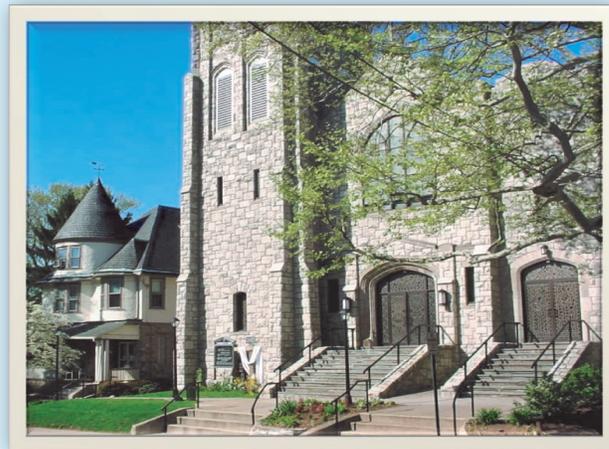


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***Second Sunday of Easter  
April 8, 2018***



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**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

**FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY**

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**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 Easter

## Mass Intentions

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

MONDAY, April 9

7:00 AM Dorothy Kane

TUESDAY, April 10

7:00 AM John Le

WEDNESDAY, April 11

7:00 AM Gerald & Catherine Lynam

THURSDAY, April 12

7:00AM Robert Harris

FRIDAY, April 13

7:00 AM Margaret Minder Doyle

SATURDAY, April 14

8:00 AM Lorraine Bizzarri



**THE WEEK OF APRIL 8 2018**  
**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN FOR THE**  
**HUY LE FAMILY.**

**THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE IN**  
**MEMORY OF NANCY DRWILA.**

**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 March 25, 2018: \$9,922**  
**Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$872**  
**Mail In: \$1,077**  
**Parish On Line: \$ 1,425**  
**Envelopes: 230**

**Weekend of April 1, 2018 (Easter): \$31,797**

**Holy Thursday Collection: \$ 738**

**Good Friday: \$1,578**

**The Weekend of March 26, 2017: \$8,271**

**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

**Divine Mercy Sunday** - Helena Kowalska was born in Poland in 1905. At age twenty, she entered the convent of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy and took the name Sister Faustina. She began to receive many revelations from the Lord regarding his divine mercy. Again and again the Lord visited to make his appeal calling sinners to his open arms. For example, the Lord told her: "Know, my daughter, that my heart is mercy itself. From this sea of mercy graces pour out upon the whole world. No souls that come to me depart without being comforted. All misery vanishes in my mercy: and every grace, redemptive and sanctifying, stems from this source." Sister Faustina died at a young age in 1938. Eventually the Lord's message of divine mercy received by her would be widely communicated in the Church and the world, especially through Pope John Paul II. At the canonization of Sr. Faustina in 2000, Pope John Paul II declared that the Sunday after Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. In observance of this feast, we will have a Holy Hour in Church on Sunday, April 8 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. We will have exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a brief Prayer Service, and pray the chaplet of divine mercy. Confessions will be available during the Holy Hour. Those who attend Mass, go to confession, and pray the chaplet with the right dispositions are granted a plenary indulgence.

**Confirmation Parent Meeting** - The date for Confirmation in the Fall has been set for Monday, November 5 at 4:00 pm. Bishop McIntyre will be conferring the sacrament. In preparation for Confirmation, there will be a meeting on Thursday, April 12 at 7:00pm in the Church for the parents of those who will be receiving the sacrament. Also, those to be confirmed are asked to attend the 5:15 pm Mass on Saturday, April 21. The Mass will be followed by a pot luck dinner in the Antioch Annex. We are looking forward to helping our young people prepare for the reception of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation.

**Breakfast after the 10am Mass on Sunday, April 22** - In celebration of the joy of the Easter Season, when we contemplate the Resurrection of Our Lord and the new life he gives us in our Church, we are offering an Easter Breakfast after the 10:00 am Mass on April 22. Breakfast foods will be available in the Antioch Annex as a sign of our appreciation for the gift of our Parish and all its members.

**Clergy Workshop** - I will be attending one of our annual Clergy Workshops this week at Malvern Retreat House. I will be there from Tuesday afternoon until Thursday evening. The Workshop will be on the Sacrament of Marriage

**Holy Week Gratitude** - Many thanks to all who helped to add to the power and beauty of our Holy Week Liturgies, especially our music ministry. Special congratulations are extended to Michael Newall and Jaclyn Gassaway who became member of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil when they were baptized, confirmed, and received First Communion.

### **ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE**

Casseroles for St. John's Hospice, **Recipe #6**, will be collected Wednesday of this week, **April 11** between 9 and 9:30am at St. Margaret School Parking Lot. Pans are available in the vestibule if you would like to participate.

**Spiritual Thought** - We know certainly that our God calls us to a holy life. We know that he gives us every grace, every abundant grace; and though we are so weak of ourselves, this grace is able to carry us through every obstacle and difficulty. (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

### **Helping Other People in Emergency**

**Week of April 1, 2018, Robert Ritzco 610-649-3973**  
**Please call as early in the week as possible.**

**Church Teaching: God's Mercy** - The divine name, "I Am" or "He Is," expresses God's faithfulness: despite the faithlessness of men's sin and the punishment it deserves, he keeps "steadfast love for thousands." By going so far as to give up his own Son for us, God reveals that he is "rich in mercy." By giving his life to free us from sin, Jesus reveals that he himself bears the divine name: "When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will realize that 'I Am.'" (From The Catechism of the Catholic Church)

**Matrimony: Rediscovering Its Truth**

**Saturday, April 21, 2018 - 10am-6:15pm**

**Keynote Speaker:** His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, D.D., J.C.D., Member and Prefect Emeritus, Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura;

**Other Speakers:** Rev. Gerald E. Murray, J.C.D., EWTN Commentator; Rev Gerald Dennis Gill, S.S.L., M.Div., Director, Office for Divine Worship, Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

**Location** Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul; 18th St and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia.

