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***PALM SUNDAY OF
THE PASSION OF THE LORD
APRIL 14 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.

PALM SUNDAY

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

It often happens after we have listened to a piece of music that touched us deeply. Or after seeing a noteworthy painting for the first time. Or when we have finished reading a novel that we are sorry to see come to an end. We don't want to speak right away. We just need some uninterrupted time to be quiet and alone with our thoughts.

The formal public reading of the Passion account, which always comes around at Mass on Palm Sunday, is one of those occasions that really needs an aura of respectful silence around it. Somehow or other, when we are finished hearing it, I have always felt that it is not the time or place for a homily. Even the liturgical directives ask that if one is given that it is not to be lengthy. The best follow up is a few moments of precious silence as we try to absorb to the best of our ability the clash of Christ's unfathomable humility and love with the subhuman cruelty of the Roman form of capital punishment. Then there is the behavior of all the various characters. We note fidelity versus fickleness. The public loyalty of the women versus the cowardice of the men.

This year, we hear the Passion as compiled by St. Luke. To that of the other two Synoptic authors (Matthew and Mark) Luke, as a doctor, adds his own details. I imagine them gleaned from careful note taking that he did on what he heard from eyewitnesses, so that his "orderly account" to his dear Theopulis would be as authentic as possible. Luke, remember, gave us shepherds and angels at the first Christmas, and so his account would have some particulars heretofore unrecorded.

I don't make my plea for silence after hearing the Passion just to avoid a "maelstrom on the macadam" on the church parking lot. After all, that can happen on any given Sunday when Mass runs overtime. Nor do I simply want to offset the annual scramble for palm to take home.

No, this story is too powerful to let go of it quickly and move on. In its unique way it is also too personal, because all this ugliness took place because people then and people now, namely you and me, have sinned. We can be so blinded by our own little self-interests; our petty perspective on life that we want to hurry past them. Then we miss all the good things that God does among us despite ourselves. So we have to be still and face the facts.

It turns out that "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" is not just a rhetorical question. Because in fact we were. Our sins caused it all, those collective and those personal. In that context, it is best for us to be silent, repentant, and trusting that God, as Cardinal Newman powerfully wrote, "is most sure in all His ways." On that all-embracing high note, I close and wish you a spiritually beneficial Holy Week.

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.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 15

7:00 AM Dion Elentrio

TUESDAY, April 16

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the
Cain, Stevens, & Cronin Families

WEDNESDAY, April 17

7:00 AM James Clark

HOLY THURSDAY, April 18

8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER

7:30 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

FRIDAY, April 19

8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER

3:00 PM CELEBRATION OF LORD'S PASSION

7:30 PM TENEBRAE SERVICE

SATURDAY, April 20

8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER

7:30 PM EASTER VIGIL



THE WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2019
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF JOHN LE.

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 Apr 7, 2019: \$ 10,856

Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 699

Mail In: \$ 1,680

Parish On Line: \$ 2,080

Envelopes: 226

Weekend of April 8, 2018: \$12,384

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>.

From the Pastor

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Today we remember in a special way the triumphant entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem and his suffering and death. At every Mass, the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord is made present. At the beginning of the Eucharistic prayer we sing, “Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,” just as the people of Jerusalem sang out when the Lord was entering the city, and then we recall the Last Supper, his death and his resurrection. We unite with the Lord in entering the city and in his offering of himself to the Father. Through the power of his grace shared with us at Communion we rise with the Lord to new life. The graces the Lord won for us by his suffering, death and resurrection in Jerusalem are made present to us at every Mass. This Passion Sunday reminds us of what a great gift the Lord is to us. He lovingly gave of himself so that we might share in the new life that only God can provide.

Holy Week Services – This is our most sacred and solemn week of the Church Year. We recall with great devotion the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord, the means by which he so graciously saved us from our sins and shared with us his divine life. Come and participate in our Services. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper, which includes the washing of the feet of 12 parishioners, will be offered on Holy Thursday at 7:30 pm. The Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord will be celebrated on Good Friday at 3:00 pm and the Tenebrae Service will be at 7:30 pm. Tenebrae is a service of reflection on the Lord’s Passion through the use of Scripture readings and sacred music. The Easter Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 pm on Holy Saturday and the schedule for Easter Sunday will be Masses at 7:30, 10:00 and 11:30 am in Church and an additional Mass at 10:00 am in the Antioch Annex.

