rain? There are many things that are important, but the most important thing is "You". The students wrote and shared their positive important thoughts about each other, their teachers and their parents. It was a great experience!

THANK YOU to all who joined us for Trivia Night at the Antioch Annex. We had a record crowd and the event was enjoyed by all - particular favorites were the arena rock round and '80s sitcom mash up round! Congratulations to "The Stable Geniuses," who took home this year's SMS Golden Brain Trophy. The team has claimed our number one spot two out of three years! Congrats to team members **Becky Klick, Jonathan Klick, Erin Rooney, Mark Rooney, Kristen Beck, Peter Beck and John Braun**. A special thank you is extended to **Eileen Coyne** for coordinating this event.

6TH GRADE SERVICE EVENT AT ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARY

On Monday, January 29, 6th grade students of St. Margaret School filled bags with non-perishable items to benefit Nutritional Development Services' (NDS) community food program, which assists schools, parishes, and individuals give what they can to help meet the needs of those facing food insecurity. Through this day of service students supported NDS' community food program by building Kid's Snack Bags, Outreach Bags, and Emergency Food Cupboard Bags. Thank you to our students, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, St. Charles Borromeo, and NDS for an incredible morning.

SMS STUDENTS BEGIN SAVING YOUR PENNIES - A favorite SMS tradition returns for students Pre-K through 8 on **PENNY DRIVE** here at SMS on **FRIDAY (February 29)**. These students bring in their pennies for the grand class total weigh-in. The classes with the two highest totals will receive a special treat! Pennies will be shared with those in need in our community. If a parish member would like to donate to our Penny Weigh In, please stop by the school or email Mrs. D office@smsnarberth.org.

Connections is a small group ministry that is designed to inspire Catholics to pursue spiritual transformation and to equip them to become fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ. Seminars last for 8 weeks and involve weekly group meetings, daily personal activities, and a special group activity. Fr. Jim McQuinn is inviting members of St. Margaret to make the 10 minute car trek over to St. John the Baptist in Manayunk to participate in one of two Connections Groups he is running. One group meets at 5:45 PM on Mondays for 1 ½ hour. The other group meets Tuesdays at 1 PM for 1 ½ hour. Please contact Fr. Jim at 215 482 2600.

Celebrate Life Banquet - Pennsylvanians for Human Life has been trusted with delivering pro-life education for over 40 years. Please join them for their annual Celebrate Life Banquet on Sunday, Feb 25 at the Springfield Country Club. The evening includes a reception and dinner and features special guests Ann McElhinney, an investigative journalist and Jim Wood, who will present insightful looks at the many issues brought to light in the Kermitt Gosnell investigation. Tickets are \$75 a person or \$700 for a table of 10 and Students \$35. Please RSVP by Feb 19 by calling 610-696-0780 or email pennlife@verion.net.

Church Teaching: Interior Penance - Jesus' call to conversion and penance, like that of the prophets before him, does not aim first at outward works, "sackcloth and ashes," fasting and mortification, but at the conversion of the heart, interior conversion. Without this, such penances remain sterile and false; however, interior conversion urges expression in visible signs, gestures and works of penance. The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways. Scripture and the Fathers insist above all on three forms, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others. (from The Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Man-Up Spirituality Conference "Christ Crucified - the Power and Wisdom of God. The conference provides an opportunity for men to come together in true Christian brotherhood and to hear inspirational talks from fellow men on the journey of faith.

Location: Mirenda Center at Neumann University, Aston
Speakers include: Jim Towey, Don Saleski, Mark Forrest, former Eagle Seth Joyner and Brian Gail.
To learn more: Visit the website: <http://www.manupphilly.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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