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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.



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 13, 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

You have likely heard the expression “the third rail” as denoting some sensitive topic. What does it mean? Technically, the term derives from an additional rail placed alongside regular track that supplies electric current to trains in some systems. At 600 volts, and always being “live”, this rail is obviously something to avoid touching.

Informally, “the third rail” is used to denote an issue considered by politicians to be too controversial for them to discuss. An “untouchable” one that may cause some politician to suffer politically. A well-known example is Social Security. Any meddling here could prove disastrous. Especially when addressing our dependent senior citizens, a politician has to be wary.

In the spiritual realm, one might say that forgiveness of others is a “third rail” topic for a lot of Christians. We all know that Jesus called for it to be an essential part of following Him. We realize that we should practice it toward anyone who has offended us in the myriad ways that people can. We admit that such a thing is easier said than done. So a homily on the topic might lead us to think: “Talk about something else, Father, and thank you very much.” But preach on it he must.

Have you ever bargained with the Lord this way: “Listen, dear Jesus, You don’t understand. I bent over backwards in friendly outreach to that person. I actually spoiled them with my trust and affection, yet they went ahead and betrayed me behind my back. Really, now, must I forgive them?” I wouldn’t be surprised to hear Jesus reply with one word: “Judas.”

Sure, there is injustice galore in our world. Its values are topsy turvy with what they should be. Sinners succeed where others fail. In Scriptural terms, “evil has its hour.” That evil comes to us in ways often small and unnoticed.

I know people struggle with this matter in the confessional. They tell me stories of the betrayal and hurt, and then they add: “I cannot forgive.” I try to comfort the penitent that they may be confusing their feelings with the objective act. They have to will forgiveness for the offender as Jesus directs us. He might add “Remember that I called Judas ‘friend’ right before his blistering kiss of betrayal.”

When we are guilty of betraying Jesus through our sins, we can be consoled by the words of today’s Responsorial: “The Lord is slow to anger and rich in compassion.” Would that we could act the same!

No doubt, it is a burden to live with hurt. It is a true cross. But carry it we must, if only to understand just a little of the weight of the Cross Jesus carried. Trust always that He knows the pain we have and He will not only refresh us here below, but lift it away in His heaven to come.

A man named John Oglethorpe, a member of Parliament and the founder of the colony of Georgia, happened one day to be talking to John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist church. Oglethorpe boasted, “I never forgive anyone.” To which Mr. Wesley sagely replied: “Then, Sir, I hope that you never sin.”

MONDAY, September 14

7:00 AM Helen O’Rourke

TUESDAY, September 15

7:00 AM J. Taney Willcox, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, September 16

7:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, September 17

7:00 AM John Le

FRIDAY, September 18

7:00 AM Joanne Goss

SATURDAY, September 19

8:00 AM Nancy Pease



THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF JACK BINSTED.

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 September 6, 2020: \$ 12,554
Collection in Church: \$ 2,434
Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 665
Mail In: \$ 6,238
Parish On Line: \$ 3,217
Envelopes: 147

Collection for Black & Indian Missions: \$1,426

The Weekend of September 8, 2019: \$9,221

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



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!

Parish Theme for 2020-2021
Prayer: Pathway to God

From the Pastor

R.C.I.A. – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Classes will be resuming on Tuesday evening, September 15. These classes on our faith help to prepare those who are interested in becoming Catholic, as well as those who were baptized Catholic but are still in need of receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist. If you are not able to attend on Tuesday evenings or in person, arrangements can be made for alternative times and ways of learning about the faith. If you are interested in participating, or have any questions about our Catholic faith and the reception of the sacraments, contact Msgr. Dougherty at pastor@saintmarg.org or 610-664-3770.

Baptismal Font – Work on moving the baptismal font to a place closer to the main entrance of Church will commence on Monday, September 14. The work is being done by the Liturgical Arts Studio of the St. Jude Shop in Havertown. The project will take about two weeks to complete. The font will be placed near the center aisle five pews from the back of Church. Parts of two pews near the center aisle on the Saint Joseph side will be removed and the font will be situated there on marble flooring. Church directives instruct that the font should not be in the sanctuary, but near the entrance of the Church so that it can stand out in its own sacred place and highlight the sacred nature and purpose of the Sacrament of Baptism as our entrance into the life of Christ and the Church.

