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*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 7, 2018*



FALL SERIES ON
THE EUCHARIST

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Scrip Sales

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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in [Deuteronomy 24:1-5](#). This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, October 8

7:00 AM Matthew Lazowick

TUESDAY, October 9

7:00 AM Lorraine Bizzarri

WEDNESDAY, October 10

7:00 AM Charles Doherty

THURSDAY, October 11

7:00 AM Eva & Dan Keating

FRIDAY, October 12

7:00 AM Mark Fanelli

SATURDAY, October 14

8:00 AM Kevin Palo



THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 7, 2018

**The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of
Richard & Nancy Roeser.**

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Weekend Collection of Sept. 30, 2018:\$7,905

Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 872

Mail In: \$ 405

Parish On Line: \$ 810

Envelopes: 205

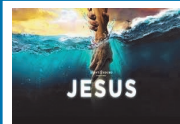
Weekend of October 1, 2017: \$9,892

**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>.



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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Special Second Collection Next Weekend for Those Suffering from the Effects of Hurricane Florence - The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked parishes through the country to take up a special collection to assist those areas hit hard by Hurricane Florence. We will have a special second collection next weekend for this purpose. The money donated will be sent to those dioceses in the disaster area to help them assist the people there in their time of great need.

Summary of September 20 Pastoral Council Meeting - The Pastoral Council met on Thursday, September 20.

Present at the meeting were: Monsignor Dougherty, Robert Cermignano, Mary Anne Monroe, Bess Combs-Chimelewski, Nuria Lopez, George Gazella, Martha Ortiz, Bruce Fay, Monica Romeo and Robert McCairns.

- 1) We discussed an article on the importance of the Sacrament of Matrimony and the value of preparation for marriage.
- 2) Announcements were made regarding various activities and events coming up in the Parish. Parish data for the last five years on marriages, funerals, baptisms, school enrollment, PREP enrollment, number of Parish families, and Church attendance were reviewed. The statistics were fairly consistent. We have averaged about 30 funerals, 30 baptisms, and 7 weddings per year over the last five years. The School enrollment has been about 295. Church attendance has been about 650 people per Sunday. The PREP enrollment was the one area that showed a substantial change in the last five years; it has increased from about 150 to over 200. A book on the Catholic faith and the deceptions that work against it will be distributed to parishioners on Christmas. The Knights of Columbus are interested in starting a Council in our area. A member will be speaking at all the Masses in January and an information night will be scheduled to solicit membership.
- 3) Reports were given on the Liturgy Committee, the Archdiocesan "Remain in my Love" Program on Marriage and Family Life, our Adult Faith Formation Series on the Eucharist, Hospitality Sundays, the Parish Newsletter, Class Masses, Home Meetings, and the ministry of the greeters at Church. All of these initiatives were aspects of implementing our three year pastoral plan.
- 4) We discussed how best to get a Youth Ministry Program for grades 9-12 started in the Parish. Efforts are being made to bring this about.
- 5) We decided that, as a means for expressing gratitude to them and encouraging them in their ministry, all those involved in the various parish ministries, for example, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, musicians and singers, and H.O.P.E. volunteers, will be invited to attend the 5:15 pm Mass on Saturday, January 26, 2019. The Mass will be followed by a buffet dinner and a talk by a speaker on some aspect of liturgy and ministry.

Respect Life Sunday and Baby Bottle Collection - This is Respect Life Sunday and October has been designated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as Respect Life Month. In connection with this, baby bottles will be distributed after the Masses today. You are asked to fill them with coins, cash, or a check and return them the weekend of October 20-21. The proceeds will be used to support the work of Guiding Star Ministries, which serves expectant mothers who are in need of support and assistance. We renew our commitment this month to upholding the dignity and value of human life from the unborn to the elderly. God became man and thus sanctified all human life. May we seek always to respect the right to life and the right to be treated with dignity that is inherent to all people.

Blessing of Animals - The feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, who demonstrated such a great love for all God's creation and creatures, is October 4. In honor of St. Francis Assisi, we will have a blessing of the animals in front of the rectory at 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 7.

Mission Speaker - World Mission Sunday is October 21. In preparation for that celebration, we will have a guest speaker on the Missions at all the Masses next weekend. Our speaker will be Reverend Patrick Tonry of the Marianists. The collection for the missions will be the second collection on the weekend of October 20-21.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of October 7, 2018

Robert Ritzco, 610-649-3973

Please call as early in the week as possible.



We welcome into the Church: *Madison Patricia Barnett*, daughter of Vincent and Patricia Barnett, ***Ava Marie Dress***, daughter of Justin and Lindsay Dress, ***Jameson Welby Gilbert***, son of David and Jennifer Gilbert. Congratulations to the families on the Baptism of their children.

Church Teaching: Respect for the Human Person

Social justice can be obtained only in respecting the transcendent dignity of man. The person represents the ultimate end of society, which is ordered to him: What is at stake is the dignity of the human person, whose defense and promotion have been entrusted to us by the Creator, and to whom the men and women at every moment of history are strictly and responsibly in debt. (From the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

The Eucharistic Book Club is an opportunity for the wider community of St. Margaret Parish to explore who Jesus is to each individual personally to foster a deeper understanding of and connection to the Eucharist. Beginning Sunday, October 14, we will hand out 50 copies of a book on the Mass among the four weekend Masses. Recipients will have 3 weeks to read the book until our Hospitality Luncheon on Sunday, November 4 at 12:30 PM. Contact faith@saintmarg.org or visit our parish website to learn more!

