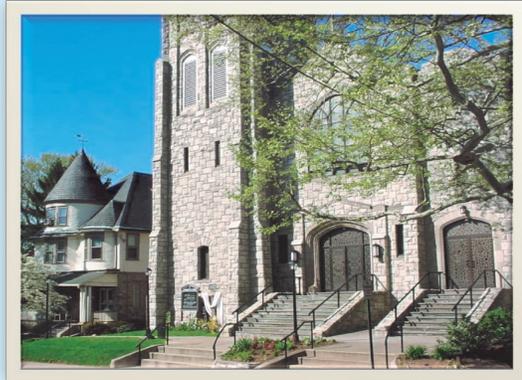


# ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH

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**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN  
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NOVEMBER 10 2019**



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**Scrip Sales**  
**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**  
**FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY**  
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**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.

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, we hear about an encounter between Jesus and some Sadducees. The Sadducees were a party of Judaism active in Jesus' time, descended from the priestly family of Zadok. They were literal interpreters of the written Law of Moses, which means that they were in disagreement with the position of the Pharisees, who offered an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses.

The Sadducees are described in this Gospel as opponents to the belief in resurrection. In the dialogue presented here, we see an example of the means of disputation that was common in first century Judaism. The Sadducees use the example of Levirate marriage, found in the Law of Moses, to disprove belief in the resurrection. According to Deuteronomy 25:5-10, if a man died without producing an heir, the man's brother should marry his wife and the offspring of this union would inherit the property and carry on the name of the man who had died. The Sadducees use this as an example to challenge belief in the resurrection.

Jesus argues from the same written Law of Moses to show that there is resurrection. Using the texts from the Book of Exodus (Chapter 3) that describe Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush, Jesus shows that God is the God of the living, not the dead. Here Jesus uses the same method and texts of the Sadducees to counter them. As the Gospel text suggests, he beat them at their own game!

More importantly, in this discourse Jesus shows the limits of our imaginations when it comes to eternal life. The Sadducees argued against resurrection because of the limits of earthly existence. They did not imagine another possibility for existence and relationship with God. Jesus proposes that the possibilities of resurrected life are beyond our imaginations. Jesus' conclusion suggests something else as well: To spend time worrying about resurrected life is to miss the point. The point is eternal relationship with God is possible, for God is the God of the living, ". . . for to him all are alive."

### HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of November 10, 2019

Pam Owsik 610-659-7021

Please call as early in the week as possible.



**St. John's Hospice** - Casseroles for St.

John's Hospice, Recipe #1, will be collected Wednesday morning of this

week, November 13, 2019, between 9 and 9:30 AM at St. Margaret School Parking Lot. Pans are available in the vestibule if you would like to participate.

## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, November 11**

7:00 AM Joseph S. Cain

**TUESDAY, November 12**

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of  
Cain, Stevens & Cronin Families

**WEDNESDAY, November 13**

7:00 AM Sophia D'Souza

**THURSDAY, November 14**

7:00 AM Bernardino Nardi

**FRIDAY, November 15**

7:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY, November 16**

8:00 AM Eugene Murphy Dalton

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

### Weekend Mass Schedule November 16-17

*(Priest scheduled is subject to change)*

**Saturday, November 16**

Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

**Sunday, November 17**

7:30 AM - Fr. Guckin

10:00 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

11:30 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

### **THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

<b>Weekend of November 3, 2019:</b>	<b>\$ 13,351</b>
<b>Including Electronic Funds Transfer</b>	<b>\$ 671</b>
<b>Mail In:</b>	<b>\$ 1,385</b>
<b>Parish On Line:</b>	<b>\$ 925</b>
<b>Envelopes:</b>	<b>221</b>

### **The Weekend of November 4, 2018: \$13,305**

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

*Msgr. Dougherty*



**ONLINE GIVING** - Saint Margaret Parish has arranged a secure method of online giving. You can 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>.

