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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 15 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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Visit Hershey, Pennsylvania and you know you're going to experience chocolate "up close and personal." The town makes that easy for you by providing a large emporium called simply "Hershey's Chocolate World." The first time I walked into that place I was amazed by the variety of ways the company packages the delightful brown confection. Its website simply declares the whole truth by saying this store "stocks a huge selection of chocolate." I would add that the challenge is to make your choice and stick with it.

Today's Gospel selection, which is the entire 15th chapter of Luke, also invites preachers to make a choice. Which of the three parables of Jesus would he or she prefer to reflect on and apply to the congregation? All three have a lot to say. But the third and most famous one almost shouts from the page: "Preach about me!" Yes, it's the "Prodigal Son."

By serious reflection, we soon realize that we should be calling the story that of "The Loving Father." That makes a better fit with the other two illustrations Our Lord uses. Dare I say that the ensemble makes for a "sweet" relief for our troubled consciences and the guilt that comes with our sinning? Jesus is telling us that "God's mercy breaks through all the restrictions we come up with about how God should act toward sinners."

In ascending order of creation, Jesus offers us the stories of the lost coin, the lost sheep, and the lost younger son. He is telling us of the fact that God's mercy may look foolish at first glance. As foolish as a woman who turns her little house upside down to recover a near worthless coin like our penny. As foolish as a shepherd who abandons 99 valuable sheep to potential predators just to save one. Or as foolish as a Jewish father who joyfully welcomes home a prodigal younger son who has abandoned his faith and becomes a Gentile. If you look again, Jesus is telling us that His Father is no fool, and He loves us the most.

The well-known Protestant scholar William Barclay offers his own take on the matter. No matter which of the three parables we choose to remember, we will understand them more fully if we remember that the strict Jews, namely the Pharisees and scribes at that dinner where Jesus spoke, held not that there will be joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, but over one sinner who is obliterated before God. Jesus' whole new outlook was a challenge to that bitter way of thinking.

When you're preparing for your next confession, it is always a good thing to recall these parables, especially the third, and that loving Father. I like to picture him at twilight each day, watching for that familiar silhouette of his lost son against the setting sun, with that recognizable way he walked, and his father's heart filling with joy as he ran to hug him.

Barclay presents a more modern story to complement the Lord's. Once Abraham Lincoln was asked how he was going to treat the rebellious Southerners when they had finally been defeated and had returned to the Union. The questioner most likely expected that Lincoln would take a dire vengeance. Instead the great man replied "I will treat them as if they had never been away." It is the wonder of the love of God that He treats us like that! As our young people might react with their slang: "Sweet!" I would hasten to add: "Yes, sweet! Like chocolate – but much, much better!"

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, September 16

7:00 AM J. Taney Willcox, Jr.

TUESDAY, September 17

7:00 AM Jack Binstead

WEDNESDAY, September 18

7:00 AM Joann Goss

THURSDAY, September 19

7:00 AM Christopher Brown

FRIDAY, September 20

7:00 AM Alice and Connie Noone

SATURDAY, September 21

8:00 AM James Clark

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



THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2019
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
JACK BINSTED.

Weekend Mass Schedule September 21-22

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, September 21

Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Fr. DePrinzio

5:15 PM - Fr. DePrinzio

Sunday, September 22

7:30 AM - Fr. Guckin

8:30 AM - PREP Opening Mass - Msgr. Dougherty

10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

11:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>Weekend of September 8, 2019:</u>	\$ 9,221
Including Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 687
Mail In:	\$ 420
Parish On Line:	\$ 2,110
Envelopes:	202

The Weekend of September 9, 2018: \$10,430

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

From the Pastor

Living in the Lord – I recently heard a young adult state publicly to his father that the greatest gift his father gave him was teaching him to have faith in Jesus Christ and live in a strong and life-giving relationship with him. This is a real blessing that parents have the honor of conveying to their children. Parents have to provide physical and material necessities to their children, but they also have the privilege of nurturing the spirits of their children. A faith-filled spirit within us is the greatest source of our strength and joy. May we all seek always to grow in the Spirit and to bestow a vibrant spiritual life to our youth.

