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**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 20 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.

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Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

You've seen them on their TV shows. The judges in official black robes, complete with the courtroom set, adjudicating cases of all kinds, and banging their gavels with authority. Add to them the various judges brought in by the cable news outlets to lend their expertise in comments on any number of headline-making stories. Audiences give these last special attention even if they show up without the robes and the courtroom benches.

We know from Scripture that Our Lord Jesus did not have much time for judges and even lawyers. It seems that the ones He met were either shysters or hypocrites. Naturally, His disdain does not permit us to generalize negatively all our present-day judges and lawyers, although often enough the lesser members of their group generate negative headlines of their own.

This weekend's Gospel selection finds Jesus telling His own parable that features an unjust judge who nonetheless renders a just decision in a case brought by a widow. Bear in mind that such a woman was rather powerless in the patriarchal society Jesus inhabited. What makes the judge step out of character? The persistence of the widow. Jesus goes on to say that very quality should mark our prayer.

The First Reading from Exodus puts Moses' persistence on display, in his persistence in holding up the rod of God over his army to encourage them, even though as a "senior citizen" he needed youthful help in keeping his arms lifted.

We can be sure that people in Our Lord's time were as impatient with God's timetable as we are. The big difference is that in our so-called "First World" culture, life moves at a near breakneck pace thanks to our computerized gadgets. But then we also have our methods of weight loss that guarantee we will "lose 18 pounds in a month," or medicine that allegedly brings relief immediately; instant coffee and quick mortgages, et cetera, et cetera." The problem of impatience easily spills over into the spiritual realm and has its effects on our prayer.

Some Christians become doubtful Christians or even former Christians, when their prayer needs are seemingly unmet. Some Catholic Christians are the same way when they grow impatient with the pace of the Vatican. Yet I believe we all know deep down that persistence in prayer is the only way to go. And when our good God happens to answer "no" we have to accept that because in faith we believe He knows best. The good news is that He really does.

History endorses persistence, indirectly voting for it as a quality of good prayer. Once upon a time a teenager had decided to quit high school, saying he was just fed up with it all. His father was trying to convince him to stay with it. "Son," he said, "you just can't quit. All the people who are remembered in history didn't quit. Abraham Lincoln didn't quit. Thomas Edison, he didn't quit. Douglas MacArthur, he didn't quit. Elmo Mc Cringle...."

"Who?" the son burst in. "Who's Elmo Mc Cringle?" "See," the father replied, "you don't remember him. He quit!"

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, October 21

7:00 AM Mary Travisano

TUESDAY, October 22

7:00 AM Daniel Fahy

WEDNESDAY, October 23

**7:00 AM Gerald & Veronica Sanita and
Rita Burkhardt**

THURSDAY, October 24

7:00 AM Lewis Pettinos

FRIDAY, October 25

7:00 AM Jack McShea

SATURDAY, October 26

8:00 AM Anne Sage

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

Weekend Mass Schedule October 26-27

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, October 26

Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Fr. Pesarchick

5:15 PM - Fr. Pesarchick

Sunday, October 27

7:30 AM - Fr. Guckin

10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

11:30 AM (Anointing of the Sick) - Fr. DePrinzio

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of October 13, 2019:	\$ 10,351
Including Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 671
Mail In:	\$ 3,845
Parish On Line:	\$ 700
Envelopes:	197

The Weekend of October 14, 2018: \$9,647

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

Hospitality Sunday - Today is our first Hospitality Sunday of the 2019-2020 year. We are planning to observe the third Sunday of every month as our hospitality Sunday. Refreshments will be available after the 7:30 am and 10:00 am Masses.

Reboot – Many thanks to all who helped make our Parish sponsorship of the Chris Stefanick Reboot Event such a great success. Special thanks to John O'Rourke and Peggy Walsh for taking the initiative to recommend the invitation to Chris Stefanick, and many thanks to all who served on the planning Committee, especially to Chris Maguire for her great job in heading up all the organizing and planning for the Event. I was grateful for the presence of so many St. Margaret parishioners that evening. The Event was spiritually invigorating and inspiring.

Reboot Revisited – After all the Masses this weekend we invite you to come to the Annex after Mass for a brief discussion of the Reboot Event of October 10. We are eager to hear about your experience of the Event and how you think we might build on it as we move forward.

