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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.



## *TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 30, 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.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Cliches. Those words or phrases that pop up in our conversations springing from a collection of them we've acquired over time. We are as comfortable with them as when we're wearing an old pair of loafers, which we might have done throughout the recent Covid lock down. Some common examples: "Let's touch base." "I'm like a kid in a candy store." "We're not laughing at you, we're laughing with you" and "Read between the lines." I'd like to apply just one for our reflection: "Honesty is the best policy."

Supposedly that last one originated with our own Ben Franklin. But Shakespeare had written much earlier: "If I lose mine honor I lose myself." Mark Twain typically adds a touch of sardonic humor: "Honesty is the best policy when there's money in it." Our sage Thomas Jefferson is appropriately thoughtful: "Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom." Finally, Mother Saint Teresa tells us: "Honesty and transparency make you vulnerable. Be honest anyway."

For my purpose, I refer to Our Lord's dictum, not a cliché at all I think, that to be His disciples: "Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me." Once again, we have here a case of Our Lord Jesus being totally, if not brutally honest. So transparent that He sets the bar rather high on what it really means to be a disciple, you might add to be a brother or sister to Him. Yes, honesty is the best policy but not the most likable.

I always had a suspicion that there is a tamping down of this belief among some popular televangelists. I think you know the ones whom I mean. The backdrop of their often "feel good" sermons before an adoring crowd never features a cross, much less a crucifix (and there is a difference!) There is rarely a mention of taking up a cross in one's daily life, because Christianity for them is always pure joy and happiness. Some assign material prosperity as a guarantee of gospel living. It's all indirectly resurrection and very little passion and death. Perhaps I exaggerate but it is how I perceive them.

We know better. And if we're transparently honest, living out Christianity is not easy all the time. Especially in our present Western culture, which identifies wealth as a sign of one's value and importance. We applaud the limousine riders of our day, even rushing to take a "selfie" with them whenever possible. Who among us would rush toward a beaten Man wearing a crown of thorns that makes His blood trickle down to His eyes?

On the other hand, true honesty has to admit that while belief in uniting one's suffering with that of Christ (the old "offer it up" line) may ease the pain, it does not remove it. Ask any martyr. But at least we know the pain can be spiritually enriching. I think of that every time I'm in the dentist's chair. But wherever you think of it, hold on to it as the honest truth. It's not a cliché,

"Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, and shouts in our pain. It is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world." (C. S. Lewis, *The Problem Pain*) God love you, and give you His peace!

MONDAY, August 31

7:00 AM Nicholas Marino

TUESDAY, September 1

7:00 AM Patty Gallagher

WEDNESDAY, September 2

7:00 AM Jim Noone

THURSDAY, September 3

7:00 AM Rosemary Healy

FRIDAY, September 4

7:00 AM Louis & Mary Suriano

SATURDAY, September 5

8:00 AM Vincent Quinn, Jr.



**THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020**  
**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN**  
**IN MEMORY OF ANTHONY FALCONE.**

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

**THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

<b>Weekend of August 23, 2020:</b>	<b>\$ 9,378</b>
<b>Collection in Church:</b>	<b>\$ 2,583</b>
<b>Electronic Funds Transfer:</b>	<b>\$ 665</b>
<b>Mail In:</b>	<b>\$ 2,690</b>
<b>Parish On Line:</b>	<b>\$ 3,440</b>
<b>Envelopes:</b>	<b>161</b>

**Collection for Missionary Appeal: \$533**

**The Weekend of August 25, 2019: \$9,290**

**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!**

## From the Pastor

**Back to School** – Saint Margaret School opens tomorrow, Monday, August 31. In accord with the recommendations of the Pennsylvania Department of Health for school openings in Montgomery County to either be hybrid or all virtual and in accord with the expectations of the Archdiocese that we observe these recommendations, we will begin school with a hybrid model. Half of the students will come on Mondays and Tuesdays and the other half on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Friday will be an all virtual day. Some parents are opting at this time for their children to participate virtually full time. When students are at home they will be expected to participate in their classes online. All of the classes will be livestreamed and the teachers will be able to see the students at home on the large screen televisions in the classrooms. We hope that the rate of infection will drop to the point where we can resume school fully in person for all of our students. I extend my sincere thanks to Mrs. Johnston, our principal, and to all the staff and students of SMS for their dedicated efforts in preparing for this School Year.

