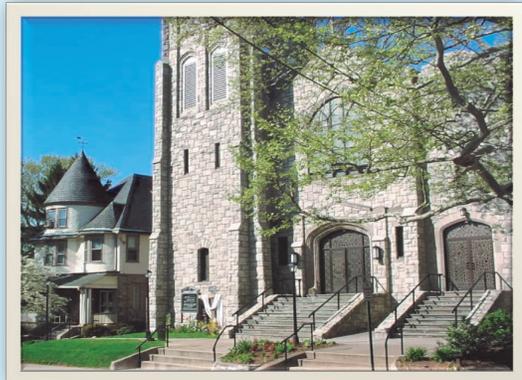


ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH

208 N. Narberth Avenue
Narberth, PA 19072
610-664-3770, Fax 610-664-5001
Web site: www.saintmarg.org
Email: office@saintmarg.org

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 17 2019**



Msgr. Paul V. Dougherty,
Pastor, Ext. 12
pastor@saintmarg.org

Rev. Robert J. Chapman,
Pastor Emeritus

In Residence
Rev. Matthew W. Guckin

Weekend Assistance:
Rev. Robert Pesarchick
Rev. Kevin DePrinzio, O.S.A.

Principal, St. Margaret School,
Mrs. Mary Anne Johnston
mjohnston@smsnarberth.org
610-664-2640

Director of Religious Education, Ext.16
Mrs. Mary Anne J. Monroe, M.A.
prep@saintmarg.org

Coordinator of Parish Services, Ext. 20
Miss Nicole Bazis, MATS
faith@saintmarg.org

Parish Business Manager, Ext.17
Mr. Cliff Coombs
busmgr@saintmarg.org

Safe Environment Coordinator, Ext. 21
Mrs. Beth Mirzai
safe@saintmarg.org

Administrative Assistant, Ext. 10
Maryann Cassidy (Mon, Tues, Wed)
Mrs. Teresa Myers (Thurs, Fri)
office@saintmarg.org

Director of Music - Mr. Michael Worth
saintmargmusic@gmail.com
267-304-6490

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.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Background on the Gospel Reading

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

A Candle Glowed For You

I would like you to know that recently my husband and I went on a pilgrimage to the beautiful shrines in France, and that at Lourdes, near the grotto where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette, we lit two tall candles for you: one for all of your and Msgr.'s special intentions and one for God to reward anyone who has donated to the Pro Life union at any time.

We cannot do the baby bottle campaign this season for personal reasons, but we will pick up again in May with the Roses for Mother's Day. Thank you and God bless you!—Janis and Anthony Mazzone

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of November 17, 2019

Robert Ritzco 610-649-3973

Please call as early in the week as possible.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 18

7:00 AM J. Taney Willcox, Jr.

TUESDAY, November 19

7:00 AM Edward Collins

WEDNESDAY, November 20

7:00 AM Sally Gray

THURSDAY, November 21

7:00 AM John Le

FRIDAY, November 22

7:00 AM P.J. Thorne, 2nd anniversary

SATURDAY, November 23

8:00 AM Ann Marie & Stanley Tarnoski

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



THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17, 2019
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
TERESA FALCONE.

Weekend Mass Schedule November 23-24

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, November 23

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

5:15 PM - Fr. DePrinzio

Sunday, November 24

7:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

11:30 AM - Fr. Guckin

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>Weekend of November 10, 2019:</u>	\$ 10,078
Including Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 671
Mail In:	\$ 590
Parish On Line:	\$ 1,980
Envelopes:	218

The Weekend of November 11, 2018: \$9,676

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

From the Pastor

Family Consecration – On Sunday, December 1, The First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new Church Year, the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring for our Parish a Consecration to the Holy Family. The Knights will hand out prayer cards before Mass that contain a prayer of consecration to the Holy Family. We will offer the prayer together at Mass. At the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in 2015, Pope Francis stated, “Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to grow in faith.” The family is the most important place in which faith and love are communicated. By consecrating our families to the Holy Family, we are inspired to make the daily effort to reflect the goodness of the Holy Family in our own families.

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.