Mission Sunday – Today is Mission Sunday. One of our responsibilities as Catholic people is to participate in the missionary efforts of the Church. We can't keep the good news of Our Lord Jesus Christ to ourselves. We are called in charity to share it with others. Our attitude should always be one of outreach. Even in the everyday activities of life, we are thinking about how we can serve others and lift up their spirits by our kindness. Saint Francis said, "Always preach the gospel. If necessary, use words." We preach the gospel by our daily actions of charity, support and encouragement for all. May this Mission Sunday stir in our hearts a constant desire to share the love of Christ with others.

Missionary Speaker – Father Dawit Tarfa Moroda will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend. He will be speaking on behalf of the Apostolic Vicariate of Nekemte. We welcome him as he speaks to us about the missionary efforts of the Church.

Mass for Anointing of the Sick – On Sunday, October 27 at the 11:30 am Mass, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please notify the Church Office at 610-664-3770 ext. 10 or office@saintmarg.org, if you plan to attend and receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

No Vigil Mass on October 31 – Friday, November 1 is the Solemnity of All Saints. It is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Nov. 1 at 7:00 am, 12:05 pm, and 7:00 pm. Please note that there will be no 7:00 pm Mass on October 31, Halloween.

Church Teaching: The Missionary Mandate – Having been divinely sent to the nations that she might be the universal sacrament of salvation, the Church, in obedience to the command of her founder and because it is demanded by her own essential universality, strives to preach the gospel to all men. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and Lo, I am with you always, until the close of the age." The Lord's missionary mandate is ultimately grounded in the eternal love of the Most Holy Trinity." The Church on earth is by nature missionary since, according to the plan of the Father, she has as her origin the mission of the Son and the Holy Spirit. The ultimate purpose of mission is none other than to make men share in the communion between the Father and the Son in their Spirit of love. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)



We welcome into the Church

Steven Michael Basile

son of Steven and Amanda Basile

Congratulations to the family on the
Baptism of their child.

Spiritual Thought – Not the goods of the world, but God. Not riches, but God. Not honors, but God. Not distinction, but God. Not dignities, but God. Not advancement, but God. God always and in everything. (St. Vincent Pallotti)

A Little Humor – Man to friend, "I just lost my job at the orange juice factory." Friend: "What happened?" Man: "I just couldn't concentrate anymore."

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of October 20, 2019

Robert Ritzco 610-649-3973

Please call as early in the week as possible.



St Margaret School

Message from Mrs. Johnston, Principal

Here at St. Margaret School, we open the month of October with the virtue of “Friendship.” So many mixed messages are being sent to our children through social media, differing opinions and just the pulse of the world that surrounds us. We look to you, our parents, to be the first teachers of our children. On some occasions our children will express to us, that all they want is a friend. As we listen and guide them may we be open to a Spirit of Acceptance and Love.

2019 WALKATHON WAS A HUGE SUCCESS:

A beautiful fall day this past Friday certainly contributed to the success of our 2019 SMS Walkathon. This event was not just fun for the students, but also filled them with pride in their school and confidence in their ability to help carry on a standard of excellence. Many thanks to all the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, neighbors and friends who supported this extremely worthwhile event. Special thanks to our coordinators, **Mrs. Cuff, Mrs. Caskey and Mrs. DeAscanis and all the parent volunteers** for organizing this event.

Please let your friends and neighbors know about our upcoming St Margaret School Open Houses

We are welcoming new families to visit this fall on some of our Wednesdays, 9 am to 11 am:

November 6 or 20 (1st & 3rd Wednesday)
December 4, 11, or 18 (Walk in any Wednesday)

Learn More About St. Margaret School (www.smsnarberth.org or email info@smsnarberth.org.)



Wanted: Box tops and used ink cartridges benefit our school in so many ways! By collecting these, we are able to earn money that will benefit our school! We couldn't do it without the support of our parents, the parish community and faculty and staff. During these “fall cleaning” months, don't forget to cut out your Box tops, and any recycled ink cartridges and send them to St. Margaret School. You may also place them in the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

REGISTRATION FOR CYO BASKETBALL IS NOW OPEN.

Anticipated teams are as follows: Boys Gr 5+6, 7+8; HS Boys Gr 9-10 , 11-12; Girls Gr 5+6, 7+8; HS Girls will depend on number of sign ups. All parish members who are age-grade eligible are eligible to play. Tryouts-practice will start after Nov 1 but no player may participate until registration process has been completed for him/her.



<http://stmargaret.website.sportssignup.com>

Also we are looking for Adults who would be willing to help coach at any level. If there are any questions please contact Jim McNulty at jmcnulty@novacare.com.