## Parish Theme for 2019 - 2020 The Family: a Communion of Life and Love

### From the Pastor

**Forty Hours Devotions: The Real Presence** - In the Eucharistic elements the Lord is present, body, blood, soul and divinity. The Eucharist is not a representation of Christ; it is Christ. The Lord is truly present there in sacramental form. This is why we are so devoted to the Eucharist in the Catholic Church. There are Christian religions that believe Jesus is not really present in Communion, that Communion only reminds us of the Lord. It is our Catholic faith that when Jesus said, "This is my Body and this is my Blood," he truly meant just that. When we receive Communion, we partake of his flesh and blood, we receive the Lord himself. Beyond the accidents and outward appearance of wine and bread, Jesus is substantially present there to come and strengthen our spirits and bless our lives.

Our Annual Forty Hours Devotions will be celebrated on Sunday, November 17, Monday, November 18 and Tuesday, November 19. Deacon John Lozano will be our preacher. He will help us to relate the Eucharist to our experience of daily family life. Deacon Lozano will speak at all the Masses on Sunday, November 17, and at Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7:00 pm on all three days. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration on the altar each day from after morning Mass until the Devotions at 7:00 pm. Come and join us for these sacred devotions. Plan to spend time in quiet adoration during the days of the Devotions. A sign-up list will be in the vestibule so that we can be sure to have at least two people present at the various times for adoration.

**Fall Census and Collection** - Thank you to all who have returned the census paper and made a contribution to the Fall Collection. If you have not yet done so, please return the form mailed to you several weeks ago. Your donation to the Fall Collection would also be appreciated. It is one of our most substantial collections for the support of the Parish. To date we have received \$41,195. Last year's total for the collection was \$39,600.

**Veterans Day** - November 11 is Veterans Day. We prayerfully remember all those who have given their lives in defense of our country's freedom and ideals.

**Meeting for Parents of Those Receiving First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** - The Meeting will take place in the Church at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 12.

**Finance Council Meeting** - The Council will meet on Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00 PM in the Antioch Annex.

**Speaker for the Seminary Appeal** - A seminarian will be with us next weekend to speak briefly on behalf of the Annual Seminary Appeal.

**Some Changes for the New Liturgical Year** - The new Church Year begins with the First Sunday of Advent on Sunday, December 1. As I mentioned at the Masses last weekend, we are planning to implement on that day some changes in our Church appearance and in our liturgical practices. Father Gill, the Director of the Archdiocesan Office for Worship, visited our Church a couple of months ago and recommended some variations to enhance the appearance of our sanctuary and our way of celebrating Mass. Father felt that our sanctuary was too cluttered and some things could be moved that distract our attention away from the altar, lectern and tabernacle, which are the primary symbols of the sanctuary. In accord with Father's thoughts and recommendations, we will be making some changes. 1) The ornamental rug in front of the altar will be removed. Its presence can divert our attention down to it and not up to the altar. 2) The Vatican and United States flags will be moved to the back of the Church. 3) The processional cross will not be placed to face out toward the congregation but at the side wall of the sanctuary. We already have a powerful depiction of the crucifixion in the stained glass window above the altar, so there is no need to have another crucifix facing the people during Mass. 4) We will be moving some of the musicians and singers out of the sanctuary and into the first few pews to lead the singing. A leader of song should be in the sanctuary, but liturgical guidelines recommend that groups of singers not be in the sanctuary, but in some other place from which they could help enhance the singing of the congregation. We will keep the piano in the sanctuary for now, but plans are to move it or a keyboard into an area by the first couple of pews. 5) We will paint the back wall of the sanctuary a different color from the other walls of the Church. This will help the sanctuary to stand out as a particularly sacred area of the Church. 6) The altar servers will now sit on the stools by the side walls. Father stated that the places next to the presider should only be used by deacons. (continued on next page)