ReBoot – The big event is coming soon. Chris Stefanick, a nationally known Catholic speaker, will be at Archbishop Carroll High School on Thursday, October 10, 2019, from 7:00 – 9:30 pm. St Margaret Parish is the host for this Event. Our Adult Faith Formation Committee secured Chris Stefanick and Archbishop Carroll was obtained as the venue to accommodate a larger crowd. People from many parishes are being invited, but we would like a large contingent from St. Margaret's. The Event is appropriate for anyone from sixth grade and beyond. We would especially like to see our adults, and in particular our School and PREP parents, take advantage of this great opportunity to learn more about our faith and receive practical advice on how to sustain it and grow in it in the midst of the many challenges of life. We want this Event to be a catalyst for helping all of us at St. Margaret's to live our faith more fully through worshipping the Lord and putting our faith into practice. Tickets are \$25, and can be obtained at the rectory or online at RealLifeCatholic.com. A gracious donor has provided some tickets for those who find it difficult to pay for the tickets themselves. If you would like the tickets, contact Msgr. Dougherty.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Sessions – Classes for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith will begin on Tuesday evening, September 17 from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm. These classes are intended for those who are considering converting to the Catholic faith, those who were baptized Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation, and those who might be interested in learning more about their Catholic faith. Those who need to receive sacraments will do so in the spring, during the Easter Season. We will meet on Tuesday evenings from September 17 through May 12. If you are interested in the sessions, but Tuesday evenings are not conducive to your schedule, you can call Msgr. Dougherty to make other arrangements.

PREP Opening Mass – The Opening Mass for PREP will be on Sunday, September 22 at 8:30 am in Church. Our PREP students and their families are asked to attend to beseech God's blessing on the new year of religious education classes.

Church Teaching: Familial Support – The family should live in such a way that its members learn to care and take responsibility for the young, the old, the sick, the handicapped, and the poor. There are many families who at times are incapable of providing this help. It devolves then on other persons, other families, and, in a subsidiary way, society to provide for their needs: "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained from the world." The family must be helped and defended by appropriate social measures. Where families cannot fulfill their responsibilities, other social bodies have the duty of helping them and supporting the institution of the family. Following the principle of subsidiarity, larger communities should take care not to usurp the family's prerogatives or interfere in its life. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Spiritual Thought – I have had crosses in plenty – more than I could carry, almost. I set myself to ask for the love of crosses – then I was happy. (St. John Vianney)



Pope Francis, in an Angelus once given at St. Peter's Square, preached that "hospitality, which is one of the works of mercy, is revealed as a truly human and Christian virtue." This is a message that echoes throughout Holy Scripture. Jesus himself, in the Gospel of John, teaches that his disciples should be recognizable through the actions that they take in loving one another. In response to this divine teaching, St. Margaret of Antioch Parish has instituted The Hospitality Committee.

ALL ARE WELCOME to get involved! The first meeting will be on Monday, September 16th at 7 pm in the Antioch Annex. Spearheaded by the Knights of Columbus, this ministry is to be responsible for scheduling ushers and greeters for all Mass times as well as organizing the monthly Hospitality Sundays. If you would like to be part of the Committee but cannot make the first meeting, email the Coordinator of Parish Services, Nicole Bazis, at faith@saintmarg.org. New Committee members are welcome to join at any time.



St Margaret School

www.smsnarberth.org

We begin another school year with open arms ready and willing to embrace, support, challenge and enjoy your special gift to us. We extend a warm welcome to all of our new families and students. Our goal is pure and simple. We want our students to be nurtured in a community that recognizes Christ as the center.

St. Margaret School opened the doors to 300 students for 2019-2020 school year. Due to an increase in class size for kindergarten, we opened a third kindergarten class. Mrs. Cloud has agreed to teach this new class. Our enrollment for first grade required one teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. Ms. Ellen Thorburn will continue with her responsibilities as the first grade teacher.

Please welcome Mrs. Amy Lazur, as our new Academic Support Teacher. Mrs. Lazur will be sharing responsibilities with the other support teachers for kindergarten, as well as, Academic Support for first through third grades.

There will be two second grade classes and we are delighted that Mrs. Jennifer Hollowell will be teaching the second class. Ms Lopresti and Mrs. Hollowell will be a great team as they prepare our little ones for first Eucharist.

As you walk into our lobby, you will notice a new set of doors. We constructed this in order to add an extra layer of security to the entrance to our school. All of the doors will now be electronic and entrance is by a swipe card. You will also notice a sliding fence out on the blacktop. This was installed over the summer for the safety of our students.

Welcome to our SMS Home and School Association:

President - Monica Lawrence

Vice President- Stefanie Seal

Secretary- Betsy Harvey

Treasurer – Shannon FitzGerald

Plans are underway for all the upcoming events and we look forward to a great year blended with both traditional and new ideas.

Upcoming Events St. Margaret School:

September 20th - Grandparents Day held at SMS.

October 11th – All School Walk-A-Thon (fundraiser)



Merion Mercy Academy Open House Sunday, October 6, 2019

The day begins with Mass at 11AM followed by a welcome, overview and tours. The **Scholarship and Entrance Exam** will be given on Saturday, October

26 from 9AM-12:30PM. For Application/Test Registration, visit www.merion-mercy.com.

SHARED TREASURES Thrift Shop

Dunleavy Center, 8799 Cheltenham Ave., Wyndmoor, PA (intersects Delphine Rd)

Open on Wednesdays from **10AM to 3PM** and the first and third Saturday of each month from **9AM to 12 Noon** during the school year. Your tax deductible donations are gratefully accepted during shop hours. Sponsored by the **La Salle Mothers' Club Alumnae Committee**.

