

# ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 16, 2021



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### Scrip Sales

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

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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.



### 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

My Uncle Ed was the closest I ever had to a grandfather. All of my actual grandparents were gone to God by the time I came along. My uncle, the bachelor brother of my mom, lived with us as a family. I remember him as a humble and gentle soul. His needs were simple and so were his pleasures.

Of the many memories I have of him, one that stands out was the occasional trips to the big city we made from our suburban enclave via a bus and then a longer ride on the "EL" that traveled above West Philadelphia en route to center city and beyond. Those trips fell under the general rubric of "getting a haircut." That from Jimmy the barber, my uncle's friend, who held forth in his South Philly shop.

Along the way to the barber's chair was a stop at the nearby Woolworth lunch counter, where my uncle would have a healthy meal, but yours truly would attack a hot fudge sundae gracing one of those vase like glass dishes that required use of a long-handled spoon to get the last drop.

The trip home, with both of us newly shorn of excess locks, included a stop at the now vanished Hanscom's bakery. There amid delightful sights and smells, I was allowed to choose at least one item for the family.

I present you this tidbit of my memories to highlight the generosity of my uncle. Not a penny came from my paper route profits. Revisiting it all, I note how Uncle Ed came to represent kindness, concern for others. It was, in retrospect, the kind of thing that I would later label as a "Eucharistic way of life." That's one of the reasons I proudly display a photo of him on my bookshelf.

These reveries came flooding into my mind as I pondered the tender moments recorded in the section of John's gospel that we read this weekend. They record Jesus at His compassionate best and also as a Leader of Men. Note how He prays for His band of twelve rough and ready men that He will soon be physically leaving. This motley crew were His chosen friends, even though at times the bond had been temporarily fractured. As a group, they had by now lived through denial and treason from among their number, witnessed His terrible end, and were now surprised and consoled by His astounding resurrection.

But here He was, praying for them, pondering their future, with all the hazards of living in a world where they would be misunderstood, perhaps even hated, and ever subject to the manipulations of "the evil one." Jesus even defined eternal life for them, as knowing "the only true God and the Son whom He sent."

I believe it is essential, both for our safety and our sanity, to acknowledge the love God has for each of us, coupled with a compassion unparalleled. We all have our challenges, heartaches and setbacks. Sometimes even our Church leaders disappoint us. But nothing this life can dish out should ever cause our connection with Him to fracture. The Eucharist is proof positive that He is very much with us and wants to be always.

- MONDAY, May 17**  
7:00 AM Betty Ann Neely
- TUESDAY, May 18**  
7:00 AM Violet McGeever
- WEDNESDAY, May 19**  
7:00 AM Mary Jean Waldron
- THURSDAY, May 20**  
7:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
- FRIDAY, May 21**  
7:00 AM Thomas Gavin, Sr.
- SATURDAY, May 22**  
8:00 AM Betty Mischler



**THE WEEK OF MAY 16, 2021**  
**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN**  
**IN MEMORY OF**  
**HELEN KIENLEN.**

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

**THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

<b><u>Weekend of May 9, 2021:</u></b>	<b>\$ 11,316</b>
Collection in Church:	\$ 5,516
Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 591
Mail In:	\$ 2,422
Parish On Line:	\$ 2,787
Envelopes:	161

**The Weekend of May 10, 2020: \$8,204**

**Easter Collection: \$46,178**  
**Easter Collection 2020: \$26,197**

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

**Weekend Mass Schedule May 22-23**  
*(Priest scheduled is subject to change)*

**Saturday, May 22**  
 Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Msgr. Dougherty  
 5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

**Sunday, May 23**  
 7:30 AM - Fr. Cossavella  
 8:45 AM - Fr. DePrinzio  
 10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty  
 11:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

## Parish Theme for 2020-2021

### *Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer*

#### From the Pastor

**Surgery** – Thank you for all your prayerful words of support and encouragement regarding my recent diagnosis with prostate cancer. The surgery is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1. The doctors have advised that I allow three weeks for recovery. I plan to be at my parents' house for most of the recovery time. Fr. Cossavella will be celebrating the daily Masses, and I will be asking some of the local pastors whose parishes have some children in our School to fill in for me for the graduation Mass and the end of School Mass. Fathers Cossavella, Pesarchick and DePrinzio will be on hand to celebrate the weekend Masses. The Parish Office will, of course, continue to function as usual. Staff members will be able to contact me as needed. I regret that I will not be present for graduation and other Parish and School events for a few weeks after the surgery, but I am hoping for a full recovery and a return to the Parish as soon as I am able.

