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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.



**THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 26, 2020**



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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

For quite some time I have been fascinated by the flexibility of our beloved English language. Its development is often rather quick, especially with the advent of "techno speak." Old words get evicted or completely change their meaning. New words are created swiftly and get widespread use. So it is with the acronym "ASAP." Its imperative implications come paired with urgency, and in a fast paced world, the letters have even been turned into a word. It has a "cousin," if you will, in an older creation, namely "PDQ." The milder translation is "pretty darn quick."

All this talk of language arose in my mind after rereading what St. Matthew has to say about how Our Lord's first disciples reacted to His invitation to follow Him. Matthew tells us that they did it "immediately." How refreshing it was to read that for me. So often I wrestle with indecision. "Immediately" for me involves a certain freedom, unhampered by doubt or indecision. It further notifies all of us that the attraction Jesus had here was for real men used to making quick but important decisions fighting for their livelihood on the open sea. Where and when to toss their nets for fish could almost be a matter of life or death in their daily struggle to provide for their families and themselves.

I read a scriptural commentary in which the writer almost hastens to tell us that Matthew's account is a compressed one. That St. John's version of the same incident is more likely because it includes the natural human tendency to be hesitant to embark on a new direction in life. But I thought to myself that "Sure, we all have to do our research and give serious thought to any major decision." Today we might say "Go on Google first." Certainly, the early four Apostles likely consulted their wives, children, and others before stepping away from their usual lives to follow this amazing young Rabbi from Nazareth.

But allow me to take Matthew literally for just a moment or two, to admire Saints Peter, Andrew, James and John for following their hearts as well as their heads in answering Jesus' invitation right away, without consulting a checklist. There is something invigorating about letting go of fear and apprehension and simply saying "Yes" to God right away. I can summon a certain Francis of Assisi who did it centuries later. We all have a knack for delay. We like staying right where we are in our custom made comfort zone and asking Jesus for His understanding.

Such immediate decisions don't have to be any more uprooting than a change in our daily schedule to get out of bed a half hour earlier to pray each day. Or choosing to fast one day a week to know what it feels like for those among us who through no fault of their own must go hungry most days if not all. You are mature enough to make your own list. But do it immediately.

Beware those well-meaning souls who will happily point out practical obstacles to your decisions. That's why we have to avoid delay. Like the apostles' decisions made long ago and far away, which they made "asap." Look where they are now. Meanwhile, we can imagine those first four Apostles saying to us at times: "Do it now! Today will be yesterday tomorrow."

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 27

7:00 AM Cathy Box & Clare Paolone

TUESDAY, January 28

7:00 AM Elizabeth (20th anniversary) & Marcel Montagne

WEDNESDAY, January 29

7:00 AM Michael Morley

THURSDAY, January 30

7:00 AM Walter J. Wentling

FRIDAY, January 31

7:00 AM Robert E. Smith, Jr.

SATURDAY, February 1

8:00 AM Dr. Bruce Northrup

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



THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26, 2020
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
RICHARD STEVENSON, MARY ANN WAUTERS & DARREL HERBST

Weekend Mass Schedule February 1-2

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, February 1

Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - **Fr. Pesarchick**

5:15 PM - - **Fr. Pesarchick**

Sunday, February 2

7:30 AM - **Fr. De Prinzie**

10:00 AM - **Msgr. Dougherty**

11:30 AM - **Msgr. Dougherty**

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>Weekend of January 19, 2020:</u>	\$ 8,137
Including Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 671
Mail In:	\$ 445
Parish On Line:	\$ 1,745
Envelopes:	208
Catholic Relief Services:	\$ 2,796

The Weekend of January 20, 2019: \$9,000

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

From the Pastor

Catholic Schools Week – This week is Catholic Schools Week in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Our School has many activities planned for students and teachers to celebrate St. Margaret School. I am grateful to Mrs. Johnston, our principal and to all our faculty and staff for the devotion they show to the students in our School. We ask God’s continued blessings upon our School, which was founded in 1922 and has served and enriched the faith and lives of many children throughout the years.

Knights of Columbus Coat Drive – Our Knights of Columbus Council here at St. Margaret’s is participating in a winter coat drive conducted under the auspices of the Knights. Members of the Knights in our Council will be outside church after all the Masses next weekend to collect funds to finance the purchase of 72 new winter coats to be given to needy children. Your support would be much appreciated.