Time alone with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is always powerful. Spending time with the Lord enables us to experience his love more deeply and to be transformed by his presence. Time with him helps to conform us more to his spirit and sacred heart. Plan to spend time with the Lord this Forty Hours.

Knights of Columbus – The next meeting is on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 pm in the Antioch Annex.

Parish Pastoral Council – The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 21 at 7:00 pm in the Antioch Annex.

Reboot Revisited – The fourth practice recommended by Chris Stefanick to nourish our faith was friendship. To live our faith we need the support and companionship of other disciples. The Lord told us that where two or three are gathered in his name he is there in their midst. Bonding with others who share our faith helps us to experience the presence of Our Lord in our lives and bolsters our faith in him. The Lord sent out his disciples two by two because he knew they would benefit greatly from the mutual support they could offer one another. One way of befriending other disciples is by learning about the saints, praying with them to the Lord, and being inspired by their example. We can enter into communion with the saints and be lifted up by them to a greater faith. I encourage everyone to adopt a particular saint during this month of November when we especially recall them. Pick a saint, read about him or her, ask the saint to intercede for you and let this saint be a special companion with you on your journey of faith. Entering into a deeper communion with a saint results in a deep spiritual friendship that helps us to grow in holiness.

Seminary Appeal – You should have received a mailing at home for this important Archdiocesan Collection for the support of our Seminary. Please support this Annual Appeal. You can use the return envelope you received in the mail. Additional envelopes are available in the vestibule.

Parish Charities – Money collected in our poor boxes is donated on a regular basis, three or four times a year, to five charities: St. Veronica Parish, Birthright, Mercy Hospice, St. John’s Hospice, and Mother of Mercy House. In addition, some of the poor box money is dedicated to assisting local families in need. Thank you for your generosity to the poor. We regularly receive letters of appreciation from these charitable organizations expressing their gratitude to us.

Narberth Award Program - We have been notified by the Narberth Award Program that St. Margaret Church has been selected for the 2019 Best of Narberth Award in the Places of Worship Category. The Narberth Award Program annually recognizes local businesses and community organizations that make the Narberth area a great place to live, work and play. We are grateful for this Award.



St Margaret School

DONATE HALLOWEEN CANDY TO SUPPORT MERCY NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES: Once again this year, if you have an abundance of Halloween Candy left over and you would like to donate it, please send it to SMS school office. The candy is donated to a most wonderful organization: “*The Mercy Neighborhood Ministries*” in Philadelphia. Our collection box is located outside the school office. Thanks for your support!

KIDS CARE CLUB THANKSGIVING DRIVE:

SMS KidsCare Club oversees the selection and implementation of all of the community service projects that our St. Margaret students participate in during the school year. Beginning this school year, Grade 2 is hosting the annual *SMS Thanksgiving Food Drive* from **November 11 - 19** benefiting **Mercy Neighborhood Ministries!** Please send in non-perishable, non-breakable food donations to show your support. We are also accepting any frozen turkeys or store coupons for free frozen turkeys. Turkeys can be dropped at St Margaret School office the morning of Monday, November 18; if you need to drop off prior to that date, please contact Tracy Rumsey at trumsey@smsnarberth.org or the school office -office@smsnarberth.org (610-664-2640).

CLASSROOM NEWS

Grade 4, with Mrs. Gabor is finishing up their unit on energy in Science. As part of learning about stored (potential) energy and motion (kinetic) energy the students were asked to make a car using elastic or springs to create their car’s energy. They raced their cars to see whose car was able to go the farthest distance. The students had a great time racing their cars in our gym and talking about why some cars were able to go farther than others.

Grade KA with Mrs. Rooney are practicing counting, reading, and writing numbers through 20. Students are focusing on counting groups of 15-20. In Social Studies, students are talking about the first Thanksgiving. During the month of November, students will be exploring the Pilgrims and Native Americans through various stories, songs and arts and crafts activities.

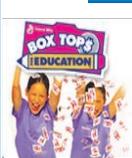
Please let your friends and neighbors know about our upcoming St Margaret School Open Houses

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

November 20 (3rd Wednesday)

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

Learn More About St. Margaret School (www.smsnarberth.org or email 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.



