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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 OF EASTER APRIL 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Maybe there is a good form of envy. Most of the common types are bad because they exemplify an ugly discontent with regard to another's advantages, success, possessions and more. The "good envy" I am proposing is really a misnomer. It's better to call it "wishful thinking," which I best do before you conclude that I've brazenly altered the list of capital sins.

All this thinking stems from an often expressed wish to have lived back in those "happy days when Jesus walked," as the beloved spiritual puts it. Especially after reading today's Gospel, this annual retelling of what took place on the road to Emmaus on a blessed afternoon long, long ago. I daydream of joining those two early Christians. What a lifelong memory they were going to have! All of that because Jesus had suddenly walked with them and joined in their conversation.

"Is there any other reason why I'd want to have been there?" you may ask. "Yes indeed!" I say. Because aside from Christ's company I would have been able to listen in as Jesus gave an incomparable Bible study. He taught "beginning with Moses and all the prophets, and interpreted to them all that referred to Him in all the Scriptures." What a lesson! What a Teacher!

But in a more down to earth second thought, you and I both have to remember that we already have a similar Emmaus experience on the road of our lives each and every Sunday. My wishful reverie fades as I remember that we have the same Scriptures, and the same Lord present to us, although at Mass Christ is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, albeit invisibly under the appearances of bread and wine.

I have no wish to spoil our Easter joy with gloom, but in this context I must admit that we faithful believers must deal with a sad statistic that is both shocking and sad from a Pew survey: "37% of so-called Catholics do not believe in the real presence of Christ in the consecrated Eucharistic bread and wine." The same survey revealed that "22% of Catholics reject the idea, even though they know about the Church's teaching."

As for regarding the Holy Eucharist as a mere symbol, the stated belief of many non-Catholic Christian Churches, we have the earthy words of a devout mid-20th century American Catholic writer Flannery O'Connor, who put it this way: "Well, if it's a symbol, to hell with it." Blunt? Yes. Insightful? Yes. The Resurrection is really all the proof we need that everything Jesus said and did was approved by His heavenly Father.

In England there is a paper factory that makes the finest stationery in the world. One day a man touring the factory asked what it was made from. He was shown a huge pile of old rags and told that the rag content was what determined the quality of the paper. The visitor would not believe it.

A few weeks later he received from the company a package of paper with his initials embossed on it. On the top piece were written the words "Dirty rags transformed." The same is true of our Christian life. It is a process of transformation from what we were into something new and wonderful.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Suspended until further notice.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 27

7:00 AM Anna Nardi

TUESDAY, April 28

7:00 AM Joseph Quigley

WEDNESDAY, April 29

7:00 AM McColgan & Renninger Families

THURSDAY, April 30

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Kienlen Family

FRIDAY, May 1

7:00 AM Kathleen Rodden

SATURDAY, May 2

8:00 AM Milagros Velasquez José



THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2020
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
GEORGE H. PAHLER.

Until further notice from Archbishop Pérez, Msgr. Dougherty will celebrate weekday and Saturday morning Masses privately for the requested intentions. The Masses are livestreamed on saintmarg.org and our Facebook page.

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

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>Weekend of April 19, 2020:</u>	\$ 7,464
Including Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 665
Mail In:	\$ 3,865
Parish On Line:	\$ 2,934
Envelopes:	98

Easter Collection 2020: \$34,417

Easter Collection 2019: \$38,331

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

Msgr. Dougherty

From the Pastor

The Whispers of the Lord – These days of distancing have made the rectory a very quiet place. Because of the quiet, I am much more attentive to sounds I never noticed much before: the chirping of the birds; the creaking noises of this old house; and the voices of people walking by. In an Old Testament passage, the prophet Elijah was told that the Lord would be coming to him. He heard the sound of an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; the sound of a strong wind, but the Lord was not there; the Lord came in a quiet whisper. Pope Francis has often spoken of the need for silence in our lives if we are to meet the Lord, enjoy his presence, and hear his voice. The disciples on the road to Emmaus met the Lord on a quiet walk through the country and at a simple meal at which the Lord broke the bread.

