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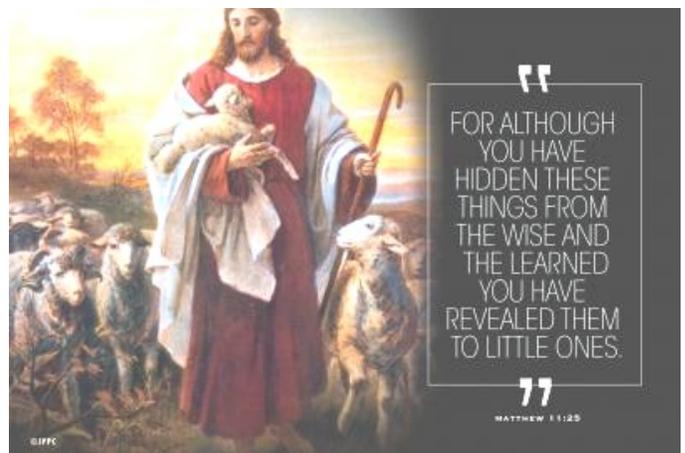
MONDAY TO FRIDAY  
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

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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.



## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 5, 2020



### 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

In what seems now to be a lifetime ago, I had a minor role in a high school production of the Broadway play “1776.” The unique aspect here was the fact that the cast was made up of both teachers and students. One did such things like that not only for the fun (which it was) but also to cement healthy relations with the students while building school community. Years later, one of the student cast members, indeed the one who played Thomas Jefferson, wound up being the next door neighbor of my sister. When he and I met again, our memories brought us back to our brief acting careers. We could even recite some of the lines from the script that we had to memorize way back when!

I thought of all this as our Independence Day weekend 2020 is upon us. Naturally, the events of the real 1776 come to the fore. We recall the bravery of our Founding Fathers in declaring independence from a tyrannical King George, whose decisions and actions had forced the issue. We also remember that July 4<sup>th</sup> was only the beginning. What followed was a bitter war, the first of many our country has fought since. That was the price in hardship and blood that our freedom cost in those tenuous days. Our young country paid it in full.

As Catholic Christians, we are keenly aware of another kind of war, a spiritual one, not limited to a calendar year. It pits us against the lesser parts of ourselves that we know can block our efforts to be independent of sin. We long for the peace of our promised heaven. Fortunately, we follow the greatest “Revolutionary” of them all: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us how He fought for and won our freedom from sin and death. So the war is won, even though our individual battles go on.

On this weekend of parades, barbecues and dazzling fireworks that we use to mark the Fourth, it might seem out of place to reflect on this inner spiritual war. But our Scriptures today call us to do so, and they are beyond any fixed time. After all, they speak to us of real life, and its battles will be with us long after the parades are over and the fireworks fade away.

St. Paul once wrote about such a battle in his letter to the Romans, in Chapter 7, verse 19. Hear it again: “*For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.*” Sound familiar? This tyranny is far worse than that of King George. So, what a relief it is to hear Jesus say today these most comforting words in all of the New Testament: “*Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.*”

While we honor the heroics of our noble Founding Fathers, and our first army of colonials, we can, in this Holy Eucharist also honor God our heavenly Father. Gladly do we take His Son’s yoke upon us, for it is truly easy and a light burden.

I close with something we all need to remember: the freedom we celebrate this weekend, and all freedom, including the spiritual, is never “the right to do as we please, but the liberty to do as we ought.” Enjoy your holiday!

**MONDAY, July 6**

**7:00 AM Walter I. Breslin**

**TUESDAY, July 7**

**7:00 AM Helen O’Rourke**

**WEDNESDAY, July 8**

**7:00 AM Walter J. Wentling**

**THURSDAY, July 9**

**7:00 AM Jackie Blaszczyk**

**FRIDAY, July 10**

**7:00 AM Elizabeth Montagne**

**SATURDAY, July 11**

**8:00 AM Helen O’Rourke**

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



**THE WEEK OF JULY 5, 2020  
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN  
IN MEMORY OF  
THE HO LE FAMILY.**

**DUE TO THE EARLY TRANSMISSION OF THE BULLETIN THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT WILL BE IN THE NEXT BULLETIN.**



**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.**

## From the Pastor

**Adult Baptism** - Our Parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program had one catechumen this year who was being prepared for Baptism at the Easter Vigil back in April. COVID-19 intervened and the baptism was postponed but today we are happy to say that Gurpreet Kaur will receive the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist - at a special Mass today. We extend our congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Gurpreet as she becomes a member of the Catholic Church. She has been a steadfast student of the faith throughout the year and we rejoice with her as she opens her heart, mind and soul to Christ and prepares to receive the many graces the Lord wants to pour out upon her now and throughout her life. Kaur will be receiving another Sacrament in September at St. Margaret Church when she enters into marriage with her fiancé, Michael Turco. May God bless them both as they prepare to celebrate and live the Sacrament of Matrimony.

