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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 31 2019



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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Without knowing what Christ's contemporaries might have called it, we have given His famous story at least two titles: "The Prodigal Son" and "The Loving Father." Each name highlights the focus of the reader. The first title, the more familiar one, follows the wastrel son on his life's journey downward, as he breaks every rule regarding respect and religion. The second title, less known but equally accurate, regards the beauty of a father's love for both sons, including the dutiful but conceited older son, who accuses the father of second hand treatment.

But here is where I make my case for yet another title for this beloved story. I call it "The X-Ray Parable." Now, we all know what an x-ray examination is: a photo of our bodily interior that aids the doctor in diagnosing our medical problem. He can see what's out of sync with us; what's going on inside us that lies hidden beneath the outside. This parable does the same for our souls.

If we imagine the father in the story to be God the Father, and the prodigal son as ourselves at times, we readily get the meaning: we are every bit the sinner who disregards God's love and takes various paths of waywardness. Our disregard for all that we pledged at our baptism through our godparents and have ignored later as adults comes to the fore. The parable's x-ray awakens us to see it on the imaginary screen.

This examination process isn't complete until we realize that we are also the elder son at times. His difficulty combines envy and jealousy. We have felt those, if we're honest. Someone's financial success makes our own look paltry. Someone else's beauty overshadows ours. Maybe their car makes ours look ready for the junkyard.

The parable x-ray reveals something else akin to the elder son's warped thinking. Have you ever caught yourself thinking like this: "I go to Mass every Sunday and holyday. I keep the rules. How come God sends me this illness? Why has my loved one died? How come I got laid off from work?" This is self-righteousness. And if your spiritual x-ray shows signs of it, you know what changes you have to make; what Lenten penance you must do.

Looked at positively, this parable of Jesus is perhaps best thought of as a gift of the Church. As the guardian of Scripture, the Church has preserved this story over the ages to help us see what it is that is holding us back from becoming saints. The gospel, which includes more than this famous parable, is, after all, the best medicine for what ails us spiritually. Making the necessary corrections here on earth, while we still can, is the surest way we can guarantee our entrance to that heavenly kingdom which is our baptismal inheritance.

So it seems best to use this Lenten opportunity to take Our Lord's story to heart. In other words, an opportunity to accept what our spiritual x-ray shows about our souls, and take the cure. As an anonymous someone once wrote: "The door of opportunity is opened by pushing."

Spiritual Thought - - Great opportunities to serve God rarely present themselves, but minor ones are very often put before us. (St. Francis de Sales)

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 1

7:00 AM Helen & Joseph Ford

TUESDAY, April 2

7:00 AM Michael Flynn

WEDNESDAY, April 3

7:00 AM Michael McColgan

THURSDAY, April 4

7:00 AM Joseph Cain

FRIDAY, April 5

7:00 AM Joseph Bizzarri (44th anniversary)

SATURDAY, April 6

8:00 AM Andrew S. Butler



THE WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2019
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN
MEMORY OF MICHAEL MC COLGAN.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS SUNDAY
ARE IN MEMORY OF
THE CAREY AND ROVNER 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 Mar 24, 2019: \$ 9,918

Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 699

Mail In: \$ 1,520

Parish On Line: \$ 1,270

Envelopes: 230

Collection for Easter Flowers \$ 2,323

Weekend of March 18, 2018: \$9,384

I sincerely thank you for continuing to live faithful stewardship. God bless you and your families.

Msgr. Dougherty



Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Jack McShea** who recently passed away. May he rest in peace and his family be comforted.

From the Pastor

Spiritual Resources - There are some excellent spiritual resources available on the kiosk in the vestibule of Church and Lent is a particularly good time to make use of them. Spiritual books are available that are easy to read and filled with information on the Catholic faith and spiritual insights. CDs are on display too. They feature excellent speakers and provide a way for you to use your car ride as a spiritual exercise. We ask that you make a donation for the resources right in the slot on the kiosk. The amount is up to you. Enhance your Lent and Holy Week through using these wonderful and accessible resources.

Knights of Columbus Meeting on Monday, April 1 - The Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, April 1 at 7:00 pm in the Antioch Annex. We are just two people away from attaining 20 members, which is the number needed to officially begin a new Council. The Knights is a fraternal organization of Catholic men who are called to support one another in living our faith and doing works of charity in the Church and community. Consider joining us as we establish the Saint Margaret Council. For more information, you can attend the meeting or call Frank Garofolo at 610-664-8708.

