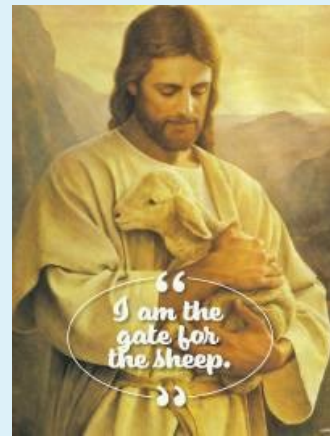


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 3, 2020



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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.



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Most mornings find me driving a fairly busy route to the parish church where I assist with Masses in my working retirement. I get a form of the "morning rush hour" so loved by the TV traffic reporters. Be that as it may, I often wind up riding behind either a driver who favors 43 mph in the legal 50 mph, or in front of another with a keen desire to inhale my exhaust as he/she is doing 60 in the same zone. On one of those recent mornings traveling in South Jersey farmland brought me alongside a scene of grazing sheep "safely grazing" to quote the hymn. Munching contentedly their farm grown breakfast, they were a sharp contrast to the human activity.

This "Good Shepherd Sunday" offers us an opportunity to consider that ancient occupation, mostly missing on modern job applications and what it might teach us. Shepherding in Jesus' time had all the dimensions of a "24/7" task, as we might describe it. The person so designated had to literally live with his herd of dependents around the clock. He or she had to be an outdoor type, sometimes compelled to be the actual "gate" as they stretched out at night across the gap in the stone fence that acted as a pen for the herd. The pay was usually nothing to blow a ram's horn about. Still it was good work, enough for a person to take care of him/herself and any dependents. And if the shepherd was truly good, there developed a healthy respect for their woolly charges. Such a person was the exact opposite of those wandering strangers seeking only a paycheck, with no interest whatever in the sheep.

Our Lord was in such good touch with the reality of His day that when He assumed the teacher's role, He described Himself as the Good Shepherd with all that implied. Is it any wonder that St. Peter's current successor, Pope Francis, has urged his bishops and priests to acquire "the smell of the sheep?" But that also means that the lay faithful of the Church, the sheep, be far more than "contented grazers" along the highway. Or just be Sunday "pew warmers" when the world is so cold towards Christ every day of the week.

Bud Wilkinson, a famous football coach, was once asked, "What contribution does professional sport make to the physical fitness of Americans?" To no one's surprise, he answered, "Very little. A professional football game," he said, "is a happening where fifty thousand spectators, desperately needing exercise, sit in the stands watching twenty-two men on the field, desperately needing rest." Let that description never fit our Church dear friends. Especially in this unusual time, Our Good Shepherd deserves our best.



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.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, May 4

7:00 AM Russ Davison

TUESDAY, May 5

7:00 AM Russ Davison

WEDNESDAY, May 6

7:00 AM Russ Davison

THURSDAY, May 7

7:00 AM Russ Davison

FRIDAY, May 8

7:00 AM Dorothy J. DiGiovanni

SATURDAY, May 9

8:00 AM Mary and Jack Mullarkey



THE WEEK OF MAY 3, 2020
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
THE HO LE FAMILY.
THE ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
KATHLEEN KIENLEN.

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 26, 2020:</u>	\$ 10,715
Including Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 665
Mail In:	\$ 6,165
Parish On Line:	\$ 3,885
Envelopes:	113

The Weekend of April 28, 2019: \$7,448.

Easter Collection 2020: \$38,547

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

World Day of Prayer for Vocations – The word “vocations” has its root in the Latin word “vocare,” meaning “to call.” Our Catholic faith teaches that God calls each of us to walk down one of three main paths in life: marriage, the priesthood or consecrated life; or the single life as a lay person. What is important for us to realize is that our vocation comes from God. God wants what is best for us and wants us to pursue the path that will bring us the greatest happiness and do the most good in serving God and others. For this reason coming to know our vocation requires discernment, trying to know and follow where God is leading us.

We pray that all people may honestly and prayerfully discern their calling in life, but on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations we particularly pray for those who are called to the priesthood or consecrated life. We ask God to give them the grace to discern his call. We need our priests and religious to witness to the primacy of our relationship with God. They point us to God and help us to be faithful to him and experience the joy and goodness he wants to give us. May the Lord help all those called to the priesthood or consecrated life to hear his call, rejoice in the blessing of such a vocation, and follow the path on which God is leading them in the service of the Church and our world.

