

SAINT MARGARET OF ANTIOCH CHURCH

May 8, 2022

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.

REFLECTION by FR. PETERSON

There was one scene broadcast worldwide at the height of the war in Ukraine that will forever be etched in my memory. It was a small but significant march of Ukrainian men heading back from safe homes in neighboring countries to their homeland to take up the fight along with their fellows. How to explain it other than courageous patriotism mixed with love. The combination acted as a certain magnetic energy drawing them from comfort to confidence in their cause.

Although it is certainly quite different in context and meaning, I daresay there is in the Easter event a certain magnetism that draws us as believers into the lifelong battle with spiritual evil, personified in the devil. We too have a cause, namely to make Jesus and His teachings known and loved throughout the world. Easter clarifies His identity once and for all. The battlefield for the struggle is not on foreign soil by any means, but takes place on two fronts, the deeply personal and the wide reaching interpersonal. First we must be armed with knowledge of Him whom we champion, as well as of His actual teachings, as presented to us by the teaching office of His Church.

We will be ineffective at our task if all we have is a superficial knowledge of Jesus. Childhood portraits, well-meaning as they may have been, will tend to repel hardened adults. A superficial acquaintance of Jesus will soon give itself away as having no basis in the Scriptures. Equally important is articulate sharing of what Jesus and His Church teaches. No flimsy understanding based on magazine articles, media presentations, or the pompous posturing of misinformed "talking heads" will substitute for familiarity with the official Catholic Catechism or authorized journals and other official sources. We have to know what we're taking about or else we set the cause back some or many measures.

If the Church is indeed a family, there is added attraction built into it that makes it easy for us to incorporate even a secular celebration like Mother's Day. The magnetism of the Master certainly derived from the wonderful woman who birthed Him. Among Our Lady's many honorific titles is "Mary, Mother of the Church." So saying, we acknowledge her as our Mother too, bequeathed to us from Her Son on His cross. Whatever we cherish in our earthly mothers is inevitably linked with that same virtue in Mary. In her we see that goodness raised to its highest level. Well did her own prayer begin with the words "My soul magnifies the Lord."

Meanwhile, she supports all our efforts to make her Son known and loved, so we need not fear being alone with the task. In addition, she knows the best road home for us soldiers of the Lord. Forever shall she be as the poet Wordsworth described her: "*Our tainted nature's solitary boast.*" Happy Mother's Day!

God love you and give you His Easter peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, May 9

7:00 AM Evelyn Kazeniak

TUESDAY, May 10

7:00 AM Robert & Joan McCairns

WEDNESDAY, May 11

7:00 AM Thomas Doyle

THURSDAY, May 12

7:00 AM Pasquale Scorzetti

FRIDAY, May 13

7:00 AM Polillo Family

SATURDAY, May 14

8:00 AM Fred Matarazzo

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

THE WEEK OF MAY 8, 2022



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
WILL BURN IN MEMORY OF
JOHN LE.**

**THE ALTAR CANDLES
WILL BURN IN MEMORY OF
WILLIAM H. DENARDO**

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of May 1, 2022:

\$ 8,507

Collection in Church:	\$ 5,089
Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 483
Mail In:	\$ 895
Parish On Line:	\$ 2,040
Envelopes:	178

Easter Collection 2022: \$ 45,233

Easter Collection 2021: \$ 46,028

Weekend of May 2, 2021 \$ 8,281

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

Msgr. Dougherty

CARITAS CHRISTI DUCIT

• The Love of Christ Leads •

From the Pastor

Mother's Day – Today is Mother's Day. We express our gratitude to God for the gift of our mothers and we extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our mothers for their faithful devotion to this sublime mission of caring for their children. The directives of the Church for the ritual for baptism state that the mother should be the one to hold the child for the actual moment of baptism when the cleansing water is poured. This directive of the Church recognizes and honors the unique role that mothers have in the lives of their children. Mary had a special bond of love with her child, Jesus. We ask Mary to watch over and intercede for all our mothers today, that they may be blessed for their love for their children and help them to grow in God's grace and goodness.

Shepherds of Bethlehem - The Shepherds of Bethlehem Group will be at all the Masses this weekend to sell their olive wood carvings for the support of the Catholic people in Bethlehem.

Parish Social – Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 21. There will be a Parish Social from 7 to 11 pm in the Antioch Annex and under a tent outside. Come and join us for an enjoyable evening. This post-pandemic gathering will enable us to renew our friendships and our unity as fellow parishioners. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online through our Parish (www.saintmarg.org) website or through the Parish Office (610-664-3770 ext. 110).

Catholic Charities Appeal – The 2022 Appeal is well underway. Eighty-two households of our Parish have contributed a total of \$51,230 toward our goal of \$84,835. We are very grateful for their generosity. This Appeal supports many programs of the Archdiocese that support the needy, for example, St. John's Hospice that ministers to the homeless and hungry. You can make a donation online at www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org or by using the return envelope you received in the mail. Also, envelopes are available at the doors of Church. Your support is much appreciated.

Clergy Convocation – All the diocesan clergy of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are gathering in Hershey, PA this week from Monday, May 9 to Wednesday, May 11 for ongoing formation and discussion of priestly service in the Archdiocese.

School May Procession – Our Saint Margaret School May Procession will be on Thursday, May 12 at 10:30 am. We give honor to Mary and ask for her intercession over our School during this month dedicated to Mary.

