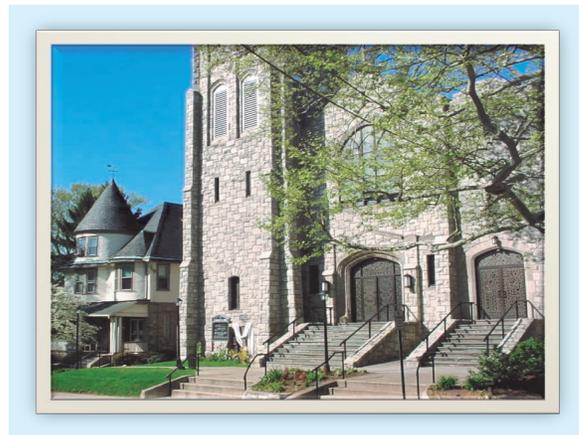


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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 2, 2018**



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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: 5:15PM
Sunday: 7:30, 10:00 and 11:30AM
Daily Monday - Friday: 7:00AM,
followed by Morning Prayer
Saturday: 8:00AM**

Holy Day of Obligation

**Vigil Mass - 7:00 PM
7:00 AM, 12:05 Noon and 7:00 PM**

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.**



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I am sure that you have been disconcerted by at least one item the last time you ate at a restaurant and had to use the restroom. It's that little sign hanging on the wall there that reads: "Employees must wash hands." Really? Do workers at an eating establishment really have to be told? I thought we were well past cave man crudeness.

Of course, there's the other extreme of this notion of cleanliness. Hospital shows on TV often show us surgeons "scrubbing up" before an operation, sometimes soaping their forearms as well as their hands. Somewhere in this cleanliness graph comes the ancient Jewish tradition of ritual purification mentioned in this weekend's Gospel passage. It was required not just for one's hands, as St. Mark informs us, but also for cups, jugs, kettles and even, of all things, beds!

As per usual, Jesus and His disciples are always ripe targets for criticism by the Pharisees and scribes when it came to violations of the law, in this instance when they are observed eating with unwashed hands. The questioning of this aberration offers Jesus the perfect opportunity to teach His opponents just where authentic defilement originates. It's all about internals. Something prompts me to think the Pharisees and scribes already knew this, but were loathe to admit it.

Fast forward to our contemporary culture and what do we find? A sudden presence of hand cleaner gadgets available everywhere. Hot air hand dryers in public restrooms, the better to promote sanitation and save untold numbers of trees, an added bonus. We have all manner of ecology friendly devices to keep our hands and homes clean.

All this and more while at the same time society benignly allows for the production and distribution of pornography, with its millions of profit dollars. There is a proliferation of so-called "gentlemen's clubs" in town and city. Filth flowing from the language used by our entertainers. Provocative clothing styles available for both genders. A general debasement of chastity. This not an exclusive list.

Allow me a prayer response. *"Dear Jesus, You are not simply "good and gentle," as we so often think and pray. We witness in this Scripture passage from Mark how resoundingly radical You can be at times. How even the mention of Your name is despicable in many circles of the outwardly respectable people among us. But they and we know instinctively that You are right. We know what defiles us. We need Your mercy to wash us clean on the inside first. The only reminder we need is the sign of Your cross. As for our measure, we accept that 'God grades on the cross, and not the curve.' Amen."*

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, September 3 - Labor Day
9:00 AM Vincent D. Quinn, Jr.

TUESDAY, September 4
7:00 AM Theodore L. Reimel

WEDNESDAY, September 5
7:00 AM Kathleen Lynam

THURSDAY, September 6
7:00 AM Elaine McCabe

FRIDAY, September 7
7:00 AM Carmela De Flavis

SATURDAY, September 8
8:00 AM Roy Candy



THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2018
The Sanctuary Candle will burn for the intentions entered in the book at the St. Theresa Shrine.

