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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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 29, 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

"CGI." For movie makers and fans, the letters stand for "Computer Generated Imagery." That encompasses those special visual effects created using computer software. For example, those vast crowds or great armies need not be made of paid "extras" any more. Besides movies, this process is used to contribute also to images in art, printed media, video games, TV programs, shorts, commercials, videos, and simulators. "The evolution of CGI led to the emergence of virtual cinematography in the 1990s where runs of the simulated camera are not constrained by the laws of physics."

I want to point out that along with the cost benefits of this technology comes a distrust of what we see via all kinds of screens which aligns with the abundance of lies all around us in the real world.

All this is the cultural context in which we ponder the ancient gospel story of the raising of Lazarus. It was up 'til then the most stupendous miracle Our Lord Jesus worked. But even the Gospels, the very literal Word of God, can become suspect in the cynical air in which we breathe these days. It is good to recall some facts included in this episode by St. John to convince anyone with an open mind of the truth of what he writes. Long long before there was CGI.

First we note how Jesus orders a time lag between the death of Lazarus and His arrival at the tomb, so that there can be no mistake that Lazarus was indeed dead and buried. "Lazarus was not in a coma. He had been dead for a long enough time (four days) that the rabbinic authorities would have said that the soul had left the vicinity of the body and decay would have definitely set in." We have all seen enough cops and criminals movies and TV shows to know how awful the stink of decay must be as the characters react to it. Practical St. Martha had told Jesus "There will be a bad smell Lord. He has been buried four days."

Secondly, we find Jesus "glad" of the death for His disciples' sake because this will provide a motive for the disciples' belief in Him.

Thirdly, the purpose of the miracle was to make "the glory of God the Father" manifest so that the people will believe Jesus was sent by Him." In other words, Jesus did not do this for the sake of His own glory and fame.

All through Lent we have had much encouragement as believers. Early on we had the Transfiguration; then His interaction with a Samaritan woman at the well; the healing of a man born blind. And now this incomparable raising of a dead man to life. As a result, we know for sure that our faith in Christ is not in vain. We follow the most honest Person who ever walked on this planet. Lenten penance and prayer help to make our amends for having offended Him by our sins.

Yes at times all of us have moments of doubt. Especially when life presents us with unwelcome surprises and crises. But then it is that we can help ourselves by remembering the father of that boy who had been possessed and who brought his son to Jesus. When Jesus extolled his faith, the same father responded, "Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief." As a weak man myself, it's one of my favorite prayers.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 30

7:00 AM Rosemary T. Hollway

TUESDAY, March 31

7:00 AM Randy Blakeney

WEDNESDAY, April 1

7:00 AM John Barron

THURSDAY, April 2

7:00 AM Bernard McCabe, Jr.

FRIDAY, April 3

7:00 AM Michael McColgan

SATURDAY, April 4

8:00 AM Joseph Bizzarri

**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

<u>Weekend of March 22, 2020:</u>	\$ 4,495
Including Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 665
Mail In:	\$ 1,570
Parish On Line:	\$ 2,260
Envelopes:	90

The Weekend of March 24, 2019: \$9,918

**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](https://tinyurl.com/StMargGiving).

From the Pastor

Private Masses - For the first time in my priesthood I have been celebrating Mass in private every day without a congregation. The Mass by its very nature is social; it is an act of worship by the Body of Christ with the priest serving in the place of Christ the Head of the Body. Even without a congregation physically present, the Mass is offered by the priest in union with the people of God. The Mass benefits not only the priest, but has a cosmic effect. The saving power of Christ's death and resurrection is made present for us through the celebration of the Mass, and that power of Christ's grace goes out to all the world. So, although I am celebrating Mass privately, I am very aware of its public effects. Its saving power goes out to all the people of our Parish and indeed to all the world. God is still with us and he is most powerfully present through the celebration of the Eucharist. At every Mass I am thinking of all of you and extending to you God's grace and life. Even in this time when you cannot attend public Mass, be aware of the power of the Eucharist, open your heart to the Lord's grace. Try to view a Mass on Sunday to heighten your awareness and experience of the Eucharist's power, make a prayer of spiritual communion, and continue to pray, read and learn about the Lord and his gifts of faith, hope and love that come to us through the Church.

Act of Spiritual Communion

When we are unable to attend Mass in person, the Church encourages us to make an act of spiritual communion. I have included one here for your benefit:

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things, and I desire Thee in my soul. Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart with the healing power of your saving presence. I welcome you with great joy and ask that you fill me with your life and peace. Filled with your grace, may my whole being radiate the light of your goodness.

FORMED – With our out of home activities being curtailed, there are many opportunities online for spiritual growth and faith formation. The Parish has a subscription to **FORMED**, an online service that carries many excellent resources on our Catholic faith. Because of our subscription, you are able to access the resources for free. Our parish code is WRVZND. Go to <https://formed.org>. When you click on "Sign Up," you should see the registration box for parishioners. Type in the parish code. Now set up a username and a password. Then you are all set to use all the great programs on FORMED.org anytime by simply logging in.