## From the Pastor (continued)

In addition to these changes that will take place now, Father Gill told us that by Church law the baptismal font should not be in the sanctuary but in a place closer to the entrance of the Church. We are planning next summer to move the baptismal font to a place a few pews in from the main entrance of the Church. Father also mentioned that the presider's chair should not be behind the altar but in a place in front of the altar but off to the side. Our plan, once the baptismal font is moved, is to move the presider's chair near the area where the baptismal font is presently located. At that time we are planning for a new presider's chair, since Father recommended that we get one that has a more ecclesiastical and liturgical appearance. I will look into converting into a presider's chair the bench currently in the sacristy that was used previously in the Church. Also, next summer, we will be taking up the red carpet in the sanctuary. I suspect there is a terrazzo or marble floor there that we might be able to restore to its original beauty. If the stone is not able to be restored, we will have a new carpet installed.

We are blessed with a beautiful Church and I am hopeful that these changes will further enhance its beauty and our liturgical worship. There is not much expense involved in these plans. The moving of the baptismal font and the restoring of the sanctuary floor will require some more substantive costs, but I believe even those will be able to be done without a prohibitive expense.

**Reboot Revisited** - One of the five practices encouraged by Chris Stefanick for living and communicating our faith was "Sharing Our Faith." There is an old axiom that says, "You can't give what you don't have." If we are to share our faith with others, we need to be constantly growing in our faith. One good way to do this is through spiritual reading, viewing or listening. We have many good spiritual resources available in the kiosk in the vestibule of the Church. There are books, booklets, CDs and other resources available for free. You are asked to make a donation if you can. There are many resources available too on the internet at FORMED.org: videos, talks and movies are available. We have a Parish subscription which gives you access to these resources. The Parish Code is WRVZND. There are many good spiritual books that are accessible and available through bookstores, libraries and for purchase online. St. Augustine heard the voice of God telling him to take up and read. His reading on spiritual and faith matters led to his conversion. Take up and read. Grow in your faith and you will naturally share it more fully and easily with others.

### **Church Teaching: The Real Presence of Christ in the**

**Eucharist** - It is highly fitting that Christ should have wanted to remain present to his Church in this unique way. Since Christ was about to take his departure from his own in his visible form, he wanted to give us his sacramental presence; since he was about to offer himself on the cross to save us. He wanted us to have the memorial of his love with which he loved us to the end, even to the giving of his life. In his Eucharistic presence he remains mysteriously in our midst as the one who loved us and gave himself up for us, and he remains under signs that express and communicate this love: The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

**Spiritual Thought** - Consider all the past as nothing, and say, like David: Now I begin to love my God. (St Francis De Sales)

**A Little Humor** - A little boy reciting the Our Father for his teacher closed by saying, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us some E-mail."



### **Upcoming Retreats**

#### **November 22-24: St. Teresa of Calcutta women's**

**retreat.** Directed by renowned retreat director Fr. Vince Fortunata, OFM, Cap on the theme, "Great Women in the Bible," the retreat features powerful talks, adoration, quiet time and Mass each day.

**December 4: Advent Day of Reflection.** Directed by Fr. Jim McGuinn, the retreat's theme is, "The Mystery of Jesus: His Presence and His Absence." Included are continental breakfast, confession, special talks, sit down lunch and quiet time.

#### **December 12: Spirit Power retreat for men and**

**women.** Directed by Marty Rotella, Fr. Stephen DeLacy, Anna Iatesta and Christine Cullen, the theme for the retreat is "The Fearless Voice of Mary." A popular annual retreat, this joy-filled day will be celebrated on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**December 13-15: An Advent Retreat with Fr. James Blount, SOLT.** Consecration to Our Heavenly Father and St. Joseph, Our Foster Father. **Healing the Father Wounds.**

For more information and to register, call 610-644-0400 or visit [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com).