Humane Vitae, Fifty Years Later - October 13 (8:30am -4:30pm) - this conference will highlight the fulfillment of the prophesies that marriages and the society would suffer if the use of contraception became widespread in the world today and offer a reflection as to how selflessness, love, self mastery and moral responsibility can reverse this trend. Location Logan Philadelphia Hotel, 1 Logan Square. More information: phillycatholiclife.org/humanae-vitae-fifty-years-later

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for Healing after Abortion -October 12-14 - Rachel's Vineyard is an extraordinary opportunity for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of past abortion(s). The weekend is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God and will help your soul find a voice, and transform the pain of the past into hope. Location: National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. For more information, please call Evelyn at 215-317-5752. www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Spiritual Thought We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion that is truly the spirit of God. (St. Vincent de Paul)

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (AGES 52-66) Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join & dine together twice a month. Our next scheduled event is (Sat) Nov. 3rd at 5:30 pm, (Post Halloween House Party) at a member's home in Haverford. More info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.

Respect Life Month - A Perfect Gift

Soon after the birth of my son Charlie, who has Down syndrome, a visitor asked whether he was "mild, moderate, or severe" - referring to his level of cognitive impairment. I was shocked. In my arms I held my beautiful baby boy, who defied easy categorization. It's like looking at stained glass from the outside: the colors look dark, and you can't see the figures. But inside, with the sun shining through, the effect can be brilliant. *(Clinical labels don't tell the whole story)* From inside our family, love illuminates our life with Charlie. What may seem dreary to others, perhaps even unbearable, is actually filled with beauty and color. Our love has nothing to do with his abilities. We love him simply because of who he is, and understanding this teaches us a fundamental truth: every life is a good and perfect gift.

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>.

First Things Intellectual Retreat: Economics and the Human Person, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 12 & 13. This October, Collegium will be cosponsoring and co-teaching the First Things' intellectual retreat, Economics and the Human Person, at the Perelman Quadrangle at Penn. This retreat will explore the question, "What is the place of economics in our public life?"

Location: Univ of Penn, Perelman Quad, 3417 Spruce St, room 307, Phila. Any questions contact our Program & Communications Coordinator, Mrs. Jessica Ferro, jferro@sas.upenn.edu.

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.

ST. MARGARET SCHOOL

Classroom News

Grade 4 and 5 are enjoying using their new chrome books. Teachers have been busy helping the students sign into classroom, join Aleks (a math program to enhance individual learning to compliment our math series), and sign into Epic (an online reading libraries). Students are excited to be exploring the many educational opportunities that the chrome books offer.

Grade 4 is learning all about energy in Science. The students have been learning about the different forms of energy -heat, light, sound. To help explore how energy can be stored and then changed into light energy, the students worked with a partner to create light. They needed to create a circuit using a battery, wire, and a light bulb. The students were so excited when they were able to connect their circuit and see the light bulb turn on. Together we created double and even triple circuits.

Thank You

Our annual Fun Fair last weekend was a wonderful time with smiles all around from the kids and adults alike. Thank you to all our adult and student volunteers who helped make this event a rousing success. A very special thanks to **Monica Lawrence and Bridget Shea** for HSA's sponsoring and putting together of this event and to **Beth Mirzai** for coordinating Fun Fair this year. We hope you all had as much fun as we did!



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 the 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.msjad.org.

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

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.

Basketball Season will commence on Nov 2. The CYO is in search for coaches for all levels and all grades. In addition there is a need for parent coordinators to assist with rosters, uniforms and gym supervision. All coaches must meet complete requirements of Archdiocese of Phila. If interested please contact Jim McNulty at 610-389-0824.

Saint Katherine Day School (Wynnewood Campus) is seeking a part-time teaching assistant needed to work with students with disabilities. If interested, please contact Lauren Bell, Principal at principal@stkds.org.

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.

HaverTalian Festival - Two Days of Music, Food and Fun! Join us in Havertown for a two day Italian celebration for the whole family. The HaverTalian Festival will feature food, wine and beer, Fun Zone for the kids, bocce court, the sounds of Il Coro, the Quaker City String Band, Chico's Vibe, Del's Groove, Fulvio Ranni, Rich DeSimone, Nick Desiderio, Brooke Falls, Vivaci Dancers and more! October 13th Noon to 9 pm and October 14th Noon to 6 pm at Cardinal Foley School at 300 E. Eagle Road in Havertown. Proceeds benefit St. Denis Parish and the Kelly Center for Music, Arts and Community. For schedules and more information, visit HaverTalianFestival.com or contact Tom Kelly via email at tkelly@kellymusic.com

A Little Humor -The two biggest sellers in any bookstore are cookbooks and diet books. The cookbooks tell you how to prepare the food, and the diet books tell you how not to eat any of it. (Andy Rooney)

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](#). 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>

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 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 *812.



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