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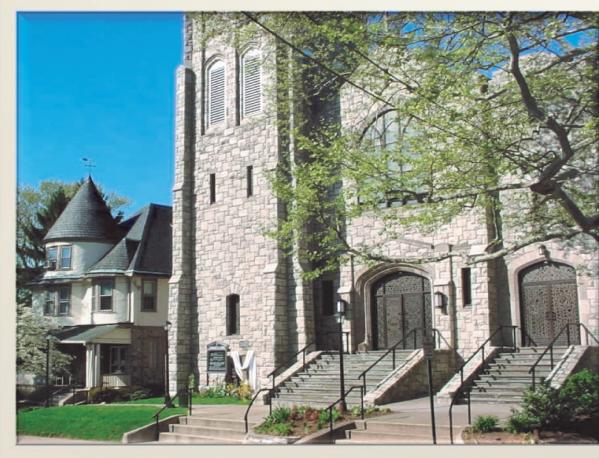
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Scrip Sales
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

Rectory Office Business Hours
Monday - Friday 9:00AM to 4:30PM
CLOSED WEEKENDS

Any requests for the weekly Bulletin
should be submitted by
Monday, 12:00 Noon.

Third Sunday of Lent
March 4, 2018



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.



Third Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

Spiritual Thought - Do not be afraid: Christ has overcome the world. He is with all of you. May his peace always brighten the horizon of your life. (Saint John Paul II)

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 5

7:00 AM Joan & Robert G. McCairns

TUESDAY, March 6

7:00 AM Dick Griffin

WEDNESDAY, March 7

7:00 AM Margaret Minder Doyle

THURSDAY, March 8

7:00 AM Eleanor D'Antonio

FRIDAY, March 9

7:00 AM John Le

SATURDAY, March 10

8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of Cain, Cronin & Stevens Families



THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2018

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN MEMORY OF THE DENARDO FAMILY

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 25, 2018: \$9,477

Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 872

Mail In: \$ 1,835

Parish On Line: \$ 1,355

Envelopes: 210

The Weekend of February 26, 2017: \$9,787

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/>

From The Pastor

Lent - The penitence and prayer of Lent turns us back to the Lord so that we can more fully share in the abundant life he offers us. We take up our cross each day as the means by which we walk with the Lord in his passion so that we can share in his resurrection. Come to the Lord this Lent with renewed commitment. Walk in his ways of prayer, sacrifice and charity. Through our unity with him we share in the abundant life, strength, peace and joy of the Lord.

Parish Three-Year Pastoral Plan - Our Parish Pastoral Council has developed a three-year pastoral plan to help guide 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 was inserted into the Parish bulletin last 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.

Poor Man's Supper - This Wednesday, March 7 at 7:00 pm we invite you to a simple meal in the Antioch Annex. The meal will be accompanied by a brief prayer service, as well as the opportunity for you to participate in the Solidarity Walk of Catholic Relief. Stations will be set up around the Annex depicting some of the work of Catholic Relief Services on behalf of the needy throughout the world. At each station you can pause and reflect on the presence of Christ in the lives of the poor. Come and join us for this Lenten practice of prayer and fasting. If you plan to attend, you can sign up in the vestibule of the church or email faith@saintmarg.org. However, you are still free to attend if you did not get the chance to register.

School Advisory Board - The Board will meet on Thursday, March 8 at 7:00pm in the Antioch Annex.

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 do some Lenten prayer.

Stations of the Cross - will be celebrated on Friday at 2:15 pm for the school children (but all are welcome) and at 7:00 pm. Come and join us for this opportunity to draw close to the Lord in his passion and death and experience the depth of his love for you. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration from 6-7pm for your personal prayer. Stations will be followed by a simple meal in the Annex.

Addiction Awareness Series - Nina Marie Corona is presenting an Addiction Awareness Series here at St. Margaret's on some 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, 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.