Holy Week Confessions – Confessions will be heard on Tuesday evening, April 16, from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. On Saturday, confessions will be heard from 3:30 – 4:45 pm. Receiving the Lord’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful way of marking the sacred nature of this Season of Lent, a time to repent and reform our lives, through opening our hearts to the Lord’s forgiveness and renewing grace.

Chrism Mass – At the Last Supper the Lord instituted the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders. The institution of the Eucharist is solemnly celebrated at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday evening. The Institution of Holy Orders is celebrated at the Chrism Mass at 10:00 am on Holy Thursday morning at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. The priests of the Archdiocese gather to renew their priestly promises and celebrate with the people of God the gift of the priesthood. At this Mass the sacred oils for Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and the Anointing of the Sick are consecrated. Please pray for me and for all priests on Holy Thursday that we might be ardent servants of the Lord and faithfully live the blessed calling we have received.

Church Teaching - Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time; thus it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry. It includes three degrees: episcopate, presbyterate, and diaconate...The divinely instituted ecclesiastical ministry is exercised in different degrees by those who even from ancient times have been called bishops, priests, and deacons. Catholic doctrine, expressed in the liturgy, the Magisterium, and the constant practice of the Church, recognizes that there are two degrees of ministerial participation in the priesthood of Christ: the episcopacy and the presbyterate. The diaconate is intended to help and serve them. For this reason the term sacerdos in current usage denotes bishops and priest but not deacons. Yet Catholic doctrine teaches that the degrees of priestly participation (episcopate and presbyterate) and the degree of service (diaconate) are all three conferred by a sacramental act called “ordination,” that is, by the sacrament of Holy Orders.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of April 14, 2019

Pam Owsik 610-659-7021

Please call as early in the week as possible.

Spiritual Thought – The end for which we are created invites us to walk a road that is surely sown with a lot of thorns, but it is not sad; through even the sorrow, it is illuminated by joy. (Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati)



We welcome into the Church:

Henry Silvestre Alvino,
son of Mark and Marisil Alvino.

Congratulations to the family on the Baptism of their son.



Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Mary Box** and **Flora Compton** who recently passed away. May they rest in peace and their loved ones be comforted.

St Margaret School

SMS TALENT SHOW



Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Talent Show last Friday! All the acts were wonderful and our students continue to amaze us with their stage presence and talent. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this fun tradition. A special thank you is extended to Talent Show head **Mrs. O'Keefe** and the following parents for all their time and effort: **Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Iannone, Mrs. Mirzai, and Mr. Sorbello.**

Classroom News

GRADE 4-5 (Mrs. Tracy Gabor)

Grade 4 - In Religion, the students have been creating PowerPoints or Word documents on five Saints. They researched important facts along with a fun fact about each Saint. Students included a picture and a summary on the lives of their Saints. The Saints books they created look great and are being displayed.

Grade 5 - The students wrapped up their Chapter on Mexico with a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Castro (parents of Caris and Alec). After the class learned about the culture, history, and present day Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Castro came into SMS and shared a PowerPoint presentation about Mexico. Students enjoyed it and were engaged, asking questions and sharing their own experiences. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Castro for sharing with us!

Upcoming Event at St. Margaret School

The Very Important Person Dance (formerly known as the Father/Daughter Dance) will be held in our decorated gym Saturday, April 27 from 6:30 - 9:00 PM. The theme will be "Luau."

We can't hide that SMS Pride!!



ENCOUNTER - OUR NEIGHBORS

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well.

We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

St. Margaret School hosts "Walk in Wednesdays"

for interested parish members and area Catholics to learn more about our school from 9 AM - 11 AM weekly. Take this opportunity to learn about our 4 year old programs through 8th grade. Applications are currently being accepted for grades PK, Full Day Kindergarten and 1st grade. Your family is welcome to visit our parish and school websites to learn more, or email info@smsnarberth.org.



