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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN
LENT
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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

She is standing there, shoulders bent in as if to hide herself from their stares. A woman of the night not wanting the glaring sunshine of the day to reveal the flaws in her face and figure. Shiny black hair curly and cascading down her back, still adorned in part with a jeweled pin. And she is shivering, despite the dry heat of a Palestinian summer, out of fear for the awful verdict about to be carried out on her. Most likely by some of her former "clients," who are among the men who have forced her to stand alone as a crowd watches.

You and I don't know her name because it isn't given to us. But we know her the way we know characters in famous stories. Her story has been proclaimed in the gospel for more than two thousand years. Though she may not be a stand-in for any particular sins that resemble our own, still she is a symbol of someone needing understanding and forgiveness. Just a few yards away from her, that group of scribes and Pharisees, those perennial perfectionists, are standing with stones ready in their hands, eager to carry out the demands of the court.

Mosaic justice in this matter was usually swift and cruel. But these men are immune for now from its penalties, because the case does not seem to involve them. For now, they can go on living comfortably with all of their own secrets. They provide a test case for this young rabbi Yeshua, who has just finished teaching a sizable group of His new followers. They too are drawn into the drama as witnesses.

The "accusers"- a singular title shared with Satan- want to know what Jesus thinks about this matter. And we pay attention, because many times in our lives, we have been that woman, in the sense of being poor unforgiven sinners. While everyone waits for His word, Jesus decides not to speak. Instead He bends down to doodle in the dirt! But when this charged up group of leaders persist, He finally stands to His full height and makes the famous declaration: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Bang! Just like that, the energy shifts, and the innocence of Jesus combats the guilt, not of the anonymous woman, but of the hypocritical men. Slowly but surely, pairs of expensive sandals start to swivel on the ground, and their owners slink away.

When the woman was finally left alone with Him, Jesus says to her what the priest in the confessional may now and then say to us: "Go and sin no more." In the latter instance, we believe that the priest, after all a sinner himself, is only a proxy for the merciful Savior Jesus Christ who always judges fairly.

What a perfect story for this late Lenten Sunday on the threshold of Holy Week! First of all, it is food for thought. Second, despite being both disturbing and demanding, it is nevertheless a hopeful and helpful story that gives us inner peace as we do penance for our past sins. It is also a story that deserves at least a second private reading from us this week. Then we can let the story make its imprint on our minds. The story is particularly good preparation if you are someone who hasn't been to confession for quite awhile. But for all of us, who ask repeatedly for the Lord's mercy at each Mass we come to, this story is ultimately a welcome portion of the "good news."

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 8

7:00 AM Joe Augustine

TUESDAY, April 9

7:00 AM Joseph Cain

WEDNESDAY, April 10

7:00 AM Rita Paddick

THURSDAY, April 11

7:00 AM Jim Clark

FRIDAY, April 12

7:00 AM Thomas Hennelly, III

SATURDAY, April 13

8:00 AM John Le



THE WEEK OF APRIL 7, 2019
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN
MEMORY OF THE HUY LE FAMILY.

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 31, 2019: \$ 7,947

Including Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 699

Mail In: \$ 765

Parish On Line: \$ 810

Envelopes: 181

Collection for Church in Central Europe \$1,238

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

Eyes on Jesus Christ – In the middle of the Lenten Season, there is a marked change in emphasis. In the first few weeks, the Scripture readings have been exhorting us to reform our lives, overcome our faults and sins, carefully live the commandments, and conform more fully to the Lord in our moral actions. The emphasis has been on our efforts to be resolute and persistent in repenting of our sins and reforming our lives. In the latter weeks, the emphasis shifts from our own efforts to a greater reliance on Jesus Christ. Our own efforts to grow in holiness are insufficient; we need the power of Jesus Christ to triumph over temptation and sin. We are urged to keep our eyes on Christ, entrust our lives into his hands, and open our spirits to receive his saving grace. May these last weeks of Lent increase in our hearts a love and a longing to be united with Jesus Christ. Only in him are we able to be filled with grace and live holy lives.

The Movie “Unplanned” - Archbishop Chaput is encouraging us to see the movie about Abby Johnson, a former clinical director for Planned Parenthood, whose experiences led her to change from assisting at abortions to being a pro-life activist.

