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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.



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 25, 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

Voted among the “Ten worst songs of the 70’s” by readers of “Rolling Stone” magazine was an item sung by Brazilian singer Morris Albert simply called “Feelings.” But in 1975, the year of its release, it was named by the “People’s Choice” as “the favorite new song.” Interesting how times change. I realize that many of you hearing me or reading this have no idea of what I am talking about, so please Google the song to find out.

For my purpose here, I’d like to quote the Rolling Stone reviewer Andy Greene. The song has been mocked for a good 40 years as one of the ten worst largely for its lack of specificity. What kind of feelings is Morris singing about? It’s clearly a love song, but it’s hard to think of a vaguer term than “feelings” to describe, um, “feelings.”

Many good Christians reading or hearing today’s Gospel section from Matthew are frustrated in their pursuit of perfection when they learn that they must love not only God, but also their neighbor. “Must” is the operative word. “How,” they ask, “am I supposed to love the difficult person who is my residential neighbor?” (You can supply different adjectives to describe that neighbor.)

The problem intensifies for good faithful people, a lot like you, when they learn that “neighbor” is a worldwide description of people, most of whom they don’t even know. The root of the difficulty is that word “feelings.”

Feelings are morally neutral. They are fleeting sometimes, but always involve an affection for someone we deem as “special” and worthy of our attention. They are the stuff of Valentine’s Day, wrapped in roses and chocolate for one of the opposite sex. And of deep perennial affection for a chosen friend of the same or opposite sex alike. They are, so to speak, “warm and fuzzy.”

The love Our Lord Jesus mandates has nothing at all to do with feelings. It is, in the instance cited here, a willed fidelity to the Covenant between Yahweh and Israel. In a more general application, this love is a matter of willing and doing. We freely choose to love God. That, in turn, is described by Jesus in another place as ‘keeping His commandments.’ Regarding our neighbor, it means we wish all the best for them. Even if they repulse us at times. Even if we wished they lived a thousand miles away. Even if they have betrayed us. For that last, consult Jesus’ reaction to Judas’ kiss.

Once on a railroad train an elderly man accidentally broke a minor regulation and was unmercifully bawled out by a young train employee. Later a fellow passenger nudged the old gentleman and suggested he give the employee a piece of his mind. But the old man just smiled. “Oh,” he said, “if a man like that can stand himself for all of his life, I surely can stand him for five minutes.”

MONDAY, October 26

7:00 AM Lewis Pettinos

TUESDAY, October 27

7:00 AM John Hoeffling

WEDNESDAY, October 28

7:00 AM Joe Augustine

THURSDAY, October 29

7:00 AM Mary & Bob Sek

FRIDAY, October 30

7:00 AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, October 31

8:00 AM Alice Noone

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 18, 2020: \$ 8,773

Collection in Church: \$ 2,944

Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 665

Mail In: \$ 2,400

Parish On Line: \$ 2,764

Envelopes: 152

Collection for Mission Sunday: \$768

The Weekend of October 20, 2019: \$10,973

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!



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



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

Parish Theme for 2020-2021

Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer

From the Pastor

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 \$100 donation, or 10 coats for \$250 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 25 and November 1, or send it to the rectory.

Adult Faith Formation – Our first Adult Faith Formation Event of this academic year will be offered on Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 pm. Msgr. Dougherty will speak on our Parish theme for this year: "Rejoice in hope; endure in affliction; persevere in prayer." He will especially speak on the Christian approach and response to suffering. You can either attend in person in the Annex where masks will be required and social distancing observed, or you can attend virtually by Zoom. If you wish to attend by Zoom, email Nicole Bazis, at faith@saintmarg.org to receive the link for the Zoom.

All Saints Day – Next Sunday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints. As part of our celebration of this day, we will ask you to consider picking the name of a saint out of a box in the vestibule of the Church on your way out of Church next weekend. You could then do some research on that saint and make this saint a special patron for you throughout the year until Next All Saints Day. The saints assist us by their example, by their companionship with us on our journey through life, and by their intercession for us. Our unity with the saints draws us along the path of holiness. Pick a saint next weekend as a spiritual friend who can inspire you and assist you on the path to goodness and holiness.

All Souls' Mass – This year on All Souls' Day, Monday, November 2, we will celebrate a special Mass at 7:00 pm in memory of our parishioners who have died from last November 2, 2019 to this November 2, 2020. We will also remember and pray for in a particular way all those who have died from Covid-19. All are welcome to participate in this Mass.