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

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

THE Weekend Collection of August 26, 2018: \$9,067
Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 872
Mail In: \$ 747
Parish On Line: \$ 1,000
Envelopes: 181
Mission Co-op Collection: \$4,816

Weekend of August 27, 2017: \$8,919

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



NEW ONLINE GIVING - Saint

Margaret Parish has arranged a new, secure method of online giving. You can now setup 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/>

Spiritual Thought - Before you had a being, God loved you. Before your father or mother was born, God loved you; yes, even before the creation of the world, God loved you. And how long before creation has God loved you? Perhaps for a thousand years, or for a thousand ages. It is needless to count years or ages; God loved you from eternity! (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

From The Pastor

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) - The Rite of Christian Initiation is a Program of teaching sessions and rituals by which an adult becomes a member of the Catholic Church. Classes here at St. Margaret's are on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:15 pm. They will begin on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 and run through May 14, 2019. Those who are becoming Catholic receive their sacraments in the Spring during the Easter Season. Also, adult Catholics who were baptized, but never received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation can participate in this Program in preparation for receiving these sacraments. Anyone who is interested in being part of the R.C.I.A. can contact Msgr. Dougherty at 610-664-3770 ext. 12 or by email at pastor@saintmarg.org. If you cannot attend on Tuesday evenings, other arrangements can be made.

Back to School - Saint Margaret School will open on Wednesday, September 5 for grades 1-8. Kindergarten will begin on Thursday, September 6 and Pre-kindergarten on Monday, September 10. We are looking forward to another School year. We especially welcome our new teachers: kindergarten - Tara DeJoseph; 1st grade - Suzanne Cloud; 3rd grade - Jennifer Hollowell; 7th grade - Kimberly Detweiler; Computers - Elizabeth Hughes; Spanish - Jennifer Carr. We are blessed to have a School here at St. Margaret's and we are grateful to all the support given to the School by you, the parishioners. We ask God's special blessing on each of our 298 students as we begin another year.

Labor Day: Ora et Labora - When St. Benedict established monasteries many years ago, he adopted the motto "Ora and Labora," which is Latin for "Pray and Work." Benedict developed a rule of life to help the monks grow in holiness. His rule called for daily periods of prayer, but also daily manual labor and emphasized the value of work as a means of spiritual growth and strengthening our souls in the life of Christ. As we celebrate Labor Day on Monday, we are reminded that work is not to be considered simply a burden, but a means by which we unite with God in creating a better world. Through our work we are able to grow in holiness and goodness in his sight. Work is not just something we endure to receive a wage, but a valuable way of serving others and giving praise and glory to God. We give honor to all workers today for the role they play in fulfilling their mission of doing good and growing in spirit through their dedication to their work.

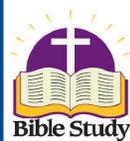
Helping Other People in Emergency

Week of September 2 2018
Pam Owsik, 610-659-7021
Please call as early in the week as possible.

 **Food Collection** - Next weekend is our monthly food collection, September 8 & 9. Please pick up a Manna bag from the back of church and return next weekend. Thank you for your generous support of this program.

 **We are planning a visit to Sight & Sound to see "Jesus" on Tuesday, October 30.** The show is at 11:00 am, followed by lunch at Bird in Hand Restaurant. The cost is \$110. per adult. If you are interested, please call the rectory at 610-664-3770 or email us at office@saintmarg.org. Come and see this fantastic and inspiring musical production.

 **We welcome into the Church: Brynn Rose Bezdikian**, daughter of Bryan and Meghann Bezdikian. Congratulations to the family on the Baptism of their daughter.



The Tuesday Morning Bible Study will begin on September 18 at 9:30am in the Antioch Annex. This fall we will be studying "Hebrews." Although the author remains a mystery, it is still a unique book in that it adds insight to our understanding of the New Testament. Please join us for this study. Everyone is

Lectio Divina resumes after Labor Day, Saturday, September 8 after the 8:00am Mass in the Antioch Annex. All are welcome. Please contact Bruce Fay if you are interested in learning more. 610-667-6159 or Brewster.fay@gmail.com.



Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Joseph Cain** who recently passed away. May he rest in peace and his family be comforted.

A Little Humor - A haunted house for teenagers: You just yell at them, "What college are you going to, what are you majoring in, what career will you have!"

