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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: 5:15 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.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

It was only last month when the two best football teams of their respective divisions clashed in a game that we have come to call for more than half a century the "Super Bowl." Also, we have accepted the story from our comic books, TV and the movies, that a mild mannered reporter named Clark Kent can transform at a moment's notice into a "Superman." He then flies away to fight and conquer evil "faster than a speeding locomotive." And finally we are so tempted to buy anything that's advertised as being on a "Super sale."

And for all other things wild and wonderful that exceed the norm we hasten to haul out that overworked adjective and call them "super." The habit is not a bad one, but soon enough overuse dulls its impact.

Each First Sunday of Lent, no matter in which of the three cycles of Readings at Mass, we hear the dramatic story of the temptations of Jesus. Apropos of my opening image, we can see it as the colossal clash of the two "Superpowers" of their respective worlds, one good and one evil. Granted, goodness has the edge here, because the evil power, Satan, is after all only a creature, despite his many abilities. Here he is up against Jesus Christ, Who is both God and Man. Jesus, in freely taking on all the weaknesses of our human nature, must struggle in this battle of wits and words. He is thirsty and tired; hungry and hounded by three of our worst temptations: power, wealth and fame. The devil knows these three weak points. But Jesus in each instance displays our greatest strengths when we place our trust in the powerful grace of the Holy Spirit.

If you don't mind another reference to that ultimate football game of the season, I like to think of this scene among the sand as a kind of "pep rally" to get us ready for the struggle involved with the Lenten penance we have just begun. We need to convince ourselves that if Jesus can resist those three powerful temptations, so can we, albeit with His help. After all, we pray this verse about our potential in today's Psalm 91:

"Because he clings to Me, I will deliver him;

I will set him on high because he acknowledges My Name.

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;

I will be with him in distress;

I will deliver him and glorify him."

Come Easter morning, this acknowledging of Christ as our strong help will find us being not just six weeks older, but hopefully better. In fact, on that joyous day, you and I might just actually feel (you guessed it) super!

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.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 11

7:00 AM Jean Funkhouser

TUESDAY, March 12

7:00 AM Robert Treston

WEDNESDAY, March 13

7:00 AM Catherine & John Krawetz

THURSDAY, March 14

7:00 AM Denis D'Souza

FRIDAY, March 15

7:00 AM Joseph Bizzarri

SATURDAY, March 16

8:00 AM Patricia Dougherty

THE WEEK OF MARCH 10, 2019



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN
MEMORY OF GEORGE CONSTANTINE.**

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 Mar 3, 2019: \$ 13,202

Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 803

Mail In: \$ 1,210

Parish On Line: \$ 710

Envelopes: 235

Weekend of March 4, 2018: \$12,481

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

Lent - I have some fond memories of Lent from my childhood. I would some days join my father at daily Mass. The bonus for doing that was getting a good breakfast when you got home. There was a practice in our School of daily giving some coins for the poor, and there was always the challenge of giving up something for the Season. Those simple practices did help to revive the soul; the simple discipline helped keep the spirit on track and moving toward the Lord. Let this Lenten Season be a time of renewal for you. Adopt some simple practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Lord will bless your spirit with new life and vigor.

Lenten Talk on Prayer - Lent is a time to renew our commitment to Christ through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Kristi Bushner, a parishioner, adjunct faculty at St. Charles Seminary, and Adult Faith Formation Director at St. John the Baptist in Manayunk, will make a presentation on prayer this week on Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 pm in the Antioch Annex. Prayer is the gateway to holiness and a deeper life in Christ. Come and learn more about prayer. The practice of prayer will open your Spirit to the strength and peace that only Christ can give.

Knights of Columbus - We are working at initiating a Knights of Columbus Council here in our Parish. We have a group of 14 men who are already beginning the monthly meetings and have been admitted into the Knights. This is a Catholic fraternal and charitable organization that helps the men to support one another in living the faith and doing the work of God. To officially be accepted as a Council we need 20 members, so we need some more members. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 pm in the Antioch Annex. New members can be officially received into the Knights at that meeting. For more information, see the announcement below.

