

# ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH

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**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 22 2019**

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**Scrip Sales  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY  
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY**  
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**Rectory Office Business Hours  
Monday - Friday 9:00AM to 4:30PM  
CLOSED WEEKENDS**

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



## Schedule of Masses

**Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:15 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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response, the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

### HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

**Week of September 22, 2019**

**Robert Ritzco 610-649-3973**

**Please call as early in the week as possible.**



### **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!**

Although the Tuesday morning Bible Study has begun, it is not too late to join us. We are studying "The Gospel according to John and the Johannine letters." All are welcome to the Antioch Annex at 9AM. For more information, contact Bill Meagher at 610-664-1195 or [wmeag8406@aol.com](mailto:wmeag8406@aol.com).



**ONLINE GIVING** - Saint Margaret Parish has arranged a secure method of online giving. You can 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>.

## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, September 23**

**7:00 AM Jean Funkhouser**

**TUESDAY, September 24**

**7:00 AM Joseph S. Cain**

**WEDNESDAY, September 25**

**7:00 AM Joe Augustine**

**THURSDAY, September 26**

**7:00 AM Felton Williams**

**FRIDAY, September 27**

**7:00 AM Joseph Binstead, 3rd Anniversary**

**SATURDAY, September 28**

**8:00 AM Fred Matarazzo, 6th Anniversary**

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



**THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2019**

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN**

**IN MEMORY OF**

**JOE AUGUSTINE.**

### Weekend Mass Schedule September 28-29

*(Priest scheduled is subject to change)*

**Saturday, September 28**

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

5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

**Sunday, September 29**

7:30 AM - Fr. Guckin

10:00 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

11:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

### **THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

<b>Weekend of September 15, 2019:</b>	<b>\$ 7,906</b>
<b>Including Electronic Funds Transfer</b>	<b>\$ 687</b>
<b>Mail In:</b>	<b>\$ 1,470</b>
<b>Parish On Line:</b>	<b>\$ 705</b>
<b>Envelopes:</b>	<b>179</b>

**The Weekend of September 16, 2018: \$13,156**

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

**Msgr. Dougherty**

## From the Pastor

**ReBoot** – The big event is coming soon. Chris Stefanick, a nationally known Catholic speaker, will be at Archbishop Carroll High School on Thursday, October 10, 2019, from 7:00 – 9:30 pm. St. Margaret Parish is the host for this Event. Our Adult Faith Formation Committee secured Chris Stefanick and Archbishop Carroll was obtained as the venue to accommodate a larger crowd. People from many parishes are being invited, but we would like a large contingent from St. Margaret's. The Event is appropriate for anyone from sixth grade and beyond. We would especially like to see our adults, and in particular our School and PREP parents, take advantage of this great opportunity to learn more about our faith and receive practical advice on how to sustain it and grow in it in the midst of the many challenges of life. We want this Event to be a catalyst for helping all of us at St. Margaret's to live our faith more fully through worshipping the Lord and putting our faith into practice. Tickets are \$25, and can be obtained at the rectory or online at RealLifeCatholic.com. A gracious donor has provided some tickets for those who find it difficult to pay for the tickets themselves. If you would like the tickets, contact Msgr. Dougherty.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Sessions** – Classes for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith will begin on Tuesday evening, September 17 from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm. These classes are intended for those who are considering converting to the Catholic faith, those who were baptized Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation, and those who might be interested in learning more about their Catholic faith. Those who need to receive sacraments will do so in the spring, during the Easter Season. We will meet on Tuesday evenings from September 17 through May 12. If you are interested in the sessions, but Tuesday evenings are not conducive to your schedule, you can call Msgr. Dougherty to make other arrangements.

