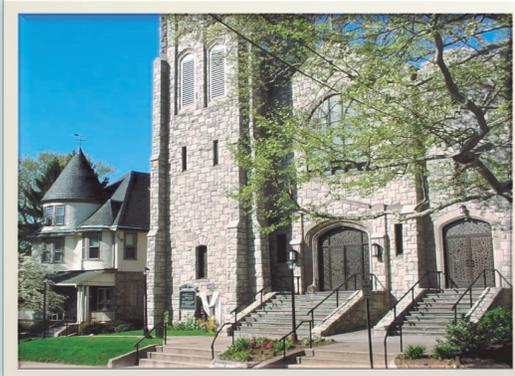


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***ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN
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JUNE 17, 2018***



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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.



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

After Lent, the Easter season, and three Sundays of feast days—Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday’s Gospel from Mark carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God.

In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal his identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, he warns those cured to tell no one. Also, when preaching, Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable’s meaning, and he does this in private at a later time.

Today’s Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is “how it is with the kingdom of God.” A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established.

Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God’s kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus’ part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God’s kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord’s Prayer, we pray, “thy kingdom come.” We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

MONDAY, June 18
7:00 AM Stanley Kazeniak

TUESDAY, June 19
7:00 AM Louis J. Esposito

WEDNESDAY, June 20
7:00 AM Mike & Marion Morley

THURSDAY, June 21
7:00AM Mary & Jack Mullarkey

FRIDAY, June 22
7:00 AM Michael Morley

SATURDAY, June 23
8:00 AM Eleanor D’Antonio, 1st Anniv.

THE WEEK OF JUNE 17, 2018

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN
MEMORY OF NICHOLAS CIPRIANI.**



**ALTAR FLOWERS ARE IN MEMORY OF
JACK & MARGARET CABREY MORGAN,
70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.**



**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 June 10, 2018: \$9,308

Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 872

Mail In: \$ 1,531

Parish On Line: \$ 1,740

Envelopes: 201

Weekend of June 11, 2017: \$12,419

**I sincerely thank you for continuing to live faithful
stewardship. God bless you and your families.**

Msgr. Dougherty

Church Teaching: Respect for Parents - Respect for parents (filial piety) derives from gratitude toward those who, by the gift of life, their love and their work, have brought their children into the world and enabled them to grow in stature, wisdom, and grace. With all your heart honor your father, and do not forget the birth pangs of your mother. Remember that through your parents you were born; what can you give back to them that equals their gift to you?

Spiritual Thought - Cheerfulness strengthens the heart and makes us persevere in the good life. (St. Philip Neri)

From The Pastor

Graduation and End of School - This past week we celebrated the graduation Mass for our eighth grade class at Saint Margaret School and a Mass for the Closing of School. I want to express my sincere gratitude to Mrs. Mary Anne Johnston, our principal, and to all our teachers and staff for their dedicated efforts on behalf of our students this year. May God bless them all and give everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

Retreat - I will be making my annual retreat this week. It is a time when I especially pray for our Parish and recommit myself to serving as your Pastor with a joyful and steadfast heart. Please keep me in your prayers.

Father's Day - Today we honor our fathers. We are grateful for all the sacrifices they make for their children and pray that our fathers will strive to model the good and humble devotion of St. Joseph in their important role as fathers.

Supreme Court Decision - News Release from the Conference of Catholic Bishops on June 4, 2018 - "Today, the U. S. Supreme Court decided the case of Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission. The case involves a Christian baker named Jack Phillips who declined in 2012 to create a custom wedding cake for a same-sex ceremony. State officials sought to compel Phillips to create such cakes under Colorado's public accommodations law. The Supreme Court ruled 7-2 in favor of Phillips under the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment in the U.S. Constitution.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Chairman of the Committee for Religious Liberty, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., of Philadelphia, Chairman of the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, and Bishop James D. Conley of Lincoln, Chairman of the Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), issued the following joint statement:

"Today's decision confirms that people of faith should not suffer discrimination on account of their deeply held religious beliefs, but instead should be respected by government officials. This extends to creative professionals, such as Jack Phillips, who seek to serve the Lord in every aspect of their lives. In a pluralistic society like ours, true tolerance allows people with different viewpoints to be free to live out their beliefs, even if those beliefs are unpopular with the government."

