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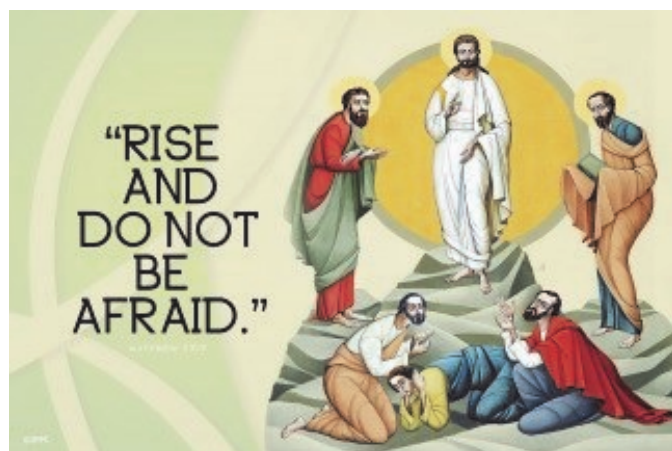
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**Scrip Sales**  
**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**  
**FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY**  
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Rectory Office Business Hours  
Monday - Friday 9:00AM to 4:30PM  
CLOSED WEEKENDS  
Any requests for the weekly Bulletin should be  
submitted by  
Monday, 12:00 Noon.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 8, 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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Motivational speakers make a fortune on our misfortune. We have this annoyingly lazy but sly habit of “letting the other guy or gal do it.” Far easier to be uninvolved. So, on a given issue, we often prefer to stay comfortable on our designated couch. It just feels so natural to take the easy way out, just like the way water does. After all, our bodies are about 60% water anyway. Yet, our better angels prevail when we get spurred on to change by people who are energetic purveyors of an alternative idea. We marvel at how they know just the right way to solve many of the problems we may have. Often enough that is no more than providing a novel way to do an old familiar thing.

As we ponder the spectacular event of the transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus, when the veil blocking our view of His divinity draws back temporarily, it is also good to think about the attractive qualities of His human nature that we saw more often on display in the gospels. Otherwise we might stay dazzled and frozen looking at His shining face and garments.

One of those qualities was His magnetic motivational skills. Just imagine yourself a fisherman in those bygone days, made weary by a night on the water with nothing to show for it in your nets. How would you and I respond to Jesus when He smilingly says to us: “Come after Me, and I’ll make you fishers of men.” (Mt. 4:19)

Or, take that time when He announces that He “has come to light a fire on the earth and how I wish it was already ablaze!” (Luke 12:49) You and I would want to know more and what we could do to help get His project launched.

To be truly transparent about Jesus’ sayings, you and I might have been stripped of our enthusiasm when we heard Him say: “If you really want to be My disciple, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily and follow Me.” That would challenge His magnetism and our commitment. Still, we would have His “works”, those many miracles St. John preferred to call “signs”, like changing water into wine; blindness into sight; lame legs into dancing ones. Those would likely keep us walking with Him as it did the original Twelve.

This weekend, in the “Transfiguration” account, we face a spectacle beyond our imagination. You could call it Jesus’ most powerful persuasion that He was more than what we see. I think St. Peter spoke for all of us when he said “Lord, it is good for us to be here!”, equivalent of “Let’s stay here!”

Now are we, some twenty plus centuries later, to ask Jesus for more credentials than these? As a matter of fact, we and all other Christians since were given still more by way of what happened “on the morning of the first day of the week.” Because of the Resurrection, our faith is solidly based. That faith persuades us to believe in Him. Here in early Lent comes our motivation for following through on our 2020 Lenten resolutions for another four weeks.

## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, March 9**

**7:00 AM Frank Mischler, Jr.**

**TUESDAY, March 10**

**7:00 AM Augustine & Finn Family**

**WEDNESDAY, March 11**

**7:00 AM John Le**

**THURSDAY, March 12**

**7:00 AM Rosemary Healy**

**FRIDAY, March 13**

**7:00 AM Bernard McCabe, Jr.**

**SATURDAY, March 14**

**8:00 AM Joseph Bizzarri**

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

### THE WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2020

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN**

**IN MEMORY OF**

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**THE ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN**

**IN MEMORY OF**

**JAMES MYERS.**



### Weekend Mass Schedule March 14-15

*(Priest scheduled is subject to change)*

**Saturday, March 14**

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

5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

**Sunday, March 15**

7:30 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

11:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

### **THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

<b>Weekend of March 1, 2020:</b>	<b>\$ 13,332</b>
<b>Including Electronic Funds Transfer</b>	<b>\$ 665</b>
<b>Mail In:</b>	<b>\$ 1,455</b>
<b>Parish On Line:</b>	<b>\$ 1,020</b>
<b>Envelopes:</b>	<b>221</b>

**The Weekend of March 3, 2019: \$13,202**

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

***Msgr. Dougherty***

## **From the Pastor**

**Lent and Prayer** – One of the keystones for a Lenten renewal of our spirits is prayer. Prayer is communication with God that opens us up to receive his saving grace, power and wisdom. Take some time this Lent to deepen your communication with the Lord. Resolve to spend some more time speaking with the Lord, rejoicing in his love for you, adoring his majesty and splendor, and contemplating his truths. We just have to speak to the Lord from our hearts and ready our hearts to quietly receive his guidance and grace. Prayer is our greatest weapon in overcoming the darkness in ourselves and in our world.

