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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 24 2019



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Scrip Sales

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

Rectory Office Business Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00AM to 4:30PM
CLOSED WEEKENDS

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



Schedule of Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:15 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM

Daily Monday - Friday: 7:00 AM,

followed by Morning Prayer

Saturday: 8:00 AM

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass - 7:00 PM

7:00 AM, 12:05 PM and 7:00 PM

(schedule subject to change on certain Holydays.)

Check website for final schedule)

Eucharistic Exposition

7:30-8:30 AM Tuesday

7:30-8:00 AM - First Fridays

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Sunday before 7:30 AM Mass

**Tuesday thru Saturday: 7:45-7:55 AM
or by appointment.**

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

By now, any New Year's resolutions we may have made about losing weight, or buying less from TV shopping channels have weakened. Not that we are bad people by any means, or even excessively impulsive. We're just weak human beings, right?

That same burst of enthusiasm for spiritual betterment that comes with Ash Wednesday might have suffered by now from that same weakness. For example, I believe that most of us agree with the eighteenth century poet Alexander Pope that "to err is human; to forgive divine." So, we try to be "divine" in the poet's meaning, especially during Lent. But then someone hurts us deeply, or somehow breaks our trust, and our forgiveness gets abandoned. Lenten practice gets put on hold.

Let's face it. Nobody actually likes penance, this kind or any other. One attractive mental device that we often turn to for temporary relief is known as procrastination. That is one of the devil's principal suggestions. He wants to convince us that in this whole matter of making reparation to God - the goal of penance - *there is no hurry*. "Take your time," he says. "You've got plenty of it! Take a break from this strict Christian living." Sadly, we often believe him. We like his message.

Ah, but listen to the one Person who, through God Himself, became man and is like us in all things but sin. He tells us of how the owner of a certain fig tree reacts to his unproductive plant. He tells his gardener: "Cut it down! Why should it exhaust the soil?"

Thank goodness for that gardener! He represents mercy. He pleads with the owner to give the hapless tree another year during which he will water and fertilize it. If it is still barren after 365 days, only then will he put the ax to it. Praise this Gardener, who represents God, and who never gives up on us, no matter how little we produce in response to His teaching! He has patience by the bucketful when dealing with each of us.

There is still something to avoid during Lent or anytime. That is to claim a certain spiritual superiority over others. Paul was addressing this sin in his Letter to the Corinthians.

It so happens that tomorrow the Church celebrates the Feast of the Annunciation. Gladly we celebrate that special day that one young Lady made the great Archangel Gabriel blush, not only at the loveliness of her face, but also at the incomparable beauty of her humility. She never took a superior position to anyone, although she had the credentials to do so. She answered "Yes" to becoming God's Mother, but then immediately gave all the praise to Him, as recorded in her "Magnificat." No wonder she is "our tainted nature's solitary boast." She kept all her resolutions every year for the all of her life.

A Little Humor - After a daughter sat glued to the TV set for most of the day, her mother told her, "Do you know the average American spends more hours per day watching TV than the average Olympic athlete spends training?" She replied, "What's the point of all that training if no one's going to watch?"

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 25

7:00 AM Frank Farrow III

TUESDAY, March 26

7:00 AM Jean Sharkey

WEDNESDAY, March 27

7:00 AM Ronald Clark

THURSDAY, March 28

7:00 AM Living Family Members of
Mary E. Ford (deceased)

FRIDAY, March 29

7:00 AM Bob Naegele

SATURDAY, March 30

8:00 AM Anne Johnson

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 Mar 17, 2019: \$ 11,749

Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 699
Mail In: \$ 2,610
Parish On Line: \$ 1,305
Envelopes: 217

Weekend of March 18, 2018: \$9,384

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 set up 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>.

Tax Information for 2018

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.