Ordination as a Deacon for Kenneth Omeke – Kenneth Omeke is studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. He is from Nigeria, so St. Margaret Parish has served as his local home during his time of studies at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Kenneth will be ordained a deacon on Saturday, May 14. On Sunday, May 15, he will serve as the deacon at our 11:30 am Mass. After Mass we will host a reception for him in the Antioch Annex. Hoagies and refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

Parish May Procession – Our Parish May Procession will be on Monday, May 16 at 7:00 pm. We will begin in the Church and process to the Mary Garden for the crowing of the statue of Mary there. All are welcome to attend. We especially encourage all those receiving First Holy Communion this year to attend in their First Communion dresses and suits.

Rice Bowl Offerings – Our Parish contributed \$3,930.00 dollars to Operation Rice Bowl which serves the needy overseas and also in our local area. Thank you for your charitable and generous response to this collection.

Notre Dame Chorale (Friday, May 20) – The forty-five strong University of Notre Dame Chorale will be here to perform in our Church on Friday, May 20 at 7:00pm. It promises to be a night of beautiful music. The concert is free. All are welcome to attend.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 14

Confessions 4-4:45 PM—Fr. Pesarchick
5:15 PM - Fr. Pesarchick

Sunday, May 15

7:30 AM - Fr. DePrinzio
8:45 AM - Fr. DePrinzio
10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty
11:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

CHURCH TEACHING

The Dignity of the Eucharistic Celebration – Like the woman who anointed Jesus in Bethany, the Church has feared no “extravagance,” devoting the best of her resources to expressing her wonder and admiration before the unsurpassable gift of the Eucharist. No less than the first disciples charged with preparing the large upper room, she has felt the need, down the centuries and in her encounters with different cultures, to celebrate the Eucharist in a setting worthy of so great a mystery... Though the idea of a banquet naturally suggests familiarity, the Church has never yielded to the temptation to trivialize this intimacy with her Spouse by forgetting that he is also her Lord and that the banquet always remains a sacrificial banquet marked by the blood shed on Golgotha. The Eucharistic Banquet is truly a sacred banquet, in which the simplicity of the signs conceals the unfathomable holiness of God. (from the encyclical of Saint John Paul II entitled “On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church”)

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

We are Easter people and “Alleluia” is our song. Let us sing “Alleluia” here and now in this life...so that we may sing it one day in the world to come, when we are set free. (Saint Augustine)

A LITTLE HUMOR

I have a joke about a broken clock, but it’s not the right time.

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

PARISH NEWS

Casseroles for St. John’s Hospice



Recipe # 1 will be collected Wednesday morning of this week, May 11, between 9 and 9:30 AM at St. Margaret School Parking Lot. Pans are available in the vestibule if you would like to participate.

You can also support the efforts of St. John’s Hospice to continue to provide life-sustaining support to those experiencing homelessness by donating at:
<http://saintjohnshospice.org/>



**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR
ARE IN MEMORY OF
CATHERINE CIPRIANI &
DOROTHY LUONGO**

YOU'RE INVITED!

**PARISH
SOCIAL**
Party

7:00pm

21 MAY, 2022

\$25 per person | adults ages 21+
tickets can be bought at the rectory, dropped off in the collection basket, or online at the following website
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/310604936727>

FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND!



Next Weekend is our monthly food collection weekend (May 14-15). This program collects non-perishable foods each month for the Archdiocesan Community Food Distribution Centers Program. They provide food for 50 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.

Notre Dame University Chorale

When: Friday, May 20 at 7 PM

Where: St. Margaret of Antioch Church
Narberth, PA 19072

Free and open to the public!

The 45 strong Notre Dame Chorale singers are touring and giving a performance here at St. Margaret Church. Don't miss this opportunity to experience some beautiful live music.

CRS RICE BOWL THANK YOU!!!

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), thank you for your very generous response to our Lenten Rice Bowl initiative. Including substantial donations from our wonderful school students, to date we collected a total of \$3929.68 which is the largest amount donated in recent years. This is especially amazing during these difficult times! Please know that your prayers and generosity help those in need locally and around the world – people who 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
CRS Parish Ambassador

Please note, registration for Vacation Bible School 2022 is now CLOSED. All spots have been filled. We look forward to seeing all of our participants and volunteers in June!

EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

Women's Tea with Jeannine Peters

When: Sunday, May 22

Where: Malvern Retreat House,
Family Life Center,
315 S Warren Ave, Malvern PA

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and invite your sisters in Christ. Calling all Moms, Aunts, Cousins, Daughters, Sisters and Friends. Cost \$25 per person.

<https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/womens-tea-10/>

Registration is requested for this event.



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
HOLY FAMILY HOME

Thank You!
SAINT MARGARET OF
ANTIOCH

WE THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO SHARE
OUR MISSION WITH YOU AND FOR
WELCOMING US TO YOUR PARISH.

WE STRIVE TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE
ELDERLY POOR WITH THE UPMOST CARE.
WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DO SO WITHOUT
THE SUPPORT OF LOCAL PARISHES AND
SUPPORTERS.

AGAIN, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU.



The Little Sisters of the Poor are in the process of rebuilding Holy Family Home, on its current campus so that the elderly poor can continue to be cared for in Philadelphia. To learn more about this vital endeavor please visit www.BuildingtoServeinLove.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, May 19 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 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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