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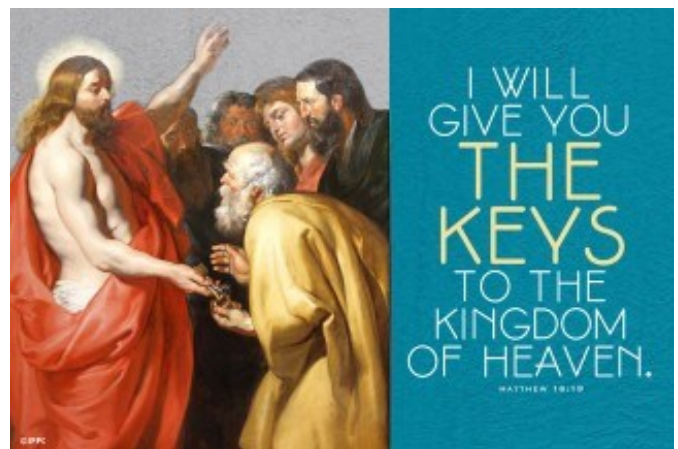
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MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

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.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 23, 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.

Background on the Gospel Reading

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term *church* in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.



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!

MONDAY, August 24

7:00 AM Gerald Finegan

TUESDAY, August 25

7:00 AM Helen O'Rourke

WEDNESDAY, August 26

7:00 AM Joy Fitzpatrick

THURSDAY, August 27

7:00 AM Sgt. James O'Connor IV

FRIDAY, August 28

7:00 AM Dr. Patrick Pasquariello

SATURDAY, August 29

8:00 AM Deceased Members of
The Mischler Family



THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2020
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF ED MC BRYAN.
THE ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF LAURA GAUDINI.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS SUNDAY
ARE GIVEN FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISH.**



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 August 16, 2020: \$ 7,077
Collection in Church: \$ 2,171
Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 665
Mail In: \$ 1,762
Parish On Line: \$ 2,479
Envelopes: 135

Collection for Catholic University \$588

The Weekend of August 18, 2019: \$9,983

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

Msgr. Dougherty

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended until further notice.

From the Pastor

Mission Cooperative Appeal – In conjunction with the Annual Summer Mission Appeal overseen by the Pontifical Mission Society Office of the Archdiocese, this weekend there will be a collection for the Diocese of Pathanamthitta in India. Please use the mission envelopes placed in the vestibule of the Church to make a donation. The envelopes can be placed in the usual collection baskets on the tables at the doors of Church. The Diocese we are assisting was established ten years ago in a poor part of India with a limited Catholic population. Your contribution will aid this Diocese in meeting the various needs of its people and in the work of spreading the gospel.

Seminarian Kenneth Omeke – Kenneth Omeke, who served at St. Margaret's this summer on an internship as part of the pastoral formation program of the Seminary, has completed his internship and returned to classes at the Seminary. Ken will be entering his second year of Theology and is scheduled to be ordained a priest in three more years. I want to express my gratitude to Ken for all his good work here this summer. He did everything from joining in at Parish meetings, meeting with couples preparing for marriage, and assisting with families preparing funerals for loved ones, to weeding flower beds and cleaning the School. He was very willing to do anything that needed to be done. He was especially helpful in serving or reading at Mass each day and preparing the Church for Mass. He won't be leaving us completely because the Seminary has asked us to let Ken make St. Margaret's his home, since he is from Nigeria and doesn't have any family in the area. He will be coming here to stay on the holidays and at other times when he is not staying at the seminary. It was a joy having Ken with us for the summer and we are looking forward to his being an ongoing part of our Parish.



Church Sanctuary – We are continuing to work on repairing and refurbishing the tile floor in the sanctuary. It is a beautiful floor and it will look even better once it is restored. It will help to highlight the power and grace of God that is bestowed upon us through the actions of God that emanate from the sanctuary.

Church Teaching on the Liturgy: The Altar – Although there is no specified size or shape for an altar, it should be in proportion to the church. The shape and size reflect the nature of the altar as the place of sacrifice and the table around which Christ gathers the community to nourish them. In considering the dimensions of the altar, parishes will want to ensure that the other major furnishings in the sanctuary are in harmony and proportion to the altar. The mensa (the altar table) should be large enough to accommodate the priest celebrant, the deacon and the acolytes who minister there and should be able to hold the Roman Missal and the vessels with the bread and wine. Impact and focal quality are not only related to placement, size or shape, but also especially to the quality of the altar's design and worthiness of its construction. The altar should be centrally located in the sanctuary and the center of attention in the church. (from a document on Church Art and Architecture)

Spiritual Thought – Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to God. That is all the doing you have to worry about. (St. Jane Frances de Chantal)

A Little Humor - "Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine I'd go to a bank teller with a mask on asking for money." (a comment on Covid-19)

Weekend Mass Schedule August 29-30

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, August 29

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

5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, August 30

7:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

8:45 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

11:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

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.**



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.

SAVE THE DATE

**3rd ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
for St Margaret Parish & School
MONDAY OCTOBER 5, 2020
BALA GOLF CLUB!**



If you want to help with planning and organizing, contact info@smsnarberth.org and put "Golf" in the subject line! Tell your friends - we will all need a socially distant event like this in our fall!

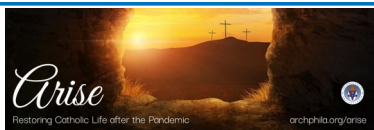
**For Engaged Couples:
Archdiocesan Marriage
Preparation Courses**

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.



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



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.

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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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.



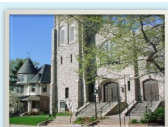
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 Peace starts here

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.



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.



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.

Nightly Rosary to End Coronavirus has been EXTENDED!



Until further notice, and through October at least, the rosary will continue Monday through Thursday at 8:00 PM in both English and Spanish, everyone raising up prayer at the same time. The English and Spanish rosaries have separate links, both found on the website below. Thursday's English rosary will be a World Mission Rosary. The Office for the New Evangelization is hosting this online **Rosary Campaign** for an end to the Coronavirus at phillyevang.org/rosary/.



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 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, August 26, 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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