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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 28 2019

Divine Mercy Sunday



Jesus I Trust In You

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.

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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.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

'Tis the season for sunglasses. Yes, there are a few more hours left for April showers to gray the skies. But soon enough the dominant weather will be sunny and warm. We'll all be needing that often stylish eye wear to protect us from the glare of our nearest star.

We know that people who were contemporaries of Our Lord had no such protection, and that diseases of the eye were commonplace. Evidently it was part of the risen Jesus' kindness that precluded Him from dazzling all those who saw Him with bright light, such as the one which temporarily blinded the future St. Paul. But they saw clearly that Jesus came to them despite locked doors and spoke to them as naturally as they remembered. All this post the awful crucifixion and burial. Most of their number had fled the scene that awful Friday. But here He was smiling at them again. That alone generated awe and dropped jaws!

John records two private "audiences" the King of kings granted to the original Apostles. One was to ten of them, and another to eleven, St. Thomas making the count difference. We may still be a little taken back by Thomas' famous *four* words at hearing the news: "I will not believe!" Didn't he trust his closest friends? Did he surmise that they were all deluded by wishful thinking? Yet, we are immediately touched by the *five* words of this man's humble profession of faith as he knelt before his Lord and said: "My Lord and my God!"

That is where the story might have ended. But then we would never have been given the comfort of Jesus' *ten* words to Thomas that followed: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

As those of Our Lord's words have echoed down the twenty plus centuries since they were first uttered, most of us have clung to them when the winds of doubt and discouragement have blown mightily in our faces. I know I have. Not every day living out the priesthood is filled with bliss. Nor I suspect have they been the same for you who have been given your vocations of marriage or the single life. But be assured that your fidelity inspires and encourages my own. My hope always is that mine does the same for you. It's all part of Easter joy. It also prevents our "Alleluias" from sounding hollow.

Those same ten words of Our Lord to St. Thomas are, to me, a part of Our Lord's divine mercy. That consoling part of His nature that truly leads me to trust in Him. I have turned to those words often over the more than seven decades of my life when I have been aware of not seeing, even though I am called to be believing. That is an appropriate thought today, because this is also "Divine Mercy Sunday," so designated by Pope St. John Paul II, who was himself an icon of faith.

I began these reflections thinking that it's time for wearing sunglasses, and how they help us to see clearly now in the bright light of the new season. The Easter story has a lot to do with vision of another kind. It reminds us so powerfully that "*true faith is the daring of the soul to go farther than it can see.*"

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 29

7:00 AM McColgan & Renninger Families

TUESDAY, April 30

7:00 AM Paul Buonomo

WEDNESDAY, May 1

7:00 AM Jack Binstead

THURSDAY, May 2

7:00 AM Edward Boyle (1st anniversary)

FRIDAY, May 3

7:00 AM John Le

SATURDAY, May 4

8:00 AM Dorothy Kane (2nd anniversary)



THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2019

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN FOR THE
LILIAN NGUYEN FAMILY.**

**Msgr. Dougherty offers a Mass each Sunday for all
the parishioners and for those enrolled in the church
memorial fund.**

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of April 14, 2019: \$ 12,116

Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 699

Mail In: \$ 4,152

Parish On Line: \$ 2,180

Envelopes: 252

The Weekend of April 15, 2018: \$8,171

Weekend of April 21, 2019 (Easter): \$28,967

Good Friday: \$1,475

Easter Collection 2018: \$34,887

**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

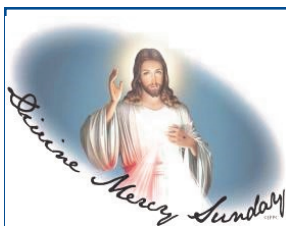
Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday – Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905- 1938) lived in Poland and was blessed with many mystical insights into the mercy of God. She entered a cloistered convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy and lived as a religious for 13 years before her death. Sister Faustina was called by God to promote devotion to his mercy through her writings and through the introduction of the chaplet of Divine Mercy. The visions and messages she received from God were centered on helping people to a greater trust in his loving mercy. She was canonized a saint and Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter was to be observed as a day especially dedicated to Divine Mercy. We will have a Holy Hour on Sunday from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM. We will listen to God’s Word, celebrate the Divine Mercy Chaplet and have Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Information on the Chaplet and devotion to Divine Mercy are available in pamphlets at the doors of Church.

Convocation of Priests – The priests of the Archdiocese are gathering at Hershey from Monday afternoon, April 29 until Wednesday morning, May 1, for a time of spiritual recollection and fraternal support and discussion. Please keep us in your prayers this week.