**Catholic Charities Appeal** – Bill Phelan, the President of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Charities Appeal, will be at the Masses this weekend to speak about the 2021 Appeal. We are grateful for his being with us to inform us about the great work done through the Appeal. 100 of our Families have already contributed a total of \$42,385, which is 50% of our goal of \$84,835. Please consider making a generous donation to this important Appeal that helps the needy in our Archdiocese through many social services, supports our schools and programs for people with disabilities, feeds the hungry, and fosters the spread of the good news of Jesus Christ.

**Capital Project** – The stone around the main doors to Church has become damaged and discolored, and the pointing needs to be repaired. We have recently secured a contractor to undertake these repairs in the near future. It will enhance the outward appearance and protect the structure of our beautiful Church.

**May Procession** – The May Procession will take place on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 pm. We will begin with a Prayer Service in the Church and process out to the Mary Garden for the crowning of the Blessed Mother statue there. All are welcome to attend this devotional Prayer Service and Procession to honor our Blessed Mother and beseech her protection over our Parish and all its families. Mary is our mother, intercessor, friend, companion and the perfect example of a disciple of Jesus Christ. We rejoice in her communion with us, implore her help, and seek to emulate her example of holiness of life.

**Pastoral Council** – The Council will meet by zoom on Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 pm.

**ReStore Collection of Household Items** – Habitat for Humanity will be collecting items for its ReStore on Saturday, May 22 from 10 am -12 noon in our parking lot. There is an insert in this Bulletin that gives details on the items that will be accepted. All the profits realized by the ReStore go toward the work of Habitat for Humanity in rehabilitating homes for use by the needy.

**Parish Theme for this Year (“Rejoice in hope; endure in affliction; persevere in prayer.”)** There is no joy without hope. Hope believes in the promises of God, who has revealed his love for us and promised to remain with us always and lead us to eternal salvation. This sure and certain hope in God’s love fills us with joy, even in the midst of affliction. May the Lord strengthen our hope in his lasting goodness. In every circumstance the Lord is with us and leading us to a better place. We rejoice in the Lord in whom we place our undying hope.

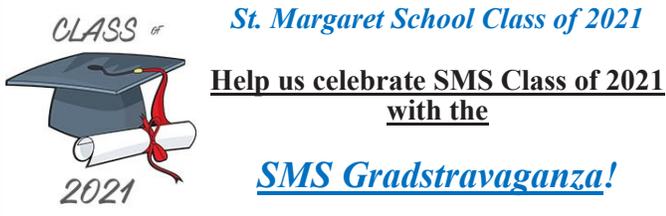
**Church Teaching: Purification of the Heart** – The heart is the seat of moral personality: “Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication...” The struggle against carnal covetousness entails purifying the heart and practicing temperance: “Remain simple and innocent, and you will be like little children who do not know the evil that destroys man’s life.” The sixth beatitude proclaims, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” “Pure in heart” refers to those who have attuned their intellects and wills to the demands of God’s holiness, chiefly in three areas: charity, chastity or sexual rectitude, love of truth and orthodoxy of faith. There is a connection between purity of heart, of body, and of faith: “The faithful must believe the articles of the Creed so that by believing they may obey God, by obeying may live well, and by living well may purify their hearts, and with pure hearts may understand what they believe.”

**Spiritual Thought** – Cheerfulness strengthens the heart and makes us try harder to have a good life, thus God’s servants must always be in good spirits. (St. Philip Neri)

**A Little Humor** – The brain is amazing. It begins working from the time we are conceived, and works 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, right up to the time you get up to speak in public.



*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 Class of 2021**

**Help us celebrate SMS Class of 2021 with the**

**SMS Gradstravaganza!**

Over 35 great prizes available (all new) including the Grand Prize of a Garden Oasis featuring an outdoor patio set!  
Share the link with family and friends - everyone can participate!

<https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/smsclassof2021>

Winners will be chosen via automated random draw on May 21, 2021.

All money raised will help support end of year graduation festivities for this amazing class.

*Thank you in advance for your generous contribution.*



**St Margaret School**

St. Margaret School welcomes your applications for 4 year old PreK to 8th grade. Our experienced faculty strive to educate the whole child, while building character through a daily focus on our faith and virtues. Our current 8th grade students have received over \$430,000 in academic scholarships to private high schools which speaks volumes to our success! Tuition is affordable and opportunities for need-based scholarships and assistance are available.

Learn more by visiting us on our website [www.smsnarberth.org](http://www.smsnarberth.org) or email Anne at [Info@smsnarberth.org](mailto:Info@smsnarberth.org) We are your PARISH School, we look forward to connecting with you and serving your children!



**CRS RICE BOWL  
THANK YOU!!!**

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), many thanks for your very generous response to our Lenten Rice Bowl initiative! Including significant donations from our wonderful school students, to date we collected a total of \$3,785.40 which is the largest amount donated in recent years. This is especially amazing since this was collected during the pandemic when we are not at full church attendance! Please know that your prayers and generosity help those in need both here and around the world – people whom you will never meet but will be the beneficiaries of your kindness and compassion. Remember that 25% of the Rice Bowl collection remains in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and is used to purchase food for the 50 local food cupboards and soup kitchens in the five-county area.

