

# ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH

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*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
September 30, 2018*



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## Scrip Sales

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

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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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.



From September 26 through November 4, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside of Bryn Mawr Hospital, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. St. Margaret Parish is scheduled to pray on two Saturdays from 10 to 11am on September 29 and October 20. If you'd like more information – and especially if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact: Janis Mazzone at 610-308-0582 or Peggy Walsh at 267-241-3516, email.walsh.peggy71@gmail.com.

## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, October 1**

7:00 AM Marion Clinger

**TUESDAY, October 2**

7:00 AM Living & Deceased members of the Cullinan & Fay Families

**WEDNESDAY, October 3**

7:00 AM Thomas Galligan

**THURSDAY, October 4**

7:00 AM Albert Placid Spearritt

**FRIDAY, October 5**

7:00 AM Thomas J. Gillard

**SATURDAY, October 6**

8:00 AM Dr. Vernon Brightman

**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 Sept. 23, 2018:\$10,001**

**Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 872**

**Mail In: \$ 1,315**

**Parish On Line: \$ 1,350**

**Envelopes: 221**

**Weekend of September 24, 2017: \$9,471**

**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/StMargGiving>.

**Spiritual Thought** - Love cannot remain by itself - it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service. A mission of love can come only from union with God. From that union, love for the family, love for one's neighbor, love for the poor is the natural fruit. (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

## From The Pastor

**Recognition for Miss Lopresti** - Miss Dolores Lopresti, who is in her forty-third year of teaching at St. Margaret School, has been chosen to be honored by the Montgomery County Foundation for Catholic Education. Each year the Foundation honors a few people who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to Catholic education. Miss Lopresti will be recognized at a dinner in November. We rejoice in this honor. Miss Lopresti is an excellent teacher who has shown throughout the years a genuine love for her students and a willingness to make the sacrifices necessary for educating their hearts, minds and souls. Congratulations, Miss Lopresti. May God bless you for your dedication to the students at Saint Margaret School.

**Fr. Matt Guckin and Weekend Mass Assistance** - Fr. Matt Guckin works for the Office of Catholic Education for the Archdiocese and resides here at St. Margaret Rectory. He assists at Mass here on the weekends. Recently, because of a need for help at Sacred Heart Church in Royersford, Fr. Guckin has been asked to assist there also on the weekends. Fr. Guckin will still be helping us but not quite as frequently, since he will also be helping in Royersford.

**Fall Census and Collection** - Recently we mailed to you a letter containing information on the Annual Fall Census and Collection. Please make any changes on the census report and send it back to us along with your donation. The Fall Collection is one of our largest collections of the year, and thus is very important for our financial health. I would ask that you consider making a contribution of \$150 to this collection.

**Annual Financial Report** - The recent mailing on the Fall Census and Collection also contained the Annual Financial Report. To briefly summarize the Report, the Parish and School combined finished the fiscal year 2017-2018 with a deficit of \$11,500. Our budget for next year projects that the Parish and School will finish with a surplus of \$3,400. We are operating at close to a balanced budget, which is only possible because of your generosity. The goal is to finish each fiscal year with a surplus of about \$50,000, so that we can have sufficient money available for capital needs and expenditures. I would ask you to consider increasing your contributions slightly so that we can realize that goal.

**Walk-a-Thon** - The Annual Walk-a-Thon fundraiser for our School will take place on Friday, morning October 5. Our students are seeking pledges and will be walking through the streets of Narberth on Friday as a sign of their love for our School and their desire to raise the necessary funds to support Saint Margaret School. They are grateful for all you do for our School.

**Respect Life Sunday and Baby Bottles** - Next Sunday, October 7, is Respect Life Sunday. Our Respect Life Group will be distributing baby bottles at all the Masses. They ask that you place in the baby bottles coins, cash or a check to raise money for Guiding Star Ministries, which provides help and support for expectant mothers in need. We would be grateful for any help you can give to support this pro-life ministry. You can return the bottles to Church on the weekend of October 20 & 21.

**Pointing and Repair Work** - Beginning Monday, October 8, some repair work will be done on the front steps of Church. In addition, some of the wall on the North side of the Church will be pointed to help prevent moisture from getting into the wall and down into the Antioch Annex. The cost for this maintenance and repair will be about \$10,000.

**Catholic Charities Appeal** - As of September 13, 169 donors from our Parish have contributed a total of \$57,900 toward our goal of \$84,835 to the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal. We are at 68% of our goal. If you have not yet done so, I encourage you to make a donation to this important Archdiocesan Appeal, which supports Archdiocesan Programs for the poor and needy.



**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](mailto:office@saintmarg.org). Come and see this fantastic and inspiring musical production.

### HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

**Week of September 30, 2018**  
**Pam Owsik 610-659-7021**  
**Please call as early in the week as possible.**



**We welcome into the Church: Cameron Rose Smore** daughter of Greg and Kathryn Smore. Congratulations to the family on the Baptism of their daughter.

**Church Teaching: The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit**

The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. They belong in their fullness to Christ, Son of David. They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in following divine inspirations. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.

**Our Lady of Confidence Christian Retreat for**

**Persons with Disabilities:** A three day retreat at Malvern Retreat House has been scheduled for October 9, 10, 11, 2018 for adults with disabilities. The retreat is geared for adults with intellectual, physical or emotional disabilities. For more information, please contact Malvern Retreat Center at 610-644-0400 or email [OLCRetreat@gmail.com](mailto:OLCRetreat@gmail.com).

**Main Line Health Smoke Free Program** - Main Line Health's Free six week tobacco treatment program that covers stress management, healthy eating, non-smoking strategies, problem solving and coping skills.