Operation Rice Bowl Collection Next Weekend – We ask that you return your rice bowls to Church next weekend, April 13 -14. Baskets will be available in the vestibule of Church. Also, the second collection next weekend will go to Operation Rice Bowl. Eighty percent of the funds collected will go to the support of the programs of Catholic Relief Services which benefit the poor and needy overseas. Twenty percent of the funds will remain here in the Archdiocese to support local efforts to help the poor.

Penance Service – This Wednesday, April 10, we will have a Lenten Penance Service in Church at 7:00 pm. A brief Prayer Service will be followed by the opportunity to go to confession. Four priests will be present. Lent is a fitting time to turn away from our sins and back to the Lord through the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Christopher DeMaio Talk – On Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 pm in the Antioch Annex, Chris DeMaio will be speaking on his journey toward the Diaconate. Chris is being formed to be a permanent deacon through a formation program conducted at the Seminary. Chris will speak on discerning his call to pursue becoming a deacon, and his experience of the formation program he has undertaken. Come and join us for his talk on his spiritual journey.

Stations of the Cross – Our final Stations of the Cross for this Lent will be celebrated on Friday, April 12 at 7:00 pm in the Church. This week we will utilize the Station of the Cross with texts from Scripture. The Blessed Sacrament will be on the altar for adoration from 6:00 – 7:00 pm, and the Stations will be followed by a simple dinner in the Annex for any who wish to stay. Let this last Friday in Lent be a time to reflect on the suffering and death the Lord lovingly endured for our salvation.

Hospitality Sunday – Next weekend, April 13-14, will be a Hospitality Sunday and refreshments will be available after the 7:30 am and 10:00 am Masses.

Catholic Charities Appeal 2019 – As of March 22, eighty-three parishioners have donated a total of \$23,976 toward our goal of \$84, 835. The Lenten emphasis on almsgiving makes this a good time to make your contribution to this Appeal for the poor in our Archdiocese. Your generosity is much appreciated and aids the Archdiocese in its efforts to serve the needy and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Phishing Scam – A phishing scam has been affecting a few parishes within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This scam involves parishioners receiving a text message, email, or robotic call from a source alleging to be the pastor of the local parish. These messages contain a request for parishioners to purchase gift cards for a parish fundraiser and then send the gift card numbers to the scammer claiming to be the pastor. Please be aware and vigilant regarding this scam. Suspicious requests for donations or other funds should be reported to law enforcement and to the parish.

Summary of Pastoral Council Meeting on March 13 – In attendance: Monsignor Dougherty, Robert Cermignano, Mary Anne Monroe, Bruce Fay, Marybeth Hagan, Martha Ortiz, and Monica Romeo. 1) Monsignor made some announcements regarding the Chris Stefanik Event planned for this coming October 10, the Volunteer Dinner that took place on January 26, the Home Social that took place in January, the plans for Lent, and mentioned that some thought is being given to making the Antioch Annex more usable for our needs. 2) Robert Cermignano gave an update on the Youth Ministry, the Parish Newsletter, and a book on the Mass that will be distributed to parishioners on Easter Sunday. 3) We discussed some plans for a Parish Social in the Fall. 4) We discussed pastoral plans for the next Church Year, 2019-2020, during which we will have the theme of Marriage and Family life. Various ideas were discussed on the different ways we might be able to celebrate marriage and family life in our Parish and learn more about the Church’s teaching on its importance and value. 5) We also discussed the possibility of having some type of Parish social or educational opportunity during the summer.

St Margaret School

Our gym is transformed into an exciting venue for "A Night at the Races" this Saturday evening. This 21st annual Bluefest, promises to be a night of exciting prizes, competitive bidding, great food and most of all just a time where you can party with all of our SMS friends.

This is the major fundraiser for our school. Because of your generosity, last year, we were able to install smart panels in grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. SMS is one of the first schools in the diocese to have these smart panels. This cutting edge technology puts our children at a great advantage. We would like to be able to equip our classrooms in the lower grades with this same technology.

Please consider joining us. There is still time to make a donation. Visit the Home and School link for more information. Thank you to all of you who supported and are planning to attend. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join us.

A special thanks to all of those dedicated volunteers who want to make this night, a night to remember!!!

Mary Anne Johnston, Principal

SMS Spotlight

CONGRATULATIONS to **Isabella Hennessey** and **Leonardo Moreno** (Grade 8) who were both awarded the Maguire Scholarship to Archbishop Carroll High School! We are very proud of both of you!

