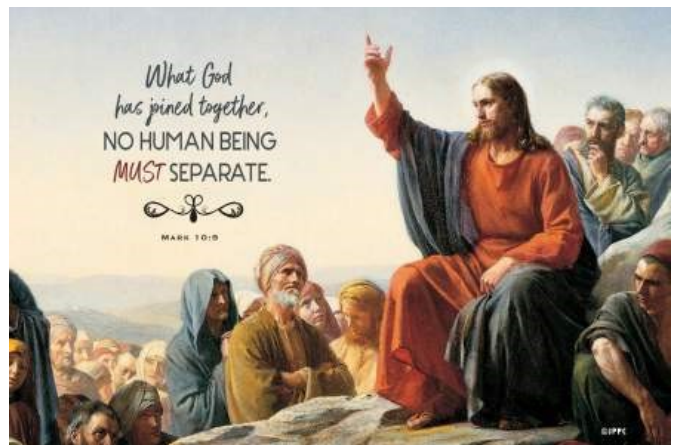


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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 3, 2021



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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.



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 we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in [Deuteronomy 24:1-5](#). This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

MONDAY, October 4

7:00 AM Marcel Montagne

TUESDAY, October 5

**7:00 AM Frank Mischler, Sr
35th anniversary**

WEDNESDAY, October 6

7:00 AM James Sizer

THURSDAY, October 7

7:00 AM Josh Pamplin

FRIDAY, October 8

7:00 AM Edmund Zelno—2nd anniversary

SATURDAY, October 9

8:00 AM Sean Kelly



THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021
THE ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
ANN PELLEGRINO.

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 September 26, 2021: \$ 9,860

Collection in Church: \$ 5,195

Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 580

Mail In: \$ 1,590

Parish On Line: \$ 2,495

Envelopes: 186

The Weekend of September 27, 2020: \$9,993

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

Weekend Mass Schedule October 9-10

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, October 9

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

5:15 PM - Fr. DePrinzio

Sunday, October 10

7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

8:45 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

11:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick



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.

Parish Theme for 2020-2021

Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer

From the Pastor

Respect Life Sunday – This is Respect Life Sunday. We celebrate our Catholic teaching that every human being from the moment of conception is of infinite value and deserves the utmost respect. Respect Life Sunday is a call to cherish the unborn and to commit to defending, protecting and cherishing all human life, providing for the needy, caring for the sick, sheltering the homeless, comforting the lonely and forsaken, and recognizing the innate, God-given dignity of every person. We are made in God's image and the Incarnation of Our Lord Jesus, by which he became human, further sanctifies and consecrates all of humanity. Respect is from a Latin word that in its root means "to look again." We look at every human being not only with our physical eyes, but we "look again" with the eyes of faith to see the presence of God in them. We look upon each person with profound respect and seek to love and serve the Lord by honoring and caring for our neighbor.

Blessing of the Animals – In conjunction with the feast day of St. Francis Assisi, which is on Oct. 4, we will have the blessing of the animals at 1:00 pm today, Sunday, Oct. 3, in front of the rectory.

Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life – In this year of St. Joseph, I share with you this prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life: Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life – especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

Our Lady of the Rosary – This Thursday, October 7, is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and October is the month of the rosary. The rosary is a calming and powerful prayer that fosters our love for Jesus in union with the heart of Mary, his mother. We meditate on the mysteries of the life of Jesus and invoke Mary's help to free us from sin and to grow in love for the Lord and in living a virtuous life. We rejoice in Mary's love for us and call on her to draw us close to Jesus and make us holy. We intercede with Mary to help bring peace to our world and to provide for the needs of all those who are troubled. Through the praying of the rosary, Mary supports us and helps us to triumph over sin and grow in God's grace and goodness.

School Advisory Board – The Board will meet on Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00 pm in the Antioch Annex.

Walk-a-Thon – This Friday, October 8 is our Saint Margaret School Walk-a-Thon. You may see our School students streaming through the streets of Narberth for this annual fundraiser by which the students receive pledges to support their walk. Anyone who would like to support this event can send a contribution to the School. If you wish, you can designate a student or grade to be credited for the donation. Walk-a-Thon Day is always fun and we have a friendly competition among the grades to see who can raise the most money.

