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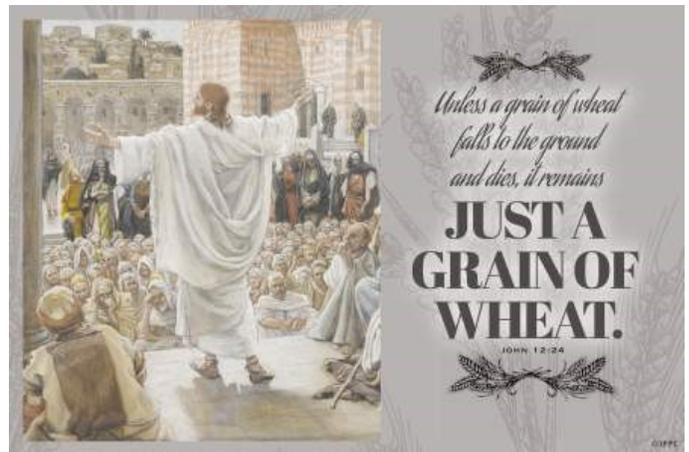
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MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 21, 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.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended until further notice.

MONDAY, March 22

7:00 AM Albert Sborlini

TUESDAY, March 23

7:00 AM Beth McMordie

WEDNESDAY, March 24

7:00 AM Kathleen Valentine

THURSDAY, March 25

7:00 AM Patricia Horan

FRIDAY, March 26

7:00 AM John R. O'Rourke, Sr.

SATURDAY, March 27

8:00 AM Kathleen Gavin



THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF JERRY OZGA.

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

Weekend Mass Schedule March 27-28

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, March 27

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

5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, March 28

7:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

8:45 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

10:00 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

11:30 AM - Fr. Cossavella

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of March 14, 2021: \$ 8,675

Collection in Church: \$ 3,591

Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 591

Mail In: \$ 2,193

Parish On Line: \$ 2,300

Envelopes: 147

The Weekend of March 15, 2020: \$4,832

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

Msgr. Dougherty



Tax Information for 2020: To properly claim your donations to the Church, the IRS may require a donation receipt. To request your information go here <http://tinyurl.com/stmargtax> or contact the rectory during normal business hours, 610-664-3770.

Parish Theme for 2020-2021

Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer

From the Pastor

First Reconciliation – The children in second grade in Saint Margaret School and in our PREP Program will be receiving the Lord's forgiveness and grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wednesday and Thursday evening this week. They are excited for this opportunity to experience the Lord's sacramental mercy. Please remember them in your prayers. May their enthusiasm for the sacrament inspire us to come to the Lord in Confession this Lent and receive the forgiveness of God and the peace and strength he imparts to us. The Lord frees us from our guilt and sets us free from our sins to follow him more faithfully.

Lenten Discussion on Homelessness on Tuesday, March 23 – Lent is a time of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. What better time to address Homelessness? Please join us on Tuesday, March 23 at 8:00 pm for a zoom discussion of Rev. Chaz Howard's new book, "The Bottom: a Theopoetic of the Streets." It is available at the rectory for \$20 (\$5 of which will be donated to St. Margaret's), and most booksellers. Contact Nicole at faith@saintmarg.org to register for the Zoom link.

Confessions – Additional times for confession are available as we approach the solemn celebration of Easter. Confessions will be heard this Tuesday, March 23 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm, on Wednesday, March 31 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm and on Saturday, April 3 from 8:30 – 9:30 am and 3:30 – 4:45 pm. Avail yourself of these opportunities to receive the healing grace of the Lord's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Next Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. The Passion of the Lord will be read at all the Masses as we contemplate the great love the Lord showed for us in suffering and dying for our salvation. Palm will be distributed at all the Masses.

Rice Bowl Collection – You may contribute to the Rice Bowl Collection on Easter Sunday, April 3-4. Baskets will be available in the vestibule of the Church for your donations to this collection.

