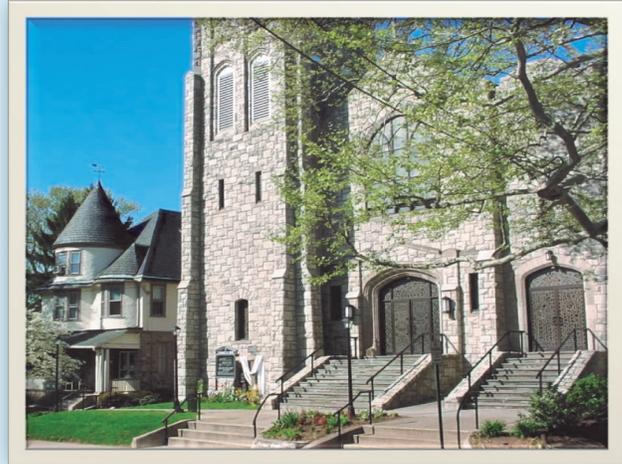


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MONDAY TO FRIDAY

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.



Second Sunday of Lent

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event.

The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 26

7:00 AM Candy Antonelli

TUESDAY, February 27

7:00 AM Helene Addis

WEDNESDAY, February 28

7:00 AM Francis J. Gallagher

THURSDAY, March 1

7:00 AM Joseph Augustine

FRIDAY, March 2

7:00 AM William Pergoline

SATURDAY, March 3

8:00 AM Sean Kelly



THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2018
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN
MEMORY OF KEN HERBST.

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 18, 2018: \$7,691

Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 872

Mail In: \$ 1,195

Parish On Line: \$ 880

Envelopes: 210

Aging & Infirm Priest: \$1,703

The Weekend of February 19, 2017: \$7,706

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>.



Please remember in your prayers the
souls of Peter Vandergest and George
Avery who have recently passed away.
May they rest in peace and their families be comforted.

From The Pastor

Parish Three-Year Pastoral Plan - Our Parish Pastoral Council has developed a three-year pastoral plan to help guide the the efforts of the Parish in serving the needs of our parishioners, spreading the gospel, and reaching out in compassionate service to others. We have set goals in five areas: Worship and Spirituality; Education; Evangelization; Service; and Community Life. A one page summary of the goals and objectives has been inserted into the Parish bulletin this weekend. Copies of the full plan are available at the doors of the Church and on the website. Some of our general goals are increasing the attendance at Sunday Mass; providing for the education of our youth and their families in our School and in our PREP Program; providing opportunities for parishioners to come together socially and become more connected with one another; developing groups to help our youth in middle and high school and our young adults to live and grow in their faith; providing service projects and experiences by which we assist the needy; and seeking ways to spread the message of Christ to others. Certain objectives have been determined to meet these goals over the next three years. Together we can help bring this plan to fruition through our mutual cooperation and our desire to develop our faith, especially our relationship with Jesus Christ as his disciples.

The Value of Fasting - Fasting, or penance, is a valuable spiritual discipline. We refrain from some earthly pleasures to remind ourselves that true fulfillment is found in God and not simply in the things of this world. Penance is a way of concretely expressing our love for God. It demonstrates a desire to make up for our sins and to train our wills so that we can more readily avoid the allure of temptation and do the will of God.

24 Hours for the Lord - As a Lenten opportunity for prayer, Pope Francis has requested parishes to dedicate in a special way 24 hours to the Lord from Friday evening, March 9 to Saturday evening, March 10. On Friday evening, March 9, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6-7pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. On Saturday, March 10, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. In addition we will offer Confessions from 11:00 am to 12 noon, as well as the afternoon Confessions from 3:30 - 4:45 pm. Sheets to sign up for Adoration time slots are available at the doors of the Church. We need at least two people to sign up for each time slot. Let this be a time for you to spend some time Lenten prayer.

Stations of the Cross - During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Friday afternoons at 2:15 pm by our School Children (but all parishioners are welcome to attend) and on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. Also, there will be a Mass for the School children at 10:30 am on Friday, March 2 and all are welcome. Attending Mass more frequently and praying the Stations are valuable practices for spiritual growth during Lent.