We extend our prayers and best wishes to all the students in our Parish at every level of education who will be resuming another school year. These are different times for schooling and we ask God to give all of us patience, perseverance and peace in the midst of the challenges that are being faced. No matter what the circumstances, we trust that the Lord will provide.

**Capital Projects** – It was a busier than usual summer for maintenance and capital projects in the Parish. Concrete work to repair sidewalks of the Church, School and Rectory was completed. The parking lot was resealed. A drainage trough was installed in the back parking lot to help manage the water runoff. Part of the School Library was used to make a new first grade classroom and new flooring was installed in five classrooms. Two sheds are being purchased to act as storage for the School. The wall in the front of the School was reset. Plans for repairs to the sanctuary floor in Church are being pursued. The projects have added aesthetic and very practical values to our Parish campus. Your generosity to the Church makes it possible for us to make the needed repairs and enhancements. Thank you for your support of our Parish.

**R.C.I.A.** – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Classes will be resuming on Tuesday evening, September 15. These classes on our faith help to prepare those who are interested in becoming Catholic, as well as those who were baptized Catholic but are still in need of receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist. If you are not able to attend on Tuesday evenings or in person, arrangements can be made for alternative times and ways of learning about the faith, If you are interested in participating, or have any questions about our Catholic faith and the reception of the sacraments, contact Msgr. Dougherty at [pastor@saintmarg.org](mailto:pastor@saintmarg.org) or 610-664-3770 ext. 112.

**Church Teaching: The Altar and the Saints** – In the Church's history and tradition, the altar was often placed over the tombs of the saints or the relics of the saints were deposited beneath the altar. The presence of the relics of saints in the altar provides a witness to the Church's belief that the Eucharist celebrated on the altar is the source of the grace that won sanctity for the saints. The custom of placing small relics of martyrs or the saints in an altar stone and setting this in the mensa (table top of the altar) has changed since the Second Vatican Council. Relics of martyrs or other saints may be placed beneath the altar, as long as they are of undoubted authenticity. Relics are no longer placed on the altar or set into the mensa in an altar stone. (from a document on Church Art and Architecture)

### **Weekend Mass Schedule September 5-6**

*(Priest scheduled is subject to change)*

#### **Saturday, September 5**

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

5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

#### **Sunday, September 6**

7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

8:45 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

10:00 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

11:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

**Spiritual Thought** – Man's salvation and perfection consist in doing the will of God, which he must have in view in all things and at every moment of his life: The more he accomplishes this divine will, the more perfect he will be. (St. Peter Claver)

**A Little Humor** – The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!



### Spiritual Adoption Program

#### What is the Spiritual Adoption Program?

It is very simple. Participants in the Spiritual Adoption Program promise to pray for nine months for a baby in danger of abortion. While this child will remain unknown to his or her “spiritual parent,” God knows who the child is. Many people have found that naming “their child” helps to keep them focused on the reality that their prayers are helping to save a particular baby from the harm of abortion. This can be done in a parish or school setting, with age appropriate materials. To learn more, visit [www.spiritualadoption.org](http://www.spiritualadoption.org).

*“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [baby’s name] the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”*

- Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

### SAVE THE DATE

**3rd ANNUAL GOLF OUTING  
for St Margaret Parish & School  
MONDAY OCTOBER 5, 2020  
BALA GOLF CLUB!**



**If you want to help with planning and organizing, contact**

**[info@smsnarberth.org](mailto:info@smsnarberth.org) and put "Golf" in the subject line! Tell your friends - we will all need a socially distant event like this in our fall!**



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

### 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](mailto:fr.sdelacy@archphila.org).



### Mount Saint Joseph Academy Class of 2025

The Mount application is now open! Open House – Sunday, October 4. All interested families of 5th- 8th grade girls are welcome. Save the date and register today at [msjacad.org/openhouse](http://msjacad.org/openhouse). For more information or with any questions, email the Admissions Team at [admiss@msjacad.org](mailto:admiss@msjacad.org).

### DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Saint Margaret Parish offers opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These opportunities 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 Christian, would like to become a Catholic, or, if you are already a baptized Catholic would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring and we are ready to answer your questions.

*Please contact the Parish Office for more information.*

### Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with the Spirit of courage and love. Raise up from our families future priests: worthy ministers for your altars, generous and ardent servants of the Gospel. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Sally Rittenhouse who recently passed away. May she rest in peace and her loved ones be comforted.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is the largest pro-marriage organization in the world and promotes Experiences for couples who want to make their good marriage even better. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce there is a way to reach joy in your marriage or in your priesthood, even during stay at home orders. We are now offering a virtual Marriage Encounter experience. Go to [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org) or [www.WWME-philly.org](http://www.WWME-philly.org) to find the next experiences being offered.



**Retrouvaille  
Marriage  
Program**

**Rediscover the Love in your Marriage**

**Retrouvaille is a lifeline for marriages - a program to help couples heal and renew their hurting marriages.**

The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship.

- A Marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship.
- A Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend.
- Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect.
- Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

***Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Retrouvaille had recommended communities suspend the weekend programs until they can be safely held. In the meantime, please visit [Helpourmarriage.org](http://Helpourmarriage.org) to learn about the program and keep updated on the resumption of the weekends.***

**Nightly Rosary to End Coronavirus has been EXTENDED!**



Until further notice, and through October at least, the rosary will continue Monday through Thursday at 8:00 PM in both English and Spanish, everyone raising up prayer at the same time. The English and Spanish rosaries have separate links, both found on the website below. Thursday's English rosary will be a World Mission Rosary. The Office for the New Evangelization is hosting this online **Rosary Campaign** for an end to the Coronavirus at [phillyevang.org/rosary/](http://phillyevang.org/rosary/).

**HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY  
Suspended until further notice.**



**St. Margaret Church is open from 7:30 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM on Saturday, and 7:15 AM to 2 PM on Sunday.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Black and Indian Mission Collection has changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans throughout the United States. Your financial contribution to this fund assists clergy, religious and lay catechists, parishes, schools and catechetical centers for the evangelization of the Black and Native American peoples throughout our country.

As we embark on another year of evangelization in the Black Catholic, Native American and Alaskan Native communities, everyone is encouraged to make a difference by offering their prayers for the fruitful support of the missions in the United States and to consider expressing concretely their Christian solidarity through sacrificial offerings.

Your support impacts the daily pastoral work of our bishops, consecrated religious women and men, lay-leadership who labor on Indian reservations, urban centers, Black Catholic and Alaskan Native parishes, mission schools and the many, many diocesan programs and projects that strengthen the work of the Gospel. Locally, through grants awarded from this collection, a number of parishes within the Archdiocese are able to fund pastoral outreach and evangelization programs. It is only through your continued generosity of this collection that such efforts are realized.

The **Collection for the Black and Indian Missions** will be held in parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on the weekend of September 5 and 6, 2020. I ask your continued prayers and generous financial support of this collection.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

**Wedding Anniversary Mass  
Archbishop Nelson Pérez  
Principal Celebrant**



Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on **Saturday, October 17, 2020**, at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass. This Mass is to pray for, and with, married couples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who are married 1-5 years, and couples who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Registration Required**

To register, visit [www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org), call 215-587-0500, or email [famlife@archphila.org](mailto:famlife@archphila.org).



**Lankenau Ministry** continues to be suspended due to COVID 19 until further notice.

### **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, September 16, 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](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.



### **Catholic Answers Live - #1 Catholic Radio Show. Monday - Friday, 6-8 PM.**

One great program. Many ways to listen! [catholic.com/radio](http://catholic.com/radio)



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