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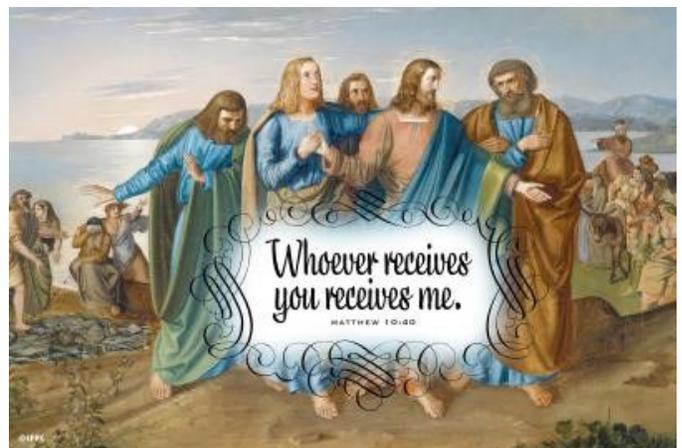
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Scrip Sales
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

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.



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 28, 2020



Schedule of Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:15 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 8:45, 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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Last month the Smithsonian magazine featured a story about a little known visit of George Harrison to the quiet town of Benton, Illinois. "Who is George Harrison?" some of you younger folks may ask. He was the lead guitarist of the Beatles, the famous "Fab Four" of the 60's and 70's and beyond who entertained the world. They came out of Liverpool, England. It happened that George had a sister who lived in Benton (pop. 7,000 at the time).

The story detailed just how the townspeople welcomed young Harrison, long before his world fame. To them he was just Louise's brother, and despite what they thought about his strange haircut and his torn jeans, they believed he deserved their hospitality. The few that got to hear him play his guitar really liked what they heard. For my purposes here, it was the kindness of his reception from the townsfolk that I point out as something we can emulate in our own lives from a spiritual outlook.

The story I read concludes with this statement: "For his own part, George never said much about his visit beyond noting somewhat wistfully in a letter to Louise shortly after his return to England, that he'd enjoyed her friends and neighbors: 'They're great people. They were glad to see me—not because I'm a Beatle, but because I'm me.'"

That compliment to the people of Benton sprang from an appreciative visitor. I hear echoes of that famous Last Judgment scene later in Matthew's gospel, where the King says to those on his right "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." This pandemic that has forever changed our lives and our memories of 2020 compels us to deduce helpful lessons even before it definitively ends. One of those has to be a renewed awareness of the value and importance of our friends. Now we will relate to them in better ways. Add to that the significance of hospitality. Any stranger we meet can become our friend.

Of course our holy Faith brings with it an added dimension to our unexpected new insight. It reminds us that every person is a child of God, beginning with the members of our families. Even if it may be hard to accept, this also includes those on our "enemies list." We realize that Gospel living is not all that complicated, and is rather quite connected to our being human and in love with Christ. It's the smile, the word, and that cup of water given in His name. Bear in mind that there is a distinction between hospitality and entertainment. "Entertaining says, 'I want to impress you with my home, my clever decorating, my cooking. Hospitality, seeking to minister, says, 'This home is a gift from my Master. I use it as He desires.'" (Karen Mains in Open Heart, Open Home, Elgin, Ill.:Cook, 1976)

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, June 29
7:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Buzz McMorran

TUESDAY, June 30
7:00 AM Helen O'Rourke

WEDNESDAY, July 1
7:00 AM John Barron

THURSDAY, July 2
7:00 AM Josh Pamplin

FRIDAY, July 3
7:00 AM John Fean

SATURDAY, July 4
8:00 AM Deceased Members of
The Kienlen Family

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

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Weekend of June 21, 2020: \$ 8,066; Including Electronic Funds Transfer \$ 665; Mail In: \$ 2,010; Parish On Line: \$ 3,109; Envelopes: 143

Collection for Peter's Pence: \$717

The Weekend of June 23, 2019: \$9,112

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 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 both during the COVID-19 pandemic and going forward. Thank you!



If you or someone you know is curious about religious life, visit www.sistersofmercy.org.

From the Pastor

Birth of Our Nation – On Saturday, July 4, we celebrate the 244th Anniversary of the founding of our nation. Recent events have helped to make clear that the building of a nation founded on principles of justice and peace for all requires ongoing change and renewal. The principles of our founding impel us to make every effort to overcome racism and all the injustices that keep people from enjoying equality and pursuing the fullness of life, liberty and happiness. Mass will be celebrated on July 4 at the usual Saturday morning time of 8:00 am. We will pray that God will watch over us and inspire us to work for respect for the lives of all people from the unborn to the elderly, and for people of every race and tongue.

