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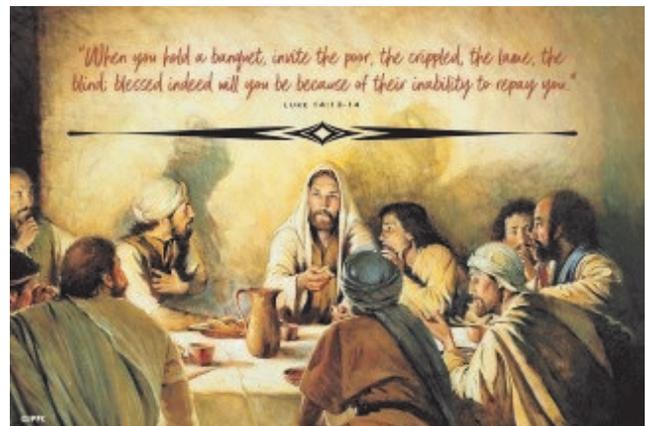
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Scrip Sales
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

St. Francis of Assisi and his famous follower Claire are probably the best known, but our own American ladies Elizabeth Ann Seton and Katherine Drexel also make the list. "What list?" you ask. The list of saints who were born into great wealth, but who deliberately chose to live under vows of poverty. Underneath their decisions, their main bolster of support was the often forgotten virtue of humility.

In our brash culture, often loudly touting an aggressive grab for fame and fortune, humility is often equated with weakness or worse. It's George Bailey vs. Mr. Potter – both of whom we meet each Christmas as we watch "It's a Wonderful Life."

Only a God who took on our nature and was born in a stable could ever tell the parable He did at a banquet of the rich and famous of His day. Ever the prophet, He did not cling to being the guest of honor but instead He told the truth even at the risk of offending the other invitees. Just as His advice on where to sit was likely not well-received then, so it is now. And don't we secretly still admire most of the limousine riders of our day?

Now, about this elusive virtue called humility: what is its essence? The word itself gives us a clue. It comes from the Latin "humus" meaning "dirt." A stark reminder of our penultimate origins, just before God's decision to create us. Humility is aligned with that Ash Wednesday reminder, which is also helpful for the other 364.

In this context of having a humble heart, Jesus instructs His host on whom to invite for his next banquet. It turns out to be the very people whom the Jews and Greeks of His time despised and avoided, and who were believed to be banned from heaven: those who were "poor, crippled, lame and blind." Today we might call them "the marginalized."

Note that those very types Jesus honors form a major component of our present Holy Father Pope Francis' agenda. He even made the papal "almoner," his representative caretaker of the poor, a cardinal of the Church, to emphasize the new importance of this formerly forgotten office at the Vatican. This is the cardinal who oversaw construction of restrooms and shower facilities available near St. Peter's square for the homeless at the pope's direction. The pope himself has turned his own birthday celebrations into dinners where a number of Rome's homeless people are invited guests. Recently I read where this same cardinal almoner jumped into a manhole to reconnect electric lines to a shelter that had been cut off for not paying their bill. (The Vatican had picked up the tab.)

Returning to the subject of humility. I've been happily surprised by certain segments on mainstream news or magazine shows that have featured stories of humble people willing to put others first. That is so notably good to see. So the evidence is in: choosing to be humble is a good way of life that inevitably leads to service of others. And service of others is nothing less than the second part of Our Lord's great commandment. And obeying that command leads us to the doors of heaven where Christ is there to welcome us.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, September 2

9:00 AM Vincent Quinn, Jr.

TUESDAY, September 3

7:00 AM Bill Taggart

WEDNESDAY, September 4

7:00 AM Jack Binstead

THURSDAY, September 5

7:00 AM Albert DeGennaro

FRIDAY, September 6

7:00 AM John Le

SATURDAY, September 7

8:00 AM Peter & Harry Krawec

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



THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2019
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
GEORGE A. CONSTANTINE.

Weekend Mass Schedule September 7-8

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, September 7

Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, September 8

7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

10:00 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

11:30 AM - Fr. Guckin

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>Weekend of August 25, 2019:</u>	\$ 9,290
Including Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 687
Mail In:	\$ 1,674
Parish On Line:	\$ 1,800
Envelopes:	178

The Weekend of August 26, 2018: \$9,067

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. Set up your account by going to the Parish website and clicking on the logo at the lower right or <https://tinyurl.com/StMargGiving>.