Catholic Charities Appeal - The 2019 Appeal is underway. Donating to the Appeal is particularly pertinent during Lent when we are called to practice almsgiving. Your donation goes to programs of the Archdiocese that directly serve the needs of the poor in our area. You received an envelope in a direct mailing from the Appeal Office. You can use that envelope to make your contribution. Additional ones are available in the vestibule. Or you can make your donation online at catholiccharitiesappeal.org

Pastoral Council - We will meet on Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 pm in the Antioch Annex.

First Penance - About 50 of our second grade students from Saint Margaret School and in our PREP Program will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 pm. Please keep them in your prayers. Lent is a time of repentance. May we all see the Sacrament of Confession as a great way to turn back to the Lord this Lenten Season.

Little Sisters of the Poor - The Little Sisters will be here next weekend for their annual appeal in our Parish. The Sisters will be at the doors of Church to collect funds for their ministry to the elderly poor at Holy Family Home in Philadelphia. They appreciate your support.

Confirmation Presentation Mass on Saturday March 16 - Those who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming Fall on Tuesday, November 5 at 4:00 pm and their parents are asked to gather at the 5:15 pm Mass on Saturday, March 16. Those to be confirmed will be officially recognized as candidates for Confirmation. A Pot Luck Dinner will follow in the Antioch Annex.

Lenten Schedule of Events

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday during Lent at 2 PM and 7 PM. **Adoration** on Fridays at 6 PM.

Thursday, March 14, 2019 - Presentation on Prayer by Kristi Bushner at 7 PM in the Annex.

Thursday, March 21, 2019 - Presentation by Msgr. Dougherty on his favorite saint at 7 PM in the Annex.

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 - Poor Man's Supper at 6:30 PM in the Annex.

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 - Introduction of Prayer Walk by Marge Vance in the Annex at 7 PM.

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 - Prayer Walk available all day in the Annex.

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 - Lenten Penance Service in the Church at 7 PM.

Thursday, April 11, 2019 - Presentation by Chris DeMaio on his journey toward the Diaconate - 7 PM in the Annex.



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM

March 8	Everyone's Way of the Cross
March 15	The Way of the Cross, St. Alphonsus Liguori
March 22	All of You Drink of This
March 29	Mary's Way of the Cross
April 5	Stations for Teens
April 12	The Way of the Cross with texts from Scripture

Spiritual Thought - Whatever will come my way, whether good or bad, may I accept it calmly and always give thanks to God, who has ever shown me how I should believe in God, unfailing and without end. (St. Patrick)

St Margaret School

BLUEFEST - APRIL 6, 2019 "NIGHT AT THE RACES"

Please mark your calendar for this very important event for SMS!! We look forward to a great evening of dinner, dancing and bidding on wonderful silent auction items. Gather your friends, ask new parents in your child's class and get a table for a fun get together. *We would also like to extend a special THANK YOU to Steph Seal of Seal Events (www.sealevents.net) for providing her amazing event planning expertise to SMS Bluefest 2019, and to Nicole Veith for creating the SMS Bluefest Night At The Races logo and design.*

SMS 8TH GRADE LENTEN CAPTAIN CHUCKY'S CRAB CAKE SALE ORDERS

Back by Popular Demand: An order form is enclosed in this weekend's church bulletin for Captain Chucky's items, and also available on our website.

Classroom News

PreK had a great week celebrating Doctor Seuss. From mixed up Monday to crazy sock day, to wearing green in honor of Green Eggs and Ham, it was a fun week of laughter and learning.

SMS students are preparing for Lent with the CRS Rice Bowl that was given out to each student. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the needs of the world as a community.



We welcome into the Church

Lucia Carmel Magro
daughter of Carmen and Michele Magro

Congratulations to the family on the Baptism of their daughter.

The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers is Saturday, March 30, 2019, at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., will be the principal celebrant and homilist. There will be a reception immediately following the Mass. **All are Welcome.** To **RSVP**, go to www.opdarchphilly.org, or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530 with the number attending.

Lent Taizé Prayer for Young Adults - March 26 from 7-8 PM at the Convent of Mercy, 515 Montgomery Ave, Merion, PA.
Immerse yourself in music and silence. Find yourself in letting go. Wrap yourself in the Mystery of the Creator.
Light refreshments to follow. **RSVP**
tzaetta@mercymidatlantic.org.

