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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 12, 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, 8:45, 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.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

One of life's persistent questions is "What if?" If we answer by looking back on our lives, we could face heaps of regret. If we gaze into the future, we may get carried away with our daydreams or forget about the contingency of all things. But once in a while, we get pleasant answers to the question, well-grounded and uplifting. Case in point: this weekend's Gospel passage. The unspoken variant is this: "What if Jesus were to explain some of His parables?" Fortunately for us, here He did.

As always, we admire Jesus' ingenuity as a teacher, using what is familiar to His audience at the time, in this case some rural workers. But as part of the Divine Word referred to by Isaiah, what Jesus said is addressed to a much wider audience than the original one. That happens to include you and me.

Now, some of us may actually have been sowers, at least when we spread grass seed on threadbare patches of our front lawn. Therefore the result of our sowing is also a bit chancy. We marvel when the seed catches on. Not so for (dare I call Him?) "Farmer Jesus!"

Perhaps because we have heard this parable many times, we pivot right to its application. Of the four landing places for the seed, we ask, "Which one am I?" Here we must guard against being cavalier about our answer. We may conclude that because we're hearing the parable at Mass, we have the right to say "I must be that good soil." Or, we could go in the opposite direction and hastily condemn ourselves for being "rocky soil" or even "thorns."

May I humbly suggest that, if you're anything like me, you have been all four types at various points in life. Our spiritual lives always seem to be "works in progress." That's because they are. It's a matter of two steps backwards for every one step forward. Of course, with no sarcasm meant, you just may be one of those hidden saints that have always been part of the Church, even though you would never say so about yourself.

But for the majority of us there is usually this bouncing back and forth. That could make me worry, which Our Lord said elsewhere is foolish. I am grateful that the Holy Spirit gives us St. Paul, one very transparent saint. He freely admits his progress and regression in the matter of his behavior. But note what Paul writes to us in today's Second Reading: "I consider the sufferings of this present time as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us." Our very vacillation is a form of suffering. (So is coping with all the effects we have endured of Covid 19, although that is subject for another reflection.)

So, taking St. Paul's words to heart, we do not have to waste our time worrying about our eternal glory being in jeopardy because of our unintended relapses. As long as we repent and rise up to try again, we will see God face to face and experience a peace and joy unmatched by anything here on earth.

- MONDAY, July 13**
7:00 AM Helen O'Rourke
- TUESDAY, July 14**
7:00 AM Kathleen Rodden
- WEDNESDAY, July 15**
7:00 AM Daniel Fahy
- THURSDAY, July 16**
7:00 AM Brian Clarke
- FRIDAY, July 17**
7:00 AM Nafeh Aziz Almemar
- SATURDAY, July 18**
8:00 AM John Nardi, Jr.



THE WEEK OF JULY 12, 2020
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
JOHN NARDI, JR.
THE ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
LOUIS & MARY SURIANO.

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 June 28, 2020:</u>	\$ 6,469
Including Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 665
Mail In:	\$ 1,450
Parish On Line:	\$ 2,085
Envelopes:	124

The Weekend of June 30, 2019: \$8,429

<u>Weekend of July 5, 2020:</u>	\$ 9,881
Including Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 665
Mail In:	\$ 3,404
Parish On Line:	\$ 3,192
Envelopes:	153

The Weekend of July 7, 2019: \$9,075

Campaign for Human Development: \$1,444

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

Msgr. Dougherty

From the Pastor

Archbishop Pérez on Celebrating Independence Day and the American Dream – I never dreamed I would be celebrating Independence Day in the cradle of liberty as Archbishop of Philadelphia - or under the circumstances of a pandemic as well as societal tensions rooted in race relations. This year, our national holiday and the current national atmosphere offer an opportunity for reflection and for hope.

When the founding fathers gathered in 1776 to sign the Declaration of Independence, just a few miles from where the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul stands today, it was also a tense and anxiety-ridden time. As in the present day, major challenges affected everyone in society.

