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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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 1, 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Here at the start of Lent, our one great penitential season, the Church presents us with the Bible's "take" on temptation. We find that our original parents were easy targets for what Scripture calls that "most cunning of all the animals the Lord had made." What that lowdown snake in the grass proposed to Adam and Eve was the possibility of being God. We are not exempt from the same temptation even if we may only admit it to our best friend or confessor. It's the desire once and for all to be in charge. To decide what is and what will be.

Bearing in mind that Adam and Eve never called on God for help, the proposition wound up being too much for Adam and Eve. So they gave in and ate that famous fruit of the one forbidden tree in the center of the garden. What they lost was incalculable. Gone were unbridled wisdom and total innocence. What they gained was shame and a run to make loincloths and note the lock on Heaven's gates.

That was the situation until the long-planned and righteous reversal of things began on one holy night in the little town of Bethlehem. The Babe born then and there would later be called the "second Adam" by the man we call "St. Paul."

Whatever temptations haunt our days all boil down to a defect in our wills and a fragile love for God. Except for Mary our Mother and the saints, our hearts are divided. We just do not want to risk losing whatever of wealth, power, fame, that we have, or think we have. Jesus was perfect love for God His Father, so that none of those three entities had any attraction for Him. Nothing would ever get in the way of His love for His Father.

Two action plans I would suggest for this Lent. First, sit still long enough to identify your particular temptations. Jot them down in a personal Lenten notebook. Then plot your "battle plan." Best for this are the traditional practices of Lent - prayer, fasting and alms giving. Like a plan to lose weight, such a program requires discipline and exercise. The latter does not mean a gym workout but a more frequent walk up the parish church aisle to feed on Christ's Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

Allow me to close with a somewhat humorous Lenten caution. It is important to recognize that temptations are certain to ring your doorbell; but it's your own fault if you ask them in to stay for dinner. Take care to enjoy your new week and don't be a stranger in the pews.



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.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 2

7:00 AM Philip Foelster

TUESDAY, March 3

7:00 AM Rosemary Healy

WEDNESDAY, March 4

7:00 AM Mae Pasquariello

THURSDAY, March 5

7:00 AM Priscilla Colbert

FRIDAY, March 6

7:00 AM Mary Ellen Nodolski

SATURDAY, March 7

8:00 AM Edmund Zelno

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



THE WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2020
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
NICHOLAS CIPRIANI.

Weekend Mass Schedule March 7-8

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, March 7

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

5:15 PM - Fr. Pesarchick

Sunday, March 8

7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

10:00 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

11:30 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>Weekend of February 23, 2020:</u>	\$ 10,113
Including Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 665
Mail In:	\$ 1,040
Parish On Line:	\$ 1,685
Envelopes:	210

The Weekend of February 24, 2019: \$9,314

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

From the Pastor

Lent: a Penitential Season – Lent is a time we focus particularly on turning away from our sins and back to the Lord. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the means by which we repent of our sins and renew our commitment to Jesus Christ. Fasting, or any act of sacrificial penance, is a means by which we call to mind our sins, make an act of sacrificial love to the Lord, and discipline our wills to choose the way of God. The discipline of Lent helps to make us better disciples, more willing and able to give ourselves to Christ and to choose his will in our lives and daily decisions. May our acts of discipline this Lent be done out of love for the Lord and help us to love and serve him more fully.

Little Black Books – The little black books are available for your use during Lent. The books contain a daily reflection that can help you to experience better the meaning and value of Lent and strengthen your relationship with the Lord. The books are available at the doors of Church. Please take and read. Just a few minutes each day can make a dramatic difference in our spiritual lives.

Tuesday Evening Confessions – This Tuesday, and every Tuesday during Lent, confession will be available from 8:00 – 9:00 pm. Lent is a good time to receive God’s forgiveness and open our hearts to the healing power of his love.