When I was working at the seminary and heard many seminarians tell the stories of how they felt the Lord calling them to the priesthood, I noticed that many of them heard the call in times of quiet and silence. One, for example, spoke of getting a job which required a lot of travel, and the quiet nights in hotel rooms gave him time to reflect and sense the Lord's presence and call.

The Lord comes to us most often in the quiet and ordinary moments of life. The required distancing has slowed us down in many ways and given us more time to reflect in the silence. The risen Lord walks with us; pay attention to his loving presence and his quiet, reassuring voice that he is alive and all will be well.

Church Finances and the Coronavirus – As anticipated, the absence of public Masses has caused a drop in our Church income. For the month of March, we collected \$11,000 less than last year. Most of our Parish and School staff continue to work, mainly remotely. In accord with the recommendations of the Archdiocese and the government to soften the financial impact of the virus on our community and society, we have not laid off any employees and continue to pay the few employees who are now not able to work because of the new circumstances. Proceeding in this fashion has made us eligible to apply for help from the federal stimulus package. We have submitted our application and await the outcome. I know that many people are experiencing financial challenges at this time, so I do want to thank all those who have continued to contribute online, or by mailing in or dropping off your donations. The continued financial support for the Parish from all of you, according to your means, will be much appreciated and a big help to assuring the financial stability of our Parish.

May: the Month of Mary – As we approach the month of May, our thoughts go to Mary. She is the supreme example of someone who was conscious of the presence of the Lord in all the moments of her life. As his mother, she was ever attentive to him both in the quiet days at Nazareth and throughout his public ministry, right through his suffering, death and resurrection. The rosary is a particularly powerful prayer that helps us to take on the mind and heart of Mary, to make us attentive to the Lord in our lives. This time of crisis is a good time to pray to Mary to intercede for us, especially through the rosary. Being more attentive to Mary's presence with us through praying the rosary makes us more attentive to the Lord, in whom we place our faith and hope and to whom we turn for the healing, strength and peace we need.

Ordinations to the Priesthood – Normally, the priestly ordinations for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia take place on the third Saturday of May. The Archdiocese recently announced that the ordinations to Priesthood are now scheduled for June 20. The assignment changes for the priests this year will be announced the weekend of June 19-20 and the priests will report to their new assignments on July 8.

Online Evening Rosary – The Office of Evangelization of the Archdiocese is hosting online a rosary each evening at 8:00 pm to pray for the Lord's help at this difficult time. You can go to phillyevang.org to join in. Go to Events and click on Rosary Campaign and follow the instructions from there.

Church Teaching: The Sacrament of the Eucharist – Because of the inexhaustible richness of this sacrament, it is referred to by many names. For example, the Breaking of Bread, because Jesus used this rite, part of a Jewish meal, when as master of the table he blessed and distributed the bread, above all at the Last Supper. It is by this action that his disciples will recognize him after his Resurrection, and it is this expression that the first Christians will use to designate their Eucharistic assemblies; by doing so they signified that all who eat the one broken bread, Christ, enter into communion with him and form but one body in him. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

A Little Humor – One of the nice things about getting older is you can hide your own Easter eggs and still have fun finding them.



St. Margaret's church is open for private prayer from 7:30 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Saturday, and 7:30 AM to 2 PM on Sunday.



Visit our parish website and celebrate the **Mass** with our parish community!



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Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Spiritual and Temporal Resources
In response to COVID19

Please visit <http://archphila.org/covid19/> for a comprehensive list of Archdiocesan, Catholic and government resources.

Why a Catholic School for your family? At St. Margaret School we focus on - Learn, Serve, Lead, and Succeed through the tenets of our faith. Current openings will fill quickly for St. Margaret, Narberth PREKINDERGARTEN – 4 Year Old Program. We have it all. Weekly specials include Library, Music, Spanish, PE, Technology/Computers, and Art. Our curriculum prepares your child for kindergarten and beyond with a focus on virtues for life and leading to succeed. Reserve your child / family the opportunity of a lifetime in our Catholic parish elementary school serving Lower Merion and the local parishes. **We have openings for our Pre K 4 Years Old Program; children must be 4 before Sept 1. For more information, please email info@smsnarberth.org.**

We are your parish school and engage faith in education every day.

