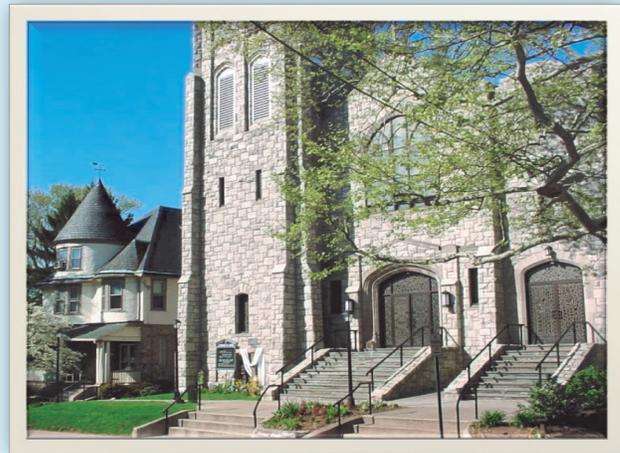


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## *Sixth Sunday of Easter* *May 6, 2018*



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### **Scrip Sales**

**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.**



# Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

"Dear George, Remember no man is a failure who has friends." You may recognize those words as the message Clarence the angel wrote in the flyleaf of his copy of Tom Sawyer when he gave it to George Bailey in the holiday classic "It's a Wonderful Life." Why thoughts about a Christmas movie on a Sunday in early May? Precisely because Our Lord brings the subject of friendship to the fore in the Gospel for this weekend.

"You are my friends," He says to His followers, "if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from My Father." Friendship for Jesus involves trust and the absence of secrets between true friends.

We see the truth of this in our friendships. What begins as a first meeting and some conversation eventually leads to more and more sharing, and a measure of trust that we don't give mere acquaintances.

As our shared time and experiences with our friend mounts up, it leads to ever greater trust, and we gradually open up to him more deeply and he to us. Our mutual respect grows. Soon, when we get together long silences are not uncomfortable.

All this and more Jesus implies with His words. On this next to last Sunday of the Easter season, we discover yet another encouraging facet of resurrected life: In the kingdom of heaven, all of us will enjoy a sustained friendship with God that we began here on earth.

The Second Reading from John's Letter tells us that all love is from God, because God is love. Note the equation John makes. He does not write that "God has a lot of love, or gives much love away." As an old man who has witnessed much and has had time to reflect on it all, he simply writes that "God is love." Amazing! Comforting! Alleluia! No wonder that St. Peter can declare that "God shows no partiality!"

The actor Jimmy Stewart, who played the part of George Bailey in the movie, once said in an interview that he remembered Frank Capra, the producer, saying after the 1946 film wrapped up, that "No man is poor who has one friend. Three friends, and you're filthy rich."

Well then, how wealthy we are, if we count the Blessed Trinity as our friends! Or rather, if *they* count *us*. That lets us agree wholeheartedly that "the world is round so that friendship may encircle it."

**MONDAY, May 7**

7:00 AM Joan & Robert G. McCairns

**TUESDAY, May 8**

7:00 AM Vincent D. Quinn, Jr.

**WEDNESDAY, May 9**

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of  
Cain, Cronin & Stevens Families  
Vigil 7:00 PM Eleanor D'Antonio

**THURSDAY, May 10 Ascension of the Lord**

7:00 AM Fred Matarazzo  
12:05 PM Sr. Corinne Ritchie  
7:00 PM Benny Rossi

**FRIDAY, May 11**

7:00 AM Margaret Minder Doyle

**SATURDAY, May 12**

8:00 AM David Oldfield

### THE WEEK OF MAY 6, 2018



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN FOR  
HILDA OSTERBURG.**

**THE ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN IN MEMORY OF  
ELMER OSTERBURG.**

**Msgr. Dougherty offers a Mass each Sunday for all  
the parishioners and for those enrolled in the church  
memorial fund.**

### THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**THE Weekend Collection of April 29, 2018: \$8,774**

**Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 872**

**Mail In: \$1,120**

**Parish On Line: \$ 640**

**Envelopes: 195**

**Weekend of April 30, 2017: \$8,464**

**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

**May, the Month of Mary** - This month we particularly emphasize the importance of devotion to Our Blessed Mother. We come to Jesus through Mary. She is the disciple par excellence who loved the Lord with all her heart and devoted her life to him. Mary teaches us how to listen to God's Word and be obedient to it. During this month of May, may we renew our devotion to Mary. Praying the rosary is an especially powerful way of coming to the Lord through Mary. Take comfort in Mary's motherly love for you and let her help you to grow in holiness and goodness through a deeper unity with Jesus.

**Last Day of PREP** - Today is the last day of PREP classes for this academic year. Many thanks to all those who taught, worked as aides, or volunteered in any way to make this another good year. Special thanks to Mrs. Mary Anne Monroe, our Director of Religious Education, for her good work in overseeing this Parish Religious Education Program.

**May Procession** - Our Annual May Procession will be celebrated on Monday, May 7 at 7:00 pm. We will begin in the Church and process out to crown the statue of Mary in the garden dedicated to her. Come and join us as we give honor to Mary and ask her to intercede for us so that we are beacons of the light of Christ in our Parish and in our world.

**Ascension of Our Lord** - This Thursday, May 10, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven. It is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at 7pm on Wednesday, May 9, and at 7am, 9am (School Mass, but all are welcome), 12:05 pm and 7 pm on Thursday, May 10. Please plan to attend Mass that day. We celebrate how the Lord ascended into heavenly glory in order to lift up and sanctify us in our humanity. The Lord's Ascension fills us with hope that the Lord shares his life with us now and leads us to the fullness of eternal glory in heaven..

**Catholic Charities Speaker next Weekend** - Steve McKendrick, who is a parishioner and a member of the Board of Catholic Charities, will speak at all the Masses next weekend regarding this important annual Archdiocesan Appeal. This Appeal helps to fund many services for the poor, disabled children and adults, the elderly, and many others in need in the Archdiocese. It also helps to support some of the offices providing important Archdiocesan services. Ninety-nine families in our Parish have already contributed a total of \$32,508 toward our goal of \$84,835. Thank you for your generosity. If you have not already contributed, you can make your donation using the return envelope you received in a mailing from the Appeal. Donation envelopes for the Appeal are available also at the doors of Church.

**Pro-Life Roses** - Next Sunday (Mother's Day), roses will be distributed by our Respect Life Group after all the Masses. Your donations for the roses will help support local organizations that are working to communicate the pro-life message and protect the lives of the unborn. We continue to pray and work that the lives of the unborn will be cherished and respected.

### Helping Other People in Emergency

**Week of May 6, 2018, Robert Ritzco 610-649-3973**  
Please call as early in the week as possible.



#### **St. John's Hospice**

Casseroles for St. John's Hospice, Recipe #1 will be collected this Wednesday morning, May 9 between 9 and 9:30am at St. Margaret School Parking Lot. Pans are available in the vestibule if you would like to participate.

After a brutal winter, hundreds of homeless brothers have come to St. John's Hospice for fresh, clean clothing. Because of this high demand, they are in great need of jeans and khakis in sizes 30 to 42 (inseam 30 to 34) and new underwear in sizes L, XL, & 2XL. You can drop off your donations on the 2nd Wednesdays of the month or leave them at the rectory. Thank you for your support.



### **Food Collection Weekend**

Our yearly Manna Bag Food Collection will be collected next weekend (May 12 & 13). They are in great need of canned food items such as: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups, and pork & beans. Please bring your food donations to the School Cafeteria next weekend after all the Masses. Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations.

**Spiritual Thought** - I will not mistrust God, though I shall feel myself weakening and on the verge of being overcome with fear...I trust God shall place a holy hand on me and in the stormy seas hold me up from drowning. (St. Thomas More)

## Saint Margaret School

### Message from Mrs. Johnston, Principal

We are fast approaching the Month of May and with these come memories of our beloved Sister Corinne. On May 3 at 10:30, we had a beautiful Memorial Mass in her honor. Sister will always live on as part of the legacy of Saint Margaret School. Her loyalty, integrity and mercy charisms remind us of her faithful service to her Religious Sisters of Mercy and to her beautiful children of SMS.

