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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.



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 11, 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

A while ago, a friend of mine confided that she and her husband had to refuse a family wedding invitation because the couple had invited some 300 people to the event. That was an obvious disregard for the government's official limits on crowd size in a world with Covid 19. Such callous defiance put the health and safety of the invitees in certain danger of contamination with the probability of them becoming spreaders of the contagion. The whole matter, just one of many such examples, remains largely inexplicable to me. That is, if you overlook the stubbornness rooted in some people or their culpable ignorance.

We hear Our Lord's timeless parable of the wedding feast today, coming as it does on the heels of the one about irresponsible vineyard tenants last weekend. Intangible riches, represented by fine food and drink, can be squandered irresponsibly with all variety of lame excuses.

We note that Jesus tells the story in what you might call "three acts." First, there are the two different calls to the proper guests on the king's list. Then follows the call to the "outcasts," whom we might describe today as "marginal people." Finally, there is the king's dreadful sorting out of the people at the banquet. In that last act, the fate of the person caught without a "wedding garment," the clothes representing an authentic Christian lifestyle full of good deeds.

All in all, the lesson intended comes at us afresh. Shortly we will declare in our Creed that we believe "in one baptism." The banquet here represents a heaven of indescribable delights, beginning with seeing God "as He is." It makes any refusal on our part to come properly "dressed" to be the height of ill manners and foolishness. Why even flirt with the consequence of being "bound and cast out" in a hell of our own making?

The way we come to a special affair like this reflects our opinion of it and reveals the true spirit in which we come. If we go to visit at a friend's home, we don't go in the clothes we wear to paint the house or weed the garden. It is plainly a matter of respect that we should present ourselves in our friend's house as best we can.

The more important garments for entering the king's hall are those of the heart and soul—the garment of humility, the garment of faith, and the garment of reverence. They display for all the world what we think of God's invitation. They honor all that God's Son taught us about "how to dress."

Our present earthbound lives are God's gift to us. Where we wind up in the future is largely up to us. We have to keep our invitation to heaven in a very safe place. I believe it's only prudent that we take the time, while we can, to build the best wardrobe for our future whereabouts. Meanwhile we have time to repent, reform, and renew ourselves. Speaking of time I can't help but agree with how someone powerfully described time. He or she called it "a seamstress specializing in alterations." Think about it! God love you, and give you His peace!

MONDAY, October 12
7:00 AM Matthew Lazowick

TUESDAY, October 13
7:00 AM Mae Pasquariello

WEDNESDAY, October 14
7:00 AM John Le

THURSDAY, October 15
7:00 AM Milagros V. José

FRIDAY, October 16
7:00 AM Ginny Gabell-Truax

SATURDAY, October 17
8:00 AM Vernon Brightman



THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2020
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
MILAGROS V. JOSÉ.

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

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of October 4, 2020: \$ 9,966
Collection in Church: \$ 3,594
Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 665
Mail In: \$ 3,590
Parish On Line: \$ 2,117
Envelopes: 165

The Weekend of October 6, 2019: \$10,274

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!

Parish Theme for 2020-2021

Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer

From the Pastor

Parish Theme for 2020-2021 – In recent years we have decided on a Parish theme for the year that can help guide some of our reflections and programs. After discussion with the Parish Pastoral Council, the theme for 2020-2021 will be: “Rejoice in hope; endure in affliction; persevere in prayer.” The theme is responsive to the circumstances of our time as we encounter the effects of the coronavirus and social unrest. We are called to live in hope, to patiently bear trials, and to turn to God always in fervent prayer.

Special Disaster Fund Collection This Weekend – The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has asked dioceses throughout the country to take up a collection in order that the USCCB would be able to help Churches needing aid because of the recent hurricanes and storms, as well as the wildfires in California. Baskets specially marked for this collection are in the vestibule of the Church in order that you may assist this charitable effort. Your generosity will be of much assistance to the people suffering from these disasters.

School Advisory Board – The Board will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 7:00 pm in the Annex.