Church Teaching: The Sunday Eucharist - The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life. Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and its to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church. Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and his Church. The faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity. Together they testify to God's holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Collection for the Black and Indian Missions

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Established in 1884, the Black and Indian Mission Collection is the embodiment of the Catholic Church's concern for evangelizing the Black, Native American and Indigenous peoples of the United States. Your financial contribution to this fund assists clergy, religious and lay catechists, parishes, schools and catechetical centers for the evangelization of the Black and Native American peoples throughout our country.

Pope Francis reminds us that everyone is meant to evangelize. As we embark on another year of evangelization in the African-American, Native American and Alaskan Native communities, everyone is encouraged to make a difference by offering their prayers for the fruitful support of the missions in the United States and to consider expressing concretely their Christian solidarity through sacrificial offerings.

Your support impacts the daily pastoral work of our bishops, consecrated religious women and men, and lay-leadership who labor on Indian reservations, urban centers, Black Catholic and Alaskan Native parishes, mission schools and the many, many diocesan programs and projects that strengthen the work of the Gospel. Locally, through grants awarded from this collections, a number of parishes within the Archdiocese are able to fund pastoral outreach and evangelization programs. It is only through your continued generosity of this collection that such efforts are realized.

The Collection for the Black and Indian Missions will be held in parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on the weekend of September 8 & 9, 2018. I ask your continued prayers and generous financial support of this collection.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia.

Fall Retreat Invitation for Young Adult Single

Women Ages 21 plus. - Take time to get in touch with whom you've called to be with what God's purpose is for you...by quiet, reflection, prayer and conversation. Saturday, September 8, 2018 - (10am - 3pm). RSVP by August 31: tsaetta@mercymidatlantic.org (needed for lunch count). Location 515 Montgomery Ave., Merion.

IHM Sisters Night and Retreat

Sisters' Night - Friday, September 7, 2018, 6 - 9pm. Single young women ages 18-35 are invited to spend an evening of cookout, fun and prayer with the Immaculate Heart of Mary sisters, novices, and postulants. This is a great opportunity for young women who may be curious or thinking about a vocation to the religious life to spend some time informally with the IHM sisters.

Discernment Retreat-September 7, 2018 (6pm)-

September 9, 2018 (1pm). Experience a weekend retreat at the IHM Motherhouse with the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary sisters, novices, and postulants. Single young women ages 18-35 are invited to come for a weekend of prayer, spiritual conferences, meals, and times of recreation with the sisters. Daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and Eucharistic adoration are included in our weekend retreat.

Villa Maria House of Studies is located at 1140 King Rd., Malvern, PA 19355. For more information and to register please visit ihmvoc@gmail.com or call 610-889-1553.

Archdiocesan Prayer Vigil of Reparation and

Petition, September 14. All Catholics of the greater Philadelphia area are invited to an evening of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to ask for His mercy upon His Church in this moment of profound crisis. We come to make reparation for our own sins and those of our bishops and priests. We come also in confident hope that from Christ's super abounding mercy will come the purification, healing and restoration of holiness for which we long. Friday, September 14, 2018, 5pm to Midnight, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. The doors of the Cathedral will be open to all who wish to come and pray during this vigil. More information: archphila.org/vigil.

Hospitality Sundays -A Chance to Gather

Hospitality Sundays are a ministry of our Community Life team designed to offer an opportunity for parishioners to gather, eat, and connect. Hospitality Sundays occur after the 7:30am and 10:00am Masses in our parish hall and will offer coffee, donuts, bagels, fruit and juices on the following dates this Fall:

September 16, October 21, November 18, and December 2.

Kid and Family friendly.

No registration needed.

Simply join us after Mass.

ST. MARGARET SCHOOL – WWW.SMSNARBERTH.ORG

Grades PK to 8 OPENING DATES for

September 2018

We are excited to welcome all SMS families back to the 2018-2019 school year at St Margaret School. We look forward to a year of academic, social and spiritual growth for each of our precious students.

