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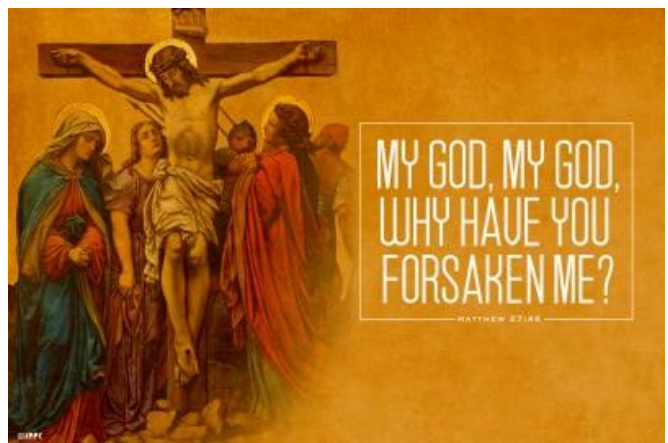
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Scrip Sales
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

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.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD APRIL 5, 2020



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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Years ago, I heard the tale of a young priest who made his homily for Palm Sunday a dramatic exclamation of "Wow!" before continuing the Mass. That might be a sensitive Christian's response in a private setting. But this day calls for more to be said, albeit briefly, as even the liturgical directions suggest.

The astounding love that prompted the Son of God's acquiescence to His Father's will is the most compelling part of the greatest story ever told. Marvelous miracles and penetrating parables certainly have their place in the public record of what Jesus did. But if actions ever spoke louder than words, this Good Friday event is the Lord's megaphone. And we poor sinners can do no more nor less than listen, and yes, learn.

As we hear the Passion read to us, or ponder it privately, today and throughout this coming Holy Week, there may come to us a healthy onrush of guilt. That's because our sins, yours and mine, ultimately caused this to happen. What our Redeemer suffered deserves our tears.

But neither guilt nor tears was the purpose of the Passion nor the intent of Christ. After all, He told the women of Jerusalem along His way to Calvary: "Weep not for Me." And so I conclude this brief reflection with a blessing for you, even if you want to think "Wow!" But I heartily recommend a far better reaction to the Passion in this well-known prayer of St. Francis of Assisi: "*I adore You, O Christ, and I praise You... because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.*"



Online Giving - Saint Margaret Parish has arranged a convenient and 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>.

*This is an easy way to continue to support your parish during the COVID19 pandemic.
Thank you!*

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended until further notice.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 6

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of
the Mischler Family

TUESDAY, April 7

7:00 AM Joe Augustine

WEDNESDAY, April 8

7:00 AM Thomas Hennelly III

HOLY THURSDAY, April 9

8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER

7:30 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

FRIDAY, April 10

8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER

3:00 PM CELEBRATION OF LORD'S PASSION

SATURDAY, April 11

8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER

7:30 PM EASTER VIGIL

THE WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2020

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE CIPRIANI.



Until further notice from Archbishop Pérez,
Msgr. Dougherty will celebrate weekday and
Saturday morning Masses privately for the requested
intentions.

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

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of March 29, 2020:	\$ 4,348
Including Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 665
Mail In:	\$ 2,233
Parish On Line:	\$ 1,450
Envelopes:	82

The Weekend of March 31, 2019: \$7,947

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



Tax Information for 2019

To properly claim your donations to the
Church, the IRS may require a donation
receipt. To request your information go here
<http://tinyurl.com/stmargtax> or contact the
rectory during normal business hours, 610-664-3770.

From the Pastor



Holy Week

Sharing in the Passion – There is much suffering and sacrifice that has come from the coronavirus pandemic. There are the sufferings of those who are ill, the strain on health care workers and caretakers, the economic hardships for so many people, the disruption in our normal lives, and the burden of social isolation. All this suffering is not meaningless. Jesus shows us the power of suffering, because by his suffering and death he brought salvation to the whole world. As Christians we believe that our suffering is not meaningless because our sufferings can be united to those of the Lord on the cross. Through our union with Christ, the Lord gives us the privilege of sharing with him in the work of salvation. The practice of offering up our sufferings captures the truth that we can unite our sufferings with the Lord's and so share in his work of the ongoing redemption of all the world. The redemptive power of our suffering allows us to bear it more readily. With trust in their value, we not only bear our sufferings but we can even endure them joyfully in the depths of our spirits.

Holy Week – This is the most sacred and solemn week of the Church Year. Our celebrations this week make present for us the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. Today we celebrate the entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem. On Holy Thursday we celebrate the institution of the sacraments of the Eucharist and Holy Orders. On Good Friday we contemplate the passion and death of our Lord, and on Easter Sunday, we celebrate his resurrection from the dead. These events in the life of Jesus are the most significant events in the entire history of all the world. Through his passion, death and resurrection Jesus won salvation for people of all times and places. Our celebrations this week allow us to rejoice in these saving events and to enable their meaning and power to penetrate more deeply into our hearts and souls. These are not just events of the past; through our celebrations the saving power of Jesus is made present for us today and is poured forth upon all the world.

Times for Holy Week Services - We will celebrate Morning Prayer on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday at 8 am each morning. There are no morning Masses on those days. Mass on Holy Thursday will be at 7:30 pm. On Good Friday the Liturgy of the Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord will be at 3:00 pm. The Easter Vigil will be celebrated at 7:30 pm on Holy Saturday, and I will celebrate a Mass early on Easter Sunday. Public services are still suspended. All these Holy Week liturgies can only be celebrated in private and we will stream them out through the internet as we have been doing.

