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**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 29 2019**

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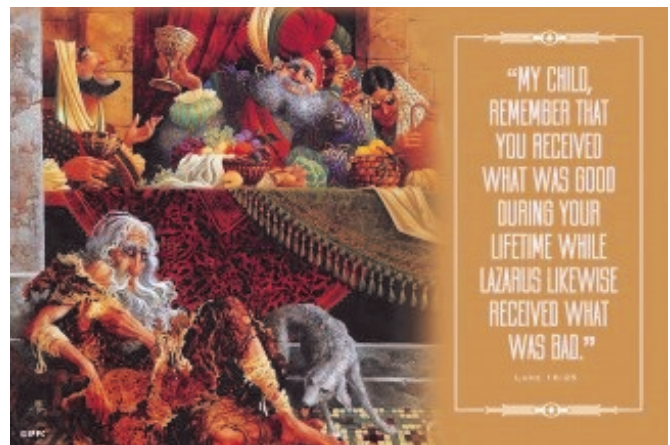
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Scrip Sales
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

“When you’re up to your waist in alligators, it’s hard to remember that your original objective was to drain the swamp.” I remember the first time I came across that expression (which I just purged of any vulgarity). I was struck by the humor of it as well as the truth. How we inventive humans can make light of a serious truth! How at the first sight of danger or threat we can change our minds. I don’t know of any similar expression that captures as well the situation of being so rich that we don’t even notice the poor.

That is precisely the point that the Holy Spirit wants to make in the complementary readings from Amos and Luke that we hear this weekend. The precise evil here is not that the wealthy Israelites and the unnamed rich man seem to have it all. It is that both do not even notice people among them who have nothing. At least in the material sense.

We learn that “not noticing” is a sin because in Our Lord’s mind that’s enough to keep one barred from heaven. In classical literature we have Charles Dickens telling us that his Scrooge had this same problem until the three spirits of Christmas shook him out of it just in time. Just as that story is perennial, so is the problem for us in today’s world.

A wag has written that “most of us have two chances of becoming wealthy—slim and none.” Seriously, it is not wealth, but the arrogance of wealth that offends the poor. Do we really want to go through life offending them? After all, Jesus highly respected the poor. In fact, He chose to live and die poor. So let’s assume that we avoid arrogance for that reason alone.

Yet, taking an honest inventory of our lives, we all have a roof over our heads, suitable meals each day, and enough money in our checkbooks to pay our bills. Moreover, the proliferation of those storage shed businesses everywhere you look testifies that many of us have too much “stuff” to stuff into our overstuffed housing. That alone makes us vulnerable to this “disease” of not noticing the “have nots” among us. It seems like we need a storm surge flooding our abodes or a fallen tree crashing into our roof or crushing our car to make us snap out of our often twisted set of priorities.

Watching the evening news on TV or reading about it online is all we need these days to get depressed. And an overly large segment of our entertainment devices keep pounding away, often without much subtlety, the message that amassing this world’s goods is the only way to live. That’s why we need to reinforce our spiritual lives at least with Sunday Mass and the sacraments, especially Reconciliation, and frequent reading and praying with Scripture.

And if God seems lost in the mix, or at least in your life at any time, I suggest there is rich spiritual advice in the old railroad crossing signs that were invented for our safety. Remember the words? They were “Stop, Look and Listen.” Remember them, friends. And do what they say.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, September 30

7:00 AM Joseph Binstead

TUESDAY, October 1

7:00 AM Louise Leto, 1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, October 2

7:00 AM Patricia Knox

THURSDAY, October 3

7:00 AM Anna Mary Fisher

FRIDAY, October 4

7:00 AM Abbot Placid Spearritt

SATURDAY, October 5

8:00 AM Eugene Murphy

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

Weekend Mass Schedule October 5-6

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, October 5

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

5:15 PM - Msgr. Kutys

Sunday, October 6

7:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

11:30 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of September 22, 2019:	\$ 8,750
Including Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 687
Mail In:	\$ 1,195
Parish On Line:	\$ 2,015
Envelopes:	209

The Weekend of September 23, 2018: \$10,001

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

Msgr. Dougherty



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>.