In the midst of that tension, our founding fathers declared, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” That declarative statement was a watershed moment in world history. It marked a new age in political thought, one that sought to shape the laws of man to ensure that the God-given rights and dignity of every individual would be upheld without discrimination. This political revolution sought to achieve not only the emancipation of the human person, but also the emancipation of the human soul.

It was a lofty goal and one not to be achieved overnight. Imperfections existed from the beginning. But the Declaration of Independence created a starting point. It forged a land of opportunity where, ideally, all would be given equal opportunity to achieve the best life possible based on their own merits. That beacon of opportunity and hope is the reason our nation has experienced continued waves of migration since its founding.

Ours is a country built by immigrants, and each of our families has a migration story. Some are recent and others in the distant past. We are truly *e pluribus unum* — “out of many, one.” Our only true national identity rests in the common beliefs outlined so eloquently in the Declaration itself.

Each generation of Americans has faced its own set of grave challenges to the basic principles of our political system of thought. Over nearly two and half centuries, “We the People” have survived revolution, civil war, pandemics, the Great Depression, world wars, the Cold War, social turbulence regarding race relations, terrorist attacks and much more.

In each instance, we have overcome darkness and emerged brighter, fueled by optimism, faith and a common bond of civic responsibility to one another. Our nation has never triumphed over a moment of crisis in a perfect state. There always has been, and likely always will be, room to do better as individuals and as a country. The tragic death of George Floyd and the events that followed throughout the land are evidence enough that we have a long way to go and that there is much work yet to be done.

Catholic teaching on social justice reinforces our obligatory bond to one another. It demands that we work each day to ensure that all those who suffer and who are oppressed be set free and that they be allowed to pursue life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we must embrace unity and diversity in thought and action.

Although America may appear broken, the American dream has not been shattered. It is up to each of us to live out that dream and to help our brothers and sisters to do the same.

I urge everyone to open their hearts to the needs of people today—to see the opportunities in front of us, to accompany those in difficult situations and to stand in solidarity with those fighting for social justice. And remember the words of the Old Testament: “You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God” (Lv 19:34).

May God bless you and may God bless America.

Independent Reconciliation and Reparations Program Report – The Independent Oversight Committee (IOC), which is monitoring the Independent Reconciliation and Reparations Program (IRRP) for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, recently issued its third report on the IRRP. This report summarized the work of the IRRP through May 31, 2020. The Program began on November 13, 2018 and “seeks to address a tragic chapter in the church’s history, and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia’s recognition of the need for reconciliation with and reparations to survivors of clergy sexual abuse. This Program is designed to recognize and mitigate the harm to survivors, while understanding that no remedy can fully recognize what they endured regardless of when the harm occurred.”

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Claim forms for this Program were required to be submitted by September 30, 2019. There was a significant upsurge in the number of claims filed as the deadline approached. 616 claims have been filed. Of those, 284 have already had their claims determined; 250 of the claims were determined to be eligible and 34 ineligible. The total the Archdiocese had paid in claims, as of May 31, 2020, was \$46,340,000. The Victim Support Facilitator “has provided referrals for counseling and support services to victims following the conclusion of their claims process, recognizing that financial compensation is only one element of the support contemplated by the Program.” At this time approximately 250 claims remain in various stages of review. The Claims Administrators expect that the determination process for these claims should be concluded in approximately 6 months. The IOC will prepare a final report at the conclusion of the process.

Weekend Mass Schedule July 18-19

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, July 18

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

5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, July 19

7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

8:45 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

11:30 AM - Fr. DePrinzio



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Immaculata Maranzini who recently passed away. May she rest in peace and her loved ones be comforted.



We welcome **Gurpreet Kaur**, who was received recently into the Church and received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion.



Thank you St. Margaret Community for your overwhelming response to our blood drives. Thanks to your commitment to saving lives, **102 units of blood** were successfully collected.

