

# SAINT MARGARET OF ANTIOCH CHURCH

February 27, 2022

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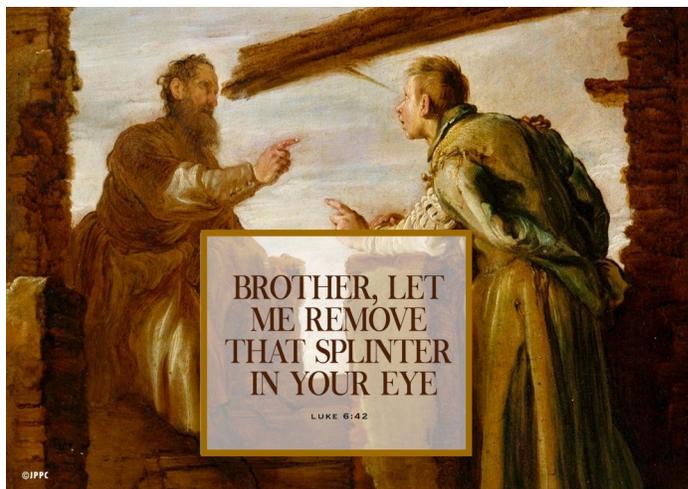
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## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## MASS SCHEDULE

**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 DAYS 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)

## EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSTION

**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

The third and final section of Luke's Sermon on the Plain begins: And he told them a parable. There are actually four parables, three of which we read today. They are all about how to be a good disciple.

The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive.

Jesus' parables in this week's Gospel are a reminder of the importance of continued learning, prayer and reflection, and humility in our discipleship. We shine God's light in the world when we are "lit from within" with God's grace, willing to examine our own conscience and recognize our own need for transformation through Jesus. As busy parents responsible for our children's physical, emotional, and spiritual growth, we may sometimes be challenged to find time and energy to care for ourselves and attend to our own spiritual growth. Yet doing so can improve our family relationships and help us guide our children in their faith. We can be reminded of the simple safety instruction we hear when flying: to put on our own "spiritual" oxygen mask before helping others.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, February 28**

7:00 AM Sally Neeley Nulty

**TUESDAY, March 1**

7:00 AM Joseph D'Antonio

**WEDNESDAY, March 2**

7:00 AM Frank Mischler, Jr.

12:05 PM Patrick Saunders

7:00 PM Sean Kelley

**THURSDAY, March 3**

7:00 AM Agnes DeMarco

**FRIDAY, March 4**

7:00 AM Anthony Amato

**SATURDAY, March 5**

8:00 AM John Madsen

### THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27, 2022

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN  
IN MEMORY OF  
MICHAEL JAMES BROWN.



THE ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN  
IN MEMORY OF  
SUNE SVENSSON

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

## THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>Weekend of February 20, 2022:</u>	\$ 9,814
Collection in Church:	\$ 4,200
Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 580
Mail In:	\$ 1,225
Parish On Line:	\$ 3,809
Envelopes:	170

**The Weekend of February 21, 2021 \$9,878**

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

## CHURCH HOURS

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

# CARITAS CHRISTI DUCIT

• The Love of Christ Leads •

## From the Pastor

**Ash Wednesday** – March 2 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season. The ashes we receive reflect a commitment to renew our lives through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The forty days of Lent are a sacred time of refocusing our heart and minds on Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Jesus went into the desert for forty days prior to beginning his public ministry. The desert is a barren place that limits external distractions and enables us to focus on spiritual matters. Jesus was tempted by the devil, but resisted those temptations and showed his power to triumph over evil. Lent is a time for us to concentrate on the spiritual battle we all experience in the depths of our hearts, the struggle between good and evil. Growth in virtue and holiness is fostered by the spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. May this Lenten Season we realize the primacy of the spiritual and renew our commitment to grow in union with Jesus Christ by seeking to be his faithful disciples. Ashes will be distributed after the homily at Masses at 7:00 am, 8:45 am and 12:05 pm, and 7:00 pm. In addition ashes will be distributed at a Prayer Service at 4:00 pm. Come and turn back to the Lord with all your heart.

