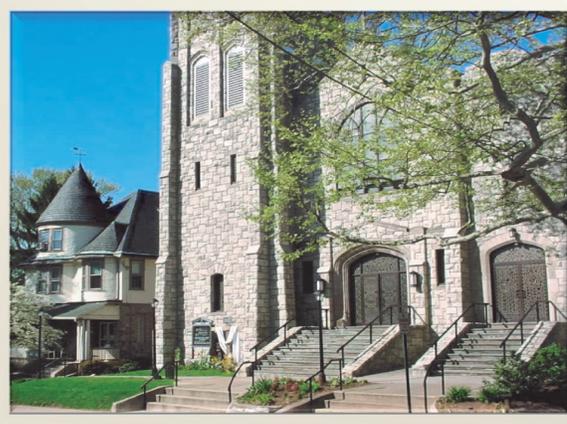


# ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 24 2019



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

### Holy Day of Obligation

**Vigil Mass - 7:00 PM**  
**7:00 AM, 12:05 PM and 7:00 PM**  
(schedule subject to change on certain Holydays.  
Check website for final schedule)

### 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.**

## 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

This item was first reported in a Canadian newspaper in 2011 and was updated last May. "Jobless Canadians who make even the smallest of errors on the employment insurance application forms wait extra weeks and sometimes months for their first benefits payment to arrive as a result of technological inflexibility and staff shortages." If those applications are completed with no errors the approval process is quick. Sometimes it can be completed within 24 hours. But any mistakes or omissions will create extended delays because **the computer system is unforgiving.** (my emphasis)

Sound familiar? For all the good our computers can do for us, these machines do not tolerate mistakes. So there they are, as common as toasters in our homes, and nestled neatly in our cell-phones and car consoles, but secret tyrants when it comes to human error, making them likely causes of frequent frustration. All because they cannot forgive.

There is a parable in there somewhere, but I'm not capable of composing one. If our blessed Lord were still here among us in physical form I'm positive that He would not only tell one on the spot but would make it as immortal as the Prodigal Son. All I can say is that we owe a great debt to God that He is so forgiving of our sins mortal and venial alike. Can you imagine a world where He was not such?

This weekend's Readings from the Bible highlight this ever vexing problem for us of practicing forgiveness when every fiber of our being wants to exact some form of sweet revenge. When we are told to include even our enemies in forgiveness we bristle. We almost wish Our Lord had made a mistake, or at least retracted His statement in a later Gospel passage!

The Gospel focuses on the first of many lessons Jesus would teach His new disciples, His "recruits" if you will. It's the same lesson we need to hear, who became His disciples at our baptism. End your inflexibility toward other people and forgive them, even if they are real or perceived enemies of yours. Add in the belief that perception is not always reality. After all, I might add in this context, we are not pre-programmed machines that compute according to limited software.

Granted, our computers compel us to be as accurate as we can and to deliberate before we choose a path of action. But none of them ever will match the ability of our informed consciences to know what the Lord wants in a given situation.

The good news has to include the fact that our God is more than tolerant, and when we confess and repent of our bad choices to sin, He is more loving than we can imagine.

**Spiritual Thought** - Understand this well: there is something holy, something divine hidden in the most ordinary situations, and it is to each of you to discover. (St. Josemaria Escriva)

## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, February 25**

7:00 AM Tony Hayden

**TUESDAY, February 26**

7:00 AM Angelo Bovo

**WEDNESDAY, February 27**

7:00 AM John Le

**THURSDAY, February 28**

7:00 AM Ken Herbst

**FRIDAY, March 1**

7:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY, March 2**

8:00 AM Nicholas Lekic

### THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY, 2019



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN  
MEMORY OF CATHERINE CIPRIANO.

**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 Feb 17, 2019: \$ 7,916**

Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 803

Mail In: \$ 880

Parish On Line: \$ 1,265

Envelopes: 211

**Aging and Ill Priests Collection \$ 2,105**

**Weekend of February 18, 2018: \$7,691**

**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 set up 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>.

## From the Pastor

**Living in the Moment** - Nick Foles often has spoken about his efforts to live in the moment in connection with his approach to playing football and living life. The practice of mindfulness is mentioned often too as a means of being present to the people and circumstances in which one is living at the moment. Catholic spirituality espouses paying attention to God's presence and finding him in the present circumstances of our lives. A Catholic book of spirituality from many years ago entitled "Abandonment to Divine Providence" beautifully describes this spiritual practice of letting go of fears, distractions and expectations and placing ourselves peacefully in God's hands as we tend to his will for us in the present moment. God is eternal; with God there is no past or present, everything is now. We are called to live in this eternal now, to discern God's will for me now and surrender myself to living it in the moment.

**Catholic Charities Appeal Speaker Next Weekend, March 2-3** - The Catholic Charities Appeal 2019 has been launched. Its theme is "Giving Hope to All." There will be a speaker at all the Masses next weekend to help us understand the many good works supported by Catholic Charities. The Appeal supports many Archdiocesan programs for the needy, for example the Housing and Homeless services provided at Mercy Hospice, McAuley House, Saint John's Hospice, Good Shepherd Program, St. Mary's Residence, Visitation Homes, and Women of Hope. Our Parish goal this year is \$84,834. Your donation helps to meet the human and spiritual needs of the homeless and many others.

