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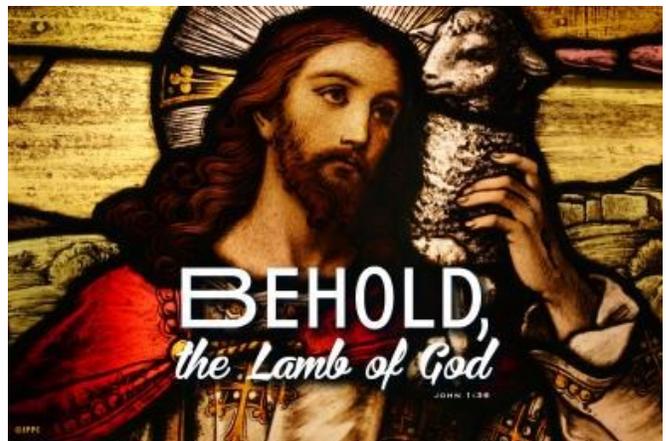
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MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

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.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 17, 2021



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

Magnetism. On one level, it's that physical phenomenon in which a bar of iron or steel can attract other iron. It can grab on to almost any metallic object from a coin to a car and everything in between. It's the "glue" that holds the photographic memories of a family on the refrigerator door.

On another level, the word refers to those features of a person that make him or her attractive. In the case of Our Lord Jesus, we have not only attraction but also the fact that He is both human and divine. The gospels give us glimpses of both. Jesus at one time raises a dead man to life but at another time He is caught napping in the stern of St. Peter's boat.

In the gospel passage we read today, John our author gives us all the subjects and verbs of the incident, but none of the adjectives or adverbs. We hear that two former disciples of the Baptist were sent after the Lord. They experienced in turn His magnetism. But how did their faces look? And how did Jesus' own face look? Or with what tone of voice did Jesus have when He asked them "What are you looking for?" John doesn't say.

I surmise a smile and a welcoming arm gesture when Jesus invited them to come and see where He was staying. However John steps out of character to note the time of day when this happened. Maybe because this incident marked the hour of the first calling of people that Jesus gave.

We find out the name of one of the men was Andrew. He in turn introduces his brother Simon to the Lord. Simon gets a new name, along with a new calling. The magnetic attraction of Jesus usually involves a change in the other's life.

I believe it follows that we have an opportunity this January day to reflect on our own calling from the Lord. While each of us is unique, we also have a common call as Catholic Christians to "introduce" others, so to speak, to Jesus. A sad fact is that the largest group of people in our country in terms of religious affiliation are the "nones." People with no connection to any religion. I believe we have a call to introduce them to Jesus. And we can do that more by our actions than by words. The action of our Christian lifestyle, which has a built in magnetism of its own.

The story is told of the captain of a Mississippi riverboat who, as his ship passed another vessel, grabbed the first passenger he saw and said, "Look, look over there on the other boat, Look at its captain." The man was somewhat bewildered and asked, "Why do you want me to look at that captain? What makes him so special?"

Then the captain told him the story of how he had collided one night with another boat. His own vessel was foundering and in the process he was thrown overboard. The captain of the other vessel saw his desperate plight and maneuvered close enough that he was able to dive into the water and save his life.

After telling the story, the once-saved captain then turned to the bystander and said, "Ever since that day, I want to point out my rescuer to others." Likewise, as a people who have been magnetically attracted by Jesus, and been saved, secured and loved by Him, we should want to point out to others the God-Man who has rescued us from the consequences of our sins.

MONDAY, January 18

7:00 AM Donna Johnson

TUESDAY, January 19

7:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, January 20

7:00 AM Kathleen Valentine

THURSDAY, January 21

7:00 AM Dominic Scorzetti

FRIDAY, January 22

7:00 AM Stanley Kazeniak

SATURDAY, January 23

8:00 AM John Le

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

Weekend Mass Schedule January 23-24

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, January 23

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

5:15 PM - Fr. Cossavella

Sunday, January 24

7:30 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

8:45 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

10:00 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

11:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of January 10, 2021: \$ 11,906

Collection in Church: \$ 4,790

Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 631

Mail In: \$ 2,550

Parish On Line: \$ 3,935

Envelopes: 161

The Weekend of January 12, 2020: \$8,217.