From the Pastor

Poor Man's Supper - We will have a simple Poor Man's Supper in the Antioch Annex at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 27. Anne Ayella, who worked for Nutritional Development Services for the Archdiocese for many years, will speak. Come and join us for this exercise in Lenten sacrifice and greater awareness of the needs of the hungry. If you plan to attend, contact Robert Cermignano at faith@saintmarg.org or call 610-664-3770.

Second Collection Next Weekend, March 30-31 will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (see the letter of Archbishop Chaput in the bulletin).

Lenten Devotions - Lent is a time of increased devotional practices as we seek to turn away from sin and back to the Lord with all our hearts. There are many practices available to assist you: using the Little Black Book for daily Lenten reflections, attending the Poor Man's Supper, participating in Operation Rice Bowl, attending the Stations of the Cross on Fridays, coming to daily Mass, going to confession, taking some extra time for prayer, reading a spiritual book. Our attention to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent draws us into a deeper union with Christ and allows us to be filled with more of his goodness, light and peace. Make this Lent a holy season.

Chris Stefanick Event on Thursday evening, October 10, 2019 - I am glad to announce that our parish will sponsor and host Chris Stefanick, who travels the country speaking on the beauty of our faith and how we can live it more fully and enthusiastically, for an exciting evening of renewal on Thursday, October 10, 2019. Information on Chris can be found at www.reallifecatholic.org. His speaking engagement is known as Reboot, since it is meant to help us renew our love for our faith and our joy in living it each day. The Real Life Catholic Organization likes to have as many people as possible experience this event so they suggested we get a site that can hold more than the 350 our Church can accommodate. Father Montero, the pastor of Presentation B.V.M. Church in Penn Wynne, has permitted us to use their Church, which can hold about 900 people. We are planning to invite people from many parishes to this event, but we want to have a very large representation from St. Margaret's, since we are the sponsors. A Committee is currently being formed to help coordinate this effort. It is not too early to save the date. Please plan on joining us on October 10.

Lenten Schedule of Events



Stations of the Cross - Every Friday during Lent at 2 PM and 7 PM.

Adoration on Fridays at 6 PM.

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 - Poor Man's Supper at 6:30 PM in the Annex.

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 - Introduction of Prayer Walk by Marge Vance in the Annex at 7 PM.

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 - Prayer Walk available all day in the Annex.

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 - Lenten Penance Service in the Church at 7 PM.

Thursday, April 11, 2019 - Presentation by Chris DeMaio on his journey toward the Diaconate - 7 PM in the Annex.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of March 24, 2019

Robert Ritzco 610-649-3973

Please call as early in the week as possible.

Spiritual Thought - There are many kinds of alms, the giving of which helps us to obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by which we forgive from our hearts a sin that someone has committed against us. (St. Augustine)

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM

March 29

Mary's Way of the Cross

April 5 Stations for Teens

April 12

The Way of the Cross with texts from Scripture



Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Patricia Knox** who recently passed away. May she rest in peace and her family be comforted.



Our parish Peace and Justice Committee will once again sell Ethical Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, and hot chocolate in the Antioch Annex after all Masses March 30-31.

This Catholic Relief Services (CRS) program creates opportunities for us to bring core values of our faith to bear on the choices we make as consumers - choices that have the power to lift our sisters and brothers out of poverty. Your purchase gives twice, ensuring that the farmers who grew these products get a fair price, and supporting CRS work with low-income farmers and artisans around the world. **WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE SALE!**



St Margaret School

BLUEFEST RETURNS ON APRIL 6, 2019 - "NIGHT AT THE RACES"

Paddock Day is just two weeks away! Thank you to the fine families that are helping to make this day a success! If you would like to make a donation or would like to attend this special event, please visit the Bluefest website www.smsbluefest.org. We look forward to a great *evening of dinner, dancing and bidding on wonderful silent auction items*. Gather your friends, ask new parents in your child's class, and get a table for a fun get-together.

