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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 9, 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret."

**Spiritual Thought** - Christianity has died many times and risen again; for it had a God who knew the way out of the grave. (G. K. Chesterton)

## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, September 10**

7:00 AM Edward Boyle

**TUESDAY, September 11**

7:00 AM Amy D'Souza

**WEDNESDAY, September 12**

7:00 AM Candy Antonelli

**THURSDAY, September 13**

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of  
the Cain, Cronin & Stevens Families

**FRIDAY, September 14**

7:00 AM Francis Gallagher

**SATURDAY, September 15**

8:00 AM Lorraine Bizzarri



### THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of the  
Nardi & Polillo Families.

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 September 2, 2018: \$9,942**

Including Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 872
Mail In:	\$ 2,008
Parish On Line:	\$ 520
Envelopes:	211

**Weekend of September 3, 2017: \$7,403**

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://tinurl.com/StMargGiving>.

## From The Pastor

**Parish Newsletter** - We are planning to produce a Parish Newsletter three times this year to help keep you better informed on the life of our Parish and to help deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith. The first edition will be distributed soon. We are hoping that it will assist us in coming to know and love God and one another more fully. Many thanks to Robert Cermini, our Coordinator of Parish Services, for overseeing this undertaking and putting together the newsletter.

**A Prayer Vigil of Reparation and Petition** - All Catholics of the greater Philadelphia area are invited to an evening of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, September 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul 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 superabounding mercy will come the purification, healing, and restoration of holiness for which we long. Individuals, families, parishes and communities are invited to come and make their own Holy Hours throughout the evening, between the hours of 5 pm to midnight.

Our faith is built of the threefold call to prayer, penance and charity. While prayer and penance are hollow if not united to action, they are necessary elements in growing in holiness before God and healing the wounds of our sins. Whether we can attend on Friday or not, each of us is called to renew our commitment to prayer and penance so that we can overcome sin and help to heal the hurt it causes. In the Scriptures Jesus said that some demons can only be cast out by prayer and penance. Our penance does not have to be drastic. It can be a matter of offering up our daily trials and challenges for the good of ourselves and others, especially those harmed by sin and abuse. Or it can mean making some voluntary sacrifice, however small, for the intentions of holiness and healing in our present crisis, or for some other intention for the needs of ourselves and others. May we all renew our commitment to prayer and penance.

**Villanova Service Day on September 15** - Each September Villanova University organizes a Service Day on which many of their students volunteer to do some service in local communities. Some of the Villanova students will be here on September 15 to assist with some School and Parish projects. We are grateful for their generous spirit of service.

### HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

**Week of September 9, 2018**  
**Robert Ritzco, 610-649-3973**  
Please call as early in the week as possible.

### ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE

Casseroles for St. John's Hospice, Recipe #5 will be collected Wednesday morning of this week, **September 12 between 9 and 9:30am** in front of St. Margaret School Cafeteria. Pans are available in the back of Church if you would like to participate.



**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.

**A Little Humor** - (as reported by an attendee at a high school reunion) During my 55<sup>th</sup> high school class reunion, I spotted an old friend. "Bill!" I shouted. "You look exactly the same as you did in high school." He nodded, "Now I know why I never got a date in high school."



**The Tuesday Morning Bible Study** will begin on September 18 at 9:00am 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 welcome.

**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](mailto:Brewster.fay@gmail.com).



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. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: [PeggyWalshWalshPeggy71@gmail.com](mailto:PeggyWalshWalshPeggy71@gmail.com).



### **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>

**Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Help-Line:** Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or Autism? A collaboration of Catholic Social Services-Developmental Programs, The Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Schools of Special Education of the Archdiocese is offering this convenient help-line to assist families connect to disabilities services provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. To reach the Help-Line call: 484-472-5041 or email: [IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org](mailto:IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org).

**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).

**Church Teaching: The Value of Work** - Human work proceeds directly from persons created in the image of God and called to prolong the work of creation by subduing the earth, both with and for one another. Hence, work is a duty: "If anyone will not work, let him not eat." (2 Thess. 3:10) Work honors the Creator's gifts and the talents received from him. It can also be redemptive. By enduring the hardship of work in union with Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth and the one crucified on Calvary, man collaborates in a certain fashion with the Son of God in his redemptive work. He shows himself to be a disciple of Christ by carrying the cross, daily, in the work he is called to accomplish. Work can be a means of sanctification and a way of animating earthly realities with the Spirit of Christ. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

**SAINT COLMAN PARIS MISSION** in Ardmore is hosting a Parish Mission, led by Catholic lay evangelist Bill Wegner of Good News International. On Sunday September 23, through Wednesday, September 26, at 7:00 P.M., Bill will present engaging talks on "Our Call to Holiness!". For those who cannot attend the evening sessions, the same talks will be given after the 8:00 A.M. daily Mass. The thrust of the Mission is to bring us walk more closely with Jesus. Confessions will be heard on Tuesday evening. Bring the family and invite friends.

**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.



### **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.

**WELCOME ALL THE NEW FAMILIES WHO JOIN US THIS SCHOOL YEAR AT  
ST. MARGARET SCHOOL.**

Message from Mrs. Johnston, SMS Principal

Yes, the time has come when uniforms, back packs and sweet goodbyes has sent our children back into the loving arms of their teachers. We really weathered the unexpected over the summer. I am personally grateful to all of you who sent your kind words of support to the staff, me and the teachers who were leaving us. However, we were grateful for the support and encouragement of so many of our families during this time of change.

Special thanks and shout outs to Mr. Banks, Danny Gabor and Maria Dagit. They were champions scrubbing, polishing, purging and reorganizing. Gerry DiGiovanni shimmied his way down the halls on scaffolding, painting and giving a new look to the walls. Dolores Lopresti and Donna Dodderidge were the gatekeepers of our school, and their loyalty always shines. Tours were given faithfully by Anne Becker; we watched some hopeful leave disappointed, due to our wait lists. I was a little fearful that Margie Di Giovanni during her whirlwind trip to Italy might find a nice little school in her family of origin's village to call her own. Gratefully, she returned after a much deserved break from the hustle and bustle of street closures, blue screen computers, endless solicitation calls and countless Option C webinars.

As we say farewell to our teachers who will be exploring new avenues, we wish them fruitful experiences and may they be blessed by all of the good they shared here. They will be sadly missed. Each one offered a special part of themselves for the development of our children. We know that many of our students will miss them, and we are sensitive to that need.

**New teacher assignments, please welcome:**

Dara DiJoseph to Kindergarten B  
Suzanne Cloud to 1A  
Jennifer Hollowell to 3B  
Kim Detweiler to Homeroom Grade 7; Math 6, 7 & 8; Science 6&7  
Jennifer Carr to Spanish  
Perry Berman to Music  
Elizabeth Hughes to Computers

**Welcome to our SMS Home and School Association:**

President - Monica Lawrence  
Vice President - Bridget Shea  
Secretary - Betsy Harvey  
Treasurer - Julie McCabe  
Plans are underway for our New Family  
Welcome and we look forward to a great year  
blended with both traditional and new ideas.

*This summer presented many challenges with the searches, interviews and placements for the open positions. Recently, I came across this quote; it resonated with me and so I share....*

*"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." ... JD*

**Again, thank you to Monsignor Dougherty for his support of Catholic education at St Margaret School and to all of you.**

**For your calendar:**

Fall Family Fun Fair is Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> (11 am to 2:00 pm) Moon bounces-Dunk tank-Crafts and many more. ALL WELCOME

SMS 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing is Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 1 pm

SMS All School Walk A Thon is Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.



**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](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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