***School reopens for Grades 1 to 8 on Wednesday, September 5th**

Wednesday- Sept. 5 (Full Day - Bring Lunch) - Grades 1 to 8 will report at 8:15 am to the blacktop. Dismissal at 3pm WITH BUS TRANSPORTATION. CARES WILL BEGIN THIS DAY

Thursday-Sept. 6 (Full Day - Bring Lunch) - Grade 1 to 8 report 8:15 a.m. Dismissal at 3pm for grades 1-8 WITH BUS TRANSPORTATION. CARES will be provided for those who sign up.

Friday-Sept. 7th (EARLY DISMISSAL – 12:00 – CARES AVAILABLE) - Grades K to 8 report 8:15 a.m. Dismissal at 12 pm for grades K-8. There will BUS TRANSPORTATION. CARES will be provided for those who sign up from 3:00 to 6 pm

Bus Schedule - Buses will be on the regular school schedule for both am/pm. Hopefully, everyone should have received your child/ren bus schedule in the mail or via email.

KINDERGARTEN AND PK OPENING DATES – Sept 2018

We would like to welcome our PK and Kdg families that will be joining us this September. We look forward with enthusiasm as you enter our school and please know that we are available if you have any questions.

First day for KINDERGARTEN is on Thursday, Sept 6th at 9:00 am (for the first day only)

Kindergarten will now report on **Friday, September 7th at 8:15 -12:00** - (No morning CARES available)

Dismissal for Kindergarten on: Thursday - Sept. 6th and Friday – Sept. 7th will be 11:45 am (no bus)

(CARES AVAILABLE FOR THESE DAYS FOR THOSE WHO SIGN UP!)

Kindergarten will start full days on Monday, Sept. 10th beginning at 8:15 am. Dismissal will be at 3:00 pm (Buses are available am & pm for all grades (Kindergarten through 8th)). **Please keep in mind that Kindergarteners are not eligible to ride the Philadelphia buses.**

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

First day for PRE-K is on Monday, Sept 10th at 9:00 am (for the first day only) (No morning CARES available)

Pre-Kindergarten will report on Tuesday, Sept. 11th at 8:15 am the rest of the year. Dismissal for Pre-K will be at 11:45 a.m. each day.

Extended Day Program will be available from 11:45 to 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday this week and every school week throughout the year. CARES (3 to 6pm) will be provided for those who sign up. More information to sign up will be sent to you in the August.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT is THURSDAY-Sept 13th at 7pm!

We are encouraging at least one parent to attend.

CYO FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION is now open. All CYO Activities are open to parish members. Practice for these sports will begin in MID-Late August. All participants must be registered prior to practicing with teams.

Registration links:

Boys Football 5th & 6th <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=3:166651>

Boys Football 7th & 8th <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=3:166649>

Girls Field Hockey 5th & 6th <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=3:166652>

Girls Field Hockey 7th & 8th <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=3:166653>

Cross Country 1st to 8th <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=3:166654>

Boys Soccer 3rd & 4th <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=3:166655>

Boys & Girls Soccer 5th & 6th <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=3:166656>

Boys & Girls Soccer 7th & 8th <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=3:167162>



Come to St. Margaret's FALL ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

There'll be fun games, music, laughter, and lots of ice-cream and toppings! Bingo, Musical Chairs, Prizes! WHO? Families & friends of St. Margaret Parish

WHAT? A night of fun, fellowship and frozen concoctions

WHEN? Friday, Sept. 14, 2018; 6:30-8:00

WHERE? Antioch Annex (lower level of the church)

WHY? Because it's FRIDAY, it's FUN, and it's FREE!

Please call the rectory at (610) 664-3770 or office@saintmarg.org. Let us know if you are coming and if you can help out.

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 1:00 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, September 11, 2018 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/ArchbishopChaput>
www.twitter.com/ArchPhilly
www.youtube.com/user/CatholicPhilly
<http://livestream.com/archphila>

PRAYER GROUP

The Living Vineyard Prayer Group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM in the church to celebrate Mass.

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 Rose Marie 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



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 *812.



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