Little Sisters of the Poor - Volunteers for the Little Sisters of the Poor will be at the doors of the Church next weekend to sell raffle tickets to support of their ministry to the elderly at Holy Family Home in Southwest Philadelphia. They are very grateful for all the support extended to them over the years by the parishioners of St. Margaret.

Lower Merion Summer Lunch Program - Several Churches in Lower Merion have cooperated to initiate a Summer Lunch Program for children. The Program rose out of concern especially for children who qualify for meal assistance during the school year but did not have access to meal assistance in the summer. The three-week Program (June 18 - July 3) will operate at Ardmore Presbyterian Church and provide a good lunch and some recreation for all the children who participate. Robert Cermignano, our Coordinator of Parish Services, has assisted with planning and implementing this Program.

Helping Other People in Emergency

Week of June 10, 2018, Robert Ritzco, 610-649-3973
Please call as early in the week as possible.



We welcome into the Church

Emerson Kate Alesi, daughter of Thomas and Samantha Alesi and **William Ryan Hans**, son of Jeff and Lindsay Hans. Congratulations to the families on the Baptism of their children.

A Little Humor - Wife: Recently I woke up in a particularly good mood. So much so that I felt compelled to look over at my husband and say, "Honey, I love you." He returned my gaze and asked, "Why? What's the matter?"



Our parish blood drive will take place on Thursday 7/5/18 from 2:30-7:30 pm in the St. Margaret School Cafeteria. 85% of blood donations to our 200+ local hospitals come from local blood drives like this one. Each year, our blood supply drops over the holidays, so your donation is crucial. Please help save a life and make our blood drive a success. Each donor will receive a free t-shirt. Call 1-800 REDCROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to sign up. In addition, there is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Thank you.

The 2019 Mass Book is open. It would be helpful if you are able to prepare a list of your announced Masses when you come to the rectory. You may also leave a copy and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Saint Margaret School

We ended the school year closing with a school Mass on Friday. Report cards were distributed to all the students. If you need to contact anyone at school, please call and leave a message (610-664-2640) or email office@smsnarberth.org and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

It has been an amazing year for our students here at St. Margaret School. Our students have grown spiritually, socially, and academically. They worked very hard! We wish God's blessings on our 8th graders. Many of these students have been here since PK. They will certainly be missed. We thank you for sharing the good news about St. Margaret School. We hope that you have a relaxing and renewing summer!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2018



Harilaos Angelis

Samantha Axtell

Erin Beck

Erica Belden

Abigail Braun

Luke D'Alonzo

Ainsley Davis

Caroline Doyle

Seth Dunham-Snipes

Daniel Friedlander

Kathryn Gallagher

Martin Gallagher

Andrew Hill

Noah Klick

Violet Lorei

William Malone

Amir Mayo-Mintz

Nicholas Milz

Luca Morabito

Olivia Null

Chukwuemeka Obidke

Eleanore Paller

Patrick Rooney

Andrew Sergovic

Emma Thorne

Jakob Veith

Kristen Williams

Patrick Zanoni

Archbishop Carroll

Lower Merion High School

Friends Central

Merion Mercy

Country Day School of the Sacred Heart

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Hallahan High School

Science Leadership Academy

St. Joseph Prep

Merion Mercy

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Lower Merion High School

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Merion Mercy

Friends Central

Archbishop Carroll

Lower Merion High School

The Shipley School

Agnes Irwin

Roman Catholic

Nazareth Academy

Malvern Prep

St. Joseph Prep

Lower Merion High School

Devon Prep

Archbishop Carroll

Roman Catholic



3rd/4th Grade Boys CYO Soccer

Parents of sons entering 3rd or 4th grade - Saint Margaret's will be continuing the soccer team for the 2018 fall. Last year we played a few games against Holy Child in Drexel Hill. As the season progressed we held a few split scrimmages against the JV team on the big 100 yard field. It would be anticipated that the team would play two games a month (probably on the weekend), and practice twice a week. In addition, it would be anticipated the team would play roughly 4-6 games. The main focus of the program is to go through essential soccer drills, scrimmage, and play a few games. More info will be coming during the start of the school year. In addition, there will be a registration link coming soon. If interested, please contact Ed Zanoni for more information: (Ed Zanoni 610-291-2790 ed_zanoni@hotmail.com) Also, please let me know if you would be willing to help out/coach during the practices.