Stations of the Cross – During Lent we meditate on the suffering the Lord endured for our sins. The Stations of the Cross is a powerful devotion that helps us to enter into deep sorrow for our sins and to appreciate the depth of Christ’s love for us as we contemplate all that he suffered on our behalf. Stations are held on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Speaker for Catholic Relief Services Next Weekend – In conjunction with Operation Rice Bowl, a Catholic Relief Services Sponsored Lenten Activity, Deacon Joseph Petrauskas, a permanent deacon from the Diocese of Allentown, will be speaking at all the Masses next weekend. Deacon Petrauskas is a Global Fellow for Catholic Relief Services who speaks in parishes about the good being done by Catholic Relief Services for the needy throughout the world.

Adult Faith Formation – Dr. Antoine Raymundo will be at our parish on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm in the Annex to speak on Fatherhood, Marriage and Pro-Life issues. Come and join us for this Lenten opportunity to deepen the knowledge of our faith and grow in God’s wisdom and grace.

Church Teaching: Conversion – The human heart is heavy and hardened. God must give man a new heart. Conversion is first of all a work of the grace of God who makes our hearts return to him: “Restore us to thyself, O Lord, that we may be restored!” God gives us the strength to begin anew. It is in discovering the greatness of God’s love that our heart is shaken by the horror and weight of sin and begins to fear offending God by sin and being separated from him. The human heart is converted by looking upon him whom our sins have pierced. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Spiritual Thought – In these days, let us add something beyond the usual measure of our service, such as private prayers and abstinence in food and drink. Let each of us, over and above the measure prescribed, offer something of our free will in the joy of the Holy Spirit. (Rule of St. Benedict – regarding Lent)

A Little Humor – A teenage girl received a note from her boyfriend that said: I would swim the mighty ocean for one look into your eyes. I would walk through a wall of flames for a touch of your hands. I would leap over the deepest chasm to hear one kind word from your lips. He signed it: Love, Ted. P.S. I’ll be over Sunday night, if it doesn’t rain.

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.



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Gerard Keaveney who recently passed away. May he rest in peace and his loved ones be comforted.

St. Margaret School, is having on-going registration for children grades Pre-Kindergarten (must be 4 years on or before September 1st). Walk in Wednesdays (9 AM - 11 AM) are available for tours. Email Mrs. Becker: info@smsnarberth.org for more information.

Designer Bag Bingo

Thank you to all who supported our annual Designer Bag Bingo event last week. It was a huge success. Thank you to Sandy Shopa, Nancy Scholz and Julie McCabe who coordinated this event. Hope to see you all next year.

Back by Popular Demand! Lenten Captain Chucky's Crab Cake Sale (SMS 8th Grade fundraiser)
Order form is inserted in this week's bulletin.

Classroom News

Grade 6 - Students are excited that they will be going to the Revolutionary War Museum on 3/16 as part of their studies! They will be taking a facilitated tour, seeing the video *Washington's War Tent*, and participating in an activity: Spy on Philadelphia. This is going to be an awesome learning experience for the class!

PKB-Mrs. Holston - PK students are learning to find ways to connect math with art. They read a fun story called 10 Black Dots by Donald Crew and then created their own pictures using 10 black dots.

Kindergarten - Students celebrated the 100th Day of School. To show their school spirit and commemorate this special day, the class dressed like they were 100 years old! It was a fun and exciting day. The Kindergarten students were very creative!



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:** Mary Ann and Kevin Johnston. **Blue & White Sponsors:** The Marzolf Family. If you would like to be a sponsor, email Monica Lawrence at monicamlawrence@yahoo.com.

Congratulations!



Merion Mercy Academy 2019-2020 First Semester Honor Roll

Grace J. Brazunas	Grade 12 Distinguished Honors
Regina P. Passarella	Grade 11 Distinguished Honors
Violet C. Lorei	Grade 10 Distinguished Honors
Isabella M. Hennessey	Grade 9 Distinguished Honors
Moira K. Byrne	Grade 11 Honors
Erica M. Belden	Grade 10 Honors
Margaret A. Iannone	Grade 9 Honors

The Prep

First Semester 2019-20 Academic Honors

Ethan R. Cook	Maxwell J. Coyne	
Daniel J. Friedlander	Denis J. Gallagher	
Martin T. Gallagher	Noah J. Klick	

CYO Spring Sports

Baseball

3rd & 4th Grade; JV - 5th to 6th Grade;
Varsity - 7th to 8th Grade

Track

1st to 8th Grade



Registration is now open. All participants must be registered prior to attending practice which will begin on 3/2/20 for baseball grades 5-8, and mid-March for all other sports. Please visit <http://stmargaret.website.sportssignup.com> for information and registration.