School Mass and Anniversary of the Passing of Sister Corinne – This Friday, May 3, Mass will be celebrated for all the children in our School at 8:45 am. Mass will be offered for Sister Corinne on the third anniversary of her passing. All are welcome at the Mass.

First Holy Communion – Forty-five of our second grade students in Saint Margaret School and our PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) will receive their First Holy Communion over the next couple of weeks at Masses on Saturdays May 4 and May 11 at 10:30 am, and on Sunday, May 19 at the 11:30 am Mass. We rejoice with them and their families. May all our children be led to a great faith in the Lord in the Eucharist as the source of all our strength and peace.

May Procession – The Annual May Procession will take place at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 6. We will begin in Church and process from there to the Mary Garden. Come and join us as we honor Mary our Mother.



Spiritual Thought –In the evening, a great longing took possession of my soul. I took the pamphlet with the Image of the Merciful Jesus on it and pressed it to my heart, and the following words burst forth from

my soul: “Jesus, Eternal Love, I live for You, I die for You, and I want to become united with You.” Suddenly I saw the Lord in his inexpressible beauty. He looked at me graciously and said, “My daughter, I too came down from heaven out of love for you; I lived for you, I died for you, and I created the heavens for you.” (from the Diary of Sister Faustina)

Church Teaching: Divine Mercy – The divine name, “I Am” or “He Is,” expresses God’s faithfulness; despite the faithlessness of men’s sin and the punishment it deserves, he keeps “steadfast love for thousands.” By going so far as to give up his own Son for us, God reveals that he is “rich in mercy.” By giving his life to free us from sin, Jesus reveals that he himself bears the divine name: “When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will realize that “I Am.” (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)



Discovering God in Everyday Life

If you are a single woman, age 20 to 45, join the Sisters of

Mercy for a retreat day.

Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 10 AM - 3 PM

Location: Sisters of Mercy Convent, 515 Montgomery Avenue, Merion, PA. Please RSVP by Friday, May 10, 2019, to Sister Ivette Diaz, RSM: idiadz@mercyamidatlantic.org or 610-664-6650 ext. 574.

Springs in the Desert is a new ministry that responds to struggles with infertility through accompaniment and discernment of new paths of fruitfulness. This ministry seeks to help couples process the pain of infertility and to discover the fruitfulness God has planned for their marriages. Please visit <https://springsinthedesert.org/> for more information.

Lankenau Ministry Next Sunday, May 5, 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.



St Margaret School

NIGHT AT THE RACES – SMS Auction

Thanks to all family members, faculty, staff and parishioners that were able to attend this year's biggest fundraising event. Everyone enjoyed the food, drinks and dancing while supporting our school's financial needs. We raised a lot of money through auctioning off some fantastic items. In addition, we raised enough money for one new smart panel for the lower grades through our "Paddle Raise."

HSA would like to thank the following volunteers who chaired a committee for this event: Heather Emery – Solicitation; Nicole Veith - Large Décor; Charlene Mastro – Music; Eileen Coyne - Wall of Wine; Cara McLaughlin - NUT Passes; Nicole Jolly - Light Décor; Beth Mirzai - 50/50 Raffle; Class Projects – Jen Arnoldi, Nicole Veith and Lauren DeMaio. We would also like to thank the countless volunteers who helped us in myriad ways in the past weeks and months as we prepared for Bluefest. The success of this event rests on our volunteers, and we thank you for your commitment to our school!

Winners of Raffles: Free Tuition for 19-20: The McCabe Family; 50/50 Winner: The Nolan Family; and the Wall of Wine Winner: The Ortiz Family. Congratulations!

SAVE THE DATE

May 3, is the 2nd Anniversary of the death of our beloved Sister Corinne. We will have a school Mass on Friday, May 3 at 8:45 am. All families and friends are invited to attend this remembrance.

MUSIC CLASS NEWS

Students in grades 5-8 will attend a workshop presented by Mrs. Beth Mirzai, accompanied by Ms. Gilya Hodos. Throughout the presentation, students will listen to various musical selections from opera, art song and musical theatre including works by Mozart, Puccini and Schumann. Mrs. Mirzai will discuss her career as a singer and the training that is involved in pursuing this profession. Students will then participate in a Question and Answer session at the end of the presentation. We are grateful to Mrs. Mirzai for both her talent and time preparing and presenting this workshop to our students.

Kid Cares News

As part of the Kids Care Club Easter tradition, the 4th grade students assembled and delivered Easter basket meals to homebound parishioners of St. Margaret's. The children really enjoyed taking part in this special activity! The students assembled and delivered these baskets during their Easter break.

SPOTLIGHT

Our Senior Band received a Superior Rating at the National Catholic Band Association Band Festival held at the Devon Prep last Saturday.



