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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
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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.

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Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Aesop's famous tale of the Tortoise and the Hare is deliberately ambiguous as to its meaning. You remember how it goes. A hare constantly ridicules a slow moving tortoise of his acquaintance. Tired of the hare's arrogant behavior, the tortoise challenges the hare to a race. The hare soon leaves the tortoise behind, and confident of winning, he takes a nap midway through the race. When he wakes up, however, he finds that his competitor, crawling slowly but steadily, has arrived at the finish line before him. Here is the problem. Does Aesop want us simply to admire the tortoise for taking on a bully, or does he want us to learn something from the hare's foolish over confidence?

As far as Jesus' take would be, I'll go "out on a limb" and declare that He would want us to take both ideas from the fable. That means He would win against an overly confident Satan in this "race" we call our lives enroute to a promised heaven. But He would also want us to learn that attaining heaven for most of us involves a slow, steady day in and day out adherence to His teachings.

Let us admit that the devil often acts like the hare. He'll mock us, or at least try to make us feel silly and inept; out of sync with the majority of people for our misguided choice of following Christ. The devil knows that we usually prefer the easy way out of any challenges life throws at us. So he provides an outlet, which inevitably involves some form of evil. Of course, he will make our choice appear to be the right one.

As time goes by, and all of us go through the effects of our ebbing bodily strength, the mental burden of past failures mixing in with our relatively few successes, we more frequently doubt, and ask ourselves "Is that all there is?" or "Is being Christian worth it?" This is especially perplexing when we look from side to side and note that a lot of people who have no connection to Christ, sometimes blatantly disobeying His laws, seem to be doing quite well in life. They're more "hare" than "tortoise", seemingly on their way to certain victory, even if they never nap!

What's the antidote for our malaise? There are many. But the best seems to be paying attention to people who have reached the goal of heaven. They are the saints. None of them got to where they are without a struggle of some kind. Look them up on your favorite internet device. Google their names and learn their biographies.

If this were not a Sunday, we would be celebrating the birthday of the first and greatest of Our Lord's disciples: His Mother Mary. Being the most well-known saint, in fact the Queen of the Saints, we know her life to be anything but an easy one. That her commitment to her Son was anything but casual or flimsy. That she was never caught figuratively "napping" along the way, or had any trace of "hare like" over confidence in her ability. Rather she knew that all her strength came from God. "My soul magnifies the Lord," she told her cousin Elizabeth. "My spirit rejoices in God my savior."

Further naming herself as "a lowly servant" displays a mind and heart replete with humility. In one sense, she "knew her place." And for that, she won the race of her life, becoming most fit for heaven to be its Queen. And that, my friends, is no fable.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, September 9

7:00 AM Zach Hoefler

TUESDAY, September 10

7:00 AM Marie McNulty

WEDNESDAY, September 11

7:00 AM Mark O'Connor

THURSDAY, September 12

7:00 AM Edward Wisniewski

FRIDAY, September 13

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

SATURDAY, September 14

8:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

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

Weekend Mass Schedule September 14-15

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, September 14

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

5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, September 15

7:30 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

10:00 AM - Fr. Guckin

11:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of September 1, 2019:	\$ 10,850
Including Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 687
Mail In:	\$ 4,231
Parish On Line:	\$ 880
Envelopes:	193

The Weekend of September 2, 2018: \$9,942

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

Parish Theme for the Academic Year – This year our theme for the Parish will be “The Family: a Communion of Love and Life.” In a special way this year we will concentrate our thoughts, prayers and actions on the Church’s teaching on the Christian Family. Last year’s theme of “The Eucharist: Our Strength and Our Joy” helped us to appreciate better the wonderful gift of the Eucharist. We are hopeful that this year’s theme can assist us to grow in our understanding of the beauty and challenge of family life and recommit ourselves to loving and supporting one another in our families.

Faithful in the Little Things – Now that the slower days of summer are behind us and the many obligations of school, work and daily life intensify, we can feel a bit overwhelmed by the details of all that we have to do. But it is our fidelity to the daily details that creates the context in which our relationships with God and one another can grow. Our daily commitments are not to be seen as distractions from the more important matters of life, but as the material with which we build a good and faithful life and strong families and communities. In our renewed busyness there will be a certain longing for the days of summer, but it should not prevent us from lovingly and patiently doing the sometimes seemingly mundane work entrusted to us each day. Fidelity to our daily responsibilities is the means by which we do God’s will and build up his kingdom in our hearts and in our world.

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 evening 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.

Fun Fair – Come on out and join in the Fun Fair, to be held in the Saint Margaret parking lot on Saturday, September 14 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be fun and games for all the children.

Church Teaching: The Domestic Church – Christ chose to be born and grow up in the bosom of the holy family of Joseph and Mary. The Church is nothing other than “the family of God.” From the beginning, the core of the Church was often constituted by those who had become believers “together with all their household.” When they were converted, they desired that “their whole household” should also be saved. These families who became believers were islands of Christian life in an unbelieving world. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Spiritual Thought – Happy are those who concentrate on following the will of God in all their actions. They will enjoy a deep peace because they find their happiness in doing God’s will. (St. Jane Frances de Chantal)



plan to attend.

Ice Cream Social – Our Back-to-School Fall Ice Cream Social will be held on Friday, September 13 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Antioch Annex. Come and join us. Please call 610-664-3770, ext. 10 or email prep@saintmarg.org to let us know if you



Pope Francis, in an Angelus once given at St. Peter's Square, preached that "hospitality, which is one of the works of mercy, is revealed as a truly human and Christian virtue." This is a message that echoes throughout Holy Scripture. Jesus himself, in the Gospel of John, teaches that his disciples should be recognizable through the actions that they take in loving one another. In response to this divine teaching, St. Margaret of Antioch Parish has instituted The Hospitality Committee.