Sunday of the Word of God – Pope Francis recently promulgated that this Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is to be celebrated as a time when we especially recall the value of the sacred Scriptures and renew our commitment to reading, studying and praying with the Word of God. In his Apostolic Letter concerning this celebration of God’s Word the Pope wrote: “ ‘He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.’ (Lk. 24-45). This was one of the final acts of the risen Lord before his Ascension. Jesus appeared to the assembled disciples, broke bread with them and opened their minds to the understanding of the sacred Scriptures. To them, amid their fear and bewilderment, he unveiled the meaning of the paschal mystery: that in accordance with the Father’s eternal plan he had to suffer and rise from the dead in order to bring repentance and forgiveness of sins. He then promised to send the Holy Spirit, who would give them strength to be witnesses of this saving mystery.

The relationship between the risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, Saint Jerome could rightly claim: ‘Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.’ ”

We give thanks today for the great gift of the Bible, God’s Holy Word, and we recommit ourselves to loving God’s Word and allowing it to guide our minds and fill our spirits with God’s grace and power.

Reboot Revisited – One of the ways Chris Stefanick spoke of to stay strong in our faith was to constantly reboot. God is forgiving. We fail, but the Lord is always there to give us his mercy and renew our spirits. What we need to do is constantly examine how we could respond more generously in living God’s love. Assessing where we need to be forgiven and need to grow is a valuable means for discovering the ways God is inviting us to follow him more closely and share his goodness with others more freely. A brief daily examination of conscience is a great way to nurture our spiritual growth. There are many ways to do that. Here is one: thank God for some of the blessings of the day, think about where you have responded well and shared God’s goodness with others; consider one way in which you could do better and where God is inviting you to grow; reflect on God’s mercy for your sins and shortcomings; look to the next day with hope and joy. You can walk through those steps in a couple of minutes. It will benefit you greatly.

Church Teaching: Solidarity - The principle of solidarity, also articulated in terms of “friendship” or “social charity,” is a direct demand of human and Christian brotherhood. Solidarity is manifested in the first place by the distribution of goods and remuneration for work. It also presupposes the effort for a more just social order where tensions are better able to be reduced and conflicts more readily settled by negotiation. Socio-economic problems can be resolved only with the help of all the forms of solidarity: solidarity of the poor among themselves, between rich and poor, of workers among themselves, between employers and employees in a business, solidarity among nations and people. International solidarity is a requirement of the moral order; world peace depends in part upon this. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Spiritual Thought – You are the Body of Christ. In you and through you the work of the incarnation must go forward. You are meant to incarnate in your lives the theme of your adoration – you are to be taken, blessed, broken, and distributed, that you maybe the means of grace and vehicles of Eternal Charity. (St. Augustine)

A Little Humor – Respect your elders. They graduated from school without the internet.

St Margaret School



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2020
January 26 - February 1 #CSW1920

Saint Margaret School will be celebrating **Catholic Schools Week** from January 26th-February 1st. The theme is: Catholic Schools – LEARN. SERVE. LEAD. SUCCEED. We have an exciting week planned with the annual 8th Grade Basketball game, Family Bingo Night, a Religion Bee, Closing Mass, and days of appreciation for our teachers, staff and students. Our 8th grade students will be reading their essays on what Catholic education means to them at all masses this weekend.



SAVE THE DATE: Gather your family and friends for a fun evening here at St. Margaret School. Designer Bag Bingo will be held on **FRIDAY EVENING, February 21st** in our gymnasium.



MAGGIE'S PUB: This year, in place of Bluefest, SMS will be hosting “Maggie’s Pub!” This major fundraiser for St. Margaret School will take place on **Saturday evening March 14**, just in time for **St. Patrick’s Day**. Families and friends can enjoy their community, celebrate our wonderful faith-based institution, and raise money to ensure the future of SMS.

Classroom News: On Wednesday, January 15th, the sixth grade visited The Main Line Reform Temple as part of their studies on Judaism. Rabbi Straus gave us an exciting lesson on Jewish history and traditions. We also were able to tour the parts of the Temple. It was a really neat experience! *Kimberly A. Cass/6th Grade Teacher*



Poor Box Donations

Thank You for your recent generous donations of \$960 to Mercy Hospice.

Please accept our grateful appreciation on behalf of the women and children who reside with us at Mercy. If they had the opportunity to do so, each one would surely express heartfelt thanks for the difference that your support of our mission makes in empowering them and lifting their spirits.

Mercy Hospice has been a lifeline of support and compassionate service for women in crisis who became homeless because of substance abuse and addiction. Mercy continues to be one of the only recovery house programs in the city where women can stay with their young children. With your vital assistance, we are able to offer life-sustaining services to these women: hot meals seven days a week, shelter, clothing, educational programming, recovery support, and case management.