Remain in My Love, the Archdiocesan Initiative to reinvigorate marriage and the family, is in its third year. Sessions are planned all throughout the Archdiocese to look at marriage as created by God, what is good about marriage, and the family as the domestic church.

The Church has something very important to say about marriage and the family and you don't want to miss it. Go to the website for *Remain in My Love*, <http://archphila.org/remain/>, to learn all about the opportunities for you during 2019 and to register for the sessions in your area.

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

ENCOUNTER NORMA - In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in our community? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

CYO Spring Sports

Registration is now open and available for all parishioners and parish school attendees who are age-grade appropriate. Practice will begin in early-mid March depending on weather. Please contact Jim McNulty at mcnulty@novacare.com with questions. For more information, see <https://leagueathletics.com/Default.asp?org=SMSNARBERTH.ORG>.

Mount Saint Joseph Academy invites all interested 7th grade girls to the 7th Grade Practice Test (Pre-HSPT) to be given on Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 8:00-11:30 AM. Register at www.msjacad.org/practicetest.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of March 10, 2019

Robert Ritzco 610-649-3973

Please call as early in the week as possible.

Church Teaching: The Knowledge of God

Our holy Mother, the Church, holds and teaches that God, the first principle and last end of all things, can be known with certainty from the created world by the natural light of human reason. Without this capacity, man would not be able to welcome God's revelation. Man has this capacity because he is created in the image of God.

In the historical conditions in which he finds himself, however, man experiences many difficulties in coming to know God by the light of reason alone. This is why man stands in need of being enlightened by God's revelation, not only about those things that exceed his understanding, but also about those religious and moral truths which of themselves are not beyond the grasp of human reason, so that even in the present condition of the human race, they can be known by all men with ease, with firm certainty and with no admixture of error.



New Council of the Knights of Columbus:

We have begun the process of forming a Council of the Knights of Columbus here at St. Margaret's. We already have 14 men and are looking for at least 6 more to reach the minimum number of 20 needed to officially form a Council. The men who have already joined the Council are: Joseph Barone, Mark Alvino, Keith Cengel, John Doyle, Joseph Falcone, Bruce Fay, Frank Garofolo, Harry Gillin, Terry Harvey, John Nardi, Michael Swatzki, Matt Valentine, Michael Worth, and Msgr. Dougherty. If you need any information about the Knights, you can ask any of them. The next meeting is on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 pm in the Antioch Annex. New members can be admitted on that evening. If you wish to join us or want more information, you can call Frank Garofolo at 610-664-8708.

Career Opportunity

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing our insurance program in the Greater Philadelphia area. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Joseph Grayeske, General Agent, at 215-362-2469 or Joseph.Grayeske@Kofc.org.

Bible Study reconvenes on Tuesday morning March 12 for a special study during 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!

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

Flame of Love Events



Featuring Fr. James Blount, a gifted Spiritual Director, Confessor and Charismatic Preacher

Saturday, March 23, 2019 - Lenten Retreat

Annunciation BVM, 401 Brookline Blvd, Havertown, PA. Holy Mass at 8:30 AM, concluding with Benediction at 2:30 PM. Bring your own lunch, and bring a friend. Free of Charge. For more information visit www.flameoflove.us or call 610-622-4257.

July 26-28, 2019 - National Conference

Will be held at Malvern Retreat House, 315 S Warren Ave, Malvern, PA. Begins Friday at 5 PM concluding Sunday at 12 PM. Cost is \$265 per person which includes accommodations, meals and conference registration. To register, visit malvernretreat.com/register, or call 610-644-0400. Register early! Will sell out!

St. John's Hospice - Casseroles for St. John's Hospice, Recipe # 5, will be collected Wednesday morning of this week, March 13, 2019 between 9 and 9:30 AM at St. Margaret School Parking Lot. Pans are available in the vestibule if you would like to participate.

Women's History Month at St. Joseph's University

On Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 7 PM in the Foley Center, Sister Mary Scullion will be speaking about the historical contributions of women as champions of peace and social justice in the Catholic Church, her lifelong journey as a homeless advocate, and how the role of women in the Church could evolve. The event is free and open to the public.

A Little Humor - A Sunday school teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. "They couldn't get a baby-sitter," a small child replied.

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
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 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.



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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