**Catholic Charities Appeal 2020** – The Appeal is now underway. The theme is “Giving Hope to All.” The beneficiaries of the Appeal are grouped into five key areas: Education; Social Services; Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life; Clergy; Local Mission Activities. One beneficiary is St. Lucy’s Day school for Children with Visual Impairments, which is the only Catholic school of its kind in the state of Pennsylvania. Your Catholic Charities contribution assists the School to stay up with the new technology needed to properly educate the children. As a parent and one of the alumni of the School stated: “These kids are going to have brighter futures because of St. Lucy’s. It is my hope that the Catholic Charities Appeal continues to support the school and the wonderful work they do for these children.” Please use the envelope you received in the mailing to your home to make your donation. These envelopes are also available in the vestibule of Church. You can also make your donation online at catholiccharities appeal.org.

**Dr. Antoine Raymundo Presentation** – Our Adult Faith Formation Committee is sponsoring a talk by Dr. Antoine Raymundo on the topic of “Fatherhood, Marriage and Pro-Life issues” on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm in the Annex. Come and join us as you seek to sanctify further your Lenten experience.

**First Penance** – The second grade children in Saint Margaret School and in our Parish Religious Education Program will make their First Penance on Thursday, March 12. Keep them in your prayers this week as they prepare for their first encounter with the Lord’s mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Lenten Devotions** – Come and join us for Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm during Lent. This Lenten devotion that helps us meditate on the suffering and death of Christ moves us to a deeper love for him who died for our sins and sacrificed himself that we might be saved. Let your heart be moved by a deep appreciation of the Lord’s merciful love for you by praying the Stations of the Cross.

**Shepherds of Bethlehem** – The Shepherds of Bethlehem, an organization centered in the Holy Land that makes and sells religious olive wood carvings to help support the Catholic population in the Holy Land, will be at our Parish on the weekend of March 14-15.

**Confirmation Presentation Mass and Potluck Dinner** – The young people to be confirmed in the Fall of 2020 will be attending the 5:15 pm Mass on Saturday, March 21 to be officially presented as candidates for Confirmation. A potluck dinner in the Annex for them and their families will follow the Mass.

**Church Teaching: Prayer and the Heart** – Where does prayer come from? Whether prayer is expressed in words or gestures, it is the whole man who prays. But in naming the source of prayer, Scripture speaks sometimes of the soul or the spirit, but most often of the heart. According to Scripture, it is the heart that prays. If our heart is far from God, the words of prayer are in vain. The heart is the dwelling place where I am, where I live; according to the Semitic or Biblical expression, the heart is the place “to which I withdraw.” The heart is our hidden center, beyond the grasp of our reason and of others; only the Spirit of God can fathom the human heart and know it fully. The heart is the place of decision, deeper than our psychic drives. It is the place of truth, where we choose life or death. It is the place of encounter, because as image of God we live in relation: it is the place of covenant. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

**Spiritual Thought** – You are burning lamps whom the Lord has established on his sacred mountain to illuminate the darkness of the world by your word and example. Take care, lest the light that is in you be extinguished by the wind of pride and cupidity. (St. Elisabeth of Schonau)



**Additional Lenten Confession Time** – During Lent Msgr. Dougherty will be available for confessions on Tuesday evening from 8:00 – 9:00 pm.

### **HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY**

**Week of March 8, 2020**

**Robert Ritzco 610-649-3973**

**Please call as early in the week as possible.**

# St Margaret School

St. Margaret School is having ongoing registration for children grades Pre-Kindergarten (must be 4 years on or before September 1). Walk in Wednesdays (9 am to 11 am) are available for tours. Email Mrs. Becker: [info@smsnarberth.org](mailto:info@smsnarberth.org) for more information.

**LENTEN CAPTAIN CHUCKY'S CRAB CAKE SALE (SMS 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FUNDRAISER).** Call the school office if you would like an order form.

## Classroom News

**Art Class** - Grade 8 participated in the Delaware County Library System Art Contest, "Weird Plants." Several illustrations of original designs are being submitted for display and judging.

SMS students had a successful Penny Weigh In. Pennies are being donated to the Catholic Missions.

SMS students are preparing for Lent with the CRS Rice Bowl that was given out to each student. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the needs of the world as a community.

## MAGGIE'S PUB - Saturday, March 14, 2020



**MAGGIE'S PUB** is the place to be on St. Patrick's Day Weekend when everyone is Irish! Thank you to all of our families and sponsors for this year's Maggie's Pub! Please visit [www.smsbluefest.org](http://www.smsbluefest.org) to purchase tickets or to sponsor the event.

