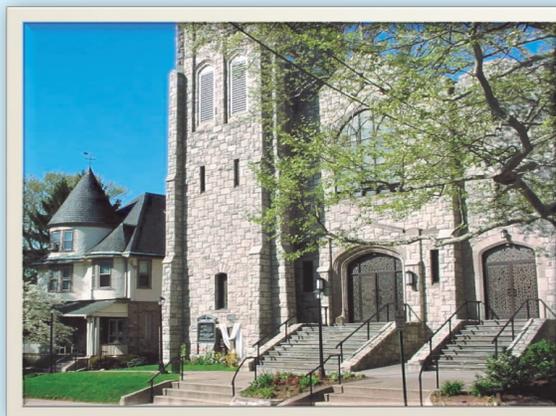


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**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
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FEBRUARY 23, 2020**



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**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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

My aunt and uncle once lived on a tiny street in the row-house world of South Philly. What fascinated me as a boy when my family and I visited their home was the vestibule, something lacking in our suburban home at the time. This was a very small space, hardly a "room," formed by the main front door and another one, featuring frosted glass. This second door opened into the living area, the heart of the home, with the dining space further in, ending with the kitchen, from which came the enticing aromas promising a good meal ahead.

I thought of that long ago scene, featuring that vestibule, when I considered the Readings for today and the upcoming season of Lent. With Ash Wednesday a scant three days away, we may consider ourselves "in the vestibule" of Lent. So said, we note that these bible excerpts make for a perfect combination of commandments and practical ways to respond. "A pair of doors" if you will, into the heart of the matter.

The first commands come from the book of Leviticus, where we read that Moses was ordered to give the people the Lord's word that they be holy. How? By not hating anyone, and not hesitating to correct anybody who needs it. Of course, they are to love their neighbor as themselves.

St. Paul weighs in with a reminder that each of us is like a temple in which God dwells. Then we read of how Our Lord spells out two of the hardest choices all Christians have to make, namely: avoiding revenge and actually loving our enemies.

We then exit this "vestibule" and step into Lent and its six weeks that follow for a kind of retreat. The self-imposed prayer and fasting time to drive out any "sludge" from the "piping" of our souls. All of this to prepare for our 2020 celebration of Easter. That celebration, as we know, balances out the calendar with seven weeks of "Alleluias" and rejoicing, with Spring as a bonus.

It seems to me this cyclical rhythm of liturgical observance helps to bring order and purpose to our spiritual life. There may be all kinds of chaos around us, with the pace of modern life never slowing down. So we need to resist that pressure lest we feel like a hamster trapped in a whirling metal circle. We are more than our schedules. More than our obligations and earthly duties. We live for a loving Lord. We trust in His way forward to a future of peace and happiness unending.

Getting back to family memories like that vestibule in my aunt and uncle's home, I think from time to time of an old, now forgotten slogan once used by my Dad's longtime employer, the Prudential Insurance Company. I know he believed in them, on several layers of meaning. The words? "*The future belongs to those who prepare for it.*" Not a bad watchword for all of us, here in the "vestibule" of Lent.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 24

7:00 AM Heidi Schiazza

TUESDAY, February 25

7:00 AM Leroy Tschatschula

WEDNESDAY, February 26

7:00 AM J. Taney Willcox, Jr.

12:05 PM Rev. Thomas J. McManus

7:00 PM P.J. Thorne & Andrew Hewitt

THURSDAY, February 27

7:00 AM Michael E. Dunn

FRIDAY, February 28

7:00 AM Regina G. Ricketts

SATURDAY, February 29

8:00 AM Mark Keffer & Maya Robinson

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



THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23, 2020
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
KEN HERBST.

Weekend Mass Schedule February 29-March 1

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, February 29

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

5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, March 1

7:30 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

10:00 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

11:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of February 16, 2020:	\$ 8,286
Including Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 665
Mail In:	\$ 1,393
Parish On Line:	\$ 1,090
Envelopes:	208

The Weekend of February 17, 2019: \$7,916

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

From the Pastor

Safe Haven Sunday – Archbishop Chaput has asked us to observe next Sunday, February 23 as Safe Haven Sunday, dedicated to giving parents guidance on how best to regulate the use of the internet by their children to avoid the snare of inappropriate and pornographic websites. Copies of a booklet entitled “Confident: Helping Parents Navigate Online Exposure” are available at the doors of the Church. The booklet gives practical guidance to parents in helping their children to avoid serious pitfalls in internet use. I encourage parents to take a copy and read it.

Ash Wednesday – This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season of repentance and renewal. Ashes will be distributed during Masses at 7:00 am, 8:45 am, 12:05 pm, and 7:00 pm, and during a Prayer Service at 4:00 pm.

Stations of the Cross – Stations of the Cross will be conducted every Friday in Lent at 7 PM in church. Come and join us for this valuable Lenten devotion.