**Mercy Day** – September 24 is the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy. I remember that well. My Catholic elementary School, Annunciation B.V.M. in Havertown, was staffed by the Sisters of Mercy and we always got that day off. It came at a great time of the year. The weather was still very nice and you had been back in School for a few weeks and welcomed a day off. St. Margaret School was also blessed with the presence of the Sisters of Mercy, from its founding in 1922 until the passing of Sister Corinne a couple of years ago. Although we do not now have any of the Sisters working among us, we still consider ourselves a Mercy School and Parish. This week's Mercy Day is a great reminder of all the good the Sisters did here and a call to renew our commitment to being people of compassionate love and mercy toward all. Here's a little reminder of the Corporal (Material) and Spiritual Works of Mercy, which we are called to practice in our daily lives:

Corporal Works of Mercy: 1. To feed the hungry 2. To give drink to the thirsty. 3. To clothe the naked. 4. To visit the imprisoned. 5. To shelter the homeless. 6. To visit the sick. 7. To bury the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy: 1. To admonish the sinner. 2. To instruct the ignorant. 3. To counsel the doubtful. 4. To comfort the sorrowful. 5. To bear wrongs patiently. 6. To forgive all injuries. 7. To pray for the living and the dead.

These Works form a good basis for an examination of conscience to see how well we are acting as people of mercy.

**Church Teaching: The Domestic Church** – In our own time, in a world often alien and even hostile to faith, believing families are of primary importance as centers of living, radiant faith. For this reason, the Second Vatican Council, using an ancient expression, calls the family the *Ecclesia domestica*, the domestic Church. It is in the bosom of the family that parents are by word and example the first heralds of the faith with regards to their children. They should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each child, fostering with special care any religious vocation. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)



### We welcome into the Church

*Isaac Edward Walls*  
*son of James and Theresa Walls*

Congratulations to the family on the  
Baptism of their child.

**Spiritual Thought** – Pray for the many spiritual and material needs of your families, your communities, the whole Church, and all of humanity. Indeed, prayer is the greatest work of charity that we must do for our brothers and sisters. (St. John Paul II)

**A Little Humor** – “When Disneyland celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Disney officials buried a time capsule,” reports Jay Leno. “They say it will be dug up in 50 years – or when the last person in line at Space Mountain gets to the front, whichever comes first.”



# St Margaret School

[www.smsnarberth.org](http://www.smsnarberth.org)

## Linda Agger Scholarship Awards 2018 and 2019

The **Linda Agger Scholarship**, initiated through the kindness of **Mrs. Linda Agger**, a former teacher, and her family and friends is awarded annually to one student who excels in reading, writing and language arts with a partial scholarship to our school. In 2018-19, our first annual Linda Agger Scholarship was awarded to **Cormac Rooney**.

This year, several students received nomination by our faculty for special recognition of their success as requested by the Agger family: Chloe Gannon (4th grade), Emmie Veith (4th grade), Nate Barone (5th grade), Lily Kennedy (6th grade), and Matt Norton (7th grade). This school year, the Linda Agger Scholarship is awarded to **Katharine Worth, 8th grade**.

Congratulations to all of the students on their nomination and award. We are grateful to the Agger family and friends for this generous scholarship and will continue to keep Linda and her family in our prayers.

## SMS Walk-a-thon

The Walk-a-thon is quickly approaching on Friday, October 11. This is one of our most important fundraisers of the year. Please carefully read the information that you was enclosed in the family envelope. We are in need of volunteers for the event as well as prize donations. If you have questions, please email Meg Cuff ([megg3277@yahoo.com](mailto:megg3277@yahoo.com)) or Ann Caskey ([caskeyar@gmail.com](mailto:caskeyar@gmail.com)). Thank you in advance for your support of the Walk-a-thon!