Hunger in Our World

When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves." Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



We welcome into the Church
Siobhan Marguerite Lamb
daughter of Patrick and Jeanne Lamb

Congratulations to the family on the Baptism of their child,

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Week of March 1, 2020

Pam Owsik 610-659-7021

Please call as early in the week as possible.

Food Collection

Weekend - Next

Weekend is our monthly food collection weekend (March 7 & 8). This program collects non-perishable foods each month for the Archdiocesan Community Food Distribution Centers Program. They provide food for 40 Food Cupboards throughout the Philadelphia area. All items should be brought to the school Cafeteria next weekend. Thank you for your generous support of this program.



To help with the food collection, two weekends a year, please contact Henry Hockheimer at HockheimerH@ballardspahr.com



Upcoming Opportunities for Retreat and Reflection

Life Awareness Retreat

March 20-22, 2020. Arrival: Friday 4-6 PM,

Departure: Sunday 1 PM

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, 3501 Solly Ave., Philadelphia

For ages 18-45, an opportunity to disconnect and plug into the Voice of God. RSVP by March 11 to Sr. Ivette Diaz at Idiaz@mercymidatlantic.org or 494-562-1574.

Women's Spirituality Retreat

April 3-5, 2020

Marianist Family Retreat Ctr, Cape May Point, NJ

Join with other women in an exploration of your own story and the stories of women in faith during this weekend of rest and renewal. For more information, visit www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Spring Concert -

Scythian and McLean Avenue Band

Come enjoy lively Irish music on Saturday, March 30, at Villanova University's Jake Nevin Fieldhouse, benefiting the elderly poor of Holy Family Home. Tickets are \$50 (\$20 for students, \$10 for children 12 and under), and includes admission, food, and drinks (valid ID required). For reservations, please send your name, address, phone number and check to: Sr. Veronica, Holy Family Home - Dept PB, 5300 Chester Ave., Phila., PA 19143. For more information or credit card payment, visit our website at www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org. Thank you for your prayers and support!



Man Up Philly 2020 – Newly appointed Archbishop Nelson J. Perez will be celebrating Mass at Man Up Philly this year! The Event, which is the 12th Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Men's Conference, takes place on Saturday, March 7 at the Neumann University Mirinda Center, Aston, PA. Visit ManUpPhilly.com for more information or to register. Share with your friends. Save 10% with the Discount Code: **PEREZ**.

NO GREATER LOVE - SACRIFICE OVER SELF

MEET DEACON JOE PETRAUSKAS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Please join in extending a warm welcome to Deacon Joe Petruskas, a Catholic Relief Services Global Fellow, who will be visiting our parish the weekend of March 7 and 8. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the official international relief and development agency that assists the poor and vulnerable in more than 100 countries on behalf of the Catholic Community in the United States. Deacon Joe is part of a national effort to raise awareness on behalf of the poor overseas and to provide different opportunities for you to get involved in the work of CRS. Deacon Joe, through his homily at all Masses, will discuss the work of CRS including his trip as part of a CRS delegation to Egypt in January 2017. He worked firsthand with Syrian and Sudanese refugees and asylum seekers in the programs that CRS is administering in that country. Deacon Joe is from the Diocese of Allentown where he resides with his wife of 47 years and family.



VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
HEED THE CALL

Come & See Weekend St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

Men who are discerning a possible call to the priesthood are invited to attend a **Come & See Weekend** at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. There is no cost for the weekends and a single room and meals are included. Discerners will have the opportunity to gather with the Seminarian Community for Mass and Liturgy of the Hours, and engage in discussions and activities with the seminarians.

Upcoming Dates are:

High School Men

Saturday, March 14 - Sunday, March 15, 2020

Post-High School Men

Friday, April 24 - Sunday, April 26, 2020.

To register, visit heedthecall.org/comeandsee or contact Sue Matour at smatour@archphila.org or 610-667-5778.

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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<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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