Rice Bowl – Once again our Parish will be participating in Operation Rice Bowl during Lent. The Rice Bowls will be distributed at Masses this weekend. Please consider having a simple meal once a week during Lent and donating the funds you saved on food to Operation Rice Bowl. Your donations are used to feed the hungry in impoverished nations and 20% of the money collected is used for the Archdiocesan food pantries, which feed our local poor people. Donations to Operation Rice Bowl will be collected on Sunday, April 5.

Lenten Morning of Recollection and Other Adult Faith Formation during Lent – We are happy to announce that we have several adult faith formation sessions scheduled for the coming Lenten Season. Father Patrick Brady, a Scripture Professor at St. Charles Seminary, will be speaking at a Lenten morning of Recollection on Saturday, Feb. 29 from 9:00 – 10:00 am in the Annex. You are invited to attend the 8:00 am Mass that day. Refreshments will be served after Mass at 8:30 am. After Father Brady’s talk there will be a holy hour in the Church from 10:00 – 11:00 am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Confession will be available at that time.

Also, Dr. Antoine Raymundo will be speaking on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm in the Annex. He will speak on Fatherhood, Family life and Pro-Life Issues. In addition, Christopher DeMaio, a parishioner and a candidate for the Diaconate, will be speaking on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 pm in the Annex on Forgiveness, Reconciliation and Family life.

Sanctify your Lent by taking advantage of these opportunities for spiritual growth.

Confessions on Tuesday Evenings during Lent – In addition to our regularly scheduled confession times, Msgr. Dougherty will be available in Church for confession every Tuesday evening (March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7) during Lent from 8:00 – 9:00 pm. Lent is a particularly important time to turn away from sin and back to the Lord. Confession is a powerful means of receiving God’s forgiveness and being renewed in our efforts to be his faithful disciples.

Resources for Marriage Enrichment – Our Parish Theme this year is: “Family: A Communion of Life and Love.” The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has some good resources online concerning marriage. You can go to <https://www.foryourmarriage.org> to avail yourself of them.

Synopsis of Finance Council Meeting on Feb. 6, 2020 – The members are Msgr. Dougherty, Mary Anne Johnston, Cliff Coombs, John Braun, Lyle Nehls, Martha Ortiz, John Shea, Mark Rooney, Anne Becker, Christopher Klock, Michelene Fliszar, and Nicole Bazis. 1) Report on Second Quarter Financials – Finances for June to December are close to budget. We anticipate Church and School both finishing with a small surplus. 2) Capital Projects – Installation of Sound System has been completed. Plans are to take up the carpet in the sanctuary this summer and we hope to be able to restore the floor. We plan to move the baptismal font this summer from the sanctuary to a few pews from the doors of the Church. Repair work on damaged sidewalks is being priced and we hope to move forward on that project. A small committee is continuing to consider possible improvements to the Antioch Annex. An engineering firm will be hired to conduct an analysis of the Church and rectory to identify any possible needed repairs that we may be overlooking. 3) Other business – We are considering at a modest cost an upgrade to the phone system for the School and Church. The possibility of installing solar panels on the School was investigated and we determined that the outlay involved would be too expensive.

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From the Pastor

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Synopsis of School Advisory Board Meeting on February 12 – The members are Msgr. Dougherty, Mary Anne Johnston, Anne Becker, Robert Caskey, Nicole Jolly, David Walker, John Shea, Mark Rooney, Monica Lawrence, Nicole Veith, Peggy Garofolo, Rebecca Klick, Sean Marzolf, Sean Stevens, and Steve DiRico. 1) Marketing and Development - Re-enrollment and registration for next year are underway. Efforts continue to solicit contributions for the Educational Improvement Tax Credit and Opportunity Scholarship Grant Programs. 2) Finances – The school year is progressing close to budget. We anticipate that the School's operating budget will finish slightly in the black. Tuition for 2020-2021 will be determined by March 1. 3) Capital Projects – We will install new flooring in four to six classrooms this summer. We are gradually replacing the carpeted floors with laminate finished floor tiles that will be more sanitary and easier to clean. We are looking into resealing the parking lot and helping it to drain better. We anticipate some sidewalk repairs taking place. Another Smart Panel will be purchased soon. 4) Home and School Association – The Trivia Night and Family Bingo went very well. We are looking forward to the Maggie's Pub social and fundraiser on March 14. Appeals for business and individual sponsors have gone out. 5) Strategic Plan – We are working on developing a five-year strategic plan. Mrs. Johnston presented a comprehensive plan that we will continue to assess during the next meeting. 5) Grants – The School received notice that it will be receiving a grant of \$23,000 to cover the cost of the new gate that was installed in the schoolyard and a grant of \$18,000 for a program to help with the emotional and character development of the students.

Church Teaching: - The Sacrament of Penance – Christ instituted the sacrament of Penance for all sinful members of his Church: Above all for those who, since Baptism, have fallen into grave sin, and have thus lost their baptismal grace and wounded ecclesial communion. It is to them that the sacrament of Penance offers a new possibility to convert and to recover the grace of justification.