TUITION RAFFLE New this year for Bluefest! Enter to win a free year's tuition for 2019/20. See form on our SMS website if you would like to purchase a ticket and help a family/friend who attends SMS School.

BLUEFEST GLASSES Pre-order auction highball glasses (\$5.00 each) for the Bluefest event and add to your home bar collection! Please see the order form on our website.

WALL OF WINE It's back! A Wall of Wine is displayed at our Auction. The SMS Bluefest Wine Wagon will be making its way through AM and PM car lines on Friday 3/29 and Thursday and Friday, 4/4 and 4/5. Bring your bottle or cash (\$10), and *we'll give you a chance to win the famous Wall of Wine on auction night*. (you do not need to attend to win the Wall of Wine).

Classroom News

SMS ART - COMING SOON!!! St. Margaret's Third Grade Art students are completing stunning flowers done in oil crayon in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe.

GRADE 8 - The class of 2019 has begun the astonishing next step in the academic journey by committing to various high schools and preparatory schools. They will have a bright future ahead and we are very excited for the remainder of the school year with these wonderful students.

ENCOUNTER THE DHATHCROOS FAMILY



The Dhathcroos family returned home after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Church Teaching: Above All - Charity

The whole concern of doctrine and its teaching must be directed to the love that never ends. Whether something is proposed for belief, for hope or for action, the love of our Lord must always be made accessible, so that anyone can see that all the works of perfect Christian virtue spring from love and have no other objective than to arrive at love. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Saturday, March 30, 2019, 9 AM-3:30 PM Lenten Day of Recollection Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul

Rev. G. Dennis Gill, Director of the Office for Divine Worship, will speak on *Biblical Aspects of Authentic Conversion and Authentic Conversion Leads to Fidelity to the Gospel*. The day includes Mass, Holy Hour, Confessions, and lunch. Please RSVP to Sr. Gabrielle Mary at sr.gbraccio@archphila.org. The event is free and all are welcome!

Are You Called to Be a Deacon?

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Minister of the Word~Minister at the Altar

Minister of Charity

While all the baptized are called to share in the mission of Jesus Christ according to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, those who are ordained also offer service in a way proper to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. We invite Catholic men (*and their wives if married*) who are between the ages of 29 and 55, have a deep spiritual life, 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. Contact us for more information and to register for the **2019 Permanent Diaconate Information Night**, Thursday, April 11, 2019, 7 PM - 9 PM, at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary - Vianney Auditorium. To register (required), please email the following to Laura Nimmons at lnimmons@archphila.org: Name, Address, Age, Parish, Email, Marital Status, Wife's name (if married).

Philadelphia Catholic Scholars Program July 8-18, 2019

A residential, college-accredited summer program at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, PCSP offers young men entering their junior or senior year of high school a robust introduction to the great intellectual and spiritual heritage of the Church. This year's theme is *Truth, Beauty, Goodness*. For more information and to apply, visit PhiladelphiaCatholicScholars.org.



POOR MAN'S LENTEN SUPPER WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 at 6:30 PM

You, your family and interested persons are cordially invited to a simple Lenten supper in the Antioch Annex. Please come to share a simple meal with fellow parishioners as we join in solidarity with those in need throughout the world. Anne Ayella, former Director of Community Relations, Nutritional Development Services, Archdiocese of Philadelphia, will be the guest speaker. Anne will discuss *Our Call to Encounter*, the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Program. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the impact of CRS Rice Bowl on our sisters and brothers locally and worldwide. Please RSVP to faith@saintmarg.org so that we know how much food to order. Thank you!!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For many years, Catholics in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union have practiced their faith in the shadows for fear of persecution. Despite these obstacles, Catholics continue to grow in faith and in numbers. God's perfect love has sustained and strengthened the people and the Church, creating a new generation of believers while sustaining those who have made it through the darkest of times.

Your participation in the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** will assist in the building of churches; training and educating of pastors and lay people; sustaining orphanages; evangelizing children, adults and seniors as well as providing scholarships to Catholic students.

