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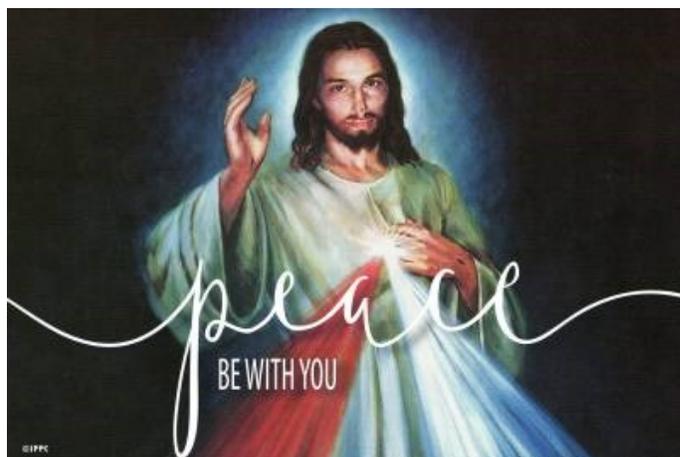
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Scrip Sales
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

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.



*SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 19, 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 EASTER

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

How many times have you thought to yourself, or said to others those three little words: "I doubt it"? The subject could be the candidate for the upcoming presidential election; or a claim by an auto dealer that none of the cars on his/her lot have any hidden markups; or the suddenly positive rating a man gives his spouse of her meatloaf. On and on such a list could go, revolving around those three little words.

Doubt can be a good thing if it fosters questions especially of complicated corollaries of our faith. The doubter here is only probing deeper into his/her faith wanting a mature answer. Lingering doubt in matters of revealed faith can be a serious problem if it is not relieved either by the direct answer of a qualified expert or good private research. Our faith has nothing to fear from sound reason.

All of this brings us to the problem of doubt that Saint Thomas had. Unfortunately, his healthy doubts got him a sad nickname that developed into a cliché, that of "Doubting Thomas." In time, it became a popular description of anyone who questions what we tell them. Thomas represents many people in this cynical era, so in love with science and technology, as to be always wanting tangible proof before believing anything. Add the disregard many have for the supernatural, and you have the general mood of the times. So when the best of the Good News of the Gospel – the Resurrection – is presented to Thomas, his nature kicks in and he reacts: "I'll never believe it."

A week after this (I wonder if Thomas' attitude changed over 7 days) Jesus reappears in His glorified Body. I imagine Him looking a wee bit stern as He calls Thomas over so that the doubter could literally probe the five scars left on that body. But I also picture a gentle smile crosses Jesus' holy face as Thomas kneels before Him and he makes that profound act of beautiful faith: "My Lord and My God." I can see Jesus helping Thomas up and then offering him a heartfelt hug. For all my years since ordination I have used Thomas' words as my own as I elevate the Sacred Host at Mass.

Jesus then offers a mild rebuke to Thomas and to us, followed by one of the most consoling sentences in all of Scripture: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Talk about Divine Mercy! Here is that very grace poured out on an intelligent apostle, whose faith would propel him to preach about Jesus even to the people of far away India! Such great encouragement to us who have not seen but have believed! That blessing of Jesus is itself part of the very same mercy we celebrate on this Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope Saint John Paul II fostered this devotion because his own strong faith told him the world needs it.

Allow me to close with a description of a "Peanuts" cartoon. Picture Lucy looking out the window at a steady downpour of rain. "Boy," she said, "look at that rain. What if it floods the whole world?"

"It will never do that," Linus replied confidently. "In the ninth chapter of Genesis, God promised Noah that that would never happen again, and the sign of the promise is the rainbow."

"You've taken a great load off my mind," said Lucy with a relieved smile. "Sound theology," pontificated Linus, "has a way of doing that!"

Well, I for one don't doubt it.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 20

7:00 AM Paul Castellucci

TUESDAY, April 21

7:00 AM Kathleen Rodden

WEDNESDAY, April 22

7:00 AM Joe Augustine

THURSDAY, April 23

7:00 AM Kathleen Rodden

FRIDAY, April 24

7:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, April 25

8:00 AM Ray Hanna



THE WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2020
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
FELICIA FALCONE.