Summary of Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday, September 23 – The members of the Council are: Msgr. Dougherty, Nicole Bazis, Lauren DeMaio, George Gazella, Marybeth Hagan, Robert McCairns, Mary Anne Monroe, Martha Ortiz, Monica Romeo, Teresa Albers, April Gordon and Ryan Vogel. 1) Msgr. Dougherty opened with a prayer and reviewed the purpose of the Council as an advisory body to the pastor on matters pertaining to the pastoral life of the Parish. The Council helps the pastor to set pastoral goals for the Parish and adopt strategies to implement the goals. 2) Monsignor reviewed the Parish calendar of scheduled events for October and November. 3) Antioch Annex - The Committee to recommend some improvements for the Antioch Annex met again and is considering some renovations so that the Annex could better serve the needs of the Parish. 4) Use of Social Media – we are discussing how social media can be utilized better to communicate the mission and community life of the Parish. 5) Adult Faith Formation – A presentation on the Eucharist will be offered in October. A Women's Tea will be held Saturday November 20 and will feature Meghan Cokeley, the Director of the Archdiocesan Office for the New Evangelization, as the speaker. Forty Hours will be Nov. 21, 22 and 23. There will be a morning of recollection in Advent. 6) Newsletter – Nicole Bazis, the coordinator of Parish Services, is working on another edition. We hope to send out a newsletter three times a year. 7) Youth Ministry – We are planning a visit to the Cathedral-Basilica for Mass and a Tour. 8) Online Directory – Information will be sent out soon on how you can become part of the Parish's Online Directory. 9) Vocations Chalice – Families will be invited to take a special chalice home for a week to pray for understanding and discernment of vocations to the priesthood or consecrated life, marriage, and the single life. 10) PREP – Mary Anne Monroe, the Director of Religious Education, reported that 130 students are registered for PREP. Classes are currently being conducted virtually, but we hope to get back to in-person instruction at some point this school year. 11) Three-Year Pastoral Plan – We discussed and are close to finalizing the Parish goals for the three-year period of 2022-2025. We will then commence discussion on strategies to implement the goals.

Parish Theme for This Year (Rejoice in hope; endure in affliction; persevere in prayer.) – St. Joseph is a great example of someone who was filled with hope. He was sometimes unsure of how God’s plans would unfold, and he experienced the challenges, for example, the journey to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus and the flight into Egypt to protect Mary and Jesus from Herod. In the midst of any confusion and difficulties he faced, he was filled with hope because of his trust in the presence of God in his life. May St. Joseph help us always to hope and trust in God’s loving presence with us.

Church Teaching: The Church and the Paschal Mystery – The Church was born of the paschal mystery (the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ). For this very reason the Eucharist, which is in an outstanding way the sacrament of the paschal mystery, stands at the center of the Church’s life...At every celebration of the Eucharist, we are spiritually brought back to the paschal Triduum: to the events of the evening of Holy Thursday, to the Last Supper and what followed it. The institution of the Eucharist sacramentally anticipated the events which were about to take place, beginning with the agony in Gethsemane....The Church’s foundation and wellspring is the whole Triduum paschale, but this is as it were gathered up, foreshadowed and “concentrated” forever in the gift of the Eucharist. In this gift Jesus Christ entrusted to his Church the perennial making present of the paschal mystery. With it he brought about a mysterious “oneness in time” between that Triduum and the passage of the centuries. (from the encyclical letter of Pope John Paul II “On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church”)

Spiritual Thought – No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks. (St. Ambrose)

A Little Humor – Just found out that the company that produces yardsticks won’t be making them any longer.



FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND!

Next Weekend is our monthly food collection weekend (October 9 & 10). 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.



Thank you for Poor Box Donations

Thank you for your gift of \$300 to **Mother of Mercy House**. Your kindness and support allow us to meet the needs of the Kensington and Allegheny neighborhood through a unique spiritual approach. We strive to establish our programs and outreach with prayer, guidance, and support in order to lead people to Christ.

We are sincerely grateful for you and all that you bring to our family. Please keep Mother of Mercy House, and all those we serve, in your prayers, for you are in ours.