Sunday Preschool Program

runs simultaneously with the Sunday 10 AM Mass. The preschool program, which occurs in the St. Margaret School cafeteria, is a perfect place to leave your young children while you participate in the 10 AM Mass. Our dedicated catechists will engage them

in a faith-based, age-appropriate program that incorporates songs, stories, craft movies and activities into the Sunday scriptures. The fee for the Sunday preschool program is only \$20 per family/year. Participation in this program is not a pre-requisite for PREP.



Lankenau Ministry

Next Sunday, February 2, is St. Margaret’s weekend to take Holy Communion to the sick at the Lankenau. Group B is assigned but Group A is also welcome. If you cannot come this weekend, please try to exchange with someone. It is very important to get a replacement.



Mount Saint Joseph Academy, a

Catholic preparatory school for girls, invites all interested 7th grade girls to a **Grade Practice Test (Pre-HSPT)** to be given on **Saturday, March 21, 2020 at**

8:00 – 11:30 a.m.

The Pre-HSPT is a 7th grade edition of the actual Scholarship/Entrance Exam given to eighth grade applicants. Registration is available **online only**.

Register at: www.msacad.org/practicetest

You will receive registration confirmation via email.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of January 26, 2020

Robert Ritzco 610-649-3973

Please call as early in the week as possible.



St. Margaret School
Walk in Wednesdays 9am-11am

Serving this parish and area Catholics, we welcome 4 year olds to our Parish School (PK through 8th Grade). All other grades from 2nd to 7th will be considered on an individual basis. Please call for more information. Our mission to engage our Catholic faith throughout learning remains instrumental in forming our student's lives through virtues and giving to others. Each Wednesday from December through February, we welcome prospective parents to visit while school is in session. Tours begin at 9 am and 10 am. Please join us early. A wonderful opportunity awaits your family. Visit www.smsnarberth.org or call 610-349-7747.



Overcoming the World
A Winter Retreat for Young Adults

Friday, February 7 - Saturday, February 8 at Malvern Retreat House.

The retreat will be directed by:
 Fr. John Wackerman - (Pastor, Queen of the Universe, Parish Levittown)
 Fr. Jim Otto - (Pastor, Sacred Heart, Parish Philadelphia)
 Dr. Antone Raymundo, M.D. (Catholic Speaker and Mentor)

Single or Married ages 18-35 are invited.
 For More Information or Financial Assistance call The Flame of Love Office: 610-622-4257
 Register online at malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-

FLAME OF LOVE FEAST DAY
FEBRUARY 2, 2020

All are invited to come and pray as Mary has asked us.



St. Mary Magdalen Parish
 2400 Providence Rd, Media, PA
 2:00 PM Rosary, Confession, Adoration
 2:30 PM Dr. Antone Raymundo
 Message of the Flame of Love
 3:30 PM Mass
 Monsignor Ralph Chieffo, Celebrant and Homilist

For more information, call 610-622-4257.

Malvern Retreat House is looking for a full time Hospitality Coordinator, Monday thru Thursday, evening hours including overnights.

Hospitality coordinators serve as host for assigned retreat groups including registration when needed, handle emergency issues with retreatants and property maintenance, working with retreat directors and set up including refreshments when needed and also responsible for setting up for Mass in the chapels and oratories. For more information on this job or if you are interested, please send your resume and salary expectation to jhall@malvernretreat.com.

Tax Credits in Pennsylvania

Do you pay the State of Pennsylvania over \$1000 per year in state income taxes? If so, you can take advantage of the EITC/OSTC program to donate that \$1000 to Saint Margaret School and receive a PA tax credit of \$900. So you give Saint Margaret School \$1000 at an out-of-pocket cost to you of \$100. Does this sound interesting? For more email info@smsnarberth.org. We are happy to share more information and count on this support for our school each year.

Tax Information for 2019

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.



Academy of Notre Dame de Namur

560 Sproul Road, Villanova, PA

47th Annual Fine Art Show & Sale

The Academy of Notre Dame de Namur is pleased to announce the 47th Annual Fine Art Show & Sale taking place Saturday, February 1 - Sunday, February 10, 2020. The show is free and open to the public!

This year's Featured Artist is Elizabeth Sabine (<http://elizabethsabineart.com/>) an artist known for her stunning seascapes and landscapes. In addition, 100 artists will present 1,000 works in oils, watercolors, acrylics, ceramics, metals, and glass. There is a wide price range that will appeal to every buyer of original art.

A ticketed Preview Party & Sale with the Artists takes place on Friday, January 31, 2020. For more information, please visit: www.ndapa.org/artshow or email ndartshow@ndapa.org

Funds generated by the show support Notre Dame's mission of educating young women for responsible living in a global society.

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, February 19, 2020 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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