Parish Theme for 2019 - 2020 The Family: a Communion of Life and Love

From the Pastor

Canonical Visitation – One of the Bishops or a representative from the Archdiocesan administration generally make an official canonical visitation to parishes every five years. I recently received notice that Monsignor Daniel Kutys, the vicar general for the Archdiocese, will be conducting the visit to our Parish on Saturday, October 5. He will meet with the pastor and members of the Parish staff, with members of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, and celebrate the 5:15 pm Mass on that day.

Admission to Candidacy for the Diaconate – On this Wednesday, October 2, Christopher DeMaio, a parishioner here at St. Margaret's, will be received as an official candidate for the Diaconate at a ceremony at St. Charles Seminary. Chris is in the Diaconate Program at the Seminary and has begun a seven year program of formation for ordination as a deacon. There are three degrees of Holy Orders: deacon, priest, and bishop. We are grateful that Chris has discerned a call to the Diaconate and we offer him our prayers and support in his time of formation. Deacons assist the priests and bishops in the pastoral care of the people of God. Deacons can baptize, proclaim the Gospel at Mass and preach, distribute Holy Communion, officiate at weddings, and conduct funeral services. Deacons are ministers of the Word and Eucharist and give particular witness to the charitable endeavors of the Church by helping to oversee service and care for all, especially the needy. The Order of permanent deacons was present in the early Church and was restored by Vatican Council II in the 1960's. Congratulations to Chris and to his wife, Lauren, and their five children, Alexandra, Christopher, Olivia, Ariana, and Joseph.

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.

Prayer to St. Michael – The Prayer to St. Michael is a traditional prayer of the Church requesting the intercession of this holy Archangel in our battle to overcome temptation and evil. I encourage you to offer this prayer as a means to conquering the attacks of the devil and evil spirits that plague our world, Church and our lives. This prayer helps to make us more alert to the temptations we face and to draw on the power of God to help us in our battle against evil and for the triumph of good. Here is the prayer: Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. (Pope Leo XIII (1810-1903))

Blessing of Animals – St. Francis of Assisi (1881 – 1226) was known for his love of nature and animals. Every year near his feast day, October 4, we offer a blessing of the animals. The blessing will take place on Saturday, October 5, at 1PM in front of the rectory. We bless God's creatures as prayer of thanks for the gifts they are to us.

Spiritual Thought – Do not grieve over the temptations you suffer. When the Lord intends to bestow a particular virtue on us, He often permits us first to be tempted by the opposite vice. Therefore, look upon every temptation as an invitation to grow in a particular virtue and a promise by God that you will be successful, if only you stand fast. (St. Philip Neri)



Are you a high school student (9th - 12th grade) looking to share in fellowship, faith, and fun? **St. Margaret's Youth Group** will be having our first gathering on Sunday, October 6th, after the 10 am Mass. Join us in the Antioch Annex for pastries, board games, and introductions. We will plan to meet for one hour.

A Little Humor – Young boy to his parents on his way to his room where he was sent by them for misbehaving: "You're not going to look good in the 'How I Spent My Summer Vacation' essay."



St Margaret School

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Archdiocese of Philadelphia School of Distinguished Instruction 2019

September 13, 2019 - St. Margaret School was acknowledged for Distinguished Instruction in academic growth as determined by an analysis of the Normal Curve Equivalent scores of two consecutive years on school wide standardized testing. If a class has the same NCE as the previous year, they have shown a full year's growth. St. Margaret faculty are commended on efforts in keeping the students at 100% growth at every grade level tested in every content area. Other awards were received in the diocese for those schools who were successful for 95% or 90%. St. Margaret School performs in the top 23% of those Archdiocesan schools receiving the Distinguished Instruction awards reporting 100% growth over two consecutive years school wide. Congratulations Mrs. Johnston, Faculty and Staff!

Classroom News from St Margaret School

As part of our studies on Asian culture, the students researched and created a presentation about a country in Asia. We were fortunate to have several parents who have traveled to and lived in Asia speak to the class about their fascinating experiences! We also listened to traditional Asian music and dined on traditional cuisine!

As part of their studies on physical and chemical weathering, students in the 8th grade explored Narberth Ave. and collected evidence of weathering. They had fun presenting this information to their classmates! Learning is alive in 8th grade Science!

