

# ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH

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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 6, 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

The History Channel is one of my favorites, especially when its programming matches its name. Over this summer I was able to watch a series called "The Men who Built America." It was all about the tycoons, sometimes tyrannical men who captured the industrial revolution and made it work both for them and for our burgeoning country. Allow me to single out Cornelius Vanderbilt, who expanded our country's railroads and made its expansion happen by ultimately connecting people from coast to coast. Of course, Cornelius himself never lifted a shovel. He labored over investments and the workers' paychecks being available.

On this eve of Labor Day, it must be said that railroad construction in those days was largely a matter of hand labor with picks and shovels. It was hard work to say the least, and it is amazing what the workers produced. But it is a good thing to celebrate all laborers in our own time, and to honor the good benefits of work.

It so happens that our Scriptures this weekend speak of a different kind of labor: very real and the complete opposite of gang work. It is called "fraternal correction." What is it? It is the "admonishing of one's neighbor by a private individual with the purpose of reforming him, or, if possible, preventing his sinful indulgence." So it is a private matter, usually between good friends, in which one takes the initiative in pointing out the other's incipient or ongoing problem. It's Harry or Harriet calling their close buddy aside and saying things like "You have bad halitosis," or "You've been drinking a lot lately," or "The boss is concerned that you're coming in late too much." The range is as wide as the human situation permits.

Granted, this is difficult, and we have a natural tendency to avoid it. We wonder whether, after offering our counsel, we will still have a friend. But if our friendship runs deeper than a surface kind of thing, it becomes essential.

This concept runs through the Old and New Testaments. We read today that Ezekiel is commanded to do it, and if he does not, he faces his own peril of death. Jesus practiced it. Recall His response when Peter urged Him to dismiss the idea of suffering and death as part of His mission: "Get behind Me, Satan!"

As consolation, presumably here to those of us who accept the challenge of correcting a brother or sister, Jesus offers His promise to be present when as little as two people are gathered in His name. He knows the difficulty. He admires our courage. He makes the generous gift.

In the movie "Chariots of Fire," young Harold Abrahams, a champion sprinter, had just suffered his first-ever defeat. After the race, he sat alone, pouting in the bleachers. When his girlfriend tried to encourage him, he bellowed, "If I can't win, I won't run!" To which she wisely, and with courage replied, "If you don't run, you can't win." God love you and give you His peace. And Happy Labor Day!

MONDAY, September 7

9:00 AM Ignatius Lo

TUESDAY, September 8

7:00 AM John R. O'Rourke, Sr. and  
Michael A. Walsh (17th anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, September 9

7:00 AM Daniel J. Quigley

THURSDAY, September 10

7:00 AM Nafeh Aziz Almemar

FRIDAY, September 11

7:00 AM Bridy Clarke

SATURDAY, September 12

8:00 AM Amy D'Souza

**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 30, 2020:</b>	<b>\$ 9,150</b>
<b>Collection in Church:</b>	<b>\$ 3,978</b>
<b>Electronic Funds Transfer:</b>	<b>\$ 665</b>
<b>Mail In:</b>	<b>\$ 2,627</b>
<b>Parish On Line:</b>	<b>\$ 1,880</b>
<b>Envelopes:</b>	<b>150</b>

**The Weekend of September 1, 2019: \$10,850**

**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!***

**HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY**

**Suspended until further notice.**

## From the Pastor

**Safety at Mass** – On August 19, Doctors Thomas McGovern, Timothy Flanigan (also a deacon), and Paul Cieslak authored an article on Mass attendance and COVID-19. The doctors state the evidence suggests that church services following public health guidelines do not present a greater risk of spreading the novel coronavirus than other similar activities. They wrote: “For Catholic Churches following the guidelines, no outbreaks of COVID-19 have been linked to Church attendance, even though we have examples...of asymptomatic, unknowingly infected individuals attending Mass and other parish functions. Their attendance could have led to an outbreak if appropriate precautions were not followed, yet in each case, we found no evidence of viral transmission.” The article continues: “This encouraging news should inspire confidence that the guidelines in place – based on CDC recommendations – are working to decrease COVID-19 transmission. While nothing during a pandemic is risk-free, these guidelines mean that Catholics (and public officials) may be confident that it is reasonably safe to come to Church for Mass and the sacraments.”

By dispensing from the obligation to attend Sunday Masses because of the pandemic, the Church recognizes that the circumstances of each of our lives vary and has given us the responsible freedom to make an informed decision about Sunday Mass attendance. I share the above data with you to assist you in making your decision regarding Church attendance at this time. St. Margaret Church has been open for public Mass since the weekend of June 6-7. Our parishioners have been observing the guidelines for attendance, and leaving the doors open during Mass has provided good ventilation. I was a little anxious about our return to Mass because our Church is rather small and a contained space. Although, as the article stated, nothing is risk-free during a pandemic, after a couple of months of public Mass, I can say that our Church has felt reasonably safe to me. I remind you that we now have added a Mass at 8:45am to help spread out the numbers who attend Mass on Sunday so that we can provide an appropriate social distance.