Peter's Pence Collection

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take the Peter's Pence Collection. This global collection supports the Holy Father as he reaches out in mercy and charity to people who are suffering. Your generosity will help Pope Francis ease the suffering of some of the most marginalized throughout the world and show them the tender love of God.

Pope Francis challenges us to look at those around us with the eyes of mercy. He says, "We encounter so many weary and oppressed people today...And how is our heart? Is it merciful? And our way of thinking and acting, is it inclusive?" (Jubilee Audience, Nov. 12, 2016). I invite you to reflect on how you feel moved to answer the call to mercy.

In Iraq, many people still live a nightmare of war and violence. This has left many displaced, including young people in the midst of their studies. Without an educated population, it will be difficult for the country to gain stability. But with the support of your diocese to the Peter's Pence Collection, the Archdiocese of Erbil, in Iraqi Kurdistan, has received funding for 10 scholarships for young displaced persons. With this help, the students can complete their university education and move forward with the hope of rebuilding their country.

This year the Peter's Pence Collection will be taken at all Masses on the weekend of June 23 and June 24, 2018. Let us join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis reach the marginalized in our world. Please prayerfully consider how you can best support the collection this year.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia.

The Society of the Holy Child of Jesus, which is an international congregation of religious women in the Catholic Church, has an excellent opportunity for an Assistant Treasure to support the Treasurer of the American Province. B.S. in Business or equivalent degree, previous accounting and general business experience required. Interested and qualified candidates may submit a resume and cover letter with salary requirements to hr@shcj.org or fax to 610-525-2910.

From Saint John's Hospice - Thank you for your generous donation of \$738. You have touched a familiar emotion within all of us at John's Hospice. Each day hundreds of men visit St. John's for our noontime meal. Your participation and thoughtfulness in caring for God's poor is inspiring. The spirit at Saint John's Hospice is alive and well in the hearts of our family here, and evident in the sincere gratitude of those we serve.

Merion Mercy Academy, a Catholic independent all girls high school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a full time teaching position in the Science department for the 2018-2019 school year. The ideal candidate should be able to teach biology and chemistry. Qualified applicants with a Science degree and secondary certification are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by Tuesday, June 19th. Experience preferred. Send email to Mary Ann Danovich, Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs, madanovich@merion-mercy.com.

Merion Mercy Academy High School is looking to hire a varsity & assistant varsity tennis coach and a assistant volleyball coach. Please contact Athletic Directory Barbara Clarke - bclarke@merion-mercy.com.



Volunteers for the Little Sisters of the Poor will be at the doors after all Masses next Sunday, selling Pot of Gold raffle tickets. Tickets are \$100, with proceeds going to the care of the 96 elderly poor Residents of Holy Family Home. Only 2,000 tickets will be sold and there are 3 great prizes: \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000! Ticket buyer and a guest may also attend the luncheon and drawing at Drexelbrook on September 9. Please help make this a successful fundraising event for the Little Sisters. Thank you for your generous support.

From The Pro Life Union

Thank you very much for participating in the Mother's Day activities to raise awareness and money for the Culture of Life. The generous people of St. Margaret donated \$616 for the work of the Pro-Life Union and Guiding Star Ministries Maternity Home. Currently Guiding Star Maternity Home has 6 moms, 9 children, and one unborn child living in a loving atmosphere where they are being trained to be successful when they leave. We continue to be involved in public affairs by visiting with politicians, learning and reporting their views and track records on life matters. We educate adults and young people, arming them with the facts about abortion, the sacredness of life, and encouraging them to be involved advocates to inform the public that there are better solutions than abortion.

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, June 27, 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.

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www.twitter.com/ArchPhilly
www.youtube.com/user/CatholicPhilly
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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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