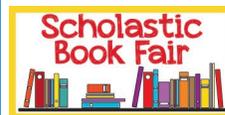
***Advent Taizé Prayer
For Young Adults***

December 17, 2019 from 7 PM - 8 PM

Sisters of Mercy Convent

5015 Montgomery Ave, Merion, PA

Immerse yourself in music and silence. Find yourself in letting go. Wrap yourself in the Mystery of the Creator. The worship service includes repetitive prayers, music, and silence. This service is based on prayer that was begun by an ecumenical community in Taizé, France. Light refreshments to follow. RSVP tsaetta@mercymidatlantic.org.



***St. Margaret School
Annual Scholastic Book Fair***

You have an opportunity to come and shop the book fair directly following the 10 AM and 11:30 AM Masses TODAY, Sunday, November 17, in the Cafeteria. If you prefer, you can shop our Online Book Fair at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stmargaretschool8>, and orders will be shipped to your home. ***This is a great chance to support our school library and get some Christmas shopping done early for all the young and eager readers in your family!***

A Little Humor – A man explained that one of his daughter’s friends showed him a little tattoo she had received of a Japanese symbol. “Please don’t tell my parents,” she begged. “I won’t,” he promised. “By the way,” he asked, “what does that stand for?” “Honesty,” she said.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

*Mercy Neighborhood Ministries,
Narberth Food Bank and
Housing for Haiti*

You will be able to drop off your wrapped gift(s) to the Antioch Annex Sunday, December 15 between 7:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Please be sure to attach the tag to the gift after you wrap it.

Scrip Cards for Mercy Ministries and Narberth Food Bank may be dropped off at the rectory.

If you have any questions, call Teresa or Maryann at the rectory, 610-664-3770, Ext 10.

*Silence of the Season
Open House & Christmas Concert
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
December 8, 2019*

Seminary tours of the beautiful, historic campus and art collection, including our international Christmas Creche display, begin at 1 PM with the last one starting at 3 PM. The concert, which is free and open to the public, begins at 4 PM. There will be a free-will offering to benefit a charity selected by the seminarians. No need to RSVP, just come and celebrate this joyous season with us!

Church Teaching: Communion with the Saints – It is not merely by the title of example that we cherish the memory of those in heaven; we seek, rather, that by this devotion to the exercise of fraternal charity the union of the whole Church in the Spirit may be strengthened. Exactly as Christian communion among our fellow pilgrims brings us closer to Christ, so our communion with the saints joins us to Christ, from whom as from its fountain and head issues all grace and the life of the People of God itself. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Spiritual Thought – Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible. (St. Francis of Assisi)

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!



Hosts for Hospitals
Hosts for Hospitals provides in-home hospitality for out-of-town patients and families. If you are interested in becoming a host family, contact Sally Young, sutsm2@aol.com or Margo Bennett, margobennet@comcast.net. For information about the program, visit www.hostsforhospitals.org.



“The Spirit of Christmas”
Starring The New York Tenors
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 7:30 PM. Doors open at 7 PM
Location: Miraculous Medal Shrine, 500 East Cheltenham Avenue, Philadelphia.
Ticket prices: \$55 General Admission; \$110 VIP.
Secure parking available for all guests. Buses welcome.
For more information, contact Colleen Buckley at CBuckley@Cammonline.org, or 215-532-5783.



Waldron Mercy Academy is seeking a full time Child Care Teacher in our daycare center to start immediately. The Child Care Teacher plans, prepares and implements daily lessons and activities including playground activities. Interested applicants should submit their resume and cover letter to employment@waldronmercy.org.



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.



Waldron Mercy Academy is also hiring part time custodians. If interested, please email us at employment@waldronmercy.org.

Parish Giving 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>.



If you or someone you know is curious about religious life, visit www.sistersofmercy.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 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.

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.



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

One great program. Many ways to listen! catholic.com/radio



Looking for local Catholic news?

It's as easy as email - sign up for the free, twice-weekly email newsletter of CatholicPhilly.com, official news website of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Sign up at CatholicPhilly.com/newsletter.