Celebrate Mary with MOM

May is the month of Mary. Since she is the patroness of our *Ministry of Mothers* (MOM) group, we will focus on getting to know her better this month. We'll begin by better understanding her titles of Mother

of God, Immaculate Conception, and Our Lady of Lourdes. All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, May 1, 9:00 – 10:15am, in the Antioch Annex.

Our following meetings, all 9:00 – 10:15am, are:

- May 15 - The Rosary (We will pray the rosary together.)
- May 29 - Mary: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Fatima and Czestochowa
- June 12 – Our last meeting before the summer break

Coffee, refreshments and toys are always provided.



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



THANK YOU

Our community changed lives this Lent and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU!

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of April 28, 2019

Pam Owsik 610-659-7021

Please call as early in the week as possible.



Central Association
of the
Miraculous Medal

Prayer Service for Peace
Monday, April 29, 2019
The Miraculous Medal Shrine
475 East Cheltenham Ave.
Philadelphia, PA

On **Monday, April 29, 2019**, during our regularly scheduled **12:05 PM Mass and Novena**, our Vincentian priests and The Miraculous Medal Family will focus our prayers and intentions on the devastation of **Notre Dame Cathedral** and for the victims of the **Sri Lanka** terrorist bombings, which killed hundreds of people on **Easter Sunday**.

We invite you to join us for this special Mass and Novena as we unite in solidarity to gain comfort from **Our Blessed Mother** and offer communal prayers of support to everyone affected by these tragedies. Please visit MiraculousMedal.org or call 215-848-1010. You may submit your prayers intentions online.



Philadelphia Catholic Scholars Program
at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary

July 8-18, 2019

A residential, college-accredited summer program at **St. Charles Borromeo Seminary**, PCSP offers young men entering their junior or senior year of high school a robust introduction to the great intellectual and spiritual heritage of the Church. They will have the opportunity to study and discuss “the best that has been taught and said in the world,” while earning three college credits! This year’s theme is **Truth, Beauty, Goodness**. Along with robust participation in the prayer life of the Church at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, there are weekend cultural excursions to the Art Museum and Cathedral. Scholarships available! For more information and to apply, visit PhiladelphiaCatholicScholars.org.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Here in the United States there are great needs for evangelization and sharing the message of Christ and the beauty of the Church. The Church at home needs to be strengthened. Soon, as a diocese, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, (CHMA), which supports the neediest dioceses in the United States. This appeal makes the most basic faith programs possible and shares the gospel message with our brothers and sisters in dioceses where Church communities are struggling.

If you were to cross the Diocese of Colorado Springs, you would see the stunning mountain valleys and peaks of the Continental Divide to the west, and the wide expanses of the Great Plains to the east. However, the Diocese of Colorado Springs is a mission diocese because the terrain poses so many challenges for priests and ministers. Each weekend, priests of the diocese traverse the mountain routes or drive hundreds of miles across the plains to preside over Sunday Masses. The lack of priests and ministers makes it difficult for the diocese to serve all of the region’s Catholics. Without regular pastoral care, people, especially young adults, are susceptible to leaving the Church.

But your generosity to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports and assists ministry efforts across the diocese. Your support gives young adults the opportunity to make retreats, go on pilgrimages, participate in service projects, and attend vocational discernment events. These ministry centers also offer daily and Sunday Masses, RCIA classes, regular confession times, Eucharistic adoration, Bible studies, and other opportunities to build community.

Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. Thank you for strengthening the Church at home.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



IHM Nun Run

Join the IHM Sisters **June 1, 2019**, at **8:30 AM** for their annual 5K Run/Walk.

Location: Villa Maria House of Studies, 1 Our Lady Circle, Malvern, PA.

Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall. For more information, visit www.ihmnunrun.org. **Registration closes May 3!**

A Little Humor - After giving it a lot of thought, my son announced that he considered Halloween a far better holiday than Easter. “Why’s that,” my husband asked. “Because,” he said, “on Halloween, I’m given candy. Easter, I have to find it.”

Waldron Mercy Academy (WMA), a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, located in Merion, is a Catholic, co-educational, independent Preschool through Grade 8 school, with a Montessori program for ages 3 through 6. WMA is a sponsored work of the Sisters of Mercy. A challenging and well-rounded curriculum offers opportunities to develop the whole child academically, athletically, artistically and socially. Students are prepared to face the challenges of the world today with an enriched spiritual life, fluency in language and advanced technology. To learn more about WMA, please call Admission Director Sr. Joellen at 610-664-9847, ext 113 or jmcdonnell@waldronmercy.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, May 28, 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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