Food Collection Weekend

Next Weekend is our monthly food collection weekend. (March 10 & 11) This program collects non-perishable foods each month for 50 Archdiocesan Community Food Distribution Centers Program. All items should be brought to the Cafeteria of the school. Thank you for your generous support.

Helping Other People in Emergency

Week of February 25, 2018, Pam Owsik 610-659-7021
Please call as early in the week as possible.

Notice: Reminder, the walkway behind the Church adjacent to the former Gleason Center is now private property. It should not be used to access Forest Ave. Thanks.

Church in Latin America

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean face many challenges when it comes to sharing their faith; yet the light always shines through and hope arises. For example, in rural Peru, like in many other countries, opportunities for the faithful to celebrate even the basic rituals of our Catholic Faith are often few and far between. Frequently, children cannot receive the Sacraments of Initiation, and Mass cannot be held regularly. Without missionaries and catechists, the people living there cannot learn about, experience and share the beauty of our Catholic way of life.

Our Archdiocese will take up this collection the weekend of March 10 and 11, 2018. Please be generous and take this opportunity to share your faith with the families of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Charles J. Caput, O.F.M. Cap.

Catholic Relief Services: Rice-Bowl Reflections

Why fill your Rice Bowl? Encounter Safiata

In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary's Legion of Mary: Mary, Mother of the Blessed Sacrament Praesidium, invites everyone to the 25th Marian Day. Saturday, March 17 (9am - 4PM). Speaker Tim Staples from Catholic Answers. To RSVP please email advancement@scs.edu or call 610-785-6270. A donation of \$10 to cover box lunch is requested of lay attendees at the time of registration.

Teachings of the Catholic Church: The Works of Mercy and Almsgiving - The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God.

Little Sister of the Poor - Lunch/Dinner at TECA, Newtown Square - Join us for a fundraiser at TECA. 20% of your bill will benefit the needy elderly Residents at Holy Family Home. Wednesday, March 28 (11:30am to 10pm) Call the restaurant at 484-420-4010 for reservations under Little Sisters of the Poor.

Walk In Wednesdays at SMS (9 to 11am)

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!

St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, is seeking immediate Front Office Administrative Assistant. Fulltime position.

Responsibilities include answering phones and directing church members to appropriate resources, oversight of church office operations, maintaining church calendar, maintaining church databases, assisting the pastor with daily tasks and the parish council leadership as needed. Please contact preynoldsmamourian@gmail.com for more detailed information or to submit resume.

Part-Time Job Opportunity - Housekeeping Position

A part-time (up to 19 hours a week) position is available at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Responsibilities include washing, ironing and general cleaning of residence rooms. Interested candidates, email your resume to rrushton@scs.edu mail to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Attention: R. Rushton, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E Wynnewood Rd., Wynnewood, PA 19096.



LENTEN ETHICAL TRADE SALE - Our parish Peace and Justice Committee will host a Lenten Ethical Trade Sale of coffee, tea, chocolate and hot chocolate in the Antioch Annex after all Masses on the weekend of **March 17 and 18**.

The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Ethical Trade Program creates opportunities for us to bring core values of our faith to bear on the choices we make as consumers - choices that have the power to lift our sisters and brothers out of poverty. Therefore, when you purchase products through the CRS Ethical Trade Program, your purchase give twice in that you ensure that the farmers who grew these products get a fair price, and you support CRS' work with low-income farmers around the world.



Family Caregiver Dementia Workshop - Saturday, March 10

(9:00am to 2:00pm). This workshop is free. Registration is required. Light lunch provided. Please contact Pam Barton bartonp@mladc.com or 610-527-4220.

Saint Margaret School

Classroom News

The Second Grade from St. Margaret Parish received their Sacrament of Penance last week. They have mastered the Act of Contrition. Thank you to Miss Lopresti and Mrs Park for preparing these students for this special sacrament. The students are also learning how to write in cursive and how to compose and send a friendly letter.