### *New This Year: Dueling Pianos*

**Dueling Pianos** features two pianos, each played by a professional player who sings and entertains. The players duel for best, or worst! The audience tips to stop the song or have them play a favorite. Music, humor and audience participation make this a night to remember! Check out YouTube.com "dueling pianos" videos if you have never attended one of these. Bring some friends and celebrate St Patrick at SMS Maggie's Pub here at St. Margaret School.

### TUITION RAFFLE DRAWING

SMS is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win FREE TUITION for the 2020/21 school year. (If the winner pays the out of parish rate, these winnings will be credited to their account and they will have to pay the difference. The winner will be announced at Maggie's Pub on March 14th. You do not need to be present to win. If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket, contact the school office at 610-664-2640 or stop by.

Thank you to all of our families and sponsors for this year's Maggie's Pub! **Blue and White Sponsor:** The Basanta Family. **Bronze Sponsor:** Narberth Girls Basketball. **Gold Sponsor:** Our Lady of Lourdes, The Mirzai Family.

### LENTEN FAIR TRADE SALE

Our parish Peace and Justice Committee will host a Lenten Fair Trade Sale of coffee, tea, chocolate and hot chocolate in the Antioch Annex after all Masses on the weekend of March 21 and 22.

Fair Trade creates opportunities for us to bring core values of our faith to bear on the choices we make as consumers - choices that have the power to lift our sisters and brothers out of poverty. Therefore, when you purchase Fair Trade products your purchase ensures that the farmers who grew these products get a fair price.

We hope to see you at the sale! THANK YOU!!



Next Sunday, March 15, is **Hospitality Sunday**. Join us after Mass in the Antioch Annex for coffee, tea, and goodies from Testa's Bakery.

**A Little Humor** – Even though there was a blizzard raging outside, I made it the half-mile to the bakery, where I asked the owner for six rolls. "Your wife must like rolls," he said. "How do you know these are for my wife?" I asked. "Because your mother wouldn't send you out in weather like this."



### We welcome into the Church

**Jacob Peter Bolinder**  
son of **Erik and Mary Kate Bolinder**  
Congratulations to the family on the  
Baptism of their child,

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Our next Class Mass will be next Sunday, March 15, at 10 AM.** This month we invite the 5th graders to participate. If your child is interested, please email Nicole at [faith@saintmarg.org](mailto:faith@saintmarg.org).

**The Knights of Columbus** wish to thank all the participants in last weekend's **Free Throw Championship**. There were 47 boys and girls who each shot 25 free throws. There were 12 winners, six boys and six girls. Hayden Masotti finished first among all, scoring 24/25. Maggie Finegan was first among the girls scoring 21/25. Great shooting! All seemed to enjoy the event.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a growing materialist culture, rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers make it hard for people to practice the faith.

Young people today are called by God, but they need help from the Church to recognize his voice. Last year, you helped youths in Jamaica to experience God and listen for his presence. By supporting the Collection for the Church in Latin America, your parish made possible a camp for young people centered on the gift of the Eucharist. More than 500 young persons attended the camp in the Archdiocese of Kingston, opening their hearts to God.

Because of your generosity, many young people are accepting the challenge to grow in their Catholic faith. Please continue your support of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. The Christlike charity of you and your fellow parishioners is changing lives throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Our Archdiocese will take up this Collection the weekend of March 14 and 15, 2020. Please be as generous as possible in this Collection and take this opportunity to share your faith with the young of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.  
Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia

***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. Visit to 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. Visit any Walk in Wednesday 8:30 to 10:30 am or schedule a tour: [info@smsnarberth.org](mailto:info@smsnarberth.org).**

***We are your parish school, visit today to engage faith in education every day.***

### Casseroles



**St. John's Hospice** - Casseroles for St. John's Hospice, Recipe #5, will be collected Wednesday morning of this week, March 11, 2020, between 9 and 9:30 AM at St. Margaret School Parking Lot. Pans are available in the vestibule if you would like to participate.

### MEET DEACON JOE PETRAUSKAS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Please join in extending a warm welcome to Deacon Joe Petruskas, a Catholic Relief Services Global Fellow, who will be visiting our parish the weekend of March 7 and 8. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the official international relief and development agency that assists the poor and vulnerable in more than 100 countries on behalf of the Catholic Community in the United States. Deacon Joe is part of a national effort to raise awareness on behalf of the poor overseas and to provide different opportunities for you to get involved in the work of CRS. Deacon Joe, through his homily at all Masses, will discuss the work of CRS including his trip as part of a CRS delegation to Egypt in January 2017. He worked firsthand with Syrian and Sudanese refugees and asylum seekers in the programs that CRS is administering in that country. Deacon Joe is from the Diocese of Allentown where he resides with his wife of 47 years and family.



### Meet Trinh

Trinh's family are farmers in Vietnam who have been affected by climate change. What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

### 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.



Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Suzanne Ward** and **Mary Veith** 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, March 19, 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](http://PhilaMarriagePrep.com). For email inquiries, [Amy@PhilaMarriagePrep.com](mailto: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](http://www.twitter.com/ArchPhilly)

[www.youtube.com/user/CatholicPhilly](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@saintmarg.org) or 610-664-3770, Ext 12.



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