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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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 4, 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 Vineyards I’ve Seen” sounds like the title of a handsome coffee table book produced by a wine connoisseur and a photography expert. This writer is neither of those, but I have remembered impressions of vineyards in places far flung. I recall especially my visit to our own Napa Valley, California. I can picture the administration building and production facilities hugging the road. But beyond those, a vast acreage of grape vines stretching as far as the eye could see. With warm sunshine occasionally criss-crossed by cloud shadows, the plants climbed gentle hillsides with ease. Or they seemed to slide gently downward into shallow valleys. Their very vastness spoke of huge investment; of expert care and massive productivity applied to rendering that glassful of enjoyment at a diner’s table.

Thousands of years ago, the vineyards of Galilee and Judea were commonplace, although likely less grand. Still, they held vital importance for their owners and society in general. Wine was the beverage of choice in such places back then, since drinking water came only from rivers, streams or wells. The Carpenter from Nazareth knew a lot about vineyards. No doubt He had in His divine mind the special connection with wine that He would soon initiate. But for now, such a place would be a teaching tool for Him to describe certain aspects of His kingdom. He would acknowledge the wicked tenants who sometimes came along, thieves who would violate the rules of justice.

His audience of chief priests and elders that day would somehow miss the direct reference to themselves as they self-righteously declared the punishment due the evil tenants in Jesus’ story. Easy to do if you’re self-satisfied and unaccustomed to others’ corrections.


“The people” in Our Lord’s gospel message ultimately refers to the future Church the gospel writer had in mind that forms the people of God. That brings the story home to this twenty-first century, and to us. Right here and right now.

I believe we can recognize at least two truths about the present day Church that did not exist when Jesus taught with this parable. First, that this people of God is made up of both sinners and saints. Second, its huge present day numbers do not preclude God’s personal love and care for each of us. I for one find immense consolation in that latter truth.

In these unusual and trying times that we are living in right now, we may think of ourselves as receiving the opposite from God: forgotten and abandoned by Him. But we believe He has never revoked His promise to be “with us always, until the end of the world,” do we not? Obviously then, God deserves our trust. Only with it would we have enough motivation to be a part of Isaiah’s “people that will produce good fruit.”

Here are some consoling words about all of this from none other than one of our nation’s Founding Fathers: “Behold the rain which descends from heaven upon our vineyards; there it enters the roots of the vines, to be changed into wine: a constant proof that God loves us, and loves to see us happy.” -Benjamin Franklin. God love you, and give you His peace!

MONDAY, October 5	7:00 AM	Helen O’Rourke
TUESDAY, October 6	7:00 AM	Edmund Zelno
WEDNESDAY, October 7	7:00 AM	Josh Pamplin - 1st anniversary
THURSDAY, October 8	7:00 AM	Mary Alice Laird
FRIDAY, October 9	7:00 AM	Alice Carroll
SATURDAY, October 10	8:00 AM	Deceased Members of The Kienlen Family



THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, 2020
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
THE HO LE FAMILY.

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

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT


<u>Weekend of September 27, 2020:</u>	\$ 9,993
Collection in Church:	\$ 2,200
Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 665
Mail In:	\$ 4,808
Parish On Line:	\$ 2,320
Envelopes:	152

Collection for the Military Services \$496

The Weekend of September 29, 2019: \$7,615

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
Prayer: Pathway to God

From the Pastor

Blessing of Animals – Sunday, October 4 is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Because of his love for animals, we will have our annual blessing of animals at 3:00 pm in front of the rectory. We encourage you to wear masks. Social distancing will be observed.

First Holy Communion – Some of our young parishioners, mainly third graders, will be receiving their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks, Saturday, October 10 at 10:30 am, Saturday, October 17 at 10:30 am, and Sunday, October 25 at the 11:30 am Mass. Our prayers go out to all of our First Communion candidates. Their reception of this sacrament was delayed from the past spring because of Covid-19, so they are very eager to receive our Lord in the Eucharist. May God bless them and give them a great love for the Lord and his real presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

Disaster Fund Special Collection Next Weekend – The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has asked dioceses around 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 will be in the vestibule of the Church in order that you may assist this charitable effort. Your generosity will be of much assistance to the many people suffering from these disasters.

Sanctuary Restoration – The restoration of the sanctuary is progressing. The first step up into the sanctuary, which was made of wood, has now been rebuilt and covered with white marble to match the second step, which has been better fortified and reset with the marble that was on it. The next step is to repair the area over by the Blessed Mother altar. Then work can be done to repair the damaged tiles and supply tiles for the small areas where they are missing. The final step will be to clean and shine all the marble in the sanctuary. It will take a little time to complete it all, but I anticipate that it will look wonderful and enhance the beauty and sacred atmosphere of our Church.

Golf Outing – Our Parish and School Golf Outing will be on Monday, Oct. 5 at 1:00 pm at Bala Country Club. We are looking forward to a great day. Many thanks to all who are supporting this social and fundraiser.

Food Collection Next Weekend - Our monthly food collection to help replenish the pantries of the Archdiocesan food banks has resumed. Your donations of non-perishable food items help to overcome the hunger so many families in our area experience because of a lack of sufficient food. Bags will be available at the doors of Church this weekend. You can purchase items to place in them and bring them to the school cafeteria before the Masses during the weekend of October 10 -11.