Poor Man's Supper - We will be having a simple meal of bread and soup on Wednesday evening, March 7 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the Antioch Annex. The meal will be accompanied by a brief prayer service and an opportunity to view and reflect on the lives of the poor through the Catholic Relief Services Solidarity Walk. You will have the opportunity to stop and reflect at several stations around the Annex that will help us to unite with those who are suffering throughout the world. Please join us for this Lenten experience of fasting and of reflection on and praying for the needs of the poor.

Catholic Charities Appeal - The 2018 Appeal is now underway. We have consistently throughout the years met our goal for this important Archdiocesan Appeal. You received a mailing on the Appeal. You can make your donation in the envelopes provided in that mailing. There are also response envelopes and brochures on the Appeal available at the doors of the Church. Thank you for your support.

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 remaining sessions will be held in the Antioch Annex on Wednesdays - 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.

Lankenau Ministry - Next Sunday, March 4, 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.

Helping Other People in Emergency

Week of February 25, 2018, Robert Ritzco 610-649-3973

Please call as early in the week as possible.

Words of Wisdom - Not to know is bad. Not to want to know is worse. Not to hope is unthinkable. Not to care is unforgivable. (a Nigerian Saying)

Church Teaching: Exposition of the Holy Eucharist -

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, either in the ciborium or in a monstrance, leads us to acknowledge Christ's marvelous presence in the sacrament and invites us to the spiritual union with him that culminates in sacramental communion. Therefore it is a strong encouragement toward the worship owed to Christ in spirit and in truth. In such exposition care must be taken that everything clearly brings out the meaning of Eucharistic worship in its correlation with the Mass. There must be nothing about the appointments used for exposition that could in any way obscure Christ's intention of instituting the Eucharist above all to be near us to feed, to heal, and to comfort us. (from Instructions on the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

Wedding Anniversary Mass - Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles J. Chaput O.F.M., Cap. presiding. This mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds, or who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. Registration Required. To register visit: www.phillycatholiclife.org or call 215-587-0500.

Pre-Marriage for Engaged Couples Program -St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Phoenixville, Saturday - April 14, 2018. Program begins at 9:00am and ends after the 4:00pm Mass. It includes lunch, snacks and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This one-day Program meets all the requirements of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. A certificate is provided upon completion. Call the Parish Office for an application: 610-933-2526 or visit our website www.stmaryassumption.org.

The Shade Tree Commission is working to restore the tree canopy in Narberth. The benefits of trees are well established. Trees beautify the neighborhood, help shade our homes, manage storm water runoff, and capture carbon from the air. Advancing our work depends on finding more homeowners to host a tree. Each fall and spring, we plant between 20 to 30 trees throughout the borough in the right of way (either in the lawn within about 10 feet of the sidewalk or in the strip between the sidewalk and the street). Trees typically cost \$50 each and are generally 7-10 feet in height at planting. If you are interested in purchasing a tree, to be planted by volunteers, please fill out the form: <http://bit.do/STC-Spring-2018>. Filling out the form does not obligate you nor will you be asked for payment right now. It simply lets us know that you are interested and that we should get in touch. If you are interested in volunteering or being added to the STC's email list, please fill out the form: <http://bit.do/STC-Volunteers>. Our next planting day is April 21, 2018, the same day as Narb-earth day. With your help, we will plant our 100th tree.

If you would like to participate in a faith nourishing small group during Lent there are three options.

- **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.
- **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. Ext 16 if you are interested."
- **Contemplating what you're "giving up" for Lent? Or maybe you want to ADD something to enrich your prayer time with the Lord?** Then come join a Lenten small group for a change in your relationship with Jesus and with your fellow parishioners. We invite you to take that step toward encountering Christ in a whole new way. Let's walk together to experience the Sunday Lenten readings in prayer and community outside of the Mass and, for a change, in our homes. Find a group meeting near your home and/or on a day/time that fits your schedule this Lent. Call/text 215-520-2997 or email Roxanne (RoxanneNepo@gmail.com) for more info.