May the blessings of the Easter season continue for you and your family!

Gratefully,  
Marge Vance

Message from Marketing and Development  
Mrs. Becker - [info@smsnarberth.org](mailto:info@smsnarberth.org)

Applications Available for St. Margaret's School 2021-2022 School Year!  
Feel free to share with your friends!

Apply to SMS:  
<http://bit.ly/3j7icGi>



**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!*

**HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY**  
Suspended until further notice.



### **Nourish for Caregivers Caring for the Caregiver**

Virtually every one of us will care for a loved one at some point in our life.

Though rewarding, it is not always easy. The *Nourish for Caregivers* ministry understands that family caregivers need somewhere to turn to for information, support in their faith and personal connection during the caregiver journey. Each *Nourish* gathering provides practical approaches, tools and resources to help navigate these times with a Christ-centered view. For more information, visit [Phillyevang.org/nourish](http://Phillyevang.org/nourish).

#### **Nourish for Caregivers Virtual "House Calls" Tuesdays or Thursdays at 11:00 am**

*Nourish For Caregivers* offers two weekly virtual support groups through the "House Calls" ministry. Caregivers may participate via land line, cell phone, or through the use of a computer/tablet device. Each session will last approximately one hour depending upon the number of participants. Visit this website for log-in information: <https://page.co/j05Km>

#### **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 and dine together 2 times a month. Our next scheduled event is Sunday June 13th, at 5:00 P.M. This will be a restaurant event at "The Choice" located at 845 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010. For more information, call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic single men are encouraged to participate!

#### ***NEW HORIZONS VIRTUAL CENTER* *For Seniors***

The Staff of New Horizons is here to help you, comfort you and connect you to needed services, while also providing engaging and fun wellness programs. For more information and a schedule of activities, please visit [www.newhorizonsseniorcenter.org](http://www.newhorizonsseniorcenter.org) or call 610-664-2366. Most programs and services are available by zoom and by phone. Call for more information on how you can join any remote program.



**The 2021 Mass Book** will open Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Please prepare a list of your announced Masses and send via US mail, email to [office@saintmarg.org](mailto:office@saintmarg.org), or leave in the inbox on the porch. We will do our best to accommodate your preferred dates.



Thank you to the caring parishioners who donated food and hygienic supplies to our Parish Food Collection this month. We sent 28 boxes of pasta, soup, cereal, baked beans and other non-perishable items to help re-stock the Community Food Cupboards in the Archdiocese.

Also, a big thank-you to the volunteers who receive and box up the donations. This month, long-time packers, new volunteers, and "junior packers" gave up some of their Mother's Day to help our neighbors in need. It is appreciated!

#### ***Young Adult Retreat at Malvern Retreat House* **June 11-13****



Young Adults (20s & 30s) are invited to Malvern Retreat House for a retreat on the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Fr. Steven DeLacy. The weekend will include Mass, Adoration, Music, Confession, Lectio Divina and Testimonies. Spend time in prayer on sacred grounds, and enjoy fellowship with other young adults in the Catholic faith. Meals and lodging will be provided. Cost: \$130. Space is limited!

For more information or to register, visit [MalvernRetreat.org/calendar](http://MalvernRetreat.org/calendar) or call 610-644-0400. If you would like to make a donation to young adult ministry at Malvern, please email [pland@malvernretreat.com](mailto:pland@malvernretreat.com). Thank you kindly!



**ARCHDIOCESE  
of PHILADELPHIA  
SCHOOLS**

AMERICA'S FIRST CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

#### ***Archdiocesan Schools of Special Education* **Virtual Parent Information Night** **Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 6:30 PM****

You are invited to meet the principals of the three Archdiocesan Schools of Special Education. Learn how we meet the needs of students with sensory impairments, physical disabilities, and cognitive impairments as well as those on the autism spectrum in the tradition of Catholic education and values.

For more information about *Our Lady of Confidence School, Saint Lucy School for Children with Visual Impairments, and Saint Katherine School*, please visit <https://aop Catholicschools.org/special-education/>

To register for Virtual Parent Information Night, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/schools-of-special-education-virtual-parent-information-night-tickets-152854200027>.

### **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 12:30 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, May 26, 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](http://PhilaMarriagePrep.com). For email inquiries, [Amy@PhilaMarriagePrep.com](mailto: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](http://www.twitter.com/ArchPhilly)

[www.youtube.com/user/CatholicPhilly](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@saintmarg.org) or 610-664-3770, Ext 12.



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