**Lenten Adult Faith Formation** – To assist us in our spiritual renewal this Lent, our Parish is offering you an opportunity to grow in your knowledge of the faith through reading a portion of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. A page a day Catholic Catechisms are available at the doors of Church. You can make a donation to defray the cost, but that isn't necessary. This Lent we will be focusing on Part 4, the section on Christian Prayer. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 2, you can read a page a day from that section. If you wish, you can join us in the Annex on Thursday, March 17 and Tuesday, April 5 at 7 pm to discuss what you have read. Take up and read. You will be blessed by deepening the knowledge of your faith.

**Men's Morning of Recollection** – The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Men's Lenten Day of Recollection on Saturday, March 26 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Father Tim Danaher, O.P. will be conducting the day. All men are welcome to participate. If you wish to attend, or have any questions, contact Dane Connelly at daneconnelly@gmail.com. Coming to the Day of Recollection is a great way of honoring the spirit of Lent by seeking to come closer to the Lord.

### SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Let your chief study be to acquaint yourself with God, because it is the only knowledge which can fill the heart with a peace and joy which nothing can disturb. (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

### A LITTLE HUMOR

I think we need to stop calling it “working from home” and start calling it “living at work.”

### STAY CONNECTED

 **PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.saintmarg.org](http://www.saintmarg.org)

 **FACEBOOK:** [stmargnarberth](https://www.facebook.com/stmargnarberth)

 **INSTAGRAM:** [stmargnarberth](https://www.instagram.com/stmargnarberth)

### CHURCH TEACHING

**Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament** – The worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass is of inestimable value for the life of the Church. This worship is strictly linked to the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. The presence of Christ under the sacred species reserved after Mass derives from the celebration of the sacrifice and is directed toward communion, both sacramental and spiritual. It is pleasant to spend time with him, to lie close to his breast like the Beloved Disciple and to feel the infinite love present in his heart. If in our time Christians must be distinguished above all by the art of prayer, how can we not feel a renewed need to spend time in spiritual converse, in silent adoration, in heartfelt love before Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament? How often, dear brothers and sisters, have I experienced this, and drawn from it strength, consolation and support! (from an encyclical of Saint John Paul II)

## PARISH NEWS

### CYO SPRING SPORTS

Registration for baseball (grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8) and track (grades 1-8) is now open. Please use the below link. All age appropriate parish members are eligible to participate in CYO SPORTS. Practice will begin after first week of March. All potential participants must be registered prior to practice.

If you have questions regarding baseball, email [jpm0075@gmail.com](mailto:jpm0075@gmail.com) and questions for track, email [christineoconnell@gmail.com](mailto:christineoconnell@gmail.com).

[www.leagueathletics.com/Default.asp?org=smsnarberth.org](http://www.leagueathletics.com/Default.asp?org=smsnarberth.org)

### CRS RICE BOWL

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl.

Rice bowls will be available in the Church during all Masses this weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit [crsrisebowl.org](http://crsrisebowl.org) to learn more

You can also donate online using our parish's unique CRS giving website:

<https://mobilizecrs.donordrive.com/team/stmargaret>

## EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

### **Event: SHROUD ENCOUNTER at St. Andrew the Apostle, Drexel Hill**

Russ Breault, a leading expert on the Shroud of Turin, is coming to St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Drexel Hill. Join us as we explore the hidden mystery of the Shroud. A life-size replica will be on display to help us to see the hidden truth behind this mysterious Christian artifact.