Voter Guide of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference – The Voter Guide of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference has been inserted in this week’s bulletin. This insert is provided by the PCC to assist you in forming your conscience regarding the upcoming elections.

Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive – Nutritional Development Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is hosting an online and drop-off Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive. This annual food drive helps to stock the shelves of NDS’ network of over 50 food cupboards throughout the Greater Philadelphia region to benefit those who do not have access to sufficient nutritious sustenance. This effort is especially critical during these times. Those interested in helping can support NDS’ Community Food Program by purchasing peanut butter and jelly items online through You Give Goods at <https://yougivegoods.com/ndspbj>. All goods donated now through Oct. 23 will be distributed to the NDS food cupboards. You also have the option of dropping off peanut butter and jelly donations for NDS in the boxes in the vestibule of Church. The boxes will be there until Monday, October 19.

The Knights of Columbus’ Coats 4 Kids 2020 – The St. Margaret’s Knights of Columbus Council is launching its second annual “Coats 4 Kids 2020” campaign. It will run from October 15 to November 1. Last year’s campaign was a big success due to the overwhelming generosity of the St. Margaret’s community. We collected over \$2500. Every year the Knights of Columbus purchases over \$2 million of kids’ coats so councils like ours can buy high-quality coats from the national organization at very low prices. We want to surpass last year’s collection and ask you to consider purchasing multiple coats: 4 coats for a \$200 donation, or 2 coats for \$100 donation. The need this year is greater than ever. The coats will be donated to families through Mercy Ministries in Philadelphia. Please help us serve needy children. You can make your donation after Mass on Sundays October 18 and 25, or send it to the rectory.

Annual Census and Fall Collection – Thank you to all those who have returned the census form and made a donation to our Fall Collection. If you have not yet responded, please consider making a donation to this important Parish Collection and returning the census form so that our records can be accurate. Thank you for your assistance.

Church Teaching: Relationship of the Mass to Eucharistic Adoration and Care for the Poor – The Second Vatican Council led the Church to a fuller understanding of the relationship between the presence of the Lord in the liturgical celebration of the Eucharist and in the reserved Sacrament, and the Christian responsibility to feed the hungry and to care for the poor. As the baptized grow to understand their active participation in the Eucharist, they will be drawn to spend more time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle, and be impelled to live out their relationship in active charity. In reverent prayer before the reserved Eucharist, the faithful give praise and thanksgiving to Christ for the priceless gift of redemption and for the spiritual food that sustains them in their daily lives. Here they learn the right and the responsibility to join the offering of their own lives to the perfect sacrifice of Christ during the Mass and are led to a greater recognition of Christ in themselves and in others, especially in the poor and needy. (from a Church document on sacred art and architecture)

Spiritual Thought – “I know of no better way of establishing the kingdom of God, Eternal Wisdom, than to unite vocal and mental prayer by saying the holy Rosary.” (St. Louis Marie de Montfort)



St Margaret School

We are now one full month into school and we are so happy to have our students back in the building learning and growing. This school year has certainly been different but we are so proud of our Principal, Mrs. Johnston, Faculty, Staff and Families who have helped make this transition smooth. This summer, in preparation for our students returning to in-person learning, we purchased air purifiers, partitions, hand-washing stations, water-bottle filling stations and desk shields for the classrooms. We also instituted a policy that each family would be required to complete a Health Declaration twice a week and we complete random daily temperature checks on students, faculty and staff. Mr. DiGiovanni worked hard to install new flooring in many of our classrooms and to build our new 1st grade classroom. Our teachers have done the real heavy lifting: preparing materials and lesson plans to engage students who are learning both in the classroom and virtually at home.

Some additional changes we have made to ensure our students can remain socially distanced have been to welcome new staff members and for other staff members to step into new roles. The 1st, 3rd and 5th grades are now in two classrooms with Mrs. Amy Lazur, Mrs. Jennifer Hollowell and Ms. Maureen Arata leading those classrooms. In addition, there are several new faces at SMS who we are excited to have teaching our children: Mrs. Juanita Gaspari (Art Teacher) and Ms. Caroline Winterle (Kindergarten C Aide). Finally, we have brought on 4 new Academic Support staff members: Mrs. Beth Mirzai, Mrs. Linda O’Keefe, Mrs. Stephanie Seal and Mrs. Anne Marie Zanoni.