Until further notice from Archbishop Pérez, Msgr. Dougherty will celebrate weekday and Saturday morning Masses privately for the requested intentions. The Masses are livestreamed on saintmarg.org and our Facebook page.

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 April 5, 2020:</u>	\$ 10,842
Including Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 665
Mail In:	\$ 7,677
Parish On Line:	\$ 2,500
Envelopes:	119

The Weekend Collection of Apr 7, 2019: \$10,856

<u>Offertory Envelopes Received:</u>	\$ 11,397
Including Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 665
Mail In:	\$ 8,077
Parish On Line:	\$ 2,655
Envelopes:	122

Easter Collection \$26,197

Easter Collection 2019: \$38,331

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

From the Pastor

The Visitation and the Virus – I have a simple but beautiful print of Mary’s visitation to her cousin, Elizabeth, which I received many years ago. In the depiction, the two women are beginning to embrace after Mary’s long journey. They are glad to be in the presence of one another to celebrate that they are both expecting, and for mutual support; they clearly have a great affection for one another. The picture comes to my mind these days because this is a time when we have to limit our physical presence with those outside our homes. Although Mary and Elizabeth are depicted as with each other in the picture, most of the time they were not able to see each other because they lived at a distance. The geographical distance between them made it all the more powerful and pleasing when they could visit. Our distance from each other these days can be a source of fostering our appreciation for our family members and friends that we cannot see as frequently as before.

I miss seeing my brothers and sisters and my extended family, and my friends, and I miss seeing you, the parishioners of St. Margaret’s, the people God has given me to love and serve as a bridegroom loves his bride. I am finding that all of this is making my heart more appreciative of the gift of the many people God has graciously placed in my life. In our absences from one another our hearts can expand to a new appreciation, affection and commitment for the gift of each other. We can look forward with a renewed joyful longing for the visits that will come when we move forth from the restrictions of the coronavirus.

Divine Mercy Sunday – Helen Kowalska was the third of ten children born into a poor and peasant family in Glogowiec, Poland in 1905. At 20 years of age she entered the cloistered convent of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy and took the name Sister Maria Faustina. She was blessed with many mystical experiences and revelations, particularly concerning the infinite mercy of God. She recounted these revelations in her Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul, which the Lord asked her to keep during the last four years of her life, before her death in 1938. The mission the Lord entrusted to Sister Faustina was to remind us of the infinite mercy of God for us in order to stir in our hearts a renewed love for Christ and commitment to the spirit of Christian trust in the Lord who looks upon us with a compassionate and merciful heart. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a devotion handed down through Sister Faustina to deepen our trust in and devotion to God’s mercy. There are pamphlets in the vestibule that give instructions on how to pray the Chaplet.

Pope John Paul II, who had a devotion to Sister Faustina, proclaimed some years ago that the Sunday after Easter was to be called Divine Mercy Sunday, a special time to rejoice in the mercy Jesus Christ extends to us.

Catholic Charities Appeal – The 2020 Appeal is well underway. The goal is \$12.5 million to support the charitable works of the Archdiocese: 57% for Social Services; 13% for the Schools of Special Education; 11% for Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life; 10% for Local Mission Activities; and 9% for the care of retired, elderly and ill priests. Your contributions go, for example, to support the many local food banks run by Nutritional Development Services of the Archdiocese. Last year, over 700,000 people were direct recipients of food from these food banks.

Church Teaching: The Mercy of God – Jesus invites sinners to the table of the kingdom: “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” He invites them to that conversion without which one cannot enter the kingdom, but shows them in word and deed his Father’s boundless mercy for them and the vast joy in heaven over one sinner who repents. The supreme proof of his love will be the sacrifice of his own life for the forgiveness of sins. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Spiritual Thought – It is better not to allow anger, however just and reasonable, to enter at all, than to admit it in ever so slight a degree; once admitted, it will not be easily expelled, for, though at first but a small plant, it will immediately grow into a large tree. (St. Augustine)



St. Margaret’s church is open for private prayer from 7:30 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Saturday, and 7:30 AM to 2 PM on Sunday.