# St Margaret School

**SAVE THE DATES: March 14th, 2020 - Maggie's Pub** will be back for St. Patty's Day 🍀! In lieu of Bluefest, this year, the HSA will present "Maggie's Pub" - a great night of food and drink and dancing in our gym. Plus, we will have **DUELING PIANOS!** This is a fundraiser as well as a great community builder, so please save the date! Stay tuned for more details.

## CLASSROOM NEWS

**Pre-K** has spent October learning about Mary and how special she is in our Catholic faith. We learned the Hail Mary in morning circle and created our own Mary statues to take home. We also explored what the Rosary is and how it helps us to pray.

**SMS CHOIR:** Our students in grades 1-8 have the opportunity to participate in the SMS School Junior and Senior Choirs. The choirs, led by parishioner and Saint Margaret Church Schola Director **Beth Mirzai**, are learning new songs for the SMS Christmas Show which is on the evening of December 18. Some of their current favorites are "Christmastime is Here," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," and "On a Night Long Ago." They are working hard and sounding lovely.

## Please let your friends and neighbors know about our upcoming St Margaret School Open Houses

We are welcoming new families to visit this fall on some of our Wednesdays, 9 am to 11 am:

November 20 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

December 4, 11, or 18 (Walk in any Wednesday)

**Learn More About St. Margaret School ([www.smsnarberth.org](http://www.smsnarberth.org) or email [info@smsnarberth.org](mailto:info@smsnarberth.org))**



**Wanted:** Box tops and used ink cartridges benefit our school in so many ways! By collecting these, we are able to earn money that will benefit our school! We couldn't do it without the support of our parents, the parish community and faculty and staff. During these "fall cleaning" months, don't forget to cut out your box tops, and any recycled ink cartridges and send them St. Margaret School. You may also place them in the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

**St. John Vianney Parish**  
**P3: Young Adult Night**  
**Prayer - Penance - Pub**

**Friday, November 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

Calling all young adult Catholics! Join us for an evening of praise and spiritual enrichment followed by fellowship and fun. Exposition and Benediction, Confessions, a presentation on "Overcoming Faulty Core Belief," at St. John Vianney Church, 350 Conshohocken State Rd., Gladwyne, PA, followed by fun at Tired Hands Brewing Company in Ardmore. For more information, contact Matt Robinson at [mrobinson@sjvgladwyne.com](mailto:mrobinson@sjvgladwyne.com).



**We welcome into the Church**

**Molly June Morrison**

**daughter of James and Jenny Morrison**

Congratulations to the family on the Baptism of their child.

Come to the **Holy Family Parish**

**Christmas Bazaar** at 234 Hermitage

Street on Friday, December 6 from 6:00

PM - 10 PM and Saturday, December 7

from

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Food, games, giant tag sale, and a visit from Santa!



Central Association  
of the  
Miraculous Medal

The 2019 Solemn Novena will be taking place at The Miraculous Medal Shrine in Philadelphia from November 18 - November 27. The theme is "The Sacrament of Reconciliation." For full details regarding Mass schedule and daily sermon topics, please visit: [MiraculousMedal.org/shrine-novena/](http://MiraculousMedal.org/shrine-novena/). For more information, please contact Danielle Ferrari at [dferrari@cammonline.org](mailto:dferrari@cammonline.org) or 215-848-1010.



Saint Katherine School is seeking Part-time Teaching Assistants to work with students with disabilities at the Wynnewood campus. For more information, please contact Lauren Bell, Principal, at [principal@stkds.org](mailto:principal@stkds.org).



Please remember in your prayers the soul of James Hagan who recently passed away. May he rest in peace and his loved ones 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 Wednesday, November 20, 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](mailto: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](http://www.twitter.com/ArchPhilly)  
[www.youtube.com/user/CatholicPhilly](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@saintmarg.org) or 610-664-3770, Ext 12.



### **Catholic Answers Live - #1 Catholic Radio Show. Monday - Friday, 6-8 PM.**

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