### St Margaret CYO Fall Sports

Registration link: <https://leagueathletics.com/Default.asp?org=SMSNARBERTH.ORG>



Cross Country - Girls/Boys - 1st to 8th  
Contact: Bill Henderson -  
[narfire5@comcast.net](mailto:narfire5@comcast.net)



Field Hockey - 5th & 6th  
Field Hockey - 7th & 8th  
FH contact: Ellen Thorburn -  
[ethorburn@smsnarberth.org](mailto:ethorburn@smsnarberth.org)



Football - 5th & 6th  
Football - 7th & 8th  
Football contact: Jim McNulty -  
[jmnulty@hq.novacare.com](mailto:jmnulty@hq.novacare.com)



Soccer - Girls/Boys - 3rd & 4th  
Soccer - Girls/Boys - 5th & 6th  
Soccer - Girls/Boys - 7th & 8th  
Soccer contact: Ed Zanoni -  
[ed\\_zanoni@hotmail.com](mailto:ed_zanoni@hotmail.com)



### Merion Mercy Academy Open House Sunday, October 6, 2019

The day begins with Mass at 11 AM followed by a welcome, overview and tours. The **Scholarship and Entrance Exam** will be given on Saturday, October 26 from 9AM-12:30PM. For Application/Test Registration, visit [www.merion-mercy.com](http://www.merion-mercy.com).

**Merion Mercy Academy**, an independent, all girls Catholic High School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has 2 openings for drivers to transport students in a 10-passenger van. Morning pick up is at Chestnut Hill area at 7:00 a.m. and returns to MMA. Afternoon schedule is to leave MMA at 5:45 p.m. and drop students off at Chestnut Hill area. Clean driving records and clearances are required. If interested please contact Mike Wallace at 610-664-6655 x169 or [mwallace@merion-mercy.com](mailto:mwallace@merion-mercy.com) by Monday, 9/30/19.

Please come to A Baby's Breath Crisis Pregnancy Center's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Silent Auction & Dinner Reception – Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM at the Crown Plaza in King of Prussia, PA. The auction features vacations, tickets to Phillies & Flyers games, restaurant gift certificates, gift baskets & more! Rev. Stephen DeLacy will be the guest speaker and MC. Tickets are \$70 per person (complimentary beer, wine & soda included). For tickets and more information, please contact Kim Granito at 610-792-0737 or email [kim@thegranitos.com](mailto:kim@thegranitos.com).

**WANTED:** Looking for a person (with clearances) for our Pre-K Extended Day Program 2-3 days a week from 12:45 to 3PM. If interested and for more information, please call the school office 610-664-2640 (ext 3) or email [office@smsnarberth.org](mailto:office@smsnarberth.org).





Archbishop John Carroll High School  
 Thursday, October 10, 2019  
 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Don't miss Chris Stefanick, a dynamic and insightful voice on practical ways to live out the Gospel.

WHO does he speak to?  
 YOU!

From prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more: there is no part of your life that will be left untouched.

This program is suitable for all, ages 12 years and up. Middle school, high school, young adults, parents, godparents, confirmation sponsors, and grandparents, too!

Tickets are \$25 per person - hurry before they are gone!

Get yours at St. Margaret's Rectory and School Office, and after all weekend masses! (Checks Payable to "Real Life Catholic")  
 Pay with a credit card:

[www.RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot](http://www.RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot)

Need a ride to REBOOT?

Sign up at the REBOOT table after all weekend masses, or call the Rectory at 610-664-3770. The St. Margaret's REBOOT team will coordinate details once we know how many of our parishioners need assistance.



**Opening Mass and Holy Hour**  
**Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 6:30 PM**  
**Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul**

Mass Celebrated by  
**ARCHBISHOP CHARLES CHAPUT**  
 Preceded by a Holy Hour at 5:15 PM led by the  
**SISTERS OF LIFE**



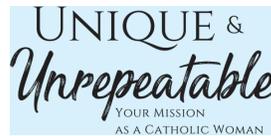
A 22-week Bible Study for women, meeting at St. Thomas of Villanova on Thursdays at 9:15-11:30 AM and 7:00-8:30 PM beginning October 3. Free child care for the mornings. For information and registration, call Maria O'Malley at 215-740-6742 or email [mariaomalley@comcast.net](mailto:mariaomalley@comcast.net).