A Baby's Breath

Translators needed - There is a great need for Spanish speaking advocates and translators at the Jeffersonville *A Baby's Breath* location. Due to our proximity to Norristown, many of the families we serve speak limited or no English, making it difficult for us to provide needed counsel and support. Contact us at 610-630-9630 or abbjeffersonvillecpc@gmail.com.

Archdiocesan Children's Choir Auditions

November 20, 2019 from 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
18th and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Please contact archdiocesanchildrenschoir@gmail.com for a scheduled audition time.



SAVE THE DATE!

*Summer Children's Choir Camp
Cantate Domino 2020*

July 27, 28, and 29, 2020 - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Concluding with a concert July 29 at 7 PM

This camp is open to all boys and girls throughout the Archdiocese, ages 7-15. For more information, visit:

<http://cathedralphila.org/music/choirs-at-the-cathedral-basilica/>. **Don't miss this amazing experience!**

Immaculata University will host an information session on Saturday, October 26 from 10 AM - Noon to provide details about its **new accelerated second-degree B.S.N. program**. For more information or to register, please visit www.immaculata.edu/absn-info.



**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
DINING OUT AT LA LOCANDA**

Mangia! Join us at a yummy fundraiser at La Locanda for the Little Sisters of the Poor! 10% of your bill will benefit the needy elderly Residents at Holy Family Home. Event will be held on Tuesday, October 22 (cash bar/BYOB) and Wednesday, October 23 (cash bar only), 11:30 AM-10 PM. Call the restaurant at 610-353-7033 for reservations and let them and your server know that you are there for the Little Sisters of the Poor! La Locanda is located at 4989 West Chester Pike in Newtown Square. Thank you for your prayers and support! **We are grateful for you!**



You're Invited

**to an interfaith prayer service for
Hope and Healing**

Join us as we ask for God's blessing of physical, spiritual, mental, and emotional healing for ourselves and our loved ones.

Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 5:00 PM
The Chapel of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
18th St. and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Afterward, visit our tent in the parking lot for further resources and prayer. You are also welcome for food and fellowship at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia (13th floor). For more information, email ebugg@chs-adphila.org or astoner@chs-adphila.org.



Parish Disability
Contacts/Advocates,
ministry leaders and
interested individuals are

invited to learn about **Nourish for Caregivers**, a Christ-centered ministry that supports the practical and spiritual needs of parishioners caring for loved ones whether it be a family member with a disability, an aging or ill parent, spouse, friend or grandparent.

Date: Saturday, November 2, 2019, 9AM-Noon

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

**Speaker: Archdiocesan Nourish coordinator,
Aimee Gustitis, BSN, RN, JD**

For more information, visit www.phillyevang.org/nourish/, call 215-587-3530, or email opd@archphila.org.

THE IRISH CONCERT

Annual Benefit - Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 2 PM
St. Malachy Church
11th and Master Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19122
Featuring Mick Moloney and Friends
In celebration and in memory of Eugene O'Donnell



**Martin Saints Classical High School
Holy Martyrs Church, Oreland, PA**

Open Houses

October 22 & November 13, 7pm

Established in 2017, Martin Saints is a private Catholic high school that cultivates a love for the true, the good, and the beautiful, through prayer, academics, and craftsmanship. For more information, call 267-495-4865, email adickerson@martinsaintsclassical.org, or visit martinsaintsclassical.org.

**Archbishop Kennedy High School
Class of '79 Reunion**

Saturday, November 16, 2019

The Great American Pub in Conshohocken

The cost is \$30 per person in advance, \$35 at the door. For more detail or to RSVP, contact AKHSclassof79@gmail.com by November 4.



**Saint Charles Borromeo
Seminary
School of Theological Studies
Institute for Christian Formation
Opening September 10, 2020**

Emmaus moments bring joy to those who live the Gospel. We are called to live a life in Jesus Christ. The travelers say to each other, **"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32.** This is truly how it is for all disciples whose hearts do burn with love when we discuss Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Don't miss the opportunity to live our Baptismal call of discipleship and holiness in joy. Eight Thursdays in Fall 2020/2021 & Spring 2021/2022, 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM. \$250 per semester.

We hope you will join us. Please sign up today!

For more information, call 610-785-6287 or email catholicformation@scs.edu.



Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Robert E. Smith, Jr.** and **Edmund Zelno** 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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