**Vacation and Savoring Life** - On retreat a couple of weeks ago I re-read a book that I first read in the Seminary many years ago. The book is entitled "Spirituality and the Gentle Life." The author contrasts what he calls the "willful" life with the "gentle" life. Living in a willful way is always to assert our wants on life, trying to control and dominate our lives and forcing life into our patterns and selfish desires. The "gentle" life recognizes that we live best when we let God take the lead, when we want to move according to his patterns and in his ways. We gently move according to his Spirit, not trying to extend ourselves beyond God's will, nor failing to respond as the person God wants us to be and as to what God wants us to do. The gentle person is graceful, moving in accord with the dictates of the natural patterns God has built into life. Gentle persons can truly listen to God and others, not always seeking to assert themselves, not always looking beyond the present to the next thing but to go at God's pace and savor what they are doing now. Our lives can be so task-oriented and we can be so driven to get things done that we never truly enjoy life. We fail to savor God's presence with us in nature, in our families and friends, and in our daily lives in so many ways. The slower pace of summer can be a time to learn how to savor life again. Food is so much more enjoyable when we relish it, taste it and savor it, rather than hurriedly gobbling it down so that we can move on to the next thing. Life is the same way. It is so much more enjoyable when we savor it. Life is a gift to be enjoyed and cherished, not just a task to be accomplished. May the summer months and some vacation time help us to savor the wonderful gift of life that the Lord has so graciously bestowed upon us.

### **Church Teaching: The Dignity of the Human Person**

The dignity of the human person is rooted in his creation in the image and likeness of God; it is fulfilled in his vocation to divine beatitude. It is essential to a human being to freely direct himself to this fulfillment. By his deliberate actions, the human person does, or does not, conform to the good promised by God and attested by moral conscience. Human beings make their own contribution to their interior growth. With the help of grace they grow in virtue, avoid sin, and if they sin they entrust themselves as did the prodigal son to the mercy of our Father in heaven. In this way they attain the perfection of charity. (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

**Spiritual Thought: The Gentle Life** - Gentleness becomes possible when my surroundings are cast in a divine light. The gentle attitude, nourished by my presence to the Divine, takes me out of the world of willfulness. It turns me into a new person who sees and hears and moves in the light of the Sacred whose Divine Gentleness bathes all in its wake. (Adrian van Kaam, from "Spirituality and the Gentle Life")

**A Little Humor** – The past, present and future walk into a bar, it was tense.



In August 2019, a group of seminarians completed a biking pilgrimage throughout the

Archdiocese of Philadelphia to bring awareness of vocations.

In August 2020, two more groups of seminarians, including Kenneth Omeke who is assigned to St. Margaret's for the summer, will take to the roads and traverse the Archdiocese as they spread awareness that God is still calling men to the priesthood.

Further details will be forthcoming at <https://heedthecall.org/bikingforvocations/>.



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



### Casseroles for St. John's Hospice

Recipe # 3 will be collected Wednesday morning of this week, July 8, between 9 and 9:30 AM at St. Margaret School Parking Lot. Pans are available in the vestibule if you would like to participate.

*You can also support the efforts of St. John's Hospice to continue to provide life-sustaining support to those experiencing homelessness by donating at:*  
<http://saintjohnshospice.org/>

**Martin Saints Classical High School**  
**Oreland, PA**  
**Admissions Open House: 7pm,**  
**July 13, 2020**



**via Zoom.**

It's not too late to choose Martin Saints Classical High School for your rising 9th grader or for an upper grade transfer. Our classical education, combined with craftsmanship classes, and Frassati Fridays, make our school unique and our students "fully alive." To learn more, visit [whymssc.org](http://whymssc.org) or come to our virtual open house at 7pm on Monday, July 13, the day after the feast of our patrons, Saints Louis and Zelig Martin.

### **FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND RESUMES!**



Next Weekend is our monthly food collection weekend (July 11 & 12). 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.



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

### ***Church Builders Virtual Retreat for young men in Junior High*** **July 8, 2020 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Join us ONLINE for a great combination of faith and fun with Fr. DeLacy, some of the Philadelphia seminarians, and invited guests! Carrying on the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi, participants will be challenged to build their own church!

For more information and registration, please visit <https://heedthecall.org/events/church/>. For questions, please contact Sue Matour at [smatour@archphila.org](mailto:smatour@archphila.org).



### **Mount Saint Joseph Academy**

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

### **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 will be Saturday, July 11th at 5:45 PM. This will be our rescheduled "Post St. Patty's/St. Joe's House Party" at a member's home in Broomall, PA. For more information, call Barb at 610-896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.