As we have been taught, there is a "time for everything under heaven". The time is approaching where Jane Krause another beloved teacher and friend to SMS will begin the next part of her journey, retirement. Jane has served as a Catholic School teacher for 42 years, wherein thirty-six years of her teaching has been in service here. Jane has touched the hearts of many students, parents and colleagues with her sense of humor, expertise and loyalty to the mission.

### Calling SMS Alumni

We are celebrating Ms. Krause on Thursday, May 24th at a prayer service at 10:45. Please join us if you are able. At this time, we would like to present her with a monetary gift along with a memory book. Please send us your fondest memory, pictures or well wishes of Miss Krause to Mrs. Di Giovanni, either hard copy or email to [office@smsnarberth.org](mailto:office@smsnarberth.org). We are also accepting any donations to contribute to her parting gift. **SHHHH ...This is a surprise!!!!** Thank you for your support for our school.

**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 Theology department for the 2018-2019 school year. Roman Catholics with a religious studies degree and secondary certification are asked to submit to cover letter and resume by Monday, May 7th. Experienced preferred. Send to Mary Ann Danovich, Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs, at [madanovich@merion-mercy.com](mailto:madanovich@merion-mercy.com) Questions, please contact our office at 610-664-6655, Ext.100.

**Merion Mercy Summer Programs**- We have a variety of academic, enrichment and athletic offerings for girls and boys, including our acclaimed pre-eighth grade Summer Academy and High School Placement Test Preparation course, and our popular (entering) 6th and 7th grade Jump Start Program, which focuses on math, language arts, writing and study skills. We also offer fun enrichment programs and sports camps. Please visit our website at [www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms](http://www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms). Visit our website [www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms](http://www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms) to download a full brochure and to register online. For more information, please contact Mrs. Barbara Harrison, Director of Summer Programs, at 610-664-6655 ext 120 or email [bharrison@merion.mercy.com](mailto:bharrison@merion.mercy.com).

**Little Humor** - Her evaluation of first date: I knew it would never work out between us when he asked if I wanted to split dessert.

### **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](http://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](http://HeedTheCall.org/event/quovadis)

**Camp Caritas: Summer Faith Formation Camp** - This summer, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will pilot a new summer program of faith formation for 7th & 8th graders.

**Who?** For students in 7th & 8th grade

**What?** A week-long Faith Formation summer camp

**Where?** Bonner and Prendergast Catholic High School.

**When?** June 18-22, from 8:30am - 3:00pm

**Cost?** \$185(does not include lunch)

Questions? Contact [admin@campveritas.com](mailto:admin@campveritas.com) or 845-663-1689.

**Catholic Teaching: Mary and the Obedience of Faith -**

The Virgin Mary most perfectly embodies the obedience of faith. By faith Mary welcomes the tidings and promise brought by the angel Gabriel, believing that “with God nothing will be impossible” and so giving her assent: “Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word.” Elizabeth greeted her: “Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” It is for this faith that all generations have called Mary blessed. Throughout her life and until her last ordeal when Jesus her Son died on the cross, Mary’s faith never wavered. She never ceased to believe in the fulfillment of God’s word. And so the Church venerates in Mary the purest realization of faith.