**MOTHER BONIFACE SPIRITUALITY CENTER,**  
 3501 Solly Ave, Philadelphia  
**Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 6:00-8:30 PM**



Please join us as our guest speaker **Fr. Matt Guckin** shares wisdom and stories with us about his time of rest & renewal at the Missions in California.

He will encourage us to seek ways to hear God's call in our own lives so that we may fully know God's peace. Our evening will begin with Mass at 6:00 PM followed by light refreshments. Fr. Matt will begin speaking at 7:00 PM. Fee: Free Will Offering. Please RSVP to: [mcbretreat@msbt.org](mailto:mcbretreat@msbt.org) or call 267-350-1831 so that we can adequately prepare.



**Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
 Catholic Women's  
 Conference**

*"For God and before God, the human being is always unique and unrepeatable, somebody thought of and chosen from eternity, someone called and identified by his own name."*

—Pope St. John Paul II, Urbi et Orbi, Christmas 1978

**Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 9AM-4:30 PM**

**Location: National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA**

To register online: [catholicwomensconference.org](http://catholicwomensconference.org).  
 Questions? Email: [womensconference@archphila.org](mailto:womensconference@archphila.org).



**Hope Blooms  
 A Healing Retreat for  
 Catholic Women  
 October 4-5**

**St. Raphaela Center, Haverford, PA**

**HOPE BLOOMS** is a two day retreat that offers healing, peace, and transformation for women who have experienced betrayal trauma, abuse, or emotional wounding. This retreat provides a place of belonging and community for women in a confidential setting, as well as time for quiet prayer, Mass and Adoration, inspiring talks and teachings, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and group exercises. This event is hosted by Bloom For Catholic Women, a ministry of Integrity Restored. Retreat leaders are Fr. Allen Hoffa, De Yarrison, Laura Ercolino, and Marty Rotella. Bloom For Catholic Women is committed to blending evidence-based psychology with distinctly Catholic spirituality. Spots are limited. Please visit: <http://bit.ly/HopeBloomsRetreat> to register.

### **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](http://PhilaMarriagePrep.com). For email inquiries, [Amy@PhilaMarriagePrep.com](mailto:Amy@PhilaMarriagePrep.com).

### **REGISTRATION**

A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners. You may register by calling the parish office during office hours to set up an appointment. Parish registration is required for reception of the Sacraments and letters of eligibility to serve as godparent or sponsor.

### **REQUESTS FOR ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES**

The role of a sponsor is primarily a spiritual role to model a Christian life for the child. Therefore, anyone requesting a certificate must be a registered, participating member of St. Margaret Parish, a practicing Catholic in good standing (not living in violation of the church laws), at least 16 years of age and have received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Please call the rectory for an appointment if you need a certificate.

### **SOCIAL NETWORKING WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE**

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

### **BIBLE STUDY**

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

### **THE ROSARY**

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

### **PRAYER CIRCLE**

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

### **REMEMBER THOSE YOU LOVE**

For a donation of \$10.00, **the sanctuary candle or altar candles** will burn for a week for your intention or in memory of a loved one. Another memorial opportunity is to have **flowers** placed on the altar for a donation of \$100. Each week the intention or memorial will be published in the bulletin. If you would like to take advantage of these opportunities, please call Teresa or 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](mailto:mecarinato@gmail.com).



### **JOURNEY WITH US TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey to a deeper experience of God's love manifested through the teaching and treasures of the Catholic Faith. St. Margaret Church offers instructions for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These instructions are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or, if you are already a baptized Catholic would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. **RCIA classes meet on Tuesday, at 7pm.** Please contact Msgr. Dougherty at [pastor@saintmarg.org](mailto:pastor@saintmarg.org) or 610-664-3770, Ext 12.



### **Catholic Answers Live - #1 Catholic Radio Show. Monday - Friday, 6-8 PM.**

One great program. Many ways to listen! [catholic.com/radio](http://catholic.com/radio)



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