The Ministry of Mothers (MOM) will NOT meet on April 17 as originally scheduled. We will resume meeting on alternating Wednesdays starting on May 1. Have a blessed Holy Week!

Main Line Singles Dinner Club (Ages 52-66)

Catholic men and women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club," to share common interests and to dine together twice a month. Our next scheduled event - *Post Easter/Mad Hatter House Party* - is Saturday, April 27 at 5:45 PM at a member's home in Boothwyn, PA. For more information, call Barb (610) 896-6542.

2019 Narberth Cystic Fibrosis Run & Walk



Celebrating its 24th Anniversary, the Run is scheduled for **Saturday, April 27** starting at 9 AM. All proceeds go to the "Take a Breather Foundation" which fulfills wishes for area children and young adults living with CF. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** from 8:30-10:00 AM for the continued success of this great event. Volunteering is fun and easy! Adult volunteers are needed for traffic control. Students grade 3 and up (MUST be accompanied by adults) are needed for water stations. Volunteers will receive a t-shirt and be able to enjoy the post-run activities at Narberth Playground, including the Kidz Run, face painting and moon bouncing. Please contact us at narberthcfrun@gmail.com, or visit narberthrun.com. **THANK YOU!**

St. John Neumann Garage Sale

The annual gigantic garage sale at St. John Neumann Church, 380 Highland Lane, Bryn Mawr - a major fundraiser for the parish - will be held Saturday, April 27 from 9AM - 3 PM, and Sunday, April 28 from 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM in two indoor locations. You will find wonderful treasures at bargain prices, all donated by parishioners.

A Little Humor - Thank God for Facebook. Otherwise, I'd have to call 674 people everyday to tell them I went to the gym.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On *Good Friday*, April 19, 2019, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death. It also has been our longstanding tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

As directed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, funds generated by this collection support programs and services in the Holy Land. Support is needed to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs as well as outreach programs for the poor through established charitable institutions.

On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I seek your most generous and sacrificial support of the **Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land on April 19, 2019**. I know that God our Father will reward your generosity beyond all measure.

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

Prayer for an End to Infanticide

The U.S. Senate recently failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act - legislation that prohibits infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her or his life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. Please join us in prayer for an end to infanticide:

Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life.

(from the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

CAMP OVERBROOK: IN SIGN 2019 is a two-week summer day camp for children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Camp is held on weekdays, June 19-Jul 2, 2019, at St. Joseph's University, Maguire Campus. Swimming, art, field activities and daily bible classes are offered in sign language. To register online visit www.CampInSign.org. For more information, call 215-587-3913, or email CampInSign@archphila.org. For Spanish language users, call Paola at 215-667-2820.

John W. Hallahan H.S. Alumnae Association is sponsoring their annual **50 Years & Beyond** luncheon on Wednesday, May 1, at Connstatter Volkfest-Verein, 9130 Academy Road, Philadelphia, for graduates of Hallahan for 50+ years. Cost \$35/person, \$25 for religious. Please contact Marge West Kiefski '66 at 215-913-4482 or at mmkiefski@aol.com.

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.

Saturday, May 4, 2019, 5:15 PM

Event: Wedding Anniversary Mass

The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass is celebrated to pray for and with married couples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who are married 1-5 years, and couples who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more.

Location: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

Registration is required; for more information please visit phillycatholiclife.org.

Saturday, May 4, 2019, 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Event: Healing Afternoon for Women

For all women seeking Catholic community, healing prayer, and freedom from anxiety, self-criticism and feelings of worthlessness. The small group setting allows for individual coaching time and the opportunity to go deeper into your personal healing journey.

For more information, visit

<https://youaremadenew.com/events/>.



Rediscover the love in your marriage! Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises. Couples learn to build communication skills and rediscover intimacy in a welcoming and loving space. Retrouvaille offers hope that it is not too late for a different and better marriage. The next program in the area will be at the Family Life Center in Malvern, the weekend of April 26-28, 2019. Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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 25, 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 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 Maryann 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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