**Date:** March 16, 2022

**Location:** St. Andrew the Apostle, 3500 School Lane, Drexel Hill

**Cost:** \$10 - For tickets: <https://www.standrewdh.org/events-1/shroud-encounter-at-st-andrew-drexel-hill>

**For more details:** Contact Nicky Verna, Director of New Evangelization, 610-259-1169 or [nverna@standrewdh.org](mailto:nverna@standrewdh.org)



### **Event: Man Up Philly Men's Spirituality Conference**

Join us for Philadelphia's Biggest Spirituality Conference, a day to inspire, energize and enable men to be better sons, fathers, and husbands by living our faith and leading our families by example. Our conference day will include morning prayer, Eucharistic adoration led by Mark Forrest, confessions, and a Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Perez.

**Date:** March 19, 2022

**Speakers:** Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Coach Pat Chambers, Keith Nester and more

**Location:** Immaculata University, Exton, PA

**More info and registration:** View the flyer or visit <https://manupphilly.com/> (Receive a 10% discount on registration using the Promo Code STJOSEPH.)

### *IHM Conference Center 401 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue Bryn Mawr, PA 19010*

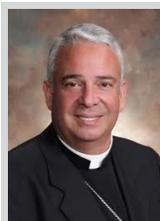
### **Conference Day: "God's Power in Forgiveness" Tuesday, March 8, 2022**

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Stipend: \$40 (includes continental breakfast and lunch)

Today, more than ever, forgiveness is needed in our world. What is forgiveness? How does one forgive? What are obstacles to forgiveness? These questions will be explored. In addition, modern day examples of people who have shown forgiveness will be presented, reflecting the power of God in such actions.

To register call 610-581-0120 or email [ihtmconferencecenter@gmail.com](mailto:ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com)



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*@ArchbishopPerez*





### Come and See Events

During March, men who are discerning the priesthood are invited to come to St. Charles

Borromeo Seminary

for *Come and See Events*, which are available for high school men (single day program Saturday March 13, 2021) and post-high school men (overnight March 19-20, 2021). For more information, please visit [Heedthecall.org/comeandsee](http://Heedthecall.org/comeandsee) or contact Fr. DeLacy at [fr.sdelacy@archphila.org](mailto:fr.sdelacy@archphila.org).

### Mount Saint Joseph Academy

Spring Admission Events:

Prospective students and families are invited to join us on campus this spring to learn more about academics, athletics, fine arts, co-curriculars, and student life. 7th Grade Shadow Visits begin February 14. 6th & 7th Grade Practice Test will be offered on Saturday, March 5. Personal tours are offered throughout the spring by appointment. Learn more about visit opportunities and events at [msjacad.org/spring22](http://msjacad.org/spring22). Please contact the Admission Team at (215) 233-9133 or [admiss@msjacad.org](mailto:admiss@msjacad.org) with any questions.

### Following Mary to Calvary



Join the Miraculous Medal Shrine this Lent for a virtual, 4-part reflection on Mary, as she walked with Jesus on the road to Calvary. She saw everything he endured. She witnessed his cruel death and heard him forgive the very men who killed him. She saw, and experienced, the healing power of God's Love. You can do the same.

Sign up, or get more information, at [www.miraculousmedal.org/following-mary22](http://www.miraculousmedal.org/following-mary22)



## Knights of Columbus®

The Saint Margaret Parish Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Lenten retreat for any men wishing to attend. Ft. Timothy Danaher O.P will be leading the retreat titled **Marian Lessons for Modern Life**.

Breakfast and Hot Lunch will be served.

**When:** Saturday, March 26th, 8 am - 1 pm

**Where:** St. Margaret Parish

**Cost:** \$20

To sign up or for any questions please contact Dane Connelly at [daneconnelly@gmail.com](mailto:daneconnelly@gmail.com)

## FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2022

The Bishops of the United States prescribes, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, on all Fridays of Lent (with the exception of Friday, March 25, 2022 which is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord) and Good Friday. 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 meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, while the two other 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 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 the nation and our world.

### 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 Tuesday, March 15, 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](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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