Catholic Charities Appeal – Lent is a special time for almsgiving. Extend charity to the needy by contributing to the 2021 Catholic Charities Appeal. The Appeal supports many programs in the Archdiocese that serve the needs of the homeless, the hungry, and the disadvantaged. Your contributions also support our schools of special education and our sick and elderly priests. Fifty-nine of our parish families have contributed a total of \$20,245 toward our goal of \$85,835. Please join them in making a generous donation to this Appeal. Thank you for your support.

Parish Theme for This Year (Rejoice in hope; endure in affliction; persevere in prayer.)

– Lent teaches us that prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the main three practices that keep us united with the Lord. Our theme this year calls us to persevere in prayer. There are many challenges to remaining faithful in prayer: the many demands on our time, failure to see the hidden benefits of prayer, and a lack of faith in the power of prayer. Face these challenges and persevere in prayer. Prayer increases our experience of God's love for us, deepens our trust in God, imparts the wisdom of God, and helps us to be more like Christ. Persevere in prayer. Continue to meet the Lord and open your mind and heart to the saving love of the Lord.

Spiritual Thought – If there be a true way that leads to the Everlasting Kingdom, it is most certainly that of suffering, patiently endured. (St. Colette)

A Little Humor – All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. When they reached the altar and the waiting groom, the bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand. The guests in the front pews and the pastor smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.

Church Teaching: Participation in Mass – There is a need to ensure that all those present, children and adults, take an active interest, by encouraging their involvement at those points where the liturgy suggests and recommends it. Of course, it falls to only those who exercise the priestly ministry to effect the Eucharistic sacrifice and to offer it to God in the name of the whole people. This is the basis of the distinction, which is much more than just a matter of discipline, between the task proper to the celebrant and that which belongs to deacons and non-ordained faithful. Yet the faithful must realize that, because of the common priesthood received in baptism, they participate in the offering of the eucharist. Although there is a distinction of roles, they still offer to God the divine victim and themselves with him. Offering the sacrifice and receiving holy communion, they take part actively in the liturgy, finding in it light and strength to live their baptismal priesthood and the witness of a holy life. (from the Apostolic Letter "Keeping the Lord's Day Holy" by Saint John Paul II)



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.



St Margaret School

SMS is hosting an Easter Fundraiser featuring Nothing Bundt Cakes! 8 inch bundt cakes will be available for \$25 and can be **picked up on Friday, April 2nd** at St Margaret School Cafeteria. For order forms and more information, please email Mrs. D at office@smsnarberth.org.

Kindergarten

The students in our Kindergarten B class have been taking virtual field trips around the world every Friday. They have gone to 16 different countries. Some of their favorites include Mexico, India, Kenya, and Australia. It is a great experience for them to learn about other cultures and how children in other countries around the world spend their daily lives.

Dream- Believe-Discover

If you have a child in grades Pre-K-8 and are interested in learning more about St. Margaret's School, our education, our wonderful teachers and staff and our community, please contact Anne Becker at info@smsnarberth.org.



Mount Saint Joseph Academy

Prospective students are invited to join us for events this spring!

7th Grade Practice Test - Saturday, March 27, and Sunday, March 28

6th Grade Practice - Saturday, April 17

Registration is open at www.msacad.org/practicetest.

Personal tours are scheduled by appointment – call (215) 233-9133 to reserve your tour.

For more information or to learn more about the event, email the Admissions Team at admiss@msacad.org.



Food Collection Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to help with the monthly food collection at St. Margaret's. The commitment involves packing boxes with the items donated by parishioners at one or two Masses, two weekends a year. **This is also a great chance to get your children involved in helping those in need.**

To volunteer, please contact Henry Hockheimer at HockheimerH@ballardspahr.com.



Thank you!

Thank you for Poor Box Donations



Birthright of West Chester would like to thank you for the generosity you have extended to the mothers and pregnant women of our community. Your generous donation of \$400 is greatly appreciated by the women, girls, and babies we serve, allowing us to help them obtain what they truly need. Without the generosity of donors like you, many less fortunate families would have little or nothing for their babies.

