

ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 19, 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

Oh, to think my morning bowl of Wheaties is filled with something grown on a field! I marvel when I think of all the steps involved in the notion of “farm to table.” I should never forget, first of all, the labor of farmers that is involved. Same goes for the railroad personnel, and the truckers and the grocery workers that link farm and my breakfast table. Our enemy the Covid 19 virus brought that home.

Jesus’ parable got me thinking about all this. I got to wondering just what Jesus intended in telling it. Certainly He is issuing a call to be patient in a world, indeed in His earthbound kingdom, where both saints and sinners are allowed to flourish between now and Judgment Day. His leniency balances His justice.

That mustard seed which comes next and the yeast after that in Matthew’s compilation both teach us something more. When God’s plan is behind some effort, however small, there is a surprising effect on the whole world. May I suggest that there is comfort and peace in this fact?

There is still more, albeit a side effect in all three parables. We get to learn that God is present and active in even the little everyday events in our everyday lives. Poets seem to have a lock on this kind of perception, because they can look at ordinary things with a sense of wonder. That patch of wildflowers spread over the highway median gets missed so easily as we zoom past it over the legal speed limit. Yet we know the poets are right. Somewhere deep inside us is the truth that now and then we all have to stop, literally, and “smell the roses.”

One positive effect of the Covid 19 lockdown is that we are now compelled to stop or at least slow down long enough to take genuine notice of the people, places and things that make up the content of our lives. That’s what’s real. Any hectic self-imposed agenda is artificial.

There is a parallel here with the subtle spread of God’s peaceable kingdom in the world. His quiet power is always at work, fulfilling His plan for us as well as His whole Church. We just have to notice and marvel. That in turn energizes our hope and maximizes our love. Then we become that “good wheat” that He will gather into His barn.

Michael E. DeBakey, a heart surgeon, once observed: “For me, the solitude of early morning is the most precious time of day. There is a quiet serenity that disappears a few hours later with the hustle and bustle of the multitude. God has granted another day of life, another chance for me to do something worthwhile for humanity.” May I humbly suggest that you follow up such lofty thoughts as his while eating a healthy bowl of Wheaties?

MONDAY, July 20

7:00 AM Mary Bizzarri

TUESDAY, July 21

7:00 AM Fr. Anthony Genovese

WEDNESDAY, July 22

7:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, July 23

7:00 AM Joe Fernandes

FRIDAY, July 24

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Mischler Family

SATURDAY, July 25

8:00 AM Helen O’Rourke



THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2020
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
ALFRED LUONGO.

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

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of July 12, 2020:	\$ 8,663
Including Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 665
Mail In:	\$ 4,175
Parish On Line:	\$ 2,100
Envelopes:	151

The Weekend of July 14, 2019: \$8,256

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

Msgr. Dougherty

Weekend Mass Schedule July 25-26

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, July 25

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

5:15 PM - Fr. Pesarchick

Sunday, July 26

7:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

8:45 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

10:00 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

11:30 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

From the Pastor

Feast of Saint Margaret of Antioch – Monday, July 20 is the feast of the patron saint of our Parish, Margaret of Antioch. She was the daughter of a pagan priest at Antioch, who put her out of his house when she converted to Christianity. She then made her living as a shepherdess. A Roman Prefect desired to take her as his wife. She rejected his offer and out of revenge she was brought before the Roman governor on the charge of being a Christian. She was tortured and cast into prison. According to legend, while in prison, she contended with the devil who came to her in the form of a dragon. She defeated him by means of a cross she held in her hand. She eventually suffered the death of a martyr by beheading. She died in 298 as a young woman during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian. Her courage in the face of persecution led to the conversion of others to the Christian faith. Her fame spread throughout the Church during the Middle Ages and many Churches in Europe bear her name.

We are blessed to have Saint Margaret of Antioch as our patroness. She is a fine example for all of us and especially for our youth. Although very young, she showed tremendous courage in the face of much pressure to abandon her faith, and confronted the temptations of the devil with great determination and resolve. As we celebrate her feast day, we turn to her with special supplication to watch over our Parish and to guide all of us in the ways of Christ. May she intercede for us that we may imitate her holiness and courage in living her faith in Jesus Christ.

Religious Freedom – Three recent Supreme Court Cases upheld the principle of religious freedom in some specific circumstances. The one case involved the Little Sisters of the Poor and upheld their desire to be exempt for religious reasons from paying for insurance that covered birth control for their employees. Another case recognized that a state program providing vouchers or tax credits for private schools cannot prevent religious schools from being an option for parents. The third case recognized the right of religious schools to follow their principles of faith and religious instruction in the hiring and termination of teachers. We are blessed to live in a land that upholds the principle of religious freedom.

Church Teaching: Religious Liberty – The right to religious liberty is neither a moral license to adhere to error, nor a supposed right to error, but rather a natural right of the human person to civil liberty, i.e., immunity, within just limits, from external constraint in religious matters by political authorities. This natural right ought to be acknowledged in the juridical order of society in such a way that it constitutes a civil right.