From the Pastor

Work – As we celebrate Labor Day, we are reminded of our Catholic teaching on the value and dignity of work. The Lord created us and gave us dominion over the earth so that we could share in his creative and life-giving work of shaping a world of harmony, order, and peace. The Lord blessed us with talents of heart, mind, body and soul so that we could develop those talents by using them in the service of God and one another. Because of the effects of sin, work does have a laborious and difficult aspect to it, but it is above all a gift from God by which we share in his creative and redemptive work for all the world. May this Labor Day be a time to renew our commitment to carry out faithfully and willingly the work entrusted to us and to work to assure that all people have the opportunity to participate in meaningful work that helps them to exercise their dignity as human beings who share in God's efforts for the good of all.

Back to School – It's that time of year. We move from vacation and the carefree aspects of summer to the resumption of our schooling, work and daily living in a more concentrated and busy manner. We extend our prayerful best wishes to all the students in our Parish. I pray that the academic year ahead will be a time of growth in wisdom, age and grace for all of them. Saint Margaret School will open on Wednesday, September 4 with 300 students. Our Parish Religious Education Program will commence on Sunday, September 8. I am grateful for Mrs. Johnston, our principal at Saint Margaret School, and for all our staff and teachers for their dedicated service to their students. We are looking forward to another good year. May God bless all people who are involved in the work of education. They have an important mission in helping to form the minds and hearts of our youth.

Papal Honors – Archbishop Chaput recently announced that 40 people, including lay people, religious sisters, and a permanent deacon, have been honored by the Pope for their faithful service to the Church. The Papal Honors will be conferred at a Ceremony on Thursday, September 5 at the Cathedral-Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. Those to be honored have served the Church in Philadelphia for many years in various capacities. I know several of them well, especially Kathy Kelley, with whom I worked in an office in the Archdiocese for a couple of years, and Sister Kathleen Schipani, IHM, with whom I have been working in service to the Catholic deaf community for many years. Kathy and Sister Kathleen have been truly dedicated workers who have been serving the people of God with great love for a very long time. They are examples for me of all the goodness and devotion shown by all those to be honored. May God bless them all for all their steadfast and humble work in helping the Church to spread the gospel and share the love of God.

Church Teaching: The Participation of Lay People in Christ's Priestly Office

– The laity, dedicated as they are to Christ and anointed by the Holy Spirit, are marvelously called and prepared so that even richer fruits of the Spirit may be produced in them. For all their works, prayers, and apostolic undertakings, family and married life, daily work, relaxation of mind and body, if they are accomplished in the Spirit – indeed even the hardships of life if patiently borne – all these become spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. In the celebration of the Eucharist these may most fittingly be offered to the Father along with the body of the Lord. And so, worshipping everywhere by their holy actions, the laity consecrate the world itself to God, everywhere offering worship by the holiness of their lives. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of September 1, 2019

Pam Owsik 610-659-7021

Please call as early in the week as possible.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Saint Margaret Parish offers opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These opportunities 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 Christian, would like to become a Catholic, or, if you are already a baptized Catholic would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring and we are ready to answer your questions.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Spiritual Thought – I will often consider myself an instrument which is of no use except in the hands of the workman. Hence I must await the orders of Providence before acting and be careful to accomplish them when known. (St. Jean-Baptiste de La Salle)

A Little Humor – Husband: Beans again! Wife: "I don't understand it. You liked beans on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and now all of a sudden you don't like beans."



St Margaret School

www.smsnarberth.org

Grades PK to 8 OPENING DATES for September 2019

We are excited to welcome all SMS families back to the 2019-2020 school year at St Margaret School. We look forward to a year of academic, social and spiritual growth for each of our precious students.

**School reopens for Grades 1 to 8 on Wednesday, September 4th **

Wednesday- Sept. 4 (Full Day -Bring Lunch)

Grades 1 to 8 will report at 8:15 am. to the blacktop. Dismissal at 3pm WITH BUS TRANSPORTATION. CARES will begin this day.

Thursday-Sept. 5 (Full Day - Bring Lunch)

Grade 1 to 8 report 8:15 am. Dismissal at 3pm for grades 1-8 WITH BUS TRANSPORTATION. CARES will be provided for those who sign up.

Friday-Sept. 6th (EARLY DISMISSAL – 12:00 – CARES AVAILABLE)

Grades K to 8 report 8:15 am. Dismissal at 12 pm for grades K-8 WITH BUS TRANSPORTATION. CARES will be provided for those who sign up from 12:00 to 6 pm.

Bus Schedule

Buses will be on the regular school schedule for both AM/PM. Hopefully, everyone has received their children's bus schedule in the mail or via email.

KINDERGARTEN AND PK OPENING DATES – Sept 2019

We would like to welcome our PK and Kdg families that will be joining us this September. We look forward with enthusiasm as you enter our school and please know that we are available if you have any questions.

KINDERGARTEN - First day is on **Thursday, Sept 5th at 9:00 am** (for the first day only). Kindergarten will report on **Friday, September 6th at 8:15 -12:00.** (No morning CARES available).