Church Teaching: Priest Celebrant Chair – The chair of the priest celebrant stands as a symbol of his office of presiding over the assembly and of directing prayer. An appropriate placement of the chair allows the priest celebrant to be visible to all in the congregation. The chair reflects the dignity of the one who leads the community in the person of Christ, but is never intended to be remote or grandiose. The priest celebrant's chair is distinguished from the seating for the other ministers by its design and placement. The most appropriate place for the chair is at the head of the sanctuary and turned toward the people. (from a Church document on Sacred Art and Architecture)

Spiritual Thought – The Eucharist is the heart of the Christian religion. It is an ineffable mystery that embraces the untold depths of divine love, and in which God, giving himself to us, bestows upon us all blessings and graces. (St. Francis de Sales)

A Little Humor – A man wanted to know where the sun comes up from and sets. He woke up the next morning and it suddenly dawned on him.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended until further notice.



We welcome into the Church

Richard Ryan Mattaliano
son of

Michael & Mary Mattaliano

Congratulations to the family on the
Baptism of their child.



Please remember in your prayers the soul of
Nhung (Mary) Pham who recently passed away.
May she rest in peace and her loved ones be
comforted.

Daily Family Devotional

It is with sincere regrets and apologies that we are writing to let you know that, for the first time in our 52 year history, we will not be able to print and ship our devotionals for the fourth quarter of 2020 due to financial hardship created by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

A significant number our churches are unable to hold in-person services so, understandably, have requested to hold their orders for the upcoming quarter.

It is currently our intention to return to production for the first quarter of 2021.

Hunger Action Month PB&J Drive

Nutritional Development Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (NDS) is hosting an online Peanut Butter and Jelly (PB&J) Drive to enable broad and meaningful participation in Hunger Action Month. Hunger Action Month is observed nationally each September.

This annual food drive helps to stock the shelves of NDS' network of over 50 food cupboards throughout the Greater Philadelphia region and to benefit those who do not have access to nutritious sustenance. This effort is especially critical during these unprecedented and challenging times.

Those interested in helping our neighbors in need can support NDS' Community Food Program by purchasing items online through You Give Goods at <https://yougivegoods.com/ndspbj>.

All goods donated now through Friday, October 23 will be distributed to NDS' network of food cupboards throughout the Greater Philadelphia metropolitan area.

In addition, St. Margaret's will have boxes in the back of church on the weekends of October 4, 11, and 18.

Main Line Singles Dinner Club (Ages 52-66)

Catholic men and women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests and dine together two times a month. Our next scheduled event is Sunday, October 11 at 5:30 PM, a restaurant event at Xolo Tacos, 14 N Merion Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA. For more information, call Barb at 610-896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.



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.

Honors

We are very proud of **Connor McCabe**, who attends Lower Merion High School and has been named to the National Honor Society!

Roman Catholic High School
301 N. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107



RGHS Scholarship Entrance Exam:

Saturday, November 14, 2020

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Saturday, December 5, 2020

Testing begins at 9:00 AM and you can register at <https://romancatholicshs.com/finalsite.com/admissions/important-dates>.

For more information, please call

Thomas Bottoms '10

Director of Admissions and Communications Office

215-627-1270 ext. 110

Cell: 215-251-7186



Saint Basil Academy Admissions

711 Fox Chase Road

Jenkintown, PA 19046

8th Grade Entrance Exam

Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 8AM

Register online at Stbasilacademy.org

For more information, contact Rachel McGonigle, Director of Admissions, at 215-649-9083 or email rmcgonigle@stbasilacademy.org.

Weekend Mass Schedule October 10-11

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, October 10

10:30 AM First Holy Communion - Msgr. Dougherty

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

5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, October 11

7:30 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

8:45 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

11:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

12:30 PM Baptism - Msgr. Dougherty

1:00 PM Baptism - Msgr. Dougherty

2:00 PM Baptism - Msgr. Dougherty



FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND HAS RESUMED!

Next Weekend is our monthly food collection weekend (October 10 & 11). 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

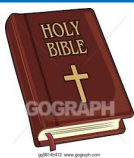
you for your generous support of this program.

St. Mary Polish American Society Raffle

Please consider supporting this raffle which will feature \$10,000 in prizes paid out to seven winning tickets. Tickets are \$50 each. A total of 500 tickets will be sold. Raffle proceeds support promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County, PA and the restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church, the home for the Traditional Latin Mass in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2020. Winner does not need to be present. To purchase tickets, please contact: Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861 or email us at smpas@stmarypolish.org.

- 1st Prize- \$5,000
- 2nd Prize- \$2,000
- 3rd Prize- \$1,000
- Four \$500 prizes



Bible Novena

Between September 2020 and May 2021, the Vocation Office will be praying an extended Novena, reading the entire Bible over the course of these 9 months, and we invite you to join us as we proclaim and hear the word of God and listen for His voice in our lives.

On the first and third Sundays of each month, we will issue videos of the faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia reading the Bible - including priests, deacons, seminarians, and lay faithful. For more information on this 9-Month Bible Novena, please visit Heedthecall.org/BibleNovena or contact Fr. DeLacy or Sue Matour in the Vocation Office at 610-667-5778.



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, 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/.



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

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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