Additional Times for Confession – I am available for confession every Tuesday through Saturday from 7:45–7:55 am. Confession will also be available this week on Tuesday evening, April 7 from 8-9 pm, and on Holy Saturday from 8:30-9:30 am, and 3:30-4:45pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a great gift from the Lord by which he draws us back to him, extends to us his mercy, and fills us with his grace to live a good and holy life.

Church Teaching: The Symbolism of the Altar – The altar, around which the Church is gathered in the celebration of the Eucharist, represents the two aspects of the same mystery: the altar of the sacrifice and the table of the Lord. This is all the more since the Christian altar is the symbol of Christ himself, present in the midst of the assembly of his faithful, both as the victim offered for our reconciliation and as food from heaven who is giving himself to us. “For what is the altar of Christ if not the image of the Body of Christ?” asks St. Ambrose. He says elsewhere, “The altar represents the Body of Christ and the Body of Christ is on the altar.” The liturgy expresses this unity of sacrifice and communion in many prayers. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Spiritual Thought – Where can the weak find a place of firm security and peace, except in the wounds of the Savior? Indeed, the more secure is my place there, the more he can do to help me. The world rages, the flesh is heavy, and the devil lays his snares; but I do not fall, for my feet are planted on firm rock. (St. Bernard of Clairvaux)

A Little Humor – I went to the doctor and he said, “You’ve got hypochondria.” I said, “Not that as well!” (Tim Vine, Comedian)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On *Good Friday*, April 10, 2020, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death. It also has been our long standing tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

As directed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, funds generated by this collection support programs and services in the Holy Land. Support is needed to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs as well as outreach programs for the poor through established charitable institutions.

On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I seek our most generous and sacrificial support of the **Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land on April 10, 2020**. I know that God our Father will reward your generosity beyond all measure.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia



Archbishop Carroll Class of 1970 50th Reunion

It was 1970 when the Beatles disbanded...AND THEN SO DID WE! But we're back together for what could be our final tour! So don't be missing this one!

When: October 23, 24, and 25, 2020

Where: Marriott Conshohocken and Archbishop Carroll
For further information, please join our Facebook page, *Archbishop Carroll Class of 1970*, email us at: carroll50threunion@gmail.com or call the alumni office at 610-688-7610, extension 162.



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Do This In Memory of Me

As we enter Holy Week, we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist as our heavenly food. We continue to reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How does our faith inspire us to share the gifts that God has bestowed on us? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



Casseroles for St. John's Hospice

Recipe # 6 will be collected Wednesday morning of this week, April 8 between 9 and 9:30 AM at St. Margaret School Parking Lot. Pans are available in the vestibule if you would like to participate.

At the time of publication of the bulletin, St. John's Hospice was continuing to pick up casseroles. You can also support their efforts to continue to provide life-sustaining support to those experiencing homelessness by sending a check to PO Box 781048, Philadelphia, PA 19178-1048.



Due to the stay-at-home order and coronavirus restrictions in effect in Montgomery County, all parish activities, including the monthly food collection, are suspended until further notice. The monthly collection supports the efforts of the Archdiocesan Community Food Distribution Centers Program to provide food for 120,000 people each year at 40 Food Cupboards throughout the Philadelphia area. During this time, you can support the Community Food Program by donating online at:

<http://communityfoodprogram.org/>



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The 2020 Census has begun. Each household received a mailing asking for you to respond online or by phone.

Responding to the Census is your civic duty.

Self response is easy, safe, and important. It takes about 10 minutes to respond. Information is safe, secure, and confidential.

Responses direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads, and other public services.

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.
We place before You the disease present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in Your care.

Jesus, I trust in You.
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Amen.

Why a Catholic School for your family? At St. Margaret School we focus on - Learn, Serve, Lead, and Succeed through the tenets of our faith. Current openings will fill quickly for St. Margaret, Narberth PREKINDERGARTEN – 4 Year Old Program. We have it all. Weekly specials include Library, Music, Spanish, PE, Technology/Computers, and Art. Our curriculum prepares your child for kindergarten and beyond with a focus on virtues for life and leading to succeed. Reserve your child / family the opportunity of a lifetime in our Catholic parish elementary school serving Lower Merion and the local parishes. ***We have openings for our Pre K 4 Years Old Program; children must be 4 before Sept 1. For more information, email info@smsnarberth.org.***

We are your parish school, and engage faith in education every day.



**CANTATE DOMINO 2020
Summer Choir Camp**

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
July 27, 28 and 29 from 9 AM - 2 PM
Concert July 29, 2020 at 7 PM

Camp open to boys and girls, ages 7-15. This is a unique musical experience which includes an introduction to sacred repertoire, vocal breathing techniques, vowel formation, choral tone, sight signing, and music theory. Last year, 52 choristers joined us. Don't miss this amazing experience!

For more information, visit: www.cathedralphila.org/music/choirs-at-the-cathedral-basilica.



**Project Rachel: Healing after
Abortion**

Peace Starts Here

project rachel

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.

**FAST AND ABSTINENCE
AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT**

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

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, April 29, 2020 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/ArchbishopPerez>
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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