Prayer Walk in Annex - The Prayer Walk developed by Catholic Relief Services, an arm of the Catholic Church in the United States that serves the needs of the poor overseas, will be in the Antioch Annex on Tuesday evening, April 2 and all day on Wednesday, April 3. The Walk has fourteen stations depicting the struggles of various poor people throughout the world. You are invited to walk prayerfully through the stations reflecting on the lives of the poor and our response to their needs. There will be a presentation on the Prayer Walk at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 2 and then you will be invited to go through the Walk as a prayerful Lenten experience. Anyone is welcome to stop into the Annex on Tuesday evening or anytime on Wednesday to participate in the Prayer Walk.

Finance Council - There will be an Executive Session Meeting of the Finance Council on Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 pm in the Antioch Annex.

BlueFest on April 6 - Our Annual BlueFest Dinner, Dance, and Silent Auction for Saint Margaret School will be held on Saturday, April 6. Any support you can give by offering auction items, making a donation, or buying a ticket is much appreciated. See the School News in this bulletin for more information.

Lenten Confessions - We will have a Lenten Penance Service on Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm in the Church. Three or four priests will be available. Also, confessions will be available on Saturdays, April 13 and 20 from 3:30 - 4:45pm, and on Tuesday evening, April 16 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm.



Lenten Schedule of Events

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday during Lent at 2 PM and 7 PM.

Adoration on Fridays at 6 PM.

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

April 5 Stations for Teens

April 12 The Way of the Cross with texts from Scripture



The Road to the Cross

Church Teaching: The Sacrament of Penance -

Beneath the changes in discipline and celebration that this sacrament has undergone over the centuries, the same fundamental structure is to be discerned. It comprises two equally essential elements: on the one hand, the acts of the man who undergoes conversion through the action of the Holy Spirit; namely, contrition, confession, and satisfaction; on the other, God's action through the intervention of the Church. The Church, who through the bishop and his priests forgives sins in the name of Jesus Christ and determines the manner of satisfaction, also prays for the sinner and does penance with him. Thus the sinner is healed and re-established in ecclesial communion. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)



Lankenau Ministry Next Sunday, April 7 is St. Margaret's weekend to take Holy Communion to the sick at the Lankenau. Group B is assigned, but

Group A is also welcomed. If you cannot come this weekend, please try to exchange with someone. It is very important to get a replacement.



St Margaret School

SMS AUCTION - APRIL 6, 2019 "NIGHT AT THE RACES"

www.smsbluefest.org

Make sure you pre-order your tickets to get the best price! Gather friends and family and attend this special event. Please visit the Bluefest website www.smsbluefest.org. We look forward to a great evening of dinner, dancing and bidding on wonderful silent auction items. You can also donate a silent auction item or sponsorship through the auction website.

We could use your support to ensure that this event is a success. Do you have a time share or vacation home you can donate for the live auction? If you have season tickets, can you spare a couple? Do you have a favorite restaurant that might donate a gift card? Let us know!

TUITION RAFFLE New this year for Bluefest! Enter to win a free year's tuition for 2019/20. See form on our SMS website if you would like to purchase a ticket and help a family/friend who attends SMS School.

WALL OF WINE It's back! A Wall of Wine is displayed at our Auction. The SMS Bluefest Wine Wagon will be making its way through AM and PM car lines on Friday 3/29 and Thursday and Friday, 4/4 and 4/5. Bring your bottle or cash (\$10), and *we'll give you a chance to win the famous Wall of Wine on auction night.* (you do not need to attend to win the Wall of Wine).



We welcome into the Church:

Dean Robert Manney,
son of Robert and Kourtney Manney

Congratulations to the family on the Baptism of their son.



The Ministry of Mothers (MOM) will meet

this Wednesday from 9 AM - 10:15 AM in the Antioch Annex. Our objective is to develop our faith and deepen our relationship with God while getting to know and support each other in the everyday joys and challenges of raising Catholic children. All parents and guardians - regardless of religious affiliation - are invited. Children of all ages are welcomed. For more information, see <http://saintmarg.org/ministry-of-mothers-mom/>.