A Little Humor – An engineer was describing his job to some middle schoolers and mentioned that “one of my colleagues and I designed a medical instrument for measuring human muscle tone.” Later, he added, “another colleague and I designed a system to allow merchants to print coupons at the cash register.” Thinking that all this technical talk was confusing, he asked if there were any questions. There was one: “What’s a colleague?”

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended until further notice.



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!*



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of
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**Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Spiritual and Temporal Resources
In response to COVID19**

Please visit <http://archphila.org/covid19/> for a comprehensive list of Archdiocesan, Catholic and government resources.



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.



Thank You

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU! Don't forget to make your Rice Bowl donation.

To **donate online**, please visit crsricebowl.org and scroll to the bottom of the page to make your Lenten donation.



Mercy Tech Virtual Open House
Wednesday, April 22, 2020
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

What are **YOU** looking for in a high school experience?

- A diploma **AND** an industry-recognized certification?
- A respectful and safe community?
- Exceptional faculty?
- Guidance and discipline?

Then your prayers HAVE been answered!

Please visit mercycyte.org to register and join us for our Virtual Open House. For questions, please contact Ryan Keller, Director of Admissions at rkeller@mercycyte.org.

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, please email info@smsnarberth.org.**

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

A Summer Week-long Catholic Family Retreat

**Marianist Family Retreat Center
Cape May Point, NJ**



Retreat weeks start each Monday beginning June 22 through the end of August.
July 13-18 - Special Single-Parent Family Week
Scheduled recreation and free time with ocean swimming are part of all family retreats. The beach is only 1/2 block from our house. For more information, call 609-884-3829, email mfrcc@capemaymarianists.org, or visit us at www.capemaymarianists.org.

Main Line Health Smokefree Program

A FREE six week behavior management program designed to help tobacco users quit tobacco products including cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco and electronic cigarettes (vaping).



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
625 Montgomery Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA
Thursdays May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11
3:00 - 4:30 PM
To register, please call 484-227-FREE.

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.
Jesus, I trust in You.
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Amen.

Nightly Rosary to End Coronavirus

Each night at 8:00 PM, the Office for the New Evangelization is hosting an online **Rosary Campaign** for an end to the Coronavirus at phillyevang.org/rosary/. This Rosary will continue nightly until it's no longer needed!



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.



VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
HEED THE CALL

Come and See: Online Discernment Retreat *April 24-25, 2020*

Discernment is a journey to explore **God's purpose** for your life. The Vocation Office invites men who are discerning a call to the priesthood, high school age and beyond, to gather virtually for an **ONLINE DISCERNMENT RETREAT** which will include prayer, reflections on seminary life and the priesthood, and the opportunity to interact virtually with the seminarians and guest priest speakers. The retreat will be held Friday, April 24, 6:30 to 10:00 PM and Saturday, April 25, 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM (break for lunch). To register, visit Heedthecall.org/comeandsee or contact Fr. DeLacy at fr.sdelacy@archphila.org.

Weekly Discernment Groups

High School and Post-High School Men

Men, high school and post-high school, who are exploring a possible call to the priesthood are invited and encouraged to attend **Weekly Discernment Groups** with Fr. DeLacy and some of the seminarians from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Men participate in weekly online discussions related to topics of discernment using the book *To Save A Thousand Souls*. The men gather from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on Sunday nights (Post-High School Men) and Thursday nights (High School Men). To participate in these discernment groups, please contact Fr. DeLacy at fr.sdelacy@archphila.org.

Novena in Preparation for the **57th World Day of Prayer for Vocations** *April 25 - May 3, 2020*

Around the world on **May 3, 2020**, Catholics will "Pray the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38, Lk 10:2). The **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** is a public, shared prayer for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as well as to secular institutes and missionary life.

This year's message of Pope Francis focuses on words chosen to thank priests and support their ministry and is set on the backdrop of the Gospel passage that recounts the remarkable experience of Jesus and Peter during a stormy night on the Sea of Galilee (Mt 14:22-33).

Please join the Vocation Office and **Philadelphia Seminarians** for a 9-day Novena for Vocations which begins on Saturday, April 25 and continues until Sunday, May 3. Reflections and prayers for each day will be posted on our website at Heedthecall.org/novena and Facebook page at facebook.com/phillypriest.

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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