All proceeds benefit La Salle students in financial need.
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A Little Humor – A penguin walked into a bar and said, “Has my father been in here today?” The bartender said, “I don’t know. What does he look like?”

St Margaret CYO Fall Sports

Registration link: <https://leagueathletics.com/Default.asp?org=SMSNARBERTH.ORG>



Cross Country - Girls/Boys -1st to 8th

Contact: Bill Henderson -

narfire5@comcast.net



Field Hockey - 5th & 6th

Field Hockey - 7th & 8th

FH contact: Ellen Thorburn -

ethorburn@smsnarberth.org



Football - 5th & 6th

Football - 7th & 8th

Football contact: Jim McNulty -

jmnulty@hq.novacare.com



Soccer - Girls/Boys - 3rd & 4th

Soccer - Girls/Boys - 5th & 6th

Soccer - Girls/Boys - 7th & 8th

Soccer contact: Ed Zaroni - ed_zaroni@hotmail.com

**READY TO REBOOT?
WANT TO GET BACK YOUR REAL LIFE?
THEN DON'T MISS:**

**REBOOT LIVE
Discover the life God Created for You**

Featuring Chris Stefanick
Thursday, October 10/ 7:00pm - 9:30pm
Archbishop John Carroll High School

Learn how to apply the genius of the Gospel to
YOUR life.

DO NOT MISS the opportunity to hear one of the
most sought after voices of our time!

**OFFERING PRACTICAL INSIGHT INTO
LIVING THE LIFE GOD HAS CREATED FOR
YOU!**

God didn't create us to just get by: He created us to
live life to the full.

Rediscover God and rediscover the life you were
made for.

For more information contact Chris Maguire @
csmaguire@comcast.net

Tickets sold after all St. Margaret Masses and in the
rectory - **BRING YOUR CHECKS!**

Tickets available online @
www.RealLifeCatholic.com

Hurry! Tickets are going fast!



MOTHER BONIFACE SPIRITUALITY CENTER,
3501 Solly Ave, Philadelphia
Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 6:00-8:30 PM



Please join us as our guest speaker
Fr. Matt Guckin shares wisdom and
stories with us about his time of rest &
renewal at the Missions in California.

He will encourage us to seek ways to
hear God's call in our own lives so that we may fully
know God's peace. Our evening will begin with Mass at
6:00 PM followed by light refreshments. Fr. Matt will
begin speaking at 7:00 PM. Fee: Free Will Offering.
Please RSVP to: mcbretreat@msbt.org or call
267-350-1831 so that we can adequately prepare.



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Our Bible Study begins Tuesday morning,
September 17, 2019, at 9:00 AM in the
Antioch Annex. Please join us as we study
Bible Study "The Gospel according to John and the
Johannine letters." Everyone is welcome. For more
information, contact Bill Meagher at 610-664-1195 or
wmeag8406@aol.com.

Elisabeth von Trapp in Concert

October 12, 2019 at 7:30 PM

**Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter
and Paul**



Concert by the granddaughter of
Maria and Baron von Trapp whose story inspired "**The
Sound of Music.**" For more information, visit
<https://cathedralphilaconcerts.org/>, call 610-223-4191 or
email concertsatthecathedral@gmail.com.

Why I Returned to The Catholic Church

Do You Believe in Miracles? Seeing is Believing!

From altar boy to party boy; from non-denominational
mega church back to the Roman Catholic Church,
dynamic lay evangelist, Tim Francis, shares the journey
that brought him back to the Church with video clips
from a documentary reporting on amazing miracles that
ultimately convinced him of the truths of our faith. Tim
has presented at hundreds of churches across the
country but will conduct his first-ever live presentation
in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

***OLPH in Morton, PA is hosting a special event over 3
nights in October (October 28-30).***

The presentation will be the same each night from **7:00
PM to 9:30 PM**. For more information, visit
<http://www.olphmorton.org/timfrancis-event>.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of September 15, 2019

Pam Owsik 610-659-7021

Please call as early in the week as possible.

**St. Cyril of Alexandria School, East Lansdowne
All-Class Reunion - 90th Anniversary
Saturday, November 2, 2019**

Oaks Ballroom, Glenolden, PA 7:00 - 11:00 PM.

Purchase tickets online at stcyrilphila.org. For more
information, call Jim or Barb Gray at 610-284-5984 or
email jeg19026@gmail.com.

Building a Bridge:

Reaching Out to the Excluded in Our Church

Tuesday, September 17 at 7PM, Foley Center at St. Joseph's
University with Rev. James Martin, S.J. For more info:
sju.edu/klein.



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
<http://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 Wednesday, September 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 12.



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