**View the website:**

<https://www.saintjohnneumannchapter.org> for registration.

**Teams of Our Lady Information Session**

Mon., April 16, 9:30-11am or Wed., April 18, 7-8 pm

TOOL is a Catholic lay movement designed to enrich marriage spirituality and make good marriages better. A team of 5-7 couples meet monthly rotating from home to home, for a simple meal, prayer, study, and sharing on the TOOL "endeavors." Come and learn about Teams and consider starting a Team in your parish!

**Location:** April 16 at St. Katherine of Siena Parish, Wayne; April 18 at St. Matthias, Bala Cynwyd  
More info: [Archphila.org/remain](http://Archphila.org/remain).

**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](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org) or call 215-587-0500.

**A Little Humor** - My health coverage plan is so bad that when I need to be x-rayed, they send me to the airport.

**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.



**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](mailto:narberthcfrun@gmail.com) or [visitnarberthrun.com](http://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.

**ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A DEACON?**

We invite Catholic men (and their wives if married) with a deep spiritual life who are between the ages of 29 and 55, and would like to discern a call to serve Jesus Christ and His Church within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as permanent deacons to take the next step and contact us for more information and to register for the upcoming Permanent Diaconate Information Night.

2018 Permanent Diaconate Information Night  
Thursday, April 19, 2018, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary - Vianney Auditorium  
Registration for this event is required.

Please email the following information to Laura Nimmons at [inimmons@archphila.org](mailto:inimmons@archphila.org). Name, Address, Age, Parish, Email, Marital Status, if married, Wife's name.

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## Saint Margaret School

### Message From Mrs. Johnston, Principal:

St Patrick's Day at St Margaret's was truly an excursion back to the Emerald Isle! I extend personal special thanks to auction coordinators Heather Emery, Monica Lawrence, and Stef Seal. I also thank Mrs. D for all of her work, Anne Becker for reaching out to the alumni families, and Donna Doddridge for her accounting support. There is always that team of behind-the-scenes workers who make the magic happen: I thank all those workers, especially Eileen Coyne, Nicole Veith, Mimi Null, Jane Pacelli, and Nicole Jolly, who captured the essence of the Gaelic experience from the Pot of Gold Bar at the end of the balloon rainbow to the barrels with wooden planks. As always, the Penn Valley Pub provided us with delicious food and kept the libations flowing. All had a tremendous time. Thank you for your generous support especially through the purchase of the auction items and paddle raising. Our technology wish for Smart Panels for two classrooms became a reality.

### Technology for the Future:

As we look ahead to next year, our hope is to purchase thirty more chrome books, equip our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade classrooms with Smart Panels. The Smart Panels are smart boards reinvented without the cost of projectors or bulbs. This will provide students the opportunity to differentiate their work, respond to instruction through their own chrome books and plug in to other classrooms around the world. This project is an exciting endeavor and the learning possibilities are extensive. Our hope is to have each classroom serve as a "state of the art" classroom. Until we achieve that goal, the Smart boards will continue to provide us with interactive activities to improve instruction and engage students to actively participate in their learning.

### A Personal Reflection:

There are those moments in our lives that make us still, and words are not there to express our sorrow or grief. Recently in the news, it was reported that a young man from St. Joseph's University went missing in Bermuda. Mark was my former student during the time that I served as principal at Nativity BVM in Media. As a community, we waited in vigil for the news of his safe return. The outcome was not what anyone wanted to hear or expected. Mark's mother, Lisa, is a woman of great faith. In a recent conversation with her, she expressed how she was looking forward to the time away with her husband while Mark participated in his Rugby tournament. All was innocent; then, their lives were altered forever.

Mark was a precious student, who shared his laughter and innocence with all of us.

Those moments in our lives that have no explanation or sensible resolution can so deeply affect us. Last week, we celebrated Holy Week, which included the Easter Triduum. Upon my personal reflection of the Lenten season and this tragic experience, we witnessed the Way of the Cross ... from Holy Thursday, keeping vigil, waited to hear some news about Mark ... to the Crucifixion, Mark's death and our only hope is ... Life in the Resurrection. Please offer prayers for this family.

Lastly, know that your children are the reason why SMS exists. They are **our precious gifts**. Life is fragile and sometimes we get lost in homework, tests, finding the right folder and complaining. Let us pause and put life in perspective. May we continue to know and live the way of Mercy, as a community, that supports one another in a positive manner, bringing hope to each other.

### [Walk In Wednesdays at SMS \( 9 to 11am\)](#)

Anyone wishing to register students for 2018-2019 school year for Grades PK and Kdg may call the school office at 610-664-2640 or e-mail [info@smsnarberth.org](mailto: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](http://www.smsnarberth.org) for more information on our home page under "Prospective Students"

### **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 Thursday, 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](http://PhilaMarriagePrep.com). For email inquiries, [Amy@PhilaMarriagePrep.com](mailto: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.youtube.com/user/CatholicPhilly](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@saintmarg.org) or 610-664-3770, Ext \*812.



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