Capital Projects – a) The replacement and repair of some of our sidewalks is now underway. The stone wall in front of the School which is tilting quite a bit will also be reset. b) A project to facilitate water drainage from the back schoolyard was recently completed. The drainage now in place will help to divert the heavy water runoff from our schoolyard to a nearby sewer. c) In mid-July we are planning to take up the maroon carpet in the Church sanctuary. We are hoping that the floor beneath it will be able to be cleaned and restored. If that is not possible, we will cover it with a new carpet. d) Also, in mid-July we are planning to move the baptismal font from the sanctuary to a place closer to the main entrance of the Church, a few pews in from the main doors. Your generosity and support enable us to make these necessary repairs and upgrades for our Parish buildings and grounds.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Father Guckin – Clergy assignments were announced last weekend, June 19-20. Father Guckin, who resided here at St. Margaret's for two years, has been appointed the parochial administrator of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Doylestown. Our prayers and best wishes go out to him as he begins this new assignment.

Saints Peter and Paul – Monday, June 29, is the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul. These two disciples of Our Lord played the principal roles in the spread of Christianity. Both devoted their lives to bringing the good news to all the world and both suffered death as martyrs for the faith.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Because a number of places are not capable of hosting Blood Drives this year and observing the necessary social distancing, the Red Cross has asked us to host two Blood Drives in our cafeteria this summer. The Drives will be on Wednesday, July 1 from 2:00 – 7:00 pm and on Thursday, July 2 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. There is a critical need for blood donors at this time. Sign up at redcrossblood.org/give.html using sponsor code SMRCCNarberth. Due to social distancing, there will be no walk-ins, so please sign up for an appointment today. If you have any questions, or need assistance in scheduling an appointment, email Christina Braun at christinabraun2002@yahoo.com or call her at 610-952-5766.

Parish Garden – Narberth Borough is setting aside some land for a community garden. Our Parish put its name in for a plot and we were chosen in the lottery. If you want to help with the work in the garden, please contact Nicole Bazis at faith@sainmarg.org, or at 610-664-3770 ext. 20.

Priesthood Ordination – Five men were ordained as priests for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on Saturday, June 20: Reverend Wilmer A. Chirino-Gonzalez, Reverend Cesar Javier Izaguirre-Gonzalez, Reverend Louis J. Monica, Jr., Reverend Kevin C. Okafor, and Reverend August A. Taglianetti. We are grateful that God has called them to serve as priests and we extend to them our prayers and support as they begin their priestly ministry.

Church Teaching: Priests, Co-workers of the Bishops – Christ, whom the Father hallowed and sent into the world, has, through his apostles, made their successors, the bishops namely, sharers in his consecration and mission; and these, in turn, duly entrusted to varying degrees various members of the Church with the office of their ministry. The function of the bishops' ministry was handed over in a subordinate degree to priests so that they might be appointed in the order of the priesthood and be co-workers of the episcopal order for the proper fulfillment of the apostolic mission that had been entrusted to it by Christ. Because it is joined with the episcopal order the office of priests shares in the authority by which Christ himself builds up and sanctifies and rules his Body. Hence the priesthood of priests, while presupposing the sacraments of initiation, is nevertheless conferred by its own particular sacrament. Through that sacrament priests by the anointing of the Holy Spirit are signed with a special character and so are configured to Christ the priest in such a way that they are able to act in the person of Christ the head. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

A Little Humor – (seen on a sign) Tweet others as you want to be tweeted.

Honors

We are very proud of the following students who have achieved academic honors for the second semester.

Merion Mercy Academy

Distinguished Honors: **Grace J. Brazunas, McKenna K. Byrne, Yuxin (Gloria) Kang, Moira K. Byrne, Regina P. Passarella, Violet C. Lorei, and Isabella M. Hennessey.**

Honors: **Olivia G. Gutt, Erica M. Belden, and Margaret A. Iannone.**

Saint Basil Academy

High Honors: **Amelie Sorbello**



Victorious, a virtual retreat for women

You Are Made New Ministry is hosting a 6-session virtual retreat focused on claiming Christ's victory over our identity and our worthiness, claiming His authority over lies and fears, and crowning Him as the Victorious King of our hearts! Retreat leaders include: Father Stephen DeLacy, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry and Laura Ercolino of Hope's Garden. We meet weekly on Tuesday evenings, 7:30pm – 9:00pm ET for 6 weeks, beginning on Tuesday July 28th. All sessions will take place via zoom video conference. Learn more and register at:

www.YouAreMadeNew.com/victorious-virtual-retreat or contact De Yarrison at 610.287.2989.



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."



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.

St. Margaret Parish Blood Drive Wednesday, July 1, 2020, 2PM - 7PM and Thursday, July 2, 2020, 11AM-4PM St. Margaret School Cafeteria

Sign up at redcrossblood.org/give.html using sponsor code **SMRCCNarberth**. Due to social distancing, there will be no walk-ins, so please sign up for an appointment today. If you have any questions, or need assistance in scheduling an appointment, email Christina Braun at christinabraun2002@yahoo.com or call her at 610-952-5766. **Donors are needed!**



Called to Love: Theology of the Body *Summer Course Online* *Monday, July 13-Friday, July 17* *9:30-12:00 PM and 1:30-3:00 PM*

Taught by the Faculty of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family in Washington, D.C., this short, one-week intensive course is a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in John Paul II's Theology of the Body. We will study his "Wednesday catechesis" through an in-depth examination of the text and a discussion of his scriptural, theological, and philosophical methodology.