**Confirmation Parent Meeting** - The Parents of those who will be confirmed in the Fall of 2019 will meet in Church on Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 pm for some teaching on the importance of the Sacrament and some basic information on preparations for the celebration of this Sacrament.

**FORMED** - Formed is a website that provides many resources for helping us to grow in our Catholic faith. Videos, Scripture reflections and many other means by which the faith is communicated to us are available for your use. St. Margaret Parish subscribes to this site. As a member of the Parish you get free access at [Formed.Org/Community](http://Formed.Org/Community). Use code WRVZND. If you have any questions, contact Robert Cermignano at [faith@saintmarg.org](mailto:faith@saintmarg.org).

**Find Your Greatness** - Our lives change when our habits change. Based on Matthew Kelly's book *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, this half-day event, featuring Dr. Allen Hunt, will introduce you to four simple habits that will help you reach your full potential. The event takes place March 31, 2019, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 146 Rector St., Philadelphia, PA 19127. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at [DynamicCatholic.com](http://DynamicCatholic.com) or call 859-980-7900.

### HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of February 24, 2019

Robert Ritzco 610-649-3973

Please call as early in the week as possible.

**Lankenau Ministry** Next Sunday, March 3, is St. Margaret's weekend to take Holy Communion to the sick at the Lankenau. Group A is assigned But Group B is also welcomed. If you cannot come this weekend, please try to exchange with someone. It is very important to get a replacement.

**Church Teaching: Prayer as God's Gift** - Prayer is the raising of one's heart and mind to God or the requesting of good things from God. But when we pray, do we speak from the height of pride and will, or out of the depths of a humble and contrite heart? He who humbles himself will be exalted; humility is the foundation of prayer. Only when we humbly acknowledge that we do not know how to pray as we ought, are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. Man is a beggar before God. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

### LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Spring Concert -

Scythian and McLean Avenue Band

Come enjoy lively Irish music on Saturday, March 30, at Villanova

University's Jake Nevin Fieldhouse,

benefiting the elderly poor of Holy Family Home.

Tickets are \$50 (\$20 for students, \$10 for children 12 and under), and includes admission, food, and drinks (valid ID required). For reservations, please send your name, address, phone number and check to: Sr.

Veronica, Holy Family Home - Dept PB, 5300 Chester

Ave., Phila., PA 19143. For more information or credit card payment, visit our website at

[www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org). Thank you for your prayers and support!



### Tax Information for 2018

**To properly claim your donations to the Church, the IRS may require a donation receipt.** To request your information go here <http://tinyurl.com/stmargtax> or contact the rectory during normal business hours, 610-664-3770.



# St Margaret School

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 6 for our annual SMS Bluefest Auction, "A Night at the Races." This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we need your support to make it great!

### Classroom News

Kindergarten celebrated the 100th day of School last week. The children brought their 100 pictures and they wore their 100 creation over their gym uniform. This was a fun day for the kids to celebrate.

### Service Abounds

The students delighted in the annual "Souper Bowl" canned food drive collection. Mercy Neighborhood Ministries, one of our favorite service organizations, will benefit from this service project. Another special annual event took place when our first grade enjoyed making cards in their best letter formation. The cards were designed for the retired Sisters in McAuley Convent with great love and care by our students.

SMS students celebrated "Thank Your Veterans Week". Each grade made a special Valentine card for the veterans. The Hill Family spent the day distributing these cards to the VA Hospital along with some treats.

### Safe Haven Sunday: Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children

The family home is to be a safe haven. But the inappropriate use of technology in the home deprives it of this role, and is the greatest threat to the sanctity of marriages and families today.



Pornography and other online threats are often one click away, and parents can feel overwhelmed with not knowing how to best protect their children in our fast-

paced digital world.

Next weekend, **March 2 & 3, The Archdiocese of Philadelphia** is taking a bold step to help families by celebrating Safe Haven Sunday. This awareness day will provide access to practical resources that any caring adult can use to protect themselves and our young people from online risks.

Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event. To learn more, please contact **The Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500** or visit [www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org).

### St. Margaret School hosts "Walk in Wednesdays"

for interested parish members and area Catholics to learn more about our school from 9 AM - 11 AM weekly. Take this opportunity to learn about our 4 year old programs through 8th grade. Applications are currently being accepted for grades PK, Full Day Kindergarten and 1st grade. Your family is welcome to visit our parish and school websites to learn more, or email [info@smsnarberth.org](mailto:info@smsnarberth.org)

### CONGRATULATIONS!

#### St. Joseph's Preparatory School 2018-2019

#### First Semester Honor Roll

##### First Honors

Francis R. Coyne  
Maxwell J. Coyne  
Daniel J. Friedlander  
Denis J. Gallagher

##### Second Honors

Martin T. Gallagher  
Sean T. Walker

#### LaSalle College High School Honor Roll 2/8/2019

##### First Honors

Daniel Matthew Iannone    Grade 11  
Seamus Reardon Maguire    Grade 12

### All Engaged Couples Planning to Marry

#### PRE-CANA PROGRAM

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish  
Phoenixville, PA

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Program begins at 9:00 AM and ends after the 4:00 PM Mass. It includes lunch, snacks and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This one-day Program meets all the requirements of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. A certificate is provided upon completion. Call the Parish Office at 610-933-2526 for an application or visit our website [www.stmaryassumption.org](http://www.stmaryassumption.org). Click on Forms/PRE CANA.



**Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood  
Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
Heed the Call - Summer Camps**

**Quo Vadis Days - June 24-27, 2019:**

This 4-day, 3-night camp held at Black Rock Retreat Center, is an annual favorite for high school aged men (incoming freshmen to graduated seniors). The camp includes daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, outdoor activities, a ropes course, powerful prayer, great talks, and an opportunity to interact with the Philadelphia seminarians.

**Philadelphia Catholic Scholars Program - July 8-18, 2019**

This is a 10-day journey into the intellectual and spiritual heritage of the Catholic Church. Successful completion of the camp earns attendees three college credits through St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, where the camp takes place.

**Going Deeper - July 28-August 1, 2019**

Join us for a 4-day service-oriented camp for high school junior and senior men or those with at least two years of Quo Vadis experience. Attendees participate in daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Adoration, prayer, talks, service activities, and small group discussions at the Spiritual Year House at St. Matthew's in Conshohocken.

For further information, see [HeedTheCall.org/Summer](http://HeedTheCall.org/Summer), or contact Christopher Gallagher, Special Projects Coordinator, at [cgallagher@archphila.org](mailto:cgallagher@archphila.org) or Sue Matour, Associate Director, at [smatour@archphila.org](mailto:smatour@archphila.org).



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**Saturday, March 23, 2019, 2:00 PM Procession and 2:30 PM Mass**

**Event: Cultural Heritage Mass 2019**

Native American, Asian, African, European, Caribbean, and Brazilian Catholics in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia welcome all to join us in the celebration of the Extraordinary Year of Mission! Our principal celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., and the procession will begin at 2:00 PM followed by Mass at 2:30 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul. Many cultures join in one faith to create one family in Christ!

**Location:** Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103

**Bible Study** reconvenes on Tuesday morning March 12 for a special study preparing for Lent. We will be using material from the Little Rock series and will meet in the Antioch Annex. Come early for light refreshments and conversation. All are welcome from bible novices to those who have studied scripture, and we hope to see you there!



**Upcoming Events**

**Ash Wednesday - Day of Reflection**

**March 6, 2019, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.**

Fr. James McGuinn will direct this special day of prayer which will include the distribution of ashes. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and a delicious sit-down luncheon are included.

**Women Afire! - Retreat for Women**

**March 8-10, 2019**

Directed by Anna Iatesta, Kathleen McCarthy and Anne McGlone, the theme for this powerful retreat is **“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline.”** (2 Timothy 1-7). Uplifting music by Mark Griswold, a noted praise and worship recording artist. Retreat will take place in the FLC.

**Saturdays, March 23 and 30, 2019, 8:30 AM-2:30 PM**

**Event: Unbound Basic Ministry Training**

This intensive training is for those who wish to be trained to pray with others using the Five Keys of Unbound to help them break free of spiritual burdens. We will use the Unbound Basic Ministry Training videos from Heart of the Father Ministries along with discussion and Q&A facilitated by members of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Unbound Prayer Team.

**Location:** St Margaret Parish Annex, Narberth, PA

**More info:** Participants attend both days; Cost is \$15.00; A spiritual reference person is required for all participants. Register at [phillyevang.org/events](http://phillyevang.org/events). For questions: [phillyevang@archphila.org](mailto:phillyevang@archphila.org).

**Employment Opportunity**

**Guiding Star Ministries**, a maternity home in the Germantown section of Philadelphia, is seeking candidates to serve as a Live-in Resident Assistant, who would be responsible for support of the residents and oversight of the home. Live-in support may work or attend school during the day. Free housing and stipend available. Please forward resume via email to [mail@prolifeunion.org](mailto:mail@prolifeunion.org).

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

In case of serious illness, please contact the Rectory to make arrangements. If someone is already in the hospital, be sure to register as a Catholic so that the priest will visit.

### **COMMUNION CALLS**

Parishioners unable to attend Mass regularly because of age or illness should call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Communion at home. If any member of your family is hospitalized, please be sure to register as a Catholic and inform the Rectory so that a visit can be arranged.

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays at 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, March 26, 2019 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](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 Maryann at the rectory, 610-664-3770, Ext 10.

### **EUCHARIST FOR CELIAC COMMUNICANTS**

St. Margaret Church is aware of the need to have the low gluten hosts available at all Masses. If you or a member of your family is interested in receiving Low-Gluten Holy Eucharist at any Mass, please contact Maria at [mecarinato@gmail.com](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.



### **Catholic Answers Live - #1 Catholic Radio Show. Monday - Friday, 6-8 PM.**

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