Adoration and Prayers for Election – We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Church on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3. You are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord, especially in prayer for our nation. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from after the 7:00 am Mass until 7:00 pm. You are invited to sign up for a 30 minute time of prayer on the sign-up sheets in the vestibule so that we can be assured to have someone in the Church for the whole time of the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Church Teaching: The Living Church, God's Building – God created the universe so that all might have a part in his divine life and be joined in communion with him. Thus did he call forth light from darkness, beauty from chaos, and life from the formless void. When all was in readiness, he fashioned Adam and Eve in the divine image and breathed life into them in order to gather all men and women into the great and eternal hymn of praise which is the Church...Despite the sin of Adam, God's call to communion perdured. Gradually, he revealed his wish to save humanity not as individuals without any mutual bonds, but by making them into a people, a people which acknowledges Him in truth and serves Him in holiness. With Abraham and his descendants, God entered into an everlasting covenant. He promised to be their God and claimed them as his own, a holy nation, a people set apart to praise his mighty deeds throughout the ages. Through the waters of death he led his people, Israel, accepting their sacrifices at Sinai through the hands of Aaron and his descendants. All of these things, however, were done by way of preparation and as a figure of that new and perfect covenant which was to be ratified in Christ. This new covenant in His blood calls together a people made up of Jew and Gentile, making them one, not according to the flesh but in the Spirit. (from a Church document on sacred art and architecture)

Spiritual Thought – No one heals himself by wounding another. (St. Ambrose)

A Little Humor – Being the oldest sibling really means buying all the gifts and putting "From all of us" on the tag.



St Margaret School

Last weekend, St Margaret School Students had their annual **Family (Virtual) Walk-a-thon**. It was a huge success and the beautiful weather was a perfect gift from God to lure us out to enjoy family time. Please check our website to see the pictures that were sent in. To pledge online, please visit www.smsnarberth.org and click on Community.

Our SMS lobby now has an announcement screen. Our students can see special announcements, school event pictures, birthday announcements, and more....

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our SMS 3rd grade who made their First Holy Communion. Thank you to our Pastor, Msgr. Dougherty; Principal, Mrs. Johnston; teachers Dolores Lopresti, Jennifer Hollowell and Maureen Lorine; the St Margaret Prep Teachers; Mrs. Mary Anne Monroe; and Jorge Galvez for helping to prepare these students for their special day. Thank you Mike and Sarah Worth and Emma Karn for giving their time and talents to enhance the beauty of this celebration.



BAPTISM

We welcome into the Church

Eleanor Maureen Ruggiero
daughter of
Lea and Michael Ruggiero

Congratulations to the family on the
Baptism of their child.

The Institute for Christian Formation ***Launching in January 2021 at*** ***St. Charles Borromeo Seminary***

For Adults, 18 and above (HS diploma required)

Deepen your relationship with Jesus and live out committed discipleship in Him in a 2-year non-degree, non-credit Experiential Faith Formation program. For more information about this exciting new spiritual formation opportunity which will renew hearts and minds in Christ, please call 610-785-6287, email sts@scs.edu or visit <https://www.scs.edu/ICF>.

Weekend Mass Schedule October 31-November 1

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, October 31

2:00 PM Wedding - Msgr. Dougherty

Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Fr. Pesarchick

5:15 PM - Fr. Pesarchick

Sunday, November 1

7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

8:45 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

11:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

1:00 PM Baptism - Msgr. Dougherty

The Knights of Columbus'

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**Please make checks payable to
"Knights of Columbus."**



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

Until further notice, 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/.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Suspended until further notice.



Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney is to be beatified on Saturday, October 31 at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford, CT. Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 with Charity, Unity, Fraternity and

Patriotism as the guiding principles. Now two million members strong, the Knights of Columbus serve local parishes and communities around the world. As we celebrate this historic event, please join in asking Blessed Michael McGivney for his intercession and praying for his eventual canonization. For more information, go to KofC.org and watch the video on the McGivney Miracle Baby. Please also consider joining the “Fr. Michael J. McGivney Guild” to share in the mission of making known his life and work, and to encourage devotions to Blessed Michael McGivney. If interested, please visit guild@kofc.org and join.

If you are interested in learning more about Father McGivney yourself, you can go to www.fathermcgivney.org or read *Parish Priest* by Douglas Brinkley and Julie Fenster.



Holy Hour for Vocations and Family Festival of Praise Sunday, November 1, 2020

As we celebrate All Saints Day, as well as the beginning of National Vocation Awareness Week, there is no better way to begin the month of Remembrance and a week of prayer for vocations than in front of the Blessed Sacrament praising our Lord.

On **Sunday, November 1** from 7:00 – 8:30 PM, the Vocation Office along with St. Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield invite **ALL** to gather before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for an increase in vocations and those currently discerning their vocation. Music will be provided by [Bethany Music Ministry](#) and there will be an art exhibit by Kristyn Brown, showcasing her [Saints Project](#).

Please note that social distancing protocols will be in place, and we ask that all in attendance wear a mask. For more information, contact Sue Matour at 610-667-5778 or smatour@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.



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.

“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



On Saturday, October 31, pro-life citizens will again gather in Philadelphia to fight for the right to be born!

8:00 am Mass at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul with Father Dennis Gill. Following Mass, a procession to Planned Parenthood at 12th and Locust.

9:30 am Rally with Pastor Clenard Childress, Pastor of New Calvary Baptist Church, Montclair, NJ.



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**

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 Thursday, November 19, 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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