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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 17, 2021

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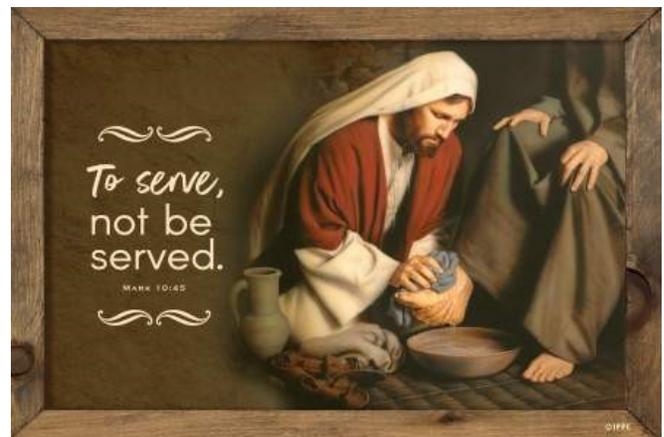
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MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

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.



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

Put simply, severe storms are thieves. They often rob us of our chief source of electrical power. Faster than a snap of the finger, our well-outfitted homes go dark. Everything from lamps to lasers grow dark. We turn to our flashlights and phones, hoping that their batteries last. We quickly calculate ways to manage our refrigerated foodstuffs. In summer, the air conditioner will be sorely missed. In winter, same for the heater.

The unnamed theme of this section from Mark's gospel is all about power of a different species. In a world lit only by fire, two of Our Lord's chosen followers named James and John did not know anything about something called "electricity." But they well knew about "power." It was something derived from your position in society, either inherited, or part of one's class. Of course, it could be seized through success in battle. Or maybe gained by being in the right place at the right time and asking the right person. The sons of Zebedee foolishly chose the third tactic. What they caused was instead a prediction from Jesus, and targeted anger from their 10 peers. It was a bad move on their part. But it occasioned one of those frequent happenings in the Gospels that we call "teachable moments."

Of course, reading or hearing of this incident might touch off a reaction in us that would sound something like this: "I'm glad I'm not power hungry!" But may I suggest that you're only kidding yourself? You sought power when you were only 2 years old and said "No" to Mom or Dad or somebody else your superior in age and ability. From there it was all downhill. Later, you saw others get power and you wanted your share.

So you plotted and schemed, and maybe you were successful. Your skills morphed from toy getting to top gaining. You rose in rank, and it felt good for awhile. You may have accumulated all the marks of material success. But God got lost in the strivings and the stretchings of your ambition. Then one day you awoke to the fact that it all means nothing in the long run.

When Jesus told His two former fishermen that giving high position in heaven is "for those for whom it has been prepared" He was talking about God the Father. We may call Him for our purposes, "The Great Preparer."

My guess is that the real lesson being taught here is that a personal outlook for all Christians should be one of giving service to others. Not "being served," which betokens power. If you think about it, serving others is all the power we need to reach our ultimate destination. In the meantime, here is a bit of wisdom to ponder: *"It may be well to stand tall in this life, but heaven is entered only on the knees."*

God love you and give you His peace.

MONDAY, October 18
7:00 AM Stephen Gallagher

TUESDAY, October 19
7:00 AM Mary Pham

WEDNESDAY, October 20
7:00 AM Anthony Carbo

THURSDAY, October 21
7:00 AM Angelo & Kathleen Bovo

FRIDAY, October 22
7:00 AM Daniel Fahy

SATURDAY, October 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.

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of October 10, 2021:	\$ 10,013
Collection in Church:	\$ 3,848
Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 580
Mail In:	\$ 2,425
Parish On Line:	\$ 3,160
Envelopes:	171

The Weekend of October 11, 2020: \$8,754

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

Weekend Mass Schedule October 23-24
(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, October 23
Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Msgr. Dougherty
5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, October 24
7:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick
8:45 AM - Msgr. Dougherty
10:00 AM - Fr. DePrinzio
11:30 AM - 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>.

Parish Theme for 2020-2021

Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer

From the Pastor

Presentation on the Eucharist – We are offering an opportunity for adult faith formation on Thursday, October 21 at 7:00 pm in Church. Kristi Bushner, a parishioner here at St. Margaret’s and an adjunct faculty member at St. Charles Seminary, will give a presentation on the Church’s teaching on the Eucharist. The presentation will be followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We will conclude at 8:00 pm. We encourage you to attend in-person, but the event will also be live streamed. The Eucharist is the Lord’s greatest gift to us, by which he lovingly shares the gift of himself for our sanctification. Come and learn and be inspired by the teaching of our Catholic faith on the beauty and power of the Eucharist, and spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Women’s Tea – All the women of the Parish are invited to our Women’s Tea on Saturday, November 20 from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Meghan Cokerley, the Director of the Archdiocesan Office of the New Evangelization, will give a presentation on the teaching of St. John Paul II on the feminine genius. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow disciples in the faith and learn more about your important role in God’s plan of salvation. Tickets are \$10. More information and RSVP online by November 8 at <https://bit.ly/DYFG2021>.