**Bryn Mawr Hospital Community Health Services**

Mondays, October 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12  
933 Haverford Rd., Bryn Mawr, Lower Level  
Conference Room A (2:00 - 3:00pm)

**Bryn Mawr Hospital**

Tuesdays, October 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20, 27  
130 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr  
3B Ortho Conference Room ( 6:00 - 7:30pm)  
To register call 484-227-FREE

**A Little Humor** - A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up: "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused. "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes indeed, honey," he said. "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't He?"

**Archdiocesan Rosary**

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul  
Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 5:30pm  
6:30pm Sunday Mass to follow.

**The Catholic Tent Revival, Sunday, October 7th from 12 noon to 7:30 pm on the grounds of Malvern Retreat House.**

This is a FREE event for individuals and families endorsed by Archbishop Charles Chaput. Under a gigantic 1,000 person tent, Mass will be celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Timothy Senior, Rosary in conjunction with The National Rosary Crusade, confessions in the field, adoration. Free parking at Radnor Hunt Club with shuttle buses all day. Food trucks. Inspirational teaching and music by the Donut man for children under 10 years of age. We are encouraging registration at [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com) or by calling 610-644-0400.

**Mondays in October, 1st - 29th, 7:00 - 8:15pm**

**Event: The Problem of Love: Is a Self-Less Love Possible?** - A 5-session seminar on the Problem of Love: Is a Self-less Love Possible? An investigation of classical and Christian traditions, co-facilitated by Dr. Paul Camacho and Dr. Ian Clausen, both Arthur J. Ennis Post-doctoral Fellows in the Humanities at Villanova University.

**Location:** Regina Angelorum Academy, 105 Argyle Rd, Ardmore.

**Register** at <https://bit.ly/20ZdNEW>.

**Questions:** Jessica Ferro, [jferro@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:jferro@sas.upenn.edu).

**Humanae Vitae -The Prophetic Voice of Blessed Paul VI - October 13, 2018 (8:30am - 4:30pm)**

The Logan Philadelphia Hotel, One Logan Sq., Phila  
Sponsored by Archdiocese of Phila., Office for Life and Family. [www.Phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.Phillycatholiclife.org).

**DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?**

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. One is the durable bond of marriage. This is God's law. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Even though a Catholic marriage was celebrated, perhaps there was some deficiency in the consent of the parties involved regarding intentions, understanding or ability. The annulment procedure addresses these circumstances. If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church or remarried outside the Catholic Church, please find us on the web at [archphila.org](http://archphila.org) under the "How Do I" tab. The Metropolitan Tribunal, 222 N 17th St. Philadelphia (215-587-3750)

## ***ST. MARGARET SCHOOL***

### **SMS SPOTLIGHT**

#### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION ANNOUNCES “TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD.”**

We are pleased to announce that **Miss Dolores Lopresti**, SMS Grade 2 Teacher, is the winner of this honorable award!

Dolores began her teaching career here at St. Margaret Parish School **43 years ago!!** To this day, she embraces teaching second grade at SMS with her whole heart. The students in second grade have learned the love of reading through her own passion for reading: opening the world of knowledge and enrichment in all subjects. She cherishes teaching second grade for her love of preparing the children for their Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Dolores has truly inspired all her students, and to this day, students continue to call and write to “Miss Lopresti.”

Dolores remains a trusted colleague among the faculty and staff and is always willing to help in every way. Dolores is a true example in the power of our faith in her passion for Catholic Education. What a true honor for St. Margaret School.

**Wanted:** Box Tops and Used Ink Cartridges benefit our school in so many ways! By collecting these, we are able to earn money that will benefit our school! Please feel free to drop off at school or place in back of the church. Thank you for your support!



### **OPEN HOUSE**

**Mount St. Joseph Academy** - The Mount Open House will be on October 21 from 12 - 3:00pm. Girls in 6th, 7th and 8th grade are invited to attend with their parents to explore the innovative programs and spaces at the Mount. Register at [www.msjacad.org](http://www.msjacad.org).

**The Scholarship/Entrance exam** will be on Saturday, November 3rd from 8am to 12pm.

**Waldron Mercy Academy** is holding an Open House for prospective families on Tuesday, October 2 at 9am. Join us and experience the advantage of a Mercy education. For students in preschool to grade 8. Visit [www.waldronmercy.org/visitus](http://www.waldronmercy.org/visitus) for more information.

#### **Merion Mercy Academy**

**Open House** for 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders, Sunday, October 7th, Mass: 11am, Presentation: Noon.

Tours: 12:30 - 3:00pm.

**Scholarship and Entrance Exam**, Saturday, October 27th from 9am to 12:30pm. Make-up date: November 3rd.

Registration required.

**Visiting Days** - Students are welcome to visit Merion on any regular school day beginning October 1st. The form to arrange your visit can be found online.

#### **La Salle College High School**

**Open House** on Sunday, September 30 from 9:00am to 12:00 pm.

The Scholarship and Entrance Exam for 8th grade boys will be held at the school at 8:30am on Saturday, October 27 and Saturday, November 10.



**Pro-Life Baby Bottles** - Again this year baby bottles will be available for those who will be kind enough to fill them with change; this will benefit the Guiding Star home for mothers with crisis pregnancies under the auspices of the Pro-Life Union. We will give them out on Respect Life Weekend, October 6 & 7 and would like you to return them two weeks later on the weekend of October 20 & 21. Thank you and May God reward you!

**Visitation Nuns** at 5820 City Ave cordially invite you to celebrate with them, the Feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque on Tuesday, October 16 at 7:30pm. Mass celebrated by Rev. Joseph Chorpenning, OSFS.

### **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 Thursday, October 18, 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](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/ArchbishopChaput>**  
**[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 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 [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 \*812.



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