Dismissal for Kindergarten: Thursday - Sept. 5th at 11:45 am (no bus). **Friday – Sept. 6th at 12:00 noon** (no bus). (Afternoon CARES is available for those who have signed up).

Kindergarten will start **full days on Monday, Sept. 9th** beginning at **8:15 am**. Dismissal will be at 3:00 pm. (Buses are available AM & PM for all grades (Kindergarten through 8th). Please keep in mind that **Kindergarteners are not eligible to ride the Philadelphia buses.**

PRE-KINDERGARTEN - First day is on **Monday, Sept 9th at 9:00 am- 11:45** (for the first day only) (No morning CARES available) (EXTENDED DAY AND PM CARES AVAILABLE). Pre-Kindergarten will report starting **TUESDAY Sept. 10th at 8:15 am.** Dismissal for Pre-K will be at 11:45 a.m. each day. (AM CARES and EXTENDED DAY/PM CARES AVAILABLE).

Extended Day Program will be available from 11:45 to 3:00 pm Monday thru Friday this week and every school week throughout the year. CARES (3 to 6pm) will be provided for those who sign up.



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT is THURSDAY - Sept 5th at 7pm!

We are encouraging at least one parent to attend. Kindergarten and PK parents report at 6:30 to their child's classroom for a brief meeting with the teachers.

Catholic Relief Services

To assist displaced civilians in North East Nigeria to access urgently needed clean drinking water and hygienic sanitation, Catholic Relief Services, with the support of United States Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, is renovating existing water sources, installing latrines, undertaking hygiene promotion sessions and providing households with female hygiene kits, particularly important for adolescent girls. Support of water, sanitation and hygiene, saves lives by lowering instances of diarrhea and other sicknesses and diseases. The severity and impact of malnutrition is also reduced.



In El Miskin Extension Camp in the city of Maiduguri, CRS hygiene promotion and social mobilization officer, Hajja Bintu Kono, surrounded by dozens of children demonstrates hand washing. "We tell the children 50% of contamination from germs can be reduced by handwashing," says Hajja. Since 2016 over 118,000 people have been reached through hygiene promotions such as this one. Your contributions to Catholic Relief Services help support programs like this.

Thank you for your support!

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Discover the life God Created for You**

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For more information contact Chris Maguire @
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Black and Indian Mission Collection has changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans throughout the United States. Your financial contribution to this fund assists clergy, religious and lay catechists, parishes, schools and catechetical centers for the evangelization of the Black and Native American peoples throughout our country.

As we embark on another year of evangelization in the Black Catholic, Native American and Alaskan Native communities, everyone is encouraged to make a difference by offering their prayers for the fruitful support of the missions in the United States and to consider expressing concretely their Christian solidarity through sacrificial offerings.

Your support impacts the daily pastoral work of our bishops, consecrated religious women and men, and lay leadership who labor on Indian reservations, urban centers, Black Catholic and Alaskan Native parishes, mission schools and the many, many diocesan programs and projects that strengthen the work of the Gospel. Locally, through grants awarded from this collection, a number of parishes within the Archdiocese are able to fund pastoral research and evangelization programs. It is only through your continued generosity to this collection that such efforts are realized.

The **Collection for the Black and Indian Missions** will be held in parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on the weekend of September 7 and 8, 2019. I ask your continued prayers and generous financial support of this collection.

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



Bible Study

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

The Tuesday morning Bible Study will begin September 17, 2019, at 9:00 AM in the Antioch Annex. This Fall we will be studying "The Gospel according to John and the Johannine letters." This gospel varies from the other three gospels by focusing more on spiritual themes rather than historical events. Please join us for this study and some lively discussion. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Bill Meagher at 610-664-1195 or wmeag8406@aol.com.

The Lectio Divina group will resume on Saturday September 14th after the 8 AM Mass. We open and close with prayer. We read the upcoming Sunday Gospel three times. We take time to reflect on what gets our attention in the passage, what speaks to us personally, how God is inviting us to grow and/or change, and how we can move forward with intention. Please give it a try and join us. Bruce Fay (brewster.fay@gmail.com)



We welcome into the Church

Maria Ann Franco
daughter of Kevin and Christina Franco

Congratulations to the family on the
Baptism of their child.

**Food Collection
Weekend** - Next

Weekend is our
monthly food collection
weekend (**September 7**

& 8). This program collects non-perishable foods each month for the Archdiocesan Community Food Distribution Centers Program. They provide food for 120,000 people each year at 40 Food Cupboards throughout the Philadelphia area. All items should be brought to the Cafeteria of the school next weekend. Thank you for your generous support of this program.



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, September 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 12.



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