Coats for Kids – The Knights of Columbus will be collecting at the doors at all the Masses this weekend to raise funds for their coats for kids program. Your donations help to buy warm winter coats for needy children in our Philadelphia area.

Afghan Placement Assistance – Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is helping to resettle hundreds of Afghans through the Afghan Assistance Program. The resettlement program of the Archdiocese is seeking your assistance through volunteering your time and resources to provide welcoming circumstances for the Afghans they are resettling. Their greatest challenges at this time range from housing/accommodation, accompaniment, clothing, furniture, and English as a Second Language to food and community integration. You can volunteer as a group or individuals through your parishes and schools. Many of these challenges can be met through donations of gift cards, cash/checks payable to Catholic Social Services, 222 North Seventeenth Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (attention Amy Stoner). If you wish to include in your generous gesture items to welcome our new friends, contact Samuel Abu at saabu@chs-adphila.org.

Confirmation – Archbishop Pérez will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 52 of our youth on Monday, October 25 at 4:00 pm. Please keep them in your prayers as this day of celebration approaches.

Malvern Retreat Weekend – Jeff Cavins will conduct a men’s weekend retreat at Malvern Retreat House on Nov. 19-21. Jeff is a well-known Catholic author and speaker. To register you can call the retreat house at 610-644-0400 or email Tim Murnane at tmurnane44@gmail.com.

Mission Sunday Collection – The annual October collection for the missions will be taken up as a second collection at all the Masses the weekend of Oct. 23-24. There is an envelope for this collection in your packet.

Parish Theme for this Year (“Rejoice in hope; endure in affliction; persevere in prayer.”) - The impact of the coronavirus seems to fluctuate a great deal. Things look to be improving at times and then there are some setbacks. The circumstances of life are indeed unpredictable, but in the midst of all the ups and down we can stand fast on the rock of hope. The great truth that underpins all of reality with all its varied circumstances is the love of God for us. We can be full of hope because God’s love for us never fluctuates. It is always there as our great foundation of hope and strength.

Church Teaching: The Eucharist Unites Heaven and Earth – Even when it is celebrated on the humble altar of a country church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world. It unites heaven and earth. It embraces and permeates all creation. The Son of God became man in order to restore all creation, in one supreme act of praise, to the One who made it from nothing. He, the Eternal High Priest who by the blood of the Cross entered the eternal sanctuary, thus gives back to the Creator and Father all creation redeemed. He does so through the priestly ministry of the Church, to the glory of the Most Holy Trinity. Truly this is the *mysterium fidei*, which is accomplished in the Eucharist: the world which came forth from the hands of God the Creator now returns to him redeemed by Christ. (from the encyclical letter “On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church” by Saint John Paul II)

Spiritual Thought – Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has and this requires transforming greed into gratitude. (St. John Chrysostom)

A Little Humor – Lobsters would be proud of themselves if they knew how expensive they were.



A Message from our Principal, Ms. Power

Congratulations to our St. Margaret School Student Council. I commend all of our candidates, and the beauty of our children is that even though they may not have been voted into the position that they ran for, they are still volunteering for various activities and positions around the school. This is a sign of true leaders.

2021-2022 STUDENT COUNCIL

President of SMS Student Council—Olivia DeMaio
Vice President of SMS Student Council—Jayden-Jay Hicks
Commissioners of Yearbook—Lauren Arnoldi and Megan Donahoe
Commissioners of Liturgies and Assemblies—Ava Nardi-Fitzgerald and Abbie Swartz
Commissioners of Publicity and Public Relations—Maggie Keller and Libby Shea
Commissioners of Service—Emma Basile and Chloe Gannon

Class Representatives

Grade 1A Janie Cuff
Grade 1B Thomas O’Connell
Grade 2A Leila Hilferty
Grade 2B Cali Brown
Grade 3 Christopher Nolan
Grade 4 Jack McLaughlin
Grade 5 Kara Quillinan
Grade 6 Shane Brown
Grade 7 Kaitlyn Constantine
Grade 8 Bradan Fisher