Without being strictly necessary, confession of everyday faults (venial sins) is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church. Indeed the regular confession of our venial sins helps us form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ and progress in the life of the Spirit. By receiving more frequently through this sacrament the gift of the Father's mercy, we are spurred to be merciful as he is merciful. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)



St Margaret School

St. Margaret School, is having on-going registration for children grades Pre-Kindergarten (must be 4 years on or before September 1st) and Kindergarten. Walk in Wednesdays are available for tours. Questions: Email Mrs. Becker: info@smsnarberth.org.

Classroom News

In Miss DiJoseph's Class KB, students have started writing and showing numbers 11-15 in ten frames. Students celebrated President's Day. They discussed about the two presidents from a long time ago, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. They learned about what a president does and how they are elected. In Religion, students talked about love and spreading love everyday.



MAGGIE'S PUB - Saturday, March 14, 2020

MAGGIE'S PUB is the place to be on St. Patrick's Day Weekend when everyone is Irish! Thank you to all our families and sponsors for this year's Maggie's Pub! **Bronze Sponsors:** Monsignor Dougherty, The Lawrence Family, Zommick McMahon Commercial Real Estate. **Blue & White Sponsors:** JKRP Architects, The DeAscanis Family. You can sponsor this great event by emailing Monica Lawrence at monicamlawrence@yahoo.com. Coming soon - sign up and pay for your sponsorship or tickets online.

SMS 8th Grade Lenten Captain Chucky's Crab Cake Sale - Back by Popular Demand!

Order form will be inserted in next week's bulletin.



ManUp Philly 2020 – The men of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are invited to the 12th Annual Men’s Spirituality Conference. You are encouraged to come for an inspiring day of faith and fellowship. Become the man God is calling you to be! Rediscover the power and meaning of your faith! Speakers include: Brent Celek, and Immaculee Ilibagiza. The Event takes place on Saturday, March 7 at the Neumann University Mirenda Center, Aston, PA. Visit ManUpPhilly.com for more information or to register.

World Day of Prayer for Women

Narberth Presbyterian Church invites you to join them in prayer to mark the annual World Day of Prayer for Women on the first Friday in March. For many years Christian women have been gathering in prayer to mark this day. Each year a different group writes the worship service and materials for the day. This year the women of Zimbabwe were the writers. The local prayer gathering will be at Narberth Presbyterian on Friday, March 6 at 10:00 am. You are welcome to participate. There is no cost. A free-will offering will be solicited. For more information call 610-664-4880 or go www.narberthpres.org.

**FAST AND ABSTINENCE
AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT**

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.



Lankenau Ministry Next Sunday, March 1, is St. Margaret’s weekend to take Holy Communion to the sick at the Lankenau. Group A is assigned but Group B is also welcome. If you cannot come this weekend, please try to exchange with someone. It is very important to get a replacement.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Archdiocese for the Military Services was established by Saint John Paul II in 1985 to provide a full range of Catholic pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces.

The mission of the Archdiocese is to “serve those who serve” by offering pastoral care to Catholics serving in the U.S. military, enrolled in the nation’s service academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs’ Medical Centers in the United States, Puerto Rico and Guam, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations. The Archdiocese and its priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral service to approximately 1.8 million Catholics. However, unlike a conventional diocese, the Archdiocese has no parishes or parish registries and no weekly collections. It relies solely on the generosity of private donations to support its programs and services.

Last year, Pope Francis told military ordinaries from around the world that “The role of military chaplains is to accompany and support [those in need] on the journey, to be a comforting and brotherly presence for them all.” Your support of the Archdiocese for the Military Services will bring the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to men and women who serve our country and defend our freedoms, including many individuals and families who hail from our own Greater Philadelphia region.

The collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services will be conducted in your parish on a weekend during Lent as determined by your Pastor. I ask your continued prayers and generous financial support for this important collection.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



We welcome into the Church

Grace Philomena Griffith
daughter of Andrea Gaudini and Jordan Griffith

Congratulations to the family on the Baptism of their child.

Spiritual Thought – Being a Christian isn’t just following the commandments, but means being in Christ, thinking like him, acting like him, loving like him; it means letting him take possession of our lives and change them, transform them, free them from the darkness of evil and sin. (Pope Francis)

A Little Humor – A reporter interviewing a 104-year-old woman asked, “What is the best thing about being 104?” She answered, “No peer pressure!”

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In case of serious illness, please contact the Rectory to make arrangements. If someone is already in the hospital, be sure to register as a Catholic so that the priest will visit.

COMMUNION CALLS

Parishioners unable to attend Mass regularly because of age or illness should call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Communion at home. If any member of your family is hospitalized, please be sure to register as a Catholic and inform the Rectory so that a visit can be arranged.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays at 1:00 PM. Arrangements must be made in advance at the Rectory by calling Msgr. Dougherty, ext. 12. If parents have not attended a Baptism class, they must attend our Baptism Preparation Seminar. Call the rectory to register for the class. Godparents guidelines state that one godparent must be Catholic. They must be at least 16 years of age, registered in the parish where they live, fully initiated, and practicing their faith; they must obtain a letter of eligibility from their own parish. One practicing non-Catholic Christian may also be admitted as a Christian Witness. [The next Baptism Preparation Seminar is Thursday, March 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.

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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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