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 will find enclosed in today's family envelope. We are in need of volunteers for the event as well as prize donations. If you have questions, please mail Meg Cuff (megg3277@yahoo.com) or Ann Caskey (caskeyar@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your support of the Walk-a-thon!

Marketing / Advancement

If you attend a school function and want to share photos, please email them to info@smsnarberth.org. Or send in email for Mrs. Becker at info@smsnarberth.org.

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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.



Waldron Mercy Academy is a Catholic, coeducational, independent school where students from age 3 to grade 8 learn through the joy of discovery. Sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, our students engage in service learning from the minute they step through our doors. A Waldron Mercy student graduates well-rounded, excelling academically and socially. Students are prepared to take on challenges through an enriched spiritual life and advanced technology.

Please attend an open house to learn more about the benefits of a Waldron Mercy education. Register for Tuesday, October 1 at 9:00 a.m. or Sunday, October 27 at 12:00 p.m. by emailing our Director of Admissions, Sr. Joellen McDonnell, at jmcdonnell@waldronmercy.org.

PREP News

PREP welcomed almost 200 students from 1st through 7th grade on Sunday, Sept. 8th, from 8:30-9:45 AM at the SMS. This year, PREP has grades 1-7, with two classes each for 4th and 5th grade.



Msgr. Dougherty commissioned all the Catechists and classroom aides on Sunday, Sept. 22 during a special PREP mass. Families and students got together to give thanks for the start of another academic year.



DON'T MISS: REBOOT! LIVE

Discover the life God Created For You

Featuring Chris Stefanick

Thursday, October 10 / 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Archbishop John Carroll High School

Learn how to apply the genius of the Gospel to YOUR life

DO NOT MISS the opportunity to hear one of the most sought after voices of our time!

OFFERING PRACTICAL INSIGHT INTO LIVING THE LIFE GOD HAS CREATED FOR YOU!

Rediscover God and rediscover the life you were made for.

Tickets are \$25 per person and available at the St. Margaret Rectory or online

@www.RealLifeCatholic.com

Suitable for all, ages 12 and up. Middle school, high school, young adults, parents, godparents, confirmation sponsors and grandparents, too!

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.

Lankenau Ministry

Next Sunday, October 6, is St. Margaret's weekend to take Holy Communion to the sick at the Lankenau. Group B is assigned but Group A is also welcome. If you cannot come this weekend, please try to exchange with someone. It is very important to get a replacement.



Church Teaching: Diaconate – A third degree of the hierarchy of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, after bishop and priest. The deacon is ordained not to priesthood but for ministry and service. Deacons are ordained to assist the bishop and priests in the celebration of the divine mysteries, above all the Eucharist, in the distribution of Holy Communion, in assisting at and blessing marriages, in the proclamation of the Gospel and preaching, in presiding over funerals, and in dedicating themselves to the various ministries of charity. While the Churches of the East have always had a functioning order of deacons, in the West the permanent diaconate was reestablished by the Second Vatican Council. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

**Our Lady of Confidence Christian Retreat for Persons with Disabilities
October 8, 9 & 10, 2019
Malvern Retreat House**

The retreat is geared for adults with intellectual, physical or emotional disabilities. The retreat directors are Fr. Jim McGuinn and Fr. Mike Speziale and the theme is: *We All Belong*. For more information or to register, email OLCRetreat@gmail.com, call 610-644-0400 or visit www.opdarchphilly.org. If you would like to be a volunteer companion on this retreat please contact Jenny Mars at marsfam1@gmail.com.



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

The day begins with Mass at 11AM 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.

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 by Monday, 9/30/19.



Saint Katherine School is seeking a Special Education Teacher for the Life Skills Program at the Radnor campus, and a Long Term Sub for a Part-time Teaching Assistant at the Wynnewood campus. For more information, please contact Lauren Bell, Principal, at principal@stkds.org.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of September 29, 2019

Pam Owsik 610-659-7021

Please call as early in the week as possible.



Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Ellen Emilia Del Rosario and John Doyle** who recently passed away. May they rest in peace and their loved ones be comforted.

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, October 24, 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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