Msgr. Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast High School Class of 1970 will gather for a 50th reunion celebration at The Drexelbrook Catering and Event Center, 4700 Drexelbrook Dr, Drexel Hill, PA 19026 on **Friday, October 22nd, 2021 from 6PM to 10PM**. For additional information email bonnerprendie1970@gmail.com or contact John Matthews (215) 260-4568; matthewstown@comcast.net.



Visiting Angels is currently looking to employ experienced caregivers, full-time/part-time, to provide in-home care for our seniors. Our caregivers provide companionship, meals, light housekeeping, and perform errands. We also have caregivers who are able to assist with personal hygiene, transfers, and hospice care. If you are interested in employment to care for our seniors, please visit our website to apply: <https://www.visitingangels.com/havertown/employment>.



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>.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended until further notice.

Nightly Rosary to End Coronavirus
WILL CONTINUE UNTIL
DECEMBER 8, 2021!



With the added intention of praying for renewal in our Church, the Archdiocesan rosary will continue in English at 8PM, Monday through Thursday, until the end of the **Year of St. Joseph**, December 8, 2021. Join with the link found at phillyevang.org/



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*Are You Called to Be a
Deacon
in the Archdiocese of
Philadelphia?*

**Permanent Diaconate Information Night
Webinar**

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM



We invite Catholic men (and wives if married) between the ages of 29 and 55 to join us for a live webinar with a panel of clergy about discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate and admittance to the School for Diaconal Formation program.

For more information or to take the next step and to register for the upcoming virtual Permanent Diaconate Information Night, please visit
<https://archphila.org/deacon>.



**Reconnect:
Intercultural Gathering of Young Adults for
Adoration and Fellowship**

The National Shrine of
St. John Neumann / St. Peter's Catholic Church
1019 N 5th St, Philadelphia, PA 19123
Contact us at (215) 587-4544 or
phillyOMYA@archphila.org

Event will be on **Saturday, October 16th, 2021**. We'll begin with Adoration at 7PM. Our Presider will be Archbishop Nelson J. Perez.

Appetizers and refreshments (an outdoor firepit social, weather permitting) will follow

CARPOOLING IS ENCOURAGED

**Hope Blooms: A VIRTUAL
Retreat for Catholic Women
Healing from Betrayal Trauma
October 22-23, 2021**

This virtual retreat is for women seeking healing from betrayal trauma. Gather with us as we lay our pain, our sorrow and our betrayals at the Lord's feet. With expectant faith, let us open our hands and our hearts to receive His merciful outpouring. Join us for this powerful virtual retreat experience: talks, meditations, sacred movements, small group healing prayer, Mass and Adoration. Retreat leaders are Father Allen Hoffa, Laura Ercolino of Hope's Garden, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry, Bonnie West and Marian West Veilleux.

Find the full schedule and register at <https://hopesgarden.com/hope-blooms-virtual-healing-retreats> or email De: de@youaremadenew.com.



Rachel's Vineyard Ministries



We have an upcoming retreat for healing after abortion. It is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving, and confidential environment. It will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat

October 22nd – 24th, 2021

Malvern-Frazer, Pennsylvania

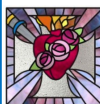
For information call/email:

**Georgeann 484-955-4278 geemcgarry@gmail.com or
Susan 610-716-4795 susiemck@comcast.net**

Rachel's Vineyard of Greater Philadelphia

All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Financial aid is offered if needed.



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
**CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE**

***Strong & Beautiful*
Catholic Women's Conference
Saturday, October 23, 2021**

CWC 2021 will be a highly modified version of our usual event due to continued pandemic restrictions. For the conference in English, you are invited to attend one, 2-hour, in-person mini-conference at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown—morning or afternoon—and then enjoy four video talks at home at your leisure. The Spanish Track will be in a different location, Holy Innocents Parish in Philadelphia, in order to keep crowd sizes smaller. For more information, visit www.catholicwomensconference.org. For the Spanish Track, visit www.catholicwomensconference.org/espanol/.



***The Beauty of Holiness!
A Women's Day of Retreat
"Come, See & Listen!"***

with the
**Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma,
Michigan**
Saturday, October 9, 2021
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: 928 Bowman Avenue, Wynnewood, PA
Telephone: (610) 667-1375

Includes Mass, lunch and presentations by the Sisters.
Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 6 to
phillymercy@gmail.com.

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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