Spiritual Thought – Our Lord does not leave us comfortless when he sends us sorrow. (Msgr. Robert Hugh Benson)

A Little Humor – I saw a documentary on how ships are kept together. Riveting! (Stewart Francis, comedian)



*St. Margaret Church is open from
7:30 AM to 4 PM, Monday through
Friday, 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM on
Saturday, and 7:15 AM to 2 PM on
Sunday.*

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended until further notice.



VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
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.



We welcome into the Church

*Makenzie Chanel Hansen
daughter of*

Iyona Hansen & Kyrron Buford

Congratulations to the family on the
Baptism of their child.

St Margaret School

Enrollment Opportunity St. Margaret School

Our 1st Grade, Kindergarten and Pre-kindergarten 4 year old programs have openings for this fall. Our students and faculty finished the year remotely on a positive note from day one! We would love to share our great school with you and your family!

If you are interested in learning more about our programs, please email: info@smsnarberth.org to receive more information!

Our early childhood education continues to exceed expectations in all regards: spiritually, developmentally and academically!

We are here to serve!
info@smsnarberth.org



Mount Saint Joseph Academy Class of 2025

The Mount application is now open!

Visit msjacad.org to apply. Practice Test - Saturday, August 15. All interested girls entering 8th grade are invited to the Practice Test for the fall entrance exam. Register today at msjacad.org/practicetest.

Open House – Sunday, October 4. All interested families of 5th- 8th grade girls are welcome. Save the date and register today at msjacad.org/openhouse. For more information or with any questions, email the Admissions Team at admiss@msjacad.org.



Employment Opportunity

St. Thomas Monastery, Long-Term Care Facility of the Augustinian Friars, located on

the campus of Villanova University, is looking for a per diem Front Desk Receptionist. Responsibilities include greeting visitors, answering phones and assisting the Friars with minor requests. Looking for someone to work on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2PM – 7PM and Saturdays, 9AM – 2 PM, and share filling in for other co-workers at times. Background History Check performed upon application. Position pays minimum wage and requires the purchase of an annual parking pass of \$30.00, if needed. Email Lynn Walsh, Office Manager at lynn.walsh@villanova.edu.

Main Line Singles Dinner Club (Ages 52-66)

Catholic men and women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests and dine together two times a month. Our next scheduled event is Sunday, August 9 at 5:15 PM. This is an outdoor restaurant event at Xolo Tacos, 14 N Merion Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA. For more information, call Barb at 610-896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.

Pro-Life Mass With Archbishop Perez



On Saturday, July 25th at 8:00 am, a Pro-Life Mass will be celebrated by Philadelphia Archbishop Nelson Pérez at the Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral Chapel, 1723 Race Street, Phila., PA 19103. Following Mass, there will be a procession to Planned Parenthood at 12th and Locust Streets where a Vigil will be held from 9:15 to 10:30 am, in memory of the lives lost to abortion. All parishioners are welcome to attend one or both events. Masks are required and social distancing guidelines will be in effect. For more information, call the Pro-Life Union at 215-885-8150.



Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

Luke 12:27

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is poor, you are not alone.

Lily's Gift Ministry is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced, or worked closely with, issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. To expectant parents, we offer unique insight and sensitivity regarding such difficult issues as:

- Maintaining hope when a prognosis is poor
- Sorting through medical decision making
- Grieving the loss of the anticipated baby
- Stillbirth and neonatal critical care.

For more information, visit www.LilysGift.org or call Sr. Kathleen Schipani at 215-587-3530.

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.



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!



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/>.

Online Ministries for Separated & Divorced Catholics
Office for Life and Family
Phone: 215-587-0500; Email: sbozza@archphila.org
www.phillycatholiclife.org

Separated Faithful: Divorced or separated Catholics who remain faithful to their marriage. Catholics who were reluctantly divorced or separated can continue to fulfill your marriage mission - to sanctify yourself and your spouse. Discuss the ongoing seven stages from the book, "The Gift of Self, A Spiritual Companion for Separated and Divorced Faithful to the Sacrament of Marriage." Conference phone call, second Mondays monthly 9 PM. Contact MaryOfCana@chaosmt.net with your name, parish, city.

Families/Individuals affected by Divorce and Separation: Online meeting sponsored by St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation held every month the FIRST TUESDAY of the month at 8 PM. Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/668359061>. You can also dial in using your phone: 1-312-757-3121, access code: 668-359-061.

Nightly Rosary to End Coronavirus - Monday through Wednesday, at 8:00 PM in English, Thursday at 8:00 PM in Spanish, 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.



Wedding Anniversary Mass
Archbishop Nelson Pérez
Principal Celebrant



Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on **Saturday, October 17, 2020**, at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass. This Mass is to pray for, and with, married couples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who are married 1-5 years, and couples who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Registration Required

To register, visit www.phillycatholiclife.org, call 215-587-0500, or email famlife@archphila.org.

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 will be held 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.



Archdiocese of Philadelphia **DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?**

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church.

When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. One is the durable bond of marriage. This is God's law. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Even though a Catholic marriage was celebrated, perhaps there was some deficiency in the consent of the parties involved regarding intentions, understanding or ability. The annulment procedure addresses these circumstances.

If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church, or remarried outside the Catholic Church, please find us on the web at archphila.org under the "How Do I" tab.

Metropolitan Tribunal, 222 North 17th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 587-3750

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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