ELEMENTARY READING OLYMPICS - Congratulations to the members of the Elementary Reading Olympics team! The students spent months reading books and getting ready for the big competition! Thursday, March 21, was the big night at Lower Merion High School, and they did an *awesome* job! The team came home with a **Red Ribbon!** Team members include Captains **Lily Kennedy** and **R. Daulton Schaffer** (grade 5); 5th grade students **Charlie Coyne**, **Bradán Fisher**, and **Jason Kleiner**; and 4th grade students **Kaitlynn Constantine**, **Brendan Cuff**, **Ava Nardi Fitzgerald** and **Abigail Swartz**. Special thanks go out to **Mrs. Heather Schaffer** and **Mrs. Meg Cuff** for all their time and effort in coordinating this event for our SMS students, and to our SMS Librarian Mrs. Trish Cavallaro for working with the team all year.



We welcome into the Church:

Barrett Patrick Gallagher,
son of Ryan and Meghan Gallagher

Congratulations to the family on the Baptism of their son.



ENCOUNTER - ONA

We encounter Ona in Gaza, where, despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

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

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH ACADEMY offers 7th

grade morning visitations through May. Visit www.msjacad.org for more information and to arrange a visit.

2019 Narberth CF Run & Walk

Celebrating its 24th Anniversary, the Run is scheduled for **Saturday, April 27**, starting at 9 AM. All proceeds go to the "Take a Breather Foundation" which fulfills wishes for area children and young adults living with CF.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED from 8:30-10:00 AM for the continued success of this great event. Volunteering is fun and easy! Volunteers will receive a t-shirt and be able to enjoy the post-run activities at Narberth Playground. Please contact us at narberthcfrun@gmail.com, or visit narberthrun.com. **THANK YOU!**



Pilgrimage to Oberammergau May 29-June 2, 2020

Join the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Fr. Dennis Gill, Fr. Ken Brabazon, and Fr. David Friel to see the world-famous Passion Play. For more info, contact *Pilgrimages by Corporate Travel* at 866-468-1420 or cctcentral.net.

A Little Humor - Woman: Did you know that women are smarter than men? Man: No, I didn't. Woman: See what I mean?



Food Collection Weekend - Next Weekend is our monthly food collection weekend (**April 13 & 14**). This program collects non-perishable foods each month for the Archdiocesan Community Food Distribution Centers Program. They provide food for 120,000 people each year at 40 Food Cupboards throughout the Philadelphia area. All items should be brought to the Cafeteria of the school next weekend. Thank you for your generous support of this program.

St. John's Hospice - Casseroles for St. John's Hospice, Recipe # 6, will be collected Wednesday morning of this week, April 10, 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.



HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Week of April 7, 2019
Robert Ritzco 610-649-3973
Please call as early in the week as possible.

Are You Called to Be a Deacon?
Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Minister of the Word~Minister at the Altar
Minister of Charity

While all the baptized are called to share in the mission of Jesus Christ according to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, those who are ordained also offer service in a way proper to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. We invite Catholic men (*and their wives if married*) who are between the ages of 29 and 55, have a deep spiritual life, and would like to discern a call to serve Jesus Christ and His Church within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as permanent deacons, to take the next step. Contact us for more information and to register for the **2019 Permanent Diaconate Information Night**, Thursday, April 11, 2019, 7 PM - 9 PM, at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary - Vianney Auditorium. To register (required), please email the following to Laura Nimmons at lnimmons@archphila.org: Name, Address, Age, Parish, Email, Marital Status, Wife's name (if married).

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.



Lenten Schedule of Events

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

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

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

Friday, April 12 - Stations of the Cross at 7 PM - The Way of the Cross with texts from Scripture.

Church Teaching: The Church is Apostolic – The Church is apostolic because she is founded on the apostles in three ways: - she was and remains built on “the foundation of the Apostles,” the witnesses chosen and sent on mission by Christ himself; - with the help of the Spirit dwelling in her, the Church keeps and hands on the teaching, the “good deposit,” the salutary words she has heard from the apostles; - she continues to be taught, sanctified, and guided by the apostles until Christ’s return, through their successors in pastoral office: the college of bishops, “assisted by priests, in union with the successor of Peter, the Church’s supreme pastor.”

Spiritual Thought – There is still time for endurance, time for patience, time for healing, time for change. Have you slipped? Rise up. Have you sinned? Cease. Do not stand among the sinners. (St. Basil)



Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Bunny McKenna** who recently passed away. May she rest in peace and her family be comforted.

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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