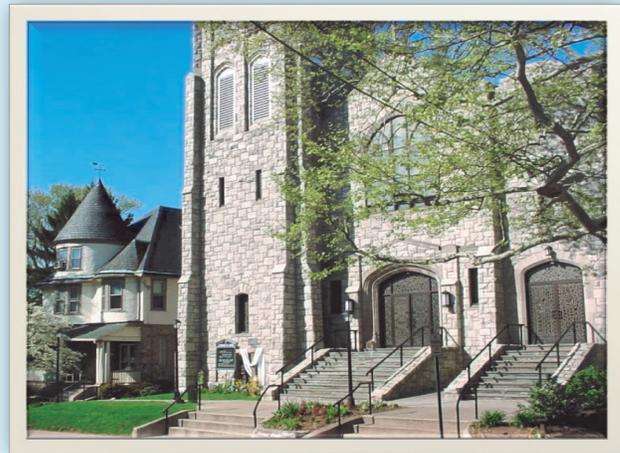


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Fourth Sunday of Easter *April 22, 2018*



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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.



Fourth Sunday of Easter

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 23

7:00 AM Clare Palone

TUESDAY, April 24

7:00 AM Eleanor D'Antonio

WEDNESDAY, April 25

7:00 AM Bud Hysick

THURSDAY, April 26

7:00 AM Mauri Boyle

FRIDAY, April 27

7:00 AM Anna Nardi

SATURDAY, April 28

8:00 AM Renninger & McColgan Families



THE WEEK OF APRIL 22, 2018
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN MEMORY
OF FELICIA FALCONE, 18TH ANNIVERSARY.

Altar Candle will burn in memory
of George H. Pahler.

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 April 15, 2018: \$8,171
Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$872
Mail In: \$1,330
Parish On Line: \$ 390
Envelopes: 194

Easter Collection: \$34,852

Easter Collection 2017: \$35,117

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

Baptism and the Easter Season - Through Baptism we share in the risen life of Christ. St. Paul says, "Your life is hidden now in Christ." During the Easter Season we especially reflect on the risen Christ present in our hearts through the Baptism we have received. We renew our commitment to rejoicing in the life of Christ within us and to living by that life.

Baptism and Reception into the Church - Next Sunday, April 29, at the 11:30 am Mass, Susan Scerbo will be received into the Catholic Church, and will be confirmed and receive her First Communion. Her son, Duncan Haines, will be baptized, confirmed and receive his First Communion. They have been preparing for this day for many months through our Tuesday evening Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults classes (R.C.I.A.). We extend to them our prayers, congratulations and our heartfelt welcome to our faith community.

Appreciation Breakfast - This Sunday, April 22, after the 10:00 am Mass we are offering an appreciation breakfast for our parishioners. During this Easter Season we celebrate the presence of the risen Christ in one another. Through baptism we have been blessed with a share in divine life, we gather together at Mass each Sunday to praise Christ and to nurture his presence within us. We invite you to share a simple breakfast with us after Mass to celebrate our oneness in the Lord and express our gratitude for our common life in Christ.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations - On Sunday, April 22, the universal Catholic Church observes the 55th Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocation to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), and the consecrated life. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's command to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest." Please pray that those called by the Lord to the priesthood and consecrated life will eagerly respond.

Liturgy Committee - Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00pm in the rectory.

Churches and Cheesesteaks - It is a common practice in Catholic elementary schools for the eighth graders to experience a retreat day as they prepare for their graduation. This day for our eighth graders will take the form of a pilgrimage on Friday, April 27 to local Shrines dedicated to two saints, St. John Neumann and St. Rita. Our students will hear presentations at the Shrines on the lives of these saints and have the opportunity to pray in a holy place. In between the visits to the Shrines we will be stopping at Pat's Steaks for lunch. Please keep our eighth grade students in your prayers as, in preparation for their graduation, they visit these holy places.

Child Abuse Awareness - April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. During this month we especially pray for children who are neglected and abused and we renew our efforts to provide a safe environment for all children.