We extend a warm welcome to all of our new families and students. We began the year under a Hybrid model and as of the week of October 12th, all grades will be back to in-school learning with the exception of any students whose families have chosen the all Virtual option. Despite the challenges we continue to face due to COVID-19, our goal has remained the same; to educate and nurture our students in a community that recognizes Christ as the center.

Welcome to our SMS Home and School Association:

President – Stephanie Seal

Secretary- Meg Hill

Treasurer – Shannon FitzGerald

Plans are underway for all the upcoming events and we look forward to a great year blended with both traditional and new ideas.

Upcoming Events St. Margaret School:

Weekend of October 16th-18th– Virtual Walk-A-Thon (fundraiser)



We welcome into the Church

Mackenzie Ellen Kolodziej
daughter of
Jacqueline and Michael Kolodziej
and
William Bergino Santo
son of
Erica and Christopher Santo

Congratulations to the families on the Baptism of their children.

Weekend Mass Schedule October 17-18

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, October 17

10:30 AM First Holy Communion - Msgr. Dougherty

2:00 PM Wedding - Msgr. Dougherty

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

5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, October 18

7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

8:45 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

10:00 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

11:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

1:00 PM Baptism - Msgr. Dougherty

We hosted an intentionally small blood drive on 10/3/2020 and collected **40 units** which is great and far exceeded our goal of **29!**



Thank you St. Margaret Community for your overwhelming response to our blood drives. Thanks to your commitment to saving lives!

A Little Humor – Wife: “Do you want anything to eat?” Husband: “What are the choices?” Wife: “Yes or no.”

Casseroles for St. John's Hospice

Recipe # 6 will be collected Wednesday morning of this week, October 14, 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/>



Post- Abortion Healing Retreat Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

A retreat for healing after abortion designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God.

November 6-7, 2020
IHM Spirituality Center
Malvern, Pa 19366

**All inquiries are strictly confidential. Call/email:
Lauren-215-720-5828
RachelsVineyardGP@gmail.com**

Malvern Retreat House is pleased to share that we have re-opened and are offering retreats, programs and events. Our capacity is limited due to COVID restrictions and we adhere to guidelines created by our COVID Task Force. We offer many virtual opportunities in addition to the on-site activities.



October 18, 2020: Outdoor Eucharistic Procession and Adoration on the grounds of Malvern Retreat House. We will gather outside the Family Life Center at 2pm. We will say the Rosary during the Procession with Stations of the Cross at 3pm.

For more information, call (610) 644-0400 or visit www.malvernretreat.com.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Charismatic Renewal 2020 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE Saturday, October 17, 2020

*Livestreamed from the National Shrine of
Our Lady of Czestochowa*

For tickets and more information, visit www.PhillySpirit.com, email info@PhillySpirit.com, or call 215-315-7008.



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.

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, call 215-587-0500, or email famlife@archphila.org.



Holy Hour for the Election 50 People ~ 50 States ~ One Hour

Sunday, November 1, 2020
2:00-3:00 PM

Solemnity of All Saints

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
18th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Presider: Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill
Rector of the Cathedral

Join us for an hour of prayer and adoration before Jesus in the Eucharist as we petition for grace and blessing upon our country, especially asking for God's will to be accomplished in the upcoming presidential election. We hope for at least 50 people to be present, one for each State of the United States of America, but more are welcome! Please kindly RSVP to let us know you are coming at phillyevang.org/events.

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, with separate links, both found at phillyevang.org/rosary/.

TODAY, Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 5:30 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, the rosary will be said as part of the **Holy Rosary Coast to Coast for the Nation**. Mass will follow. For more information, visit <https://rosarycoasttocoast.com/rosary-coast-to-coast-2020>.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended 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, October 21, 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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