I sincerely thank you for continuing to live faithful stewardship. God bless you and your families.

Msgr. Dougherty

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Suspended until further notice.

Parish Theme for 2020-2021

Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer

From the Pastor

Vacation – I'll be away this week. I'll be going home to spend the week with my parents. I'll be close enough to St. Margaret's that I can return if the need arises. The Parish Office can get in touch with me.

Back to Ordinary Time – In the Liturgical year, this Sunday marks the return to Ordinary Time after the celebration of the Seasons of Advent and Christmas. The gospels on Sundays this year will focus on the gospel of Saint Mark. Although the title for this Season is Ordinary Time to distinguish it from the special Seasons of the Church Year that surround the Birth and Resurrection of Christ, as we listen to the Word of God and celebrate the Eucharist each week, we come to see all the extraordinary words and deeds of the Lord as he preached, healed and worked miracles. Much of our lives can be called ordinary as we go about our usual daily work, business, events and family life. However, in the midst of the ordinary, we can find the beautiful power and faithfulness of God's love. May our celebration of Ordinary Time in the Church Year uncover for us the extraordinary grace of God present in our lives.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children – The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated Friday, January 22 as a Day of Prayer for the Unborn. I encourage you to spend some time in prayer that day for the unborn. An act of penance and sacrifice on behalf of this intention is also encouraged, perhaps the sacrifice of some food or another pleasure. The rosary would be a very fitting prayer to offer for this intention. Here is another prayer that you can say: (It is taken from the Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life) God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

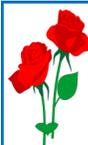
Mass at Cathedral and the Philadelphia March for Life on Saturday, January 23 – Please note that this year there will be a Mass at the Cathedral at 9:00 am and a local March for Life to Independence Mall. The March will conclude at 1:00 pm. Your presence will witness to the need for our society to recognize the right to life for the unborn.

Achievement of Catholic Charities Appeal 2020 Goal – Many thanks to all who contributed to the 2020 Catholic Charities Appeal. I was recently notified by the Archdiocese that our Parish reached its goal of \$84,835. Your generosity is much appreciated and will allow the Archdiocese to assist many needy people in our local communities. May God bless you.

Parish Theme for This Year (Rejoice in hope; endure in affliction; persevere in prayer.) – The poet Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote: "More things are accomplished by prayer than this world ever dreams of." We should never doubt the power of prayer. Pray for the right to life, pray for all those suffering from Covid-19, pray for your family and our Parish. Your prayers are the most powerful weapon in the battle against sin and temptation. Your prayers open your spirit to receive the strength of God to endure difficulties and faithfully do his will.

Church Teaching – The inalienable right to life of every innocent human individual is a constitutive element of a civil society and its legislation: "The inalienable rights of the person must be recognized and respected by civil society and the political authority. These human rights depend neither on single individuals nor on parents; nor do they represent a concession made by society and the state; they belong to human nature and are inherent in the person by virtue of the creative act from which the person took his origin. Among such fundamental rights one should mention in this regard every human being's right to life and physical integrity from the moment of conception until death." (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Spiritual Thought – The Church is not a welfare, cultural, or political association but a living body that walks and acts in history. And this body has a head, Jesus, who guides, feeds and supports it. This is a point that I would like to emphasize: if one separates the head from the rest of the body, the whole person cannot survive. It is like this in the Church: we must stay ever more deeply connected with Jesus. (Pope Francis)



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Mountaha Elias Fersan Wakim who recently passed away. May she rest in peace and her loved ones be comforted.



St Margaret School

Here we are in 2021. Happy New Year! The unknown and mystery lay ahead. As we look back over 2020, in some way we have all been impacted by Covid 19. Yet, we were able to manage through all of the challenges, setbacks and altered lifestyles. We can say wholeheartedly, we did it! We will continue to take this journey together in confidence and faith. Your partnership with SMS is essential for the physical, mental and emotional health, safety, and welfare of each child under our care.