Kids Care Representatives

Luke Strohsacker
Stella Horchos
Matias Basanta
Ellie Carmody
Adriana DeAscanis
Matteo Morabito
Matthew McLaughlin
Kellen Seal
Adrian Wiedmer
Jacob Jackson

Yearbook Staff

The Yearbook Staff for this year are our 8th Graders: Lauren Arnoldi, William Code, Charles Coyne, Tanvi Deeparavina, Olivia DeMaio, Megan Donahoe, Bradan Fisher, Jayden-Jay Hicks, Jacob Jackson, Henry Karn, Chloe Kennedy, Lily Kennedy, Jacob Marzolf, Michael Milz, Alexander Moritz, Francis Passarella, Rachel Phillips, Daulton Schaffer, Ryan Scholz, and William Stevens.



REGISTRATION for CYO

BASKETBALL is now open. JV BOYS and GIRLS grade 5-6, Varsity Boys and Girls grade 7-8, High School grade 9-12. Practice and tryouts will commence in early NOVEMBER. All potential participants must be registered prior to attending any practice or tryout. Please use following link to register:

<http://stmargaret.website.sportssignup.com>

If you have any questions please contact Jim McNulty at jpm0075@gmail.com.



Pontifical Mass, Friday, October 22—7 PM Feast of St. John Paul II

Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul
18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway,
Philadelphia, PA, parking available.

Celebrant: Gerhard Cardinal Muller, Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

St. Margaret School—Job Opportunity

St. Margaret School is looking for someone to work at our after school **CARES Program** (3pm to 5pm). Must have clearances. To apply, email school principal, Ms. Terri Power at tpower@smsnarberth.org or call her at 610-664-2640 ext.3.



***St. Martin de Porres Mass and
Sacrament of Confirmation***
Office for Black Catholic Apostolate
Sunday, November 7 at 2 PM
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, Celebrant

All are welcome!



***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.***

The **Archdiocese of Philadelphia** invites you to a discussion on ***Police and Community Relationship***, featuring Philadelphia Police Commissioner Danielle M. Outlaw and UC Davis School of Law Professor Irene Oritseweyinmi Joe. The event will be held Saturday, October 23, 2021, at 2:30 PM. This is a virtual event and you can register at <https://tinyurl.com/nsr4e6s2>.

Refresh + Reset
WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

DISCOVER YOUR
FEMININE GENIUS

with special guest
MEGHAN COKELEY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021
ST. MARGARET PARISH ANNEX, NARBERTH
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$10 PER GUEST | RSVP REQUIRED

MORE INFORMATION ONLINE. PLEASE RSVP BY NOV. 8.

REGISTER ONLINE: <https://bit.ly/DYFG2021>

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year World Mission Sunday will be observed on October 24th. This celebration will also mark the 110th Anniversary of the *Pontifical Mission Societies*. Thanks to the prayers and financial support of the faithful from our local Church, the *Societies* have helped provide for the needs of missionaries world-wide for more than a century.

Our Church's missionary history is a rich one. It is filled with monumental saintly examples we can strive to imitate such as Francis Xavier and Therese of Lisieux who serve as Patron & Patroness of the Missions. Damien of Moloka, Katera Tekawitha and Daniele Comboni, to name just a few of the many Catholic missionaries who became saints.

Locally, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia has long ties to the important work of the Pontifical Mission Societies. We were one of the first places in the United States to designate a local office specifically tasked with supporting missionaries half-a-world away. In 1956, we held one of the largest exhibits of Catholic Missions ever with 500,000 people gathered here to meet 170 missionary groups with Archbishop Fulton Sheen as the keynote speaker.

The international theme for World Mission Sunday this year is, "*Proclaim It with Joy...We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard.*" It comes from Acts 4:20 and is a wonderful reflection of the missionary spirit flowing through our Archdiocese. It also summons each of us to bring to others what we bear in our hearts. This Mission has always been the hallmark of the Church, for "*She exists to evangelize.*"

I invite everyone to pray for missionaries around the world this weekend and to provide help as your means allow. Your gifts will support priests, consecrated religious, and lay pastoral leaders in 1,111 Mission Dioceses around the globe as they proclaim the Gospel, build up the Church, and serve the poor.

Thank you for your continuous commitment to the Missions throughout our Archdiocese over the years and for your generous response on this special day. As Pope Francis tells us, "*To be on Mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters.*" May Christ's compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true Missionary disciples.

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Helen Moody who recently passed away. May she rest in peace and her loved ones be comforted.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended until further notice.

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, October 27, 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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