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. March 3 (7:30 am to 4:30pm)
Location: Mirinda 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>.

Catholic Relief Services: Rice-Bowl Reflections
Why fill your Rice Bowl? Encounter Cesia
We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

A Little Humor - I asked my daughter if she's seen my newspaper. She told me that newspapers are old school and handed me her iPad. The fly didn't stand a chance.

Saint Margaret School

Anyone wishing to register students for 2017-2018 school year for Grades PK and Kdg may call the school office at 610-664-2640 or e-mail info@smsnarberth.org to make an appointment for a tour.

Age Requirements: Pre-K: 4 years by Sept 1 – 8:15-11:45, Extended Day available from 11: 45-3pm

Kindergarten (Full Day): 5 years by Sept 1, First Grade: 6 years by Sept 1
AM CARES (7:15am to 8:00am) & PM CARES (3:00 pm to 6:00 pm) are available to all grades.

Share our news with your friends, neighbors and family!

Visit our web:www.smsnarberth.org for more information on our home page under "Prospective Students"

Classroom News

Kindergarten (Mrs. Rooney-Mrs. McCabe):

Religion - This week we talked about Jesus, God's greatest gift to us. We talked a little bit about what Jesus' life may have been like when he was a child. We also talked about the different ways we can learn more about Jesus, in school, through reading stories about his life in the Bible and by attending Mass.

Math - We concluded our chapter on subtraction. The students did a great job with modeling subtraction stories and writing subtraction sentences.

Grade 1 (Miss Krause)

The First Grade visited the Sisters of Mercy McCauley Convent to sing Valentine's Day songs and present cards. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful service project!

Grade 6 (Mrs Cass)

The sixth grade performed their very own play, "Morning Traffic" in the gym for the school last week. This play was about how hectic it can be in a family home! The students worked very hard learning their lines, creating a brochure, decorating the set, and making their very own props. They performed for the school. Parents were invited to attend.

GREENFEST – MARCH 17th

www.smsbluefest.org or www.smsnarberth.org.

Come join us when Bluefest goes GREEN this year ...

Maggie's is the place to be on St. Patrick's night when everyone is Irish! Come join in the craic with your SMS and Narberth community. But don't wait till March!

Book online today at www.smsbluefest.org and save \$20 on ticket prices at the door.

Congratulations to our young parishioners who have achieved academic Honors for the first semester of the 2017-2018 year.

The Mount

First Honors - Jade Killion

Merion Mercy Academy

Distinguished Honors - Emma Iannone and Grace Brazunas
Honors - Kaitlyn Conway, Payton Fox, McKenna Byrne, Kelsey Conway, Olivia Gutt, Yuxin (Gloria) Kang and Christina Giangjordano.

Mass for Persons with Disabilities and Their Caregivers.

Saturday, March 24 at 10:30am - Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, the Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers; Mass will be followed by a reception. Celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M.Cap. Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul. Please reply by March 16. www.opdarchphilly.org or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat - March 9,10, 11th 2018.
For information call Lauren (215-720-5828 or Priscilla (215-906-6337).



On Line registration for Spring CYO Sports is

now open, Spring Sports will begin the first week of March. All potential players must be registered prior to participating in a practice, tryout or game. All CYO sports are open to parish members or

school attendees.

JV Baseball (5th & 6th) <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=3:160528>

Varsity Baseball (7th & 8th) <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=3:160527>.

3 & 4th grade Baseball-<http://assn.la/Reg/?r=3:160529>

Baseball contact jmcnulty@novacare.com

Track-Coed(1st-8th)-<http://assn.la/Reg/?r=3:160532>

Track contact: jimlznkids@verizon.net

Girls Lacrosse (5th to 8th)-<http://assn.la/Reg/?r=3:160530>



WELCOME TO THE PARISH COMMUNITY

Julia Katherine Stache, daughter of Stephen and Daniella Stache was Baptized recently. Congratulations to the family.

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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