We wanted to share some good news that we received over the holidays from our 8th graders who applied to several high schools.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Joaquin Basanta was awarded a Scholarship to Devon Prep, Pious Schools Scholarship; Archbishop Carroll, The Merit Scholarship; Cardinal O'Hara, an Academic Scholarship; and Roman Catholic High School, The President's Scholarship.

Matt Cuff was awarded a Merit Scholarship to Archbishop Carroll. Matt was also awarded The Pious Schools Scholarship to Devon Prep and also the Xaverian Scholarship to St Joseph's Prep.

John Christopher Keller was awarded the Presidential Scholarship and John Convey, Ph.D., '58 Scholarship to LaSalle High School and the Xaverian Scholarship to St. Joseph's Prep.

Ben Klick was awarded the Xaverian Scholarship to St. Joseph's Prep.

Yara Memar was awarded the Mercy Scholarship from Merion Mercy as well as two Scholarships from Sacred Heart Academy (The Merit and Music).

Jamiah Moore was awarded the Saint Katharine Drexel Academic Scholarship to Bonner-Prendergast High School.

Matt Norton was awarded the Principal Scholarship to La Salle College High School; The Xaverian Scholarship to St. Joseph's Prep; and a Pious Schools Scholarship to Devon Prep.

Roman Nepomuceno was accepted to Roman Catholic HS with a partial scholarship.

Guru Patel was awarded the Presidential Scholarship at Holy Ghost Prep.

Marenda Robinson was awarded the Academic Scholarship and a Merit Based Scholarship for Excellence in Music/Violin at St. Mark's High School, Wilmington, DE.

Sophie Ryan was awarded St. Madeleine Sophie Academic Merit Scholarship & Alma Mater Glory Sings Music Scholarship to Sacred Heart Academy.

Grace Stead was awarded the IHM Charism Scholarship from Villa Maria Academy.

Coming soon, we will post the listing of the schools that our students will be attending. We continue to be so proud of all our 8th grade students. They worked so hard especially during this trying time.

Support St. Margaret Parish and School



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Nightly Rosary to End Coronavirus CONTINUES!

Through the month of January, and until further notice, the rosary will continue Monday through Thursday at 8:00 PM in English using the link found at phillyevang.org/rosary/. For details about joining the rosary in Spanish on Thursdays, please email pherrera@olguadalupe.org.

Please join the hundreds of families in the Archdiocese and across the country who have been praying the rosary together online since March.



The Institute for Christian Formation

***Launching January 21, 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>.



Are you suffering from the wound of abortion? A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a non-judgmental, safe, loving, and confidential environment. Come experience the mercy and compassion of God by attending the upcoming retreat. The experience will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul.

**Post-Abortion Healing Retreat
March 5th – 7th, 2021**

**IHM Spirituality Center, Malvern, Pennsylvania
For information call:**

Georgeann 484-955-4278 or Susan 610-716-4795

All inquiries are strictly confidential. Financial aid is offered if needed.



***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 1:30 PM on
Sunday.***



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

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (AGES 52-67)

CATHOLIC men & women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests & dine together twice a month. Our next scheduled event is Sunday, January 24, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. It will be an outdoor/tented/well heated/lit w/Safe Seating restaurant event at Enotecca Tredici located at 915 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010. For more info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.



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!

A Little Humor - People found guilty of not using punctuation deserve the longest sentence possible.



Learn more about St. Margaret School!

Our 4 year old prekindergarten through 8th grade continues to grow strong faith, develop outstanding character and offer exceptional academics in our unparalleled community. Learn more through an online inquiry and virtual tour today. Request more information: bit.ly/382vTAU or visit our website: smsnarberth.org.

We welcome Prekindergarten 4 year olds and Full Day Kindergarten applications after a virtual tour | meeting. Contact our Admissions/Advancement Director at 610-664-2640 ext 2 or at info@smsnarberth.org. We look forward to hearing from you, to engage our parish community in Catholic education at its best!

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, February 24, 2021 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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