God bless you for your commitment to all life, especially for the life of the unborn child. We are grateful for your *continuing* kindness and may God bless you in your charitable outreach.

A NOTE OF



Dear Msgr. Dougherty and Mrs. Johnston,

Thank you so much for letting our scout troop use your parking lot for our meetings. It means a great deal to us that, when we needed somewhere to meet in these troubling times, St. Margaret's School and Parish was willing to help and graciously share your outdoor space. We greatly appreciate all that you have done for us and we will continue to respect the space you have allowed us to use.

Sincerely,
Matt Hogan,
on behalf of Narberth Boy Scout Troop 176B



Honors

THE PREP

St. Joseph's Prep has informed us that the following students achieved First Semester 2020-21 Academic Honors:

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| Ethan R. Cook | Noah J. Klick |
| Maxwell J. Coyne | Patrick Lamb |
| Daniel J. Friedlander | Matthew T. Malone |
| Martin T. Gallagher | Sean T. Walker |

Congratulations!



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>.

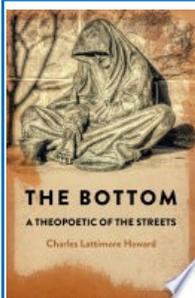
This is an easy way to continue to support your parish both during the COVID-19 pandemic and going forward. Thank you!

**FAST AND ABSTINENCE
AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT**

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (with the exception of Friday, March 19th, The Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary). Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.



Does COVID have you tired of being stuck at home? Now imagine you lost your home. Lent is a time for **PRAYER, FASTING and ALMSGIVING**. What better time to address *Homelessness*? Please join us on Tuesday, March 23 at 8 PM for a zoom discussion of Rev. Chaz Howard's new book, *The Bottom: A Theopoetic of the Streets*. It is available at the rectory for \$20 (\$5 of which will be donated to St. Margaret's), and most booksellers. For the zoom link, email faith@saintmarg.org.



St. Margaret School

St. Margaret School is welcoming applicants for the fall of 2021-22. Apply early for our 4 year old prekindergarten, and Full Day Kindergarten to secure a seat. Our goals include in person learning, while keeping your children safe with high academic standards. Applications for grades 1 to 7 are considered on an individual basis. For more information email info@smsnarberth.org.

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (AGES 52-67)

CATHOLIC men & women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club" **TODAY, Sunday, March 21, 2021, at 5:00 P.M.** at a 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.



COMMUNITY IN MADAGASCAR

Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long-term consequences for individuals, communities and entire countries. That's why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health and wellbeing of their children. How does your community work together for the good of others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Rice Bowl Lenten Almsgiving

PLEASE NOTE: The collection date for our in-church Rice Bowl donations has been changed to Easter Weekend, April 3 and 4. Rice Bowl donations may be made in two ways this year: collected in the Church on Easter Weekend OR donate online using our parish's unique CRS website: <https://crs.donordrive.com/participant/st-margaret-church>.

Thank you!



Lenten Events: Two Powerful Nights with Noted Author, Speaker and Former Jewish Harvard Professor Roy Schoeman

March 28, 7pm: *A Personal Journey from Judaism to Atheism to Catholicism: The Remarkable Story of Roy Schoeman*. Hear the amazing account of Roy's supernatural encounters with Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary which resulted in his enthusiastic entry into the Catholic Church.

March 29, 7pm: *Why the Last Supper and the Crucifixion took place on Passover: The Transformation of Judaism into the Catholic Church*. In this presentation, Roy Schoeman will explain how God's perfect plan for salvation depended on both Judaism and the Catholic Church, resulting in their convergence on Good Friday.

These are live virtual events. Registration is required to receive the link to attend. To register, go to www.olphmorton.org and look for "Lenten Events with Roy Schoeman."

**RETROUVAILLE
REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR
MARRIAGE**



Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of April 16-18, 2021, at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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, April 22, 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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