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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.



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 23, 2022



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.

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

A well-known stage actor commenting on the cast jitters present on the opening night of a new Broadway show would say: "You can cut the tension with a knife." Well, Jesus Our Lord certainly had no such problem as He took His turn at the lectern of the tiny synagogue in Nazareth. The audience at least at the beginning had to have a special enthusiasm for what this "hometown boy who had made good" would say. He read in a confident voice words from great Isaiah. Centuries later we can note that here the very Word of God in person was reading the Word of God in writing.

Luke wants us, his readers, to recognize that this was the opening Day of one very special Man's ministry. Jesus, reverently rolled up the scroll and speaks boldly but calmly, being both resolute and self-assured. Then He drops what I might call a verbal bomb: "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Our reading ends there. Unless you go to your bible when you get home to discover for yourself, you'll have to wait until next weekend to learn what followed. Spoiler alert: it wasn't pretty. That is because Our Lord cited the fact that Yahweh did not always hold Israel in such high esteem as to neglect other nations. He illustrated for them how good things often came from God to the so-called "lowly ones" instead of the elect.

That brings forth some ways of reacting to truth. Most of the time we find truth enlightening, attractive and beautiful. But every now and then the truth can be inconvenient, especially when it contradicts a common conviction of ours. It then quickly deteriorates into something ugly, unwelcome and enraging. The alcoholic at first denies he or she has a problem with drink. The fashion plate denies that a certain clothing ensemble is unflattering. The professor resents a student's correction. The bishop turns vindictive at a pastor's suggestion that a diocesan policy is flawed.

The townspeople of Nazareth resented what Jesus told them. That will happen frequently in other groups Jesus would have to chide. We well know what the power brokers of their day eventually did to silence Him.

All of us at various times can be quite uncomfortable around the truth. Under pressure we reach into our imaginary bag of euphemisms to disguise the matter, or soften its impact. Look how the cancel culture handles matters. In the end, holding back on the truth is a real disservice to others as well as ourselves. Jesus came to serve others, and not Himself.

God love you and give you His peace!

MONDAY, January 24
7:00 AM Gene S. Wentling

TUESDAY, January 25
7:00 AM Raymond J. Galie

WEDNESDAY, January 26
7:00 AM Joe D'Antonio

THURSDAY, January 27
7:00 AM James Maguire, Jr.

FRIDAY, January 28
7:00 AM Steve Gallagher

SATURDAY, January 29
8:00 AM Walter J. Wentling

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



THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022
**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF HOA LE FAMILY.**

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of January 16, 2022:	\$7,659
Collection in Church:	3,470
Electronic Funds Transfer:	580
Mail In:	705
Parish On Line:	2,904
Envelopes:	156

Collection for Catholic Relief Services: 1,450

The Weekend of January 17, 2021: 8,791

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

Weekend Mass Schedule January 29-30
(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, January 29
 Confessions 4:00-4:45 PM - Msgr. Dougherty
 5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, January 30
 7:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick
 8:45 AM - Msgr. Dougherty
 10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty
 11:30 AM – Fr. DePrinio

Parish Theme for 2021-2022
Caritas Christi Ducit (The Love of Christ Leads)

From the Pastor

Conversion of St. Paul – On Tuesday, January 25, we celebrate one of the most important events in the history of Christianity and the world, the conversion of St. Paul. Through an extraordinary encounter with the Lord, St. Paul was converted from a persecutor of Christians to an ardent believer in Jesus Christ and a great preacher of the faith. With fearless devotion he brought the gospel to many people and altered the course of history. Paul's dramatic conversion teaches us the true power of Christ. The real miracles in life are when hearts are changed and transformed to a greater commitment to the Lord. Paul's conversion was indeed extraordinary, but the Lord is constantly working in all of our lives to transform us and make us more holy and more committed to him. Look for the ways the Lord is encountering you and inviting you to conversion, to a new and more faith-filled you. The Lord wants to use his power to transform our lives, especially through the Eucharist, and make us holier and better people who allow the brightness of his love and life to shine in and through us.

Finance Council Meeting – The Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, January 26 at 7 pm in the Antioch Annex.

Pastoral Council – The Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, January 27 at 7 pm in the Antioch Annex.

Man Up Philly 2022 – Philadelphia's Annual Men's Conference will take place in-person on Saturday, March 19 at Immaculata University. All men are invited and encouraged to join in for this inspiring day of faith and fellowship. Speakers and presenters include Archbishop Perez, Deacon Harold Burke-Silvers (a TV and radio host), Keith Nester (author of The Convert's Guide to Roman Catholicism), Pat Chambers (former head basketball coach of Boston University and Penn State), and Mark Forrest (globally acclaimed Irish tenor). For more information and to register go to MANUPPHILLY.COM.

Parish Motto and Logo – Our new Parish motto, Caritas Christi Ducit, the Love of Christ Leads, is contained in our Parish logo, the central image of which is the picture of the chalice and host which appears on the door of our tabernacle in Church. The love of Christ for us is always present in our lives, especially through the Eucharist, His Body and Blood. The love of Christ leads us in good paths and to refreshing waters. Rejoice in the love of Christ for you and let it lead you so that you can walk in ways that are filled with his goodness and peace.