The Institute for Christian Formation
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
For Adults, 18 and above
Classes begin September 10, 2020

One-hour information sessions are being held at the Seminary, once per month, and hosted by the Coordinator of the School of Theological Studies. The 4PM sessions remaining are May 14, June 18, July 16 and August 20. Please visit scs.edu/ICF for updates and to read about this exciting, new spiritual formation opportunity which will renew hearts and minds in Christ.

For more information, contact Suzanne Mulrain at smulrain@scs.edu or 610-785-6595.



Thank You

Don't forget to make your Rice Bowl donation. To **donate online**, please visit crsricebowl.org and scroll to the bottom of the page to make your Lenten donation.



CANTATE DOMINO 2020

Summer Choir Camp

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
July 27, 28 and 29 from 9 AM - 2 PM
Concert July 29, 2020 at 7 PM

Camp open to boys and girls, ages 7-15. This is a unique musical experience which includes an introduction to sacred repertoire, vocal breathing techniques, vowel formation, choral tone, sight signing, and music theory. Last year, 52 choristers joined us. Don't miss this amazing experience!

For more information, visit: www.cathedralphila.org/music/choirs-at-the-cathedral-basilica.



Online Giving - Saint Margaret

Parish has arranged a convenient and 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>.

This is an easy way to continue to support your parish during the COVID19 pandemic.
Thank you!



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

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.
We place before You the disease present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in Your care.

Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You.

Amen.

Nightly Rosary to End Coronavirus

Each night at 8:00 PM, the Office for the New Evangelization is hosting an online **Rosary Campaign** for an end to the Coronavirus at phillyevang.org/rosary/. This Rosary will continue nightly until it's no longer needed!



Lankenau Ministry is suspended until further notice. On March 17, 2020, Archbishop Pérez stated, **“In conjunction with directives already in force in hospitals and institutions, all visits to the sick with Holy Communion, including in private homes, by priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are suspended. In such instances, only priests will be available to celebrate the Sacraments for those in immediate danger of death.**

Spiritual Thought – The liturgy, through which the work of our redemption is accomplished, most of all in the divine sacrifice of the Eucharist, is the outstanding means whereby the faithful may express in their lives, and manifest to others, the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the true Church. (from the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican Council II)



The Miraculous Medal Shrine

***Wine, Dine, and Shine ONLINE:
Young Adult Leadership Retreat
Saturday, May 9 - 1:00 p.m.***

When was the last time you stepped back, slowed down, and reconnected with God – and yourself? Join us for a half-day retreat where you'll be able to do those things all from the comfort of your home. You'll learn how to identify your spiritual gifts and use them to glorify Our Lord through your work and your daily life. Enjoy this day of renewal to help you on your spiritual and ministerial journey.

The Coronavirus pandemic shouldn't stop us from growing in our faith and discovering our gifts. Even though we cannot wine, dine, and shine together in person, we can still do it virtually. So pour yourself a glass of wine, get some of your favorite appetizers ready, and join us for a virtual Leadership Retreat. The presenter will be Julie Burkey, D.Min., Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology at Seton Hall University.

Retreat Details:

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020
Retreat Time: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Location: on your laptop at home
Fee: Free

(donations to the Miraculous Medal shrine welcome)

For further information and to register, please visit <https://miraculousmedal.org/events/wine-dine-shine-at-shrine>.

Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Help-Line

Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or Autism? A collaboration of Catholic Social Services - Developmental Programs, The Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Schools of Special Education of the Archdiocese is offering this convenient help-line to assist families connect to disabilities services provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. **To reach the Help-Line, call: 484-472-5041 or email: IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org.**



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.

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, April 29, 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/ArchbishopPerez>
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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