Catholic Charities Appeal – Please consider a donation to the Catholic Charities Appeal 2020. To date, 56 of our parishioners have given a total of \$13,975 toward our goal of \$84,835. We are grateful for their generosity. Your contribution will support many programs for the needy and for the spread of the gospel in the Archdiocese.

Saint Margaret School - I want to express my sincere gratitude to Mrs. Johnston and all our staff and faculty at St. Margaret School for their dedication in making the necessary adjustments to transition our students to at-home learning. Several parents have commented to me how impressed they have been with the way such a fast transition has happened and how the students have been so well supported in continuing their learning in a new way.

Church Teaching: The Power of the Eucharist – As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life; and this living charity wipes away venial sins. By giving himself to us Christ revives our love and enables us to break our disordered attachments to creatures and root ourselves in him....There is no surer pledge or clearer sign of this great hope in the new heavens and new earth in which righteousness dwells, than the Eucharist. Every time this mystery is celebrated, the work of our redemption is carried on and we break the one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live forever in Jesus Christ. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

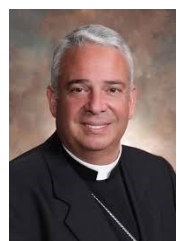
Spiritual Thought – How loving and gentle Jesus is with humankind, and especially with poor sinners whom he came upon earth to seek out in a visible manner, and whom he still seeks in an invisible manner every day. (St. Louis de Montfort)

A Little Humor – Proud Irishman: I did some research, and it turns out I'm super Irish. Even my blood type is O apostrophe. (Brian Kiley, comedian)

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended until further notice.



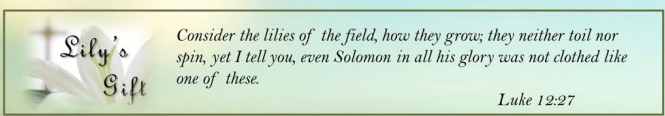
Lankenau Ministry is suspended until further notice. On March 17, 2020, Archbishop Pérez stated, **“In conjunction with directives already in force in hospitals and institutions, all visits to the sick with Holy Communion, including in private homes, by priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are suspended. In such instances, only priests will be available to celebrate the Sacraments for those in immediate danger of death.”**



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Springs in the Desert is a new ministry that responds to struggles with infertility through accompaniment and discernment of new paths of fruitfulness. This ministry seeks to help couples process the pain of infertility and to discover the fruitfulness God has planned for their marriages. For more information, please visit <https://springsinthedesert.org/>



If a Prenatal Diagnosis is poor, you are not alone. **Lily's Gift**, is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. They can provide a peer support team to assist couples during this critical time. For support, email LilysGiftLuke12.27@gmail.com or call 215-587-3530. For more information, visit www.LilysGift.org or www.BeNotAfraid.net.

CRS RICE BOWL Opportunity to Dream - Young people must be provided good nutrition to be able to pursue their dreams. Did you have the opportunity to dream? What can you do to give young people the opportunity to dream? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



Archdiocese of Philadelphia **DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?**

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church.

When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. One is the durable bond of marriage. This is God's law. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Even though a Catholic marriage was celebrated, perhaps there was some deficiency in the consent of the parties involved regarding intentions, understanding or ability. The annulment procedure addresses these circumstances.

If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church, or remarried outside the Catholic Church, please find us on the web at archphila.org under the "How Do I" tab.

**Metropolitan Tribunal, 222 North 17th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 587-3750**

Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Help-Line

Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or Autism? A collaboration of Catholic Social Services - Developmental Programs, The Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Schools of Special Education of the Archdiocese is offering this convenient help-line to assist families connect to disabilities services provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. **To reach the Help-Line, call: 484-472-5041 or email: IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org.**



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.



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.

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.

 Visiting Angels is currently looking to employ experienced caregivers, full-time/part-time, to provide in-home care for our seniors, starting at a four-hour minimum. We do cover one-hour and two-hour cases as well. Our caregivers provide companionship, meals, light housekeeping, and perform errands. We also have caregivers who are able to assist with personal hygiene, transfers, and hospice care. If you are interested in employment to care for our seniors, please visit our website to apply:
<https://vahavertown.clearcareonline.com/apply>.



EMBRACING THE GIFT *Mothers of Children with Disabilities* **Retreat**

Come experience a time set apart just for you. We invite mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities and those who have adult children with disabilities to attend. The day will include Mass, presentations, times of quiet prayer and opportunities to chat with other mothers. Our Presenters will be **David and Mercedes Rizzo**, parents of a daughter with autism and author of the book: ***Praying For Your Special Needs Child***

Tuesday, May 5, 2020, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm
Malvern Retreat House

For more information and to register, visit or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at www.opdarchphilly.org or 215-587-3530, or call Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400.

Please check closer to the event date for any cancellations or postponements.

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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