Merion Mercy Music Theater - presents the Musical "9 to 5". Come and see our SMS alumni who are in this musical: Grace Brazunas, Olivia Gutt, Will Dawson and Mary Passeralla (sister of Francis Grade 4).
Saturday - March 03 (7:30 to 10:30 PM), Sunday - March 04, (2:00 to 5:00 PM).

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND - The SMS Greenfest Wall of Wine is back and the SMS Wine Wagon will be in AM/PM carline on Thursday 3/8 and Friday 3/16. Please bring a bottle of wine for a chance to win the Wall of Wine at BlueFest. You do not need to be present to win. Additional tickets \$10/each. If your child takes the bus or walks, parents can drop the wine off at the school office or bring a bottle of wine the evening of Auction. Thanks for all your support!

Greenfest - Make sure you pre-order your tickets to get the best price! Go to smsbluefest.org to order tickets now. You can also donate a silent auction item or sponsorship through the web site. We need everyone's help to insure that this event is a success. Do you have a time share or vacation home you can donate for the live auction? If you have season tickets, can you spare a couple? Do you have a favorite restaurant that might donate a gift card? Let us know!
Questions? Contact Heather Emery at heatheremery@gmail.com or Monica Lawrence at monicamlawrence@yahoo.com

Put A Catholic Education in Reach of a child at St. Margaret School: STATE TAX CREDITS through Personal and/ or Business State Tax Credits to BLOCS (Business Leaders of Catholic Schools) make a difference. Redirect your PA State Taxes to support education. Visit - www.Blocs.org

- An individual or legal entity who wishes to support Catholic education becomes a member of an LLC by making a 2 year commitment to a new Special Purpose Entity (SPE)
- The LLC receives a tax credit equal to 90% of the donation amount (Preferred donation \$7,000). These credits are distributed on a K-1 according to the member % interest in the LLC; each donation can then be split among three entities/ schools if you so choose for K to 12 education
- The CREDITS are applied to your PA Tax Liability
- More information at: <http://blocs.org/personal-tax-credits/>
- **Contacts:** info@smsnarberth.org (610-349-7747) and/ or Jeff Gibson@BLOCS(484-704-2300) jgibson@blocs.org to learn more or participate - funds directed to St. Margaret School, Narberth - make a huge impact each year
- **Funds** are available for 2018 School year, and many students qualify & will benefit! #MakingMercyReal #SMS Proud #SMSForever

BUSINESS FACTS Regarding Tax Credits: Don't miss this opportunity - SMS remains most grateful!

What is the maximum amount a business can donate and receive a tax credit through EITC & OSTC ?

Businesses may donate a maximum of \$750,000 per year through the EITC & OSTC programs. Can a business that receives a state tax credit through EITC or OSTC still take a charitable deduction for their donation on both their state and federal tax returns? Yes. A business that receives a state tax credit through the EITC?COSTC program may still take a charitable deduction for their gift on both their federal and state tax returns as allowed by law. This is in addition to the EITC & OSTC tax credits they will receive against their state tax liability. Please consult your tax advisor on specifics to your business.

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

Archbishop Carroll High School
Second Honors: Malachi Hansen

A Little Humor - An elderly patient said to his doctor, "My leg aches all the time." "That's just old age," the doctor replied. The patient said, "Well, my other leg is exactly the same age, and it feels fine!"

Beethoven's Ode to Joy, Sunday, March 18 at 2:30pm

Beethoven's great masterpiece, the Symphony No. 9, rings through the Cathedral Basilica as the Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia joins forces with Symphony in C. More info. cathedralphila.org.

Cultural Heritage Mass, Saturday, March 17 - 2pm

Procession; 2:30pm Mass - Native American, Asian, African, European, Caribbean, and Brazilian Catholics welcome all to this celebration! Principal Celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

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, April 5, 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 cuhn@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.

EUCARIST 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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