**Safe Environment Coordinator** – We are in need of a Safe Environment Coordinator for our Parish. The work involves ensuring that all our volunteers and staff have fulfilled all the safe environment requirements of the Office for Child and Youth Protection of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The work involves assisting those in need of safe environment clearances in procuring all the proper documents and training, and tracking whether staff and volunteers have completed their proper clearances and thus are free to help in our parish. The position involves about 8 hours of work per week and the hours are flexible. If you are interested, please contact Msgr. Dougherty at 610-664-3770 or at [pastor@saintmarg.org](mailto:pastor@saintmarg.org).

**Golf Outing for Our Parish and School** – Save the date of Monday, October 5. 1:00 pm start at the Bala Golf Club. Lunch and Dinner included. Come and join us and bring some friends. Information on how to sign up and to be a sponsor will be available soon.

**Labor Day** – Monday, September 7, is Labor Day, on which we honor the dignity of all workers and the importance of the role they play in forming a just and good society. The Church recognizes and celebrates the value of human work. Work is a means by which we can participate in God’s creative work in the world and develop our human abilities and talents to a fuller extent. Workers should be accorded their rights and the proper respect. We ask God’s blessing on all workers and pray that they will value their work and be treated justly.

**PREP** – Our Parish Religious Education Program for the children who do not attend Catholic School will resume on Sunday, September 13. The children have the option this year of attending in-person or participating virtually. Mrs. Monroe, our Director of Religious Education, and all our catechists are looking forward to helping these young people grow in their faith.

**Seminarian** – Kenneth Omeke, a seminarian studying at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, interned here at St. Margaret’s in the summer. I recently received notice that the Seminary has assigned him to return to St. Margaret’s on Thursdays as part of the Seminary’s Program for Pastoral Formation. We are looking forward to his being with us each Thursday and helping him to learn about pastoral service through his participation in the life of our Parish. Also, since Ken is from Nigeria and does not have any family in the area, the Seminary has asked that St. Margaret’s Rectory become Ken’s local residence when he is on vacation from the Seminary.

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## From the Pastor

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**Collection for the Holy Land Shrines** – The Collection for the Maintenance of the Holy Land Shrines is usually taken up on Good Friday. Because of the pandemic, the Collection was rescheduled for next weekend, Sept. 12-13. In addition to the baskets for the regular Sunday Collection, there will be baskets in the back of Church specifically marked for this Collection. Please make a donation as the caretakers of the Holy Land Shrines depend on our help so that they can be properly maintained and enhanced.

**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.

**Work on the Sanctuary in Church** - We are moving ahead with the necessary work. Tiles are being ordered for the step up into the sanctuary, and work will begin on the damaged area of the sanctuary floor by the BVM altar. Plans are underway to move the baptismal font to a place closer to the doors of the Church.

**Church Teaching: The Ambo** – The central focus of the area in which the word of God is proclaimed during the liturgy is the ambo. The design of the ambo and its prominent placement reflects the dignity and nobility of that saving word and draws the attention of those present to the proclamation of the word. Here the Christian community encounters the living Lord in the word of God and prepares itself for the “breaking of the bread” and the mission to live the word that will be proclaimed. The design of the altar and ambo should bear a harmonious and close relationship to one another in order to emphasize the close relationship between word and Eucharist. (from a Church document on Church Art and Architecture)

**Spiritual Thought** – When we are linked by the power of prayer, we hold each other’s hand, as it were, while we walk along a slippery path. (St. Gregory the Great)

**A Little Humor:** Thoughts on the Quarantine – Day 10 at home and the dog is looking at me like, “See? This is why I chew the furniture!”



### *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

### **Weekend Mass Schedule September 12-13**

*(Priest scheduled is subject to change)*

#### **Saturday, September 12**

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

5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

#### **Sunday, September 13**

7:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

8:45 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

11:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty



### **Mount Saint Joseph Academy Class of 2025**

The Mount application is now open!

Visit [msjacad.org](http://msjacad.org) to apply by **September 25**.

Scholarship/Entrance exams will be offered on Saturday, September 26 at 8:00 AM and Sunday, September 27 at 12:00 PM.

For more information or with any questions, email the Admissions Team at [admiss@msjacad.org](mailto:admiss@msjacad.org).



**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.***

***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.*



***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.***

**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!

**FOOD COLLECTION  
WEEKEND HAS RESUMED!**

Next Weekend is our monthly food collection weekend (September 12 & 13). This program collects non-perishable foods each month for the Archdiocesan Community Food Distribution Centers Program. They provide food for 40 Food Cupboards throughout the Philadelphia area. All items should be brought to the school Cafeteria next weekend. Thank you for your generous support of this program.



**Casseroles for St. John's Hospice**

Recipe # 5 will be collected Wednesday morning of this week, September 9, between 9 and 9:30 AM at St. Margaret School Parking Lot. Pans are available in the vestibule if you would like to participate.

***You can also support the efforts of St. John's Hospice to continue to provide life-sustaining support to those experiencing homelessness by donating at:***

<http://saintjohnshospice.org/>

***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/).

### **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.**

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