**Join Siloam founders Father Don Reilly, O.S.A., D.Min and Sister Bernadette Kinniry, RSM on Monday, June 4th at the Llanerch Country Club**

in Havertown for golf, dinner and auctions. Golfers lunch 11am, tee off Noon; dinner and reception starts at 5. Don't miss fabulous auction prizes for local and far away fun destinations as well as local restaurants. Father Rob Hagan, Chaplain of the Villanova University Basketball Team, will be the dinner speaker. As chaplain of the NCAA award-winning championship basketball team, you won't want to miss what he has to say. Come support this worthy cause! Golfers \$300; Dinner-Only, \$100. Today, over 30,000 residents in the Philadelphia region are living with HIV/AIDS and continue to face stigma, discrimination, and accelerated declining health. Unfortunately, thousands cannot afford access to help and support. To make a difference, participate in Siloam’s two upcoming fundraisers to raise critical money to support their one of a kind "Mind, Body, and Spiritual Wellness Programs." Call 215 765 6633 for more information or [www.siloamwellness.org](http://www.siloamwellness.org)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** has been strengthening marriages for 50 years. Join the millions of couples around the world who have made a weekend. The next weekends in the Philadelphia Area July 13-15, 2018 and October 19-21, 2018, both at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA. For more information or to register go to [www.wme-philly.org](http://www.wme-philly.org) or call 484-393-1645. Help us celebrate 50 years by experiencing a weekend of discovery and a lifetime of love!

**Catholic Answers Live**

#1 Catholic Radio Show Monday - Friday - 6-8 PM  
One great program. Many ways to listen!  
[catholic.com/radio](http://catholic.com/radio)

**Enrollment Opportunities 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 scholarships to private area high schools. We form, inform and transform. Questions or personal visits can be arranged through [info@smsnarberth.org](mailto:info@smsnarberth.org) or call the school 610-664-2640.

**The Credible Catholic** - Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D., President of the Magis Center for Reason and Faith, has produced seven excellent faith formation modules responding to some of the most common questions that modern men and women pose to believing Catholics, especially related to science and the existence of God. In order to be better equipped to converse compellingly with others on essential topics such as evidence of a soul from medical studies, evidence of God from science and philosophy, proof of the Resurrection, where to find True Happiness, and why God allows suffering in the world, visit the Credible Catholic website: [crediblecatholic.com](http://crediblecatholic.com).

**Our Story: A Bible Refresher for Catholics** - The American Bible Society has created a new resource that will help all of us immerse ourselves in the living Word of God. The series of 5-minute video segments offers a refresher course on the Bible's big picture. It can be used by individuals or in a group setting. The series provides a uniquely Catholic approach to the Scriptures and a short lesson on Lectio Divina, the Church's ancient practice of meditating on the Scriptures in a way that helps you hear God's voice speaking to you personally. The videos and study guides are available in English and in Spanish. Access these resources at [abs.us/biblerefresher](http://abs.us/biblerefresher).

**Official Pilgrimage from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin. -**

August 20 - August 27, 2018-WMOF Program Only  
August 26 - Sept. 3, 2018 Saints and Legends Tour Only  
August 20 - Sept. 3, 2018-Combined WMOF Program and Saints and Legends Tour. For More Information Contact: Select International Tours, 800-842-4842  
[Kristine@select-intl.com](mailto:Kristine@select-intl.com) [selectinternationaltours.com](http://selectinternationaltours.com)

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

In case of serious illness, please contact the Rectory to make arrangements. If someone is already in the hospital, be sure to register as a Catholic so that the priest will visit.

### **COMMUNION CALLS**

Parishioners unable to attend Mass regularly because of age or illness should call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Communion at home. If any member of your family is hospitalized, please be sure to register as a Catholic and inform the Rectory so that a visit can be arranged.

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays at 1:00 PM. Arrangements must be made in advance at the Rectory by calling Msgr. Dougherty, ext. 12. If parents have not attended a Baptism class, they must attend our Baptism Preparation Seminar. Call the rectory to register for the class. Godparents guidelines state that one godparent must be Catholic. They must be at least 16 years of age, registered in the parish where they live, fully initiated, and practicing their faith; they must obtain a letter of eligibility from their own parish. One practicing non-Catholic Christian may also be admitted as a Christian Witness. [The next Baptism Preparation Seminar is 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](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**

<http://www.facebook.com/ArchbishopChaput>  
[www.twitter.com/ArchPhilly](http://www.twitter.com/ArchPhilly)  
[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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