Church Teaching: The Eucharist and the Church

The Second Vatican Council teaches that the celebration of the Eucharist is at the center of the process of the Church's growth. After stating that "the Church, as the Kingdom of Christ already present in mystery, grows visibly in the world through the power of God," then, as if in answer to the question: "How does the Church grow?" the Council adds: "as often as the sacrifice of the Cross by which Christ our pasch is sacrificed is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried out. At the same time in the sacrament of the Eucharistic bread, the unity of the faithful, who form one body in Christ, is both expressed and brought about." (from the encyclical letter of Saint John Paul II entitled "On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church")



St. Margaret Church is open
Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Saturday 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM
Sunday 7:15 AM to 1:30 PM

Spiritual Thought – We become like that which we love. If we love what is base, we become base; but if we love what is noble, we become noble. (Bishop Fulton Sheen)

A Little Humor – A journey of a thousand miles begins with running back in the house for something you forgot.

LANKENAU MINISTRY CONTINUES TO BE SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID 19 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



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 left sidebar or <https://tinyurl.com/StMargGiving>.



Come & See Weekends

for high school men and post-high school men, are opportunities for men to visit the Seminary. These weekends include Mass, praying Liturgy of the Hours, talks on discernment, and vocations, and the opportunity to spend time with the seminarians in formation. Available dates are listed below. There is no cost to attend these weekends, which include a single room and all meals.

If you are discerning the priesthood and want to explore a possible call to the priesthood, then contact Fr. Friel at fr.dfriel@archphila.org or register for a Come and See Weekend, at [Heedthecall.org/come and see](http://Heedthecall.org/comeandsee).

High School Men
February 12-13, 2022
April 2-3, 2022

Post-High School Men
February 25-27, 2022
March 25-27, 2022



Retrouvaille

Rediscover The Love In Your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. 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 February 11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

MARRIED COUPLES – Resolve to “Live your best life in love” in 2022: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? In-person experiences in the new year are: February 11-13 and April 22-24 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/>.



Nightly Rosary will now continue on Monday nights only, hosted by the Pontifical Mission Societies office. Please join with the link found at phillyevang.org.

LETTER FROM VISITATION BVM SCHOOL

Dear Msgr. Dougherty,

How charitable and generous you and St. Margaret Parish are!

Our motto at Visitation BVM is a Beacon of Hope in Kensington. When that hope and safety were threatened by a break-in and robbery, YOU stepped up to help us. Thanks in part to your generous donation of \$10,218, we were able to repair the boilers, get the heat back on in the school, and have the kids return to the classroom.

There is more work to be done as the floors were damaged and we need work on more piping, but we've made progress. I've come to appreciate the amazing legacy of these magnificent buildings.

Sincerely,

Edward Coleman—Principal
Rev. Francis-Mulvaney, CSSR—Pastor
Nicolas Giordano—Board Chair

World Day of Consecrated Life

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Come and celebrate with those in Consecrated Life
Sunday, February 6, 2022

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass 11:00AM

Bishop Michael J. Fitzgerald

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

1723 Race St.

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Light Reception to follow in Drexel Hall



IHM Conference Center
401 S Bryn Mawr Ave.,
Bryn Mawr, PA

Conference Day: “Get Used to Different: Another Look at the Parables”

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 (9:30am to 2:30pm)

Presenter: Sr Marie Gipprich, IHM

Stipend: \$40 (included Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Mass)

Movie With Meaning: “The King’s Speech”

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 (10:00AM & 1:00PM)

Stipend: \$25 (includes lunch) Lunch will be served at noon for both groups.

To register for any event, please call 610-581-0120 or email ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com.



St Margaret School

May you find Peace Joy and Happiness in the New Year

Warm and heartfelt greetings to all of the SMS Community for a healthy and heart filled New Year.

Our students enjoyed all the festivities during the holiday season here at SMS: Winter wonderland, Ugly Sweater Day, Santa Shop, Polar Express PJ Day, and being kind in every way! Thank you to our wonderful Home and School who helped make all this possible for our students.

We are so proud of all our 8th graders as they apply to high schools.

The following 8th grade students have been awarded Scholarships. We congratulate students, family and all the SMS Teachers for their hard work!

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Francis Passarella received a Presidential Scholarship to LaSalle College High School and The Principal's Scholarship from Saint Joseph's Preparatory School.

Jacob Marzolf received the Trustees' Scholarship to Roman Catholic High School. Also was named a Principal Scholar and received a scholarship to Cardinal O'Hara .

Charlie Coyne received the Presidential Scholarship to LaSalle College High School. Charlie has also won an Xaverian Scholarship to St. Joe's Prep and a Piarist Schools Scholarship to Devon Prep.

Alexander Moritz received the "Presidential Merit Scholarship" and the Nowlan Scholarship for the Arts to Archbishop John Carroll High School. Alexander has also won the Presidential Scholarship and Monsignor Flood, Class of 1960, Scholarship to LaSalle College High School and the Xaverian Scholarship to St. Joe's Prep.

Daulton Schaffer has been named a principal scholar and has received a scholarship to La Salle High School.

Megan Donahoe received the Mercy Scholarship to Merion Mercy Academy

Olivia DeMaio received a Villa Maria High School IHM Charism Scholarship

Tanvi Deeparavind received the St Madeleine Sophie Merit Scholarship to Sacred Heart Academy.

SMS Kids Care Project: In December, the 5th grade class sent Christmas Cards with a handwritten message to all the homebound members and friends of St. Margaret Parish.

ST MARGARET SCHOOL, NARBERTH Pre-K 4 years & Full day K to 8th grade Before & After School CARES



DREAM-BELIEVE-DISCOVER



Story Time: "See, hear, learn"

Prospective Students PK, K & 1st

Saturday, January 22, 2022

10-11 AM or 11-12 Noon

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3m3AV8b>

info@smsnarberth.org

OPEN HOUSE: FEB 6

11 AM – 1 PM

PK – 8th Grade

smsnarberth.org

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 Thursday, February 10, 2022, 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 cuhn@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.

EUCARIST 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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