Spiritual Thought – We know certainly that our God calls us to a holy life. We know that he gives us every grace, every abundant grace; and though we are so weak of ourselves, this grace is able to carry us through every obstacle and difficulty. (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

Church Teaching: Faith – Faith is a dialogue of love with God. In Revelation, God says, “I love you.” In faith, we say, “We gratefully accept your love.” This faith always has three components. First, our faith is in Jesus as a person. Second, our faith is in the message of Jesus, as given to us and interpreted by the Catholic Church. Third, faith is a motivation. We believe because Jesus has taught this or that truth. We resolve to live by this teaching because of our commitment to Christ. Hence faith is a relationship, a teaching and a motivation. (from Essentials of the Faith by Alfred McBride, O. Praem.)

A Little Humor – Jill decides to introduce her elderly mother to the magic of the Internet. Her first move is to access Google. She tells her mother that the search engine can answer any question she has. Her mother is skeptical. “It’s true, Mom,” Jill says. “Think of anything to ask and type it in that space.” Her mother thinks for a moment then types, “How is Aunt Bea feeling today?”

HOPE ALIVE

**Steubenville Conference Live
July 17 - 18**

Rising High School students,

if you were planning to come to a Steubenville Conference this summer, or if you’ve always wanted to attend but haven’t been able to, or if you just weren’t sure about a full Steubenville conference, this is your chance! #SteubieLive is coming to you this summer on July 17-18!

Join STV Youth Ministry for Steubenville Live, the first virtual Steubenville Youth Conference, on July 17-18, 2020. If you’re over Zoom, don’t worry - you won’t just be staring at a screen the whole time or watching a bunch of pre-recorded talks. Steubenville Live will be livestreamed from Steubenville Florida and completely interactive. With tens of thousands of teens and their families tuning in to encounter the life-changing love of Christ, this could be the biggest Steubenville Conference ever. 3 Sessions: Friday PM, Saturday Afternoon, and Saturday PM. For more information and registration, visit <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/live>.



**Victorious, a Virtual Retreat for Women
Tuesdays, July 28 - September 1, 7:30 PM-9:00 PM**

The retreat consists of six virtual sessions held live over zoom video conference. Father Steve DeLacy will kick off the retreat with an opening talk on Tuesday, July 28. Our retreat focuses on: claiming Christ’s victory over our identity and our worthiness, claiming His authority over lies and fears and crowning Christ as the Victorious King of our hearts!

Retreat Leaders: Father Stephen DeLacy, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry and Laura Ercolino of Hope’s Garden.
For more details and registration, visit <https://youaremadenew.com/victorious-virtual-retreat/>

**RETRouvaille
REDISCOVER THE LOVE
IN YOUR MARRIAGE**



Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**The Institute for Christian Formation
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
For Adults, 18 and above
Classes begin January 2021**

One-hour information sessions are being held at the Seminary, once per month, and hosted by the Coordinator of the School of Theological Studies. 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.



The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched *The Arise Podcast*, a podcast series to help local Catholics transition back to in-person parish life after several weeks of COVID-19 restrictions. The series explores Catholic life in the Archdiocese and offers reflections on the Word of God as it speaks to us in our own day.

The podcast series features Father Richard Owens, O.F.M. Cap., Director of the Archdiocesan Office for Black Catholics; Father Eric Banecker, Parochial Administrator at Saint Francis de Sales Parish; and Gina Christian, Senior Content Producer for CatholicPhilly.com.

The Arise Podcast, which is slated to run six to eight episodes, features a two-part interview with Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez who shares his insights on faith and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, the series is part of “Arise: Restoring Catholic Life After the Pandemic,” an Archdiocesan initiative designed to invigorate parish life after weeks of COVID-19 restrictions.

To learn more and to listen to the podcast, please visit <http://archphila.org/arise/>. You can also listen to the podcast via Stitcher, Google Play, and iTunes.



Mount Saint Joseph Academy

The Mount invites all interested girls entering 8th grade to the **Practice Test (Pre-HSPT) on Saturday, August 15**. Register today at msjad.org/practicetest. For more information or with any questions, email the Admissions Team at admiss@msjad.org.



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 both during the COVID-19 pandemic and going forward. Thank you!

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Suspended until further notice.

Nightly Rosary to End Coronavirus - Monday through Wednesday, 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 campaign will conclude Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 8 PM.



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, July 22, 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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