ALL ARE WELCOME to get involved! The first meeting will be on Monday, September 16th at 7 pm in the Antioch Annex. Spearheaded by the Knights of Columbus, this ministry is to be responsible for scheduling ushers and greeters for all Mass times as well as organizing the monthly Hospitality Sundays. If you would like to be part of the Committee but cannot make the first meeting, email the Coordinator of Parish Services, Nicole Bazis, at faith@saintmarg.org. New Committee members are welcome to join at any time.

A Little Humor – A mother of four spent a lot of time providing taxi service to soccer games, football practice, and dance classes. But she didn’t realize just how much time it was until someone asked her three-year-old where he lived and he replied, “In my car seat.”



Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

We have an upcoming retreat for healing after abortion. It is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving, and confidential environment. It will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat
October 11, 12, 13th 2019
Malvern/Frazer, PA area

For information, contact Lauren at (215) 720-5828 or lklovesnyc@gmail.com.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.
Financial aid is offered if needed.
National website: www.rachelsvineyard.org



Saint Katherine School is seeking a Special Education Teacher for the Life Skills Program and a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Both positions will serve the Wynnewood and Radnor campuses. For more information, please contact Lauren Bell, Principal, at principal@stkds.org.

St. Laurence Friends! Save the Date !
Come Celebrate our 100th Anniversary
Sunday, October 6, 2019

Concelebrated Noon Mass at St. Laurence
Banquet Reception at Drexelbrook 1:30-5:30 PM.
For more information, please call Eileen Campbell at 610-789-2670, ext. 31 or visit www.saintlaurence.org.



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Our Bible Study begins Tuesday morning, September 17, 2019, at 9:00 AM in the Antioch Annex. Please join us as we study "The Gospel according to John and the Johannine letters." 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).

Project Rachel: Healing after Abortion **Peace Starts Here**

Prayer - Jesus, Healer of Wounds and Source of Mercy, your hands embrace and welcome little children. As we look on your

hands painfully nailed to the cross, extend your Divine Mercy to the tens of millions of women and men in our nation who are wounded from their participation in abortions. Help us as a Church to recognize the unique pain that abortion brings to individuals, families and our society. May the wounds of your hands on the Cross remind us each day of your steadfast love for us as we seek to build a culture of life and be faithful instruments of your hope and healing.



Project Rachel is a collaboration of The Office for Life and Family and Catholic Social Services. For more information, call 1-844-772-2435 or email ProjectRachel@chs-adphila.org.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of September 8, 2019
Robert Ritzco 610-649-3973
Please call as early in the week as possible.



We welcome into the Church

Gemma Kate Miller
daughter of Mark and Danielle Miller

Congratulations to the family on the Baptism of their child.

Mount Saint Joseph Academy

The Mount Open House will be on October 6 from 12 noon - 3 PM. Girls in 6th, 7th and 8th grade are invited to attend with their parents to explore the innovative programs and spaces at the Mount. Register at www.msjadad.org. The Scholarship/Entrance exam will be on Saturday, October 19 from 8 AM - 12 noon.

Immaculata University has entered into several partnership agreements that guarantee admission to Immaculata for qualifying students graduating from Catholic high schools throughout the region and nation.



All 17 Philadelphia Archdiocesan high schools are included. To recognize their academic accomplishments, Immaculata will provide, at minimum, a \$9,000 academic merit scholarship for qualifying students. For more information, contact Lydia Szyjka at 484-323-3973.

**READY TO REBOOT?
WANT TO GET BACK YOUR REAL LIFE?
THEN 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!

God didn't create us to just get by: He created us to
live life to the full.

Rediscover God and rediscover the life you were
made for.

For more information contact Chris Maguire @
csmaguire@comcast.net

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YOUR CHECKS!

Tickets available online @
www.RealLifeCatholic.com

Hurry! Tickets are going fast!



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 or call
267-350-1831 so that we can adequately prepare.

**The Abbey Fest
Faith, Music and Family Festival
Saturday, September 21, 2019,
Noon - 9:30 PM**

Join over 4,000 Christians for a day of music, praise,
prayer, sacraments and fun at the largest Catholic music
festival in the area!

Musicians: Matt Maher, Mac Powell, Hannah Schaefer
and more!

Location: Daylesford Abbey, Paoli, PA

Tickets and more information:

<http://www.theabbeyfest.com/>.



**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.

Questions? Email: womensconference@archphila.org.



St. John's Hospice - Casseroles for St.
John's Hospice, Recipe # 5, will be
collected Wednesday morning of this

week, September 11, 2019, between 9 and 9:30 AM at
St. Margaret School Parking Lot. Pans are available in
the vestibule if you would like to participate.

**Masculine Genius Institute Summit
Saturday, September 21, 2019**

**Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 N. 17th St,
Philadelphia, PA**

Join us for the 4th annual Summit of the Masculine
Genius Institute, which aims to promote serious
discussion and research on Christian manliness. This
year, Summit presentations give an in-depth look at the
difficulties shaping "The University Man" and offer
positive practices as a man journeys through the
academic or apprenticeship phase of adult life. For
more information, visit
<http://www.masculinegeniusinstitute.com/>.



**Blue Mass for Law
Enforcement, Firefighters and
First Responders
Sunday, September 22, 2019**

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

Join us in the celebration of the Blue Mass to pray for
local law enforcement officials, firefighters and first
responders. We are grateful for their unwavering
commitment and selfless dedication to the common
good. For more information, visit
<http://cathedralphila.org/bluemass/>.

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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