Our parish Peace and Justice Committee will be selling Ethical



Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, and hot chocolate in the Antioch Annex after all Masses **this weekend**. This Catholic Relief Services program creates opportunities for us to bring core values of our faith to bear on the choices we make as consumers - choices that have the power to lift our sisters and brothers out of poverty. **WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE SALE!**



ENCOUNTER KUMBA

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Mothers of Children with Disabilities Retreat

Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at Malvern Retreat House, Fr. William Gillum, O.F.M.Cap. will direct a retreat for mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities. To register, go to www.opdarchphilly.org. For more information, contact Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400, or the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.

Five Keys to Freedom

Unlocking the Power of the Gospel in Your Life
Friday, May 24, 2019 (Moms only), 9:30-11:30 AM

Location: St. Pius X Moms Group, Broomall, PA
Speaker: Meghan Cokeley, Director, Office for the New Evangelization & Archdiocesan Unbound Ministry, Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Come learn about this simple process of prayer that will help you unleash the liberating power of the Gospel into your life and find greater freedom. For more information and RSVP, visit phillyevang.org/events.

Camp Glee at Mount St. Joseph Academy

If you have a passion for performance, don't miss this opportunity **June 17-28!** Camp Glee is a song, dance, and musical theater workshop open to girls entering grades 5-9. A performance, open to family and friends, will be held at the end of camp. For more info, visit www.msacad.org.

A Little Humor - A fortune-teller says to another, "What beautiful weather we're having." "Yes," says the second. "It reminds me of the summer of 2022."

When Peter and Paul Disagree: Living in Faithfulness and Charity Amid Public Controversy

Monday, April 8, 2019, 7:00 PM St. Charles Borromeo Seminary - Vianney Hall Auditorium
Speaker: Rev. Msgr. Michael Magee, Chair

The past few years have witnessed public controversies waged at a very high level regarding the Church's doctrine and discipline, with Bishops, scholars and others criticizing one another and calling one another to accountability, while the Successor of Peter himself has been the object of criticism for his magisterial pronouncements and pastoral administration, even from Catholics generally noted for long-standing fidelity to the Magisterium. While surveying the present situation, this lecture will seek to identify the guideposts and caveats for understanding and responding to these challenges that may be found to emerge from Sacred Scripture, Tradition, and ecclesial experience. What principles should guide such public dispute? What are the parameters for criticism without rupture of communion, failure of charity or collapse of civil discourse?

For more information, please contact Sharon Presta at spresta@scs.edu or 610-785-6287.

Main Line Health Smokefree Program

A FREE six week tobacco dependency treatment program that covers stress management, healthy eating, non-smoking strategies, problem solving and coping skills.

Ludington Library - Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.

5 South Bryn Mawr Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA.

Bryn Mawr Hospital Community Health Services -

Thursdays, April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 from 2:30 - 4:00 PM.

933 Haverford Rd, Bryn Mawr, PA.

To register, please call 484-227-FREE.



Merion Mercy's Summer Programs

Registration is open for a variety of academic, enrichment and athletic offerings for girls and boys, including pre-eighth grade **Summer Academy** and (entering) 6th and 7th grade **Jump Start Program**. Please visit www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms to download a full brochure and register online.

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.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

AND OTHER ACTS OF PENCE 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.

Spiritual Multiplication

MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES IN YOUR PARISH

Friday, April 5, 2019, 9 AM - 12 PM, at St. Thomas of Villanova Auditorium, Bryn Mawr.

Come learn what it takes to form disciples who are equipped to form other disciples, igniting a chain reaction. This workshop will be presented by the experienced evangelizers from *Catholic Christian Outreach*. Amber Zolc, the Coordinator of Parish Outreach, will be the speaker. For more information and to register, visit phillyevang.org/events.



**Malvern
Retreat House**

**Holy Week Quiet Retreat for
Men and Women
April 15 - April 21, 2019**

A silent retreat directed by Fr. James McGuinn, the theme is "*Divine Transformation: Becoming the Person You Really Want to Be.*" For more details go to: malvernretreat.com/events/holy-week-quiet-retreats/. Choice of entire week or other options. Register by calling Joanne Bouvier at 484-321-2535.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of March 31, 2019

Pam Owsik 610-659-7021

Please call as early in the week as possible.



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>.

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, April 25, 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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