### ***Virtual Reading Group for High School Men*** ***St. Augustine's Confessions***

**July 13 - July 17, 2020, 3:00-5:00 PM**

High school men (incoming juniors to graduating seniors) are invited to gather daily to discover the richness of **The Confessions of St. Augustine**. Discussions will be led by Archbishop Nelson Pérez, as well as invited guest professors. The group will conclude each daily session with Evening Prayer. Due to the generosity of our donors, there is no registration fee for this program, but registration is limited to the first 25 men. All participants will be mailed a copy of The Confessions.

For more information and to register, please visit [HeedtheCall.org/PCSP](http://HeedtheCall.org/PCSP).

### ***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/](http://phillyevang.org/rosary/). This Rosary campaign will conclude Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 8 PM.





**Bioethics**  
**Summer Intensive Course Online**  
**Monday, July 20-Friday, July 24**  
**9:30-12:00 PM & 1:30-3:00 PM**

Taught by the Faculty of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family in Washington, D.C., this week-long course will serve as an immersion into the thought of St. John Paul II concerning the human person as a lens through which to view bioethical questions: assisted reproduction, end-of-life decision-making, allocation of scarce resources in epidemics, etc. The course aims at equipping students to think about issues in bioethics through the lens of John Paul II and the Church.

**Registration closes July 13.** Visit <https://www.johnpaulii.edu/events/view/bioethics-summer-intensive-course-online>.

**For Engaged Couples:**  
**Archdiocesan Marriage**  
**Preparation Courses**

THE **Joy-Filled**  
**Marriage**

We are thrilled for you and your upcoming marriage! The Archdiocese of Philadelphia offers the **Joy-Filled Marriage** Program, a thorough, enjoyable, and comprehensive program, which discusses practical “life skills” and the sacramentality of marriage. The purpose of Marriage Preparation is to introduce you to the theology behind the sacrament and give you practical advice using sound psychology that will equip you for your life journey together. All courses are being delivered in a live online format until further notice.

For more information and to register, visit: [phillycatholicmarriageprep.com](http://phillycatholicmarriageprep.com).



Archdiocese of Philadelphia **Office for Persons with Disabilities**  
**&**  
**the Deaf Apostolate**

During this time of social distancing and quarantine there are resources posted at [www.OPDarchphilly.org](http://www.OPDarchphilly.org) to support individuals with disabilities and their families. Current and upcoming resources include a July 9th Prayer Ministry for Parents/Guardians meeting via zoom and daily phone or online *Nourish for Caregivers* “House Calls.”

At [www.DeafCatholicPhilly.org](http://www.DeafCatholicPhilly.org) there is a listing of the Archdiocesan live-streamed Sunday Masses in American Sign Language and a schedule of daily Masses and devotions in ASL. A daily reflection is also posted to the Deaf Catholic Philly You Tube page. For more information, please call 215-587-3530 or email [OPD@archphila.org](mailto:OPD@archphila.org).

**Retrouvaille**  
**Marriage**  
**Program**

**There is hope!**

**Rediscover the Love in your Marriage**

**Retrouvaille is a lifeline for marriages - a program to help couples heal and renew their hurting marriages.**

The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship.

- A Marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship.
- A Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend.
- Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect.
- Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Retrouvaille has recommended all communities suspend the weekend programs until they can be safely held. In the meantime, please visit [Helpourmarriage.org](http://Helpourmarriage.org) to learn about the program and keep updated on the resumption of the weekends. Currently, the next scheduled weekend in the Philadelphia area is August 14-16, 2020.**



project rachel  
 Peace starts here

**Project Rachel: Healing after Abortion**

**Peace Starts Here**

**Prayer - Jesus, Healer of Wounds and Source of Mercy, your hands embrace and welcome little**

**children. As we look on your hands painfully nailed to the cross, extend your Divine Mercy to the tens of millions of women and men in our nation who are wounded from their participation in abortions. Help us as a Church to recognize the unique pain that abortion brings to individuals, families and our society. May the wounds of your hands on the Cross remind us each day of your steadfast love for us as we seek to build a culture of life and be faithful instruments of your hope and healing.**

Project Rachel is a collaboration of The Office for Life and Family and Catholic Social Services. For more information, call 1-844-772-2435 or email [ProjectRachel@chs-adphila.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@chs-adphila.org).

### **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](http://www.twitter.com/ArchPhilly)**  
**[www.youtube.com/user/CatholicPhilly](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@saintmarg.org) or 610-664-3770, Ext 12.



### **Catholic Answers Live - #1 Catholic Radio Show. Monday - Friday, 6-8 PM.**

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