Registration closes July 1. Visit <https://www.johnpaulii.edu/events/view/called-to-love-theology-of-the-body-summer-intensive-course2>.

Martin Saints Classical High School, Oreland, PA



Admissions Open House: 7pm, July 13, 2020 via Zoom.

It's not too late to choose Martin Saints Classical High School for your rising 9th grader or for an upper grade transfer. Our classical education, combined with craftsmanship classes, and Frassati Fridays, make our school unique and our students "fully alive." To learn more, visit whymsc.org or come to our virtual open house at 7pm on Monday, July 13, the day after the feast of our patrons, Saints Louis and Zelig Martin.



Mount Saint Joseph Academy

The Mount invites all interested girls entering 8th grade to the **Practice Test (Pre-HSPT)** on **Saturday, August 15**. Register today at msjacad.org/practicetest. For more information or with any questions, email the Admissions Team at admiss@msjacad.org.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“Caring for the poor is not just something nice the Church does; it’s a part of who we are and essential to the Church’s saving work.” (Bishop Jaime Soto, Chairman, CCHD Subcommittee, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops)

These words from my brother Bishop Soto express well our solidarity with the poor as essential to our identity as followers of Jesus, who was born of humble origins, worked as a manual laborer, and identified with the poor and marginalized people of his day. As missionary disciples of Christ in our own day, we are called to be genuinely concerned for the well-being of our brothers and sisters who lack the basic necessities which everyone deserves in order to live a full and dignified human life.

With that calling of our Lord in mind, I enthusiastically welcome your support of our annual collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**, which this year commemorates 50 years of concretely assisting poor and disadvantaged members of our local communities. CCHD is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, and works closely with dioceses across the country to support low-income community groups to address the root causes of poverty. By helping those who are poor and powerless to participate in decisions and actions that affect their lives, CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out, helping the most vulnerable members of our communities.

In our country today, nearly 47 million people are living in poverty, which is one of every six Americans, and one of every five children. This growing gap between those who are financially secure and those who are not now includes many middle-class families who have been adversely impacted by the economic consequences of the current pandemic. More than one in four residents in our region now suffers from insecurity about their income, food, or health care. These brothers and sisters of ours need the collective efforts of all of us who care enough to make a difference. Through CCHD, the Catholic Church reaches out to involve and support people in acting together to improve their own lives, overcome injustices, and escape the cycle of poverty. As Catholics, we are called to stand with them and be their advocates as they strive to achieve living conditions worthy of their inherent God-given human dignity.

The annual CCHD collection in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will occur at masses on the weekend of July 4th and 5th. Your contribution will help your neighbors near and far to realize a better future for themselves and their families. God bless you for your generous response to this year’s CCHD appeal.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Christ,
Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

Spiritual Thought: The Cascade of Tenderness – As when a mother takes her child upon her knee and caresses him or her: so the Lord will do and does with us. His is the cascade of tenderness which gives us much consolation. “As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you” (Isaiah 66:13). Every Christian, and especially you and I, is called to be a bearer of this message of hope that gives serenity and joy: God’s consolation, his tenderness towards all. But if we first experience the joy of being consoled by him, of being loved by him, then we can bring that joy to others. This is important if our mission is to be fruitful: to feel God’s consolation and to pass it on to others. (Pope Francis)

**Online Ministries for Separated & Divorced Catholics
Office for Life and Family**

**Phone: 215-587-0500; Email: sbozza@archphila.org
www.phillycatholiclife.org**

Separated Faithful: Divorced or separated Catholics who remain faithful to their marriage. Catholics who were reluctantly divorced or separated can continue to fulfill your marriage mission - to sanctify yourself and your spouse. Discuss the ongoing seven stages from the book, “The Gift of Self, A Spiritual Companion for Separated and Divorced Faithful to the Sacrament of Marriage.” Conference phone call, second Mondays monthly 9 PM. Contact MaryOfCana@chaosmt.net with your name, parish, city.

Families/Individuals affected by Divorce and Separation: Online meeting sponsored by St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation held every month the **FIRST TUESDAY** of the month at 8 PM. Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/668359061>. You can also dial in using your phone: 1-312-757-3121, access code: 668-359-061.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Suspended until further notice.

Nightly Rosary to End Coronavirus

Each night, Monday through Wednesday, 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 campaign will conclude Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 8 PM.



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Steven Joseph Hunter who recently passed away. May he rest in peace and his 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 Wednesday, July 22, 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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