Helping Other People in Emergency

Week of April 22, 2018, Robert Ritzco 610-649-3973
Please call as early in the week as possible.

Operation Rice Bowl Thank You - On behalf of Catholic Relief Services, the parish Peace and Justice Committee wishes to thank all who recently participated in our Lenten Operation Rice Bowl. Total donations were \$2,478.65. Your prayers and financial support help assist those in need globally as well as locally. Twenty-five percent of the Rice Bowl offerings stay within the archdiocese to purchase food for the fifty local food cupboards and soup kitchens. Thank you again and may this beautiful Easter season fill you and your family with Our Lord's blessings.

A Little Humor - Letter from son away at college: Dear Dad, Gue\$\$ what I need Mo\$t. That'\$ right. \$end it \$oon. Be\$t Wi\$he\$, Jay. The reply: Dear Jay, NOthing ever happens here. We kNOw you like school. Write aNOther letter soon. Mom was asking about you at NOon. NOw I have to say good-bye. Dad.

Catholic Teaching: Faith and Baptism - Baptism is the sacrament of faith. But faith needs the community of believers. It is only within the faith of the Church that each of the faithful can believe. The faith required for Baptism is not a perfect and mature faith, but a beginning that is called to develop. The catechumen or the godparent is asked: "What do you ask of God's Church?" The response is: "Faith!" For all the baptized, children or adults, faith must grow after Baptism. For this reason the Church celebrates each year at the Easter Vigil the renewal of baptismal promises. Preparation for Baptism leads only to the threshold of new life. Baptism is the source of that new life in Christ from which the entire Christian life springs forth. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Spiritual Thought - A simple act of pure love pleases me more than a thousand imperfect prayers. (words spoken by the Lord in a revelation to Sr. Faustina)

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, 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.

Mothers of Children with Disabilities Retreat
Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 9:30am - 2pm.

A retreat for mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with other mothers.
Location: Malvern Retreat House
Speakers: Sr. Suzanne Mayer, IHM, retreat director; Fr. Jim Olson, Mass celebrant.
To register, visit www.opdarchphilly.com
For more information please call 610-644-0400 or the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.

Archdiocesan May Procession - Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 2:00pm, Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter and Paul. Children who have received Confirmation and their First Holy Communion are invited to wear their sacramental attire for the May Procession. Come honor the Mother of Jesus and our Mother.

Enrollment Opportunity St. Margaret School

We're Catholic and proud of our service to others integrated through the curriculum and ask each family to consider enrollment opportunities in our 4 year old PK, Full Day Kindergarten, or 1st Grade. Enrollment in other grades is based on class size constraints. Enrich your child's life through our faith, with academic challenges providing scholarship to private area high schools. We form, inform and transform. Questions or personal visits can be arranged through info@smsnarberth.org or call the school 610-664-2640.

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2018 NARBERTH CF RUN & WALK celebrates its 23rd Anniversary, scheduled for Saturday, April 28th, starting at 9:00am. All proceeds from the Run go to the "Take a Breather Foundation" which fulfills wishes for

area children living with CF. **Volunteers are needed.** Without the help of volunteers, the Narberth CF Run would not be the success that it is. Volunteering mainly involves traffic control, which is extremely important to help keep our runners safe by making sure that no vehicles are moving on the streets. The Run kicks off at 9:00 am and ends about 10am and volunteers are asked to be at their designated assigned stations at 8:30am. Students grade 3 and up are needed as volunteers for water stations; adults MUST accompany any children younger than this. Volunteering is fun and easy, plus you can enjoy the post-run activities at the Narberth Playground, including the Kidz run, face painting and moon bouncing. Volunteers will also receive a t-shirt for their support. Anyone interested in being a volunteer can contact us at narberthcfrun@gmail.com or visitnarberthrun.com or you can stop by the volunteer table at pre-registration, Friday, April 27th, between 5-7 pm in the Narberth Girl Scout Room, next to the Narberth Library, or on race day at the Playground before 8:30am. Thank you.