This collection will be conducted in your parish on a weekend during Lent as determined by your Pastor. I am grateful, on behalf of our Catholic brothers and sisters in Central and Eastern Europe, for your generous sacrifice and prayers.

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

SAVE THE DATE

Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office for Persons with Disabilities & the Deaf Apostolate
Mass for Persons with Disabilities
Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 10:30 am

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., will be the principal celebrant and homilist for the Annual Archdiocesan Mass honoring the gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers. There will be a reception immediately following the Mass. **All are Welcome.** To RSVP, go to www.opdarchphilly.org, or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530 with the number attending.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.



PREP NEWS

FIRST PENANCE

Forty-six parish students from SM School and PREP received the Sacrament of Penance on Thursday, March 14, at 7:00 PM. Priests on hand to assist Msgr. Dougherty were Fr. Chapman, Fr. Cardosi (St. Denis), Fr. Brentwood (Our Lady of Lourdes), and Fr. Gleason (St. Charles Seminary). The brief liturgy included a Gospel and Homily on the Lost Sheep, as well as an opportunity for the children to perform an Examination of Conscience. Thanks to SMS teacher Dolores Lopresti and PREP teacher Julia O'Donnell for preparing the children for the reception of this sacrament of healing. Thank you also to SMS Principal Mary Anne Johnston, who was on hand to keep the children organized during the evening. Thanks also to Beth Mirzai and Michael Worth for providing the music for the event. These forty-six students are scheduled to receive First Holy Communion this spring.

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2019

Sacramental preparation for the Confirmation class of 2019 began with a Parent Meeting on March 7. This meeting featured guest speaker Seminarian Jamey Moses who addressed the parents of our current 6th graders about the history, significance, and Rite of Confirmation. Preparations continued with the Candidates' Presentation Mass on March 16. Parents and children got to participate in an interactive blessing presided by Msgr. Dougherty. Finally, the evening concluded with the traditional potluck supper and social in the Antioch Annex. Families had a chance to meet, exchange pleasantries, and share their favorite family meals. Confirmation is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 2019, at 4:00 PM.

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, March 26, 2019 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

<http://www.facebook.com/ArchbishopChaput>
www.twitter.com/ArchPhilly
www.youtube.com/user/CatholicPhilly
<http://livestream.com/archphila>

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study meets every Tuesday from September to June in the Antioch Annex (9:00 to 10:30am).

THE ROSARY

Every Saturday the Rosary is recited beginning after the 7am Angelus. Come and pray with us.

PRAYER CIRCLE

Do you have an immediate prayer need or can you offer the Gift of Prayer? Tap into our electronic Prayer Circle and receive an outpouring of heartfelt prayer by members of St. Margaret Parish and others. E-mail your prayer requests or if you want to join the Prayer Circle at cuhn@yahoo.com.

REMEMBER THOSE YOU LOVE

For a donation of \$10.00, the **sanctuary candle or altar candles** will burn for a week for your intention or in memory of a loved one. Another memorial opportunity is to have **flowers** placed on the altar for a donation of \$100. Each week the intention or memorial will be published in the bulletin. If you would like to take advantage of these opportunities, please call Teresa or Maryann at the rectory, 610-664-3770, Ext 10.

EUCARIST FOR CELIAC COMMUNICANTS

St. Margaret Church is aware of the need to have the low gluten hosts available at all Masses. If you or a member of your family is interested in receiving Low-Gluten Holy Eucharist at any Mass, please contact Maria at mecarinato@gmail.com.



JOURNEY WITH US TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey to a deeper experience of God's love manifested through the teaching and treasures of the Catholic Faith. St. Margaret Church offers instructions for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These instructions are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or, if you are already a baptized Catholic would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. **RCIA classes meet on Tuesday, at 7pm.** Please contact Msgr. Dougherty at pastor@saintmarg.org or 610-664-3770, Ext *812.



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