Good Shepherd Sunday – On the Fourth Sunday of Easter the Gospel reading always refers to Christ as the Good Shepherd. For this reason, this Sunday is often referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. There are many images which seek to capture the person and role of Jesus. He is referred to as Savior, Lord, Redeemer, Healer and many other titles, but it has been my experience that the title of the Lord that seems to instantly touch people’s hearts and give them comfort and peace is the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. I still recall when I was in the Seminary many years ago hearing a homily on the Good Shepherd that really touched my soul and left a lasting impression upon me regarding the ever present, protective, personal love that the Lord has for each one of us. The Lord is always with us to guide, nourish and watch over us. It is a presence the Lord wants each of us to feel in these days of the pandemic. The Lord is near and wants us to find comfort and consolation in his presence.

Month of Mary – I have been joining in nightly with the praying of the rosary sponsored by the Office of Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. You can access this rosary by going to phillyevang.org and clicking on Events, then clicking on Rosary Campaign. May is the month in which we especially venerate Mary as our loving Mother. Praying the rosary is a great way to become more aware of her loving presence and to allow her to lead us closer to her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Missalettes and Streaming - If you wish, please feel free to take a Missalette/Hymnal home so that you can follow along with the Mass and the hymns used for it.

Church Teaching: The Blessed Virgin Mary – Mary is a virgin because her virginity is the sign of her faith unadulterated by any doubt, and her undivided gift of herself to God’s will. It is her faith that enables her to become the mother of the Savior: Mary is more blessed because she embraces faith in Christ than because she conceives the flesh of Christ. At once virgin and mother, Mary is the symbol and the most perfect realization of the Church: the Church indeed..... by receiving the word of God in faith becomes herself a mother. By preaching and Baptism she brings forth sons, who are conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of God, to a new and immortal life. She herself is a virgin, who keeps in its entirety and purity the faith she pledged to her spouse. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Spiritual Thought: Mary, our Mother – God gave us Mary for a support in our weakness, a consolation in our sufferings, a help in our dangers, and a refuge in our sinfulness. (Edouard de Lehen, The Way of Interior Peace, 1888)

A Little Humor: Church Bulletin Bloopers

“Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.”

“Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 pm – prayer and medication to follow.”

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended until further notice.



VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD
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HEED THE CALL

Weekly Discernment Groups

High School and Post-High School Men

Men, high school and post-high school, who are exploring a possible call to the priesthood are invited and encouraged to attend **Weekly Discernment Groups** with Fr. DeLacy and some of the seminarians from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Men participate in weekly online discussions related to topics of discernment using the book To Save A Thousand Souls. The men gather from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on Sunday nights (Post-High School Men) and Thursday nights (High School Men). To participate in these discernment groups, please contact Fr. DeLacy at fr.sdelacy@archphila.org.



Due to the stay-at-home order and coronavirus restrictions in effect in Montgomery County, all parish activities, including the monthly food collection, are suspended until further notice. The monthly collection supports the efforts of the Archdiocesan Community Food Distribution Centers Program to provide food for 120,000 people each year at 40 Food Cupboards throughout the Philadelphia area. During this time, you can support the Community Food Program by donating online at:

<http://communityfoodprogram.org/>

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.



As the June 2 primary approaches, we are all reminded of the importance of performing our civic duty by voting. This year, the State of Pennsylvania is encouraging people to vote safely by mail. To start the process of signing up for "Vote by Mail" go to www.votespa.com and follow the directions. If you do not have access to the internet, you can also get a paper application for "Vote by Mail" by calling the PA Department of State at 1-877-868-3722.



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!***



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.

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.
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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!



Archdiocese
of
Philadelphia

*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.



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. 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>.

Life in the Spirit

Virtual Conference begins May 4th!



Unlock the gifts of the Spirit within you!

Free Registration:
youaremadenew.com/life-in-the-spirit-2020

The Lord has more for you!

He desires an intimate relationship with you through openness to His Holy Spirit and His gifts. Renew and ignite the power of the Holy Spirit within you!

Come and experience freedom with the Holy Spirit!

Conference Details

Life in the Spirit is for all ages, 16-96! We will meet weekly on Monday evenings at 7:30pm ET for 8 weeks, beginning on Monday May 4th. All sessions will take place via zoom video conference. Conferencing details will be provided upon registration. For more information, and to register, visit: <https://youaremadenew.com/life-in-the-spirit-2020/>.



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.

EMBRACING THE GIFT

Mothers of Children with Disabilities Retreat
Save the date for next year's retreat!

MAY 4, 2021

This year's retreat is canceled due to Covid-19. Please plan to attend next year.



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, May 28, 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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