Heed The Call

Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp - July 13, 2018:

Boys in Grades 6 to 8 - rising 6th graders to graduated 8th graders), are invited to gather at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. The day includes games, activities, great talks, powerful prayer & Mass, lunch and dinner. For more information, visit HeedTheCall.org/event/BBVC.

Quo Vadis Days - June 25, 28, 2018 - This 4-day, 3 night camp held at Black Rock Retreat Center, is an annual favorite for high school aged men (incoming freshmen to graduated seniors). The camp includes daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, outdoor activities, a ropes course, powerful prayer, great talks, and an opportunity to interact with the Philadelphia seminarians. For more information, visit HeedTheCall.org/event/quovadis

Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Help-Line.

Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or autism? The CSS Developmental Programs Help-Line is available to answer your questions. 484-472-5041.

Saint Margaret School

Congratulations to our SMS Elementary Reading Olympics Teams!!

Their competition was last week. They read 42 books and competed against a slew of Lower Merion Teams. They made **SMS Proud** with their knowledge, effort and sportsmanship - way to go Kids!

The Novelists: Yara Memar & Guru Patel - Captains. Charlie Coyne, Jamiah Moore, Matt Cuff, Grace Stead, Jason and Sam Kleiner and Bradan Fisher.

Chapter Champs: Marena Robinson & Matt Norton - Captains. Josh Cloud, Francis Passarella, Alexander Moritz, Hailey Dunham, Lily Kennedy, Megan Donahoe and Henry Karn.

Classroom News:

Grade 1: The students read about treasures. As they have learned, treasures can be all kinds of things but, more importantly, a treasure can be a very special person. First graders decided it would be fun to write letters to their "treasures" and now their treasures are writing back to them at school. The students are so excited getting mail delivered to them at school.

Kindergarten

Math - The students concluded their chapter, Classify Objects. The children did a great job sorting objects by their shape, size, and various other attributes. Students will now focus on the concepts of above, below, in front of and behind.

Science - We started our Unit on Motion. This week, they talked about speed and direction of motion. They also explored what causes objects to move fast or slow.

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all girls Catholic High School Sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a full time teaching position in the English department for the 2018-2019 school year. Qualified applicants with an English degree and secondary certification are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by Monday, April 30th. Experienced preferred. Send email to Mary Ann Danovich, Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs, madanovich@merion-mercy.com.

Cub Pack 212 - Many boys in our parish are active in our local Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop. After all Masses next weekend, boys from Narberth Cub Pack 212 will be selling discount cards as a fundraiser. We call them "Camp Cards" because they help the boys fund their camping activities, but you will find that the \$5 card is a good investment. The card includes discounts such as Acme, Legoland, Applebee's etc. Please stop to talk with a scout after Masses on April 28-29, and help support their programs.

TAX TIME - Make tax time less painful by making a donation to our St. Margaret School through PA State Tax Credits available through BLOCS or The Foundation for Catholic Education. The Special Purpose Entities are successful ways of making a donation to Catholic education right here to assist parish members or families with need who attend our school through scholarships in financial assistance. Interested parish & school families can become a member of an LLC by making a two year commitment of \$7,000 or more providing a 90% tax credit. The credits are distributed on a K-1 according to the members percentage of interest in the LLC. Tax Credits are applied to your PA Tax Liability by your accountant. The Foundation for Catholic Education accepts applications for support at \$1000 or more, with application process beginning in the early part of the fiscal year. BLOCS has funding available now through an open SPE. If you have a desire to receive tax credits now, contact info@smsnarberth.org to talk about your donation to our great school. This year, we received over \$25,000 in tax credits this way, and your support will be valuable to our families as well.

Facebook LIVE (April 24, 8 - 8:30pm) with Father Sean Bransfield and the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation to discuss the annulment process. Fr. Sean Bransfield will join us to answer questions live on-line via Facebook regarding the annulment process for divorced Catholics. To learn more go to the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation website at www.nonnatus.org, Email: director,srnf@gmail.com, 215-870-9913.

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 Tuesday, May 22, 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. 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

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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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