Golf Outing Support – Our Parish and School Golf Outing will take place on Monday, October 5 at Bala Country Club. Your assistance with this social and fundraiser would be much appreciated. The 2020-2021 fiscal year is going to be a particularly challenging one for our Parish because of the costs involved with the pandemic. If you cannot be there for the golf, please consider joining us for dinner, or taking out one of the many opportunities for sponsorship associated with the Outing. To register for golf or sign up for one of the sponsorships, see the insert in today's bulletin or contact Anne Becker at info@smsnarberth.org or at 610-664-2640.

Ministry of Lector for both Deacon Candidate and Seminarian – Christopher DeMaio, a parishioner at St. Margaret's and a candidate for the Diaconate, will be installed into the Ministry of Reader on Saturday, September 19 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. This is a step toward ordination as a deacon. Kenneth Omeke, who is serving his pastoral formation assignment this year on Thursdays at St. Margaret's, will receive the Ministry of Reader at the same Liturgy. This is a step toward his ordination to the Diaconate and to the Priesthood. We extend our congratulations and prayers to both of them as they continue to move toward service as ordained ministers in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Collection for the Holy Land Shrines – The Collection for the Holy Land Shrines is normally taken up at the Liturgy on Good Friday. Due to the pandemic, this Collection was moved to this weekend, Sept. 12-13. There will be special baskets at the doors of Church for you to make your donation to this Collection for maintaining and enhancing the Shrines in the Holy Land. Your generosity helps to preserve sacred sites that are important to our faith.

Catholic Charities Appeal – Catholic Charities Appeal 2020 is still in progress. As of Aug. 28, 160 households in our Parish have contributed a total of \$64,346 toward our goal of \$84,835. Your donations help Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese to provide many important helps to the needy. Your contributions support food banks, family service centers, schools for those with special needs, and many other good works. Please consider making a donation soon.

Church Teaching: Baptismal Font – Because of the essential relationship of baptism to the celebration of other sacraments and rituals, the parish will want to choose an area for the baptistry or the font that symbolizes that relationship. Placing the baptismal font in an area near the entrance or gathering space where the members pass regularly and setting it on an axis with the altar can symbolize the relationship between the various sacraments as well as the importance of the Eucharist within the life and faith development of the members.



Please remember in your prayers the souls of Charlotte Croce and Kathleen Valentine who recently passed away. May they rest in peace and their loved ones be comforted.

Spiritual Thought – Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset. (Saint Francis de Sales)

A Little Humor: Life with the Virus – 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.

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!



Mount Saint Joseph Academy
Class of 2025

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

Weekend Mass Schedule September 19-20

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, September 19

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

5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, September 20

7:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

8:45 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

10:00 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

11:30 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY

Suspended until further notice.

Narberth Run

Join us for this year's VIRTUAL **Narberth CF Run and Walk for Cystic Fibrosis** Saturday, September 26 - Saturday, October 3

Here's how it works:

Register yourself, team, or family.

Run **5 miles** or walk **2 miles** anytime between **9/26 and 10/3**.

Set a course in your neighborhood, park, track or treadmill.

Upload your results in our virtual race tracker. Fundraise or Donate to support those battling CF.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS WITH A \$25 REGISTRATION FEE

To register, fundraise, donate or sponsor, visit: <https://www.takeabreatherfromcf.org/narberthrun/>



Class of 2025

Saint Basil Academy welcomes 8th Graders to enroll in our Saturday reading / writing / math workshops to prepare for the High School Entrance Exam.

Saturday, September 12 - Reading and Writing

Saturday, September 19 - Math and Problem Solving

Saturday, September 26 - 8th Grade Entrance Exam

Personal Tours for students and their families for the **Class of 2025!**

Contact Rachel McGonigle in the admissions office at 215-649-9083 or email

rmcgonigle@stbasilacademy.org.

Class of 2024

Saint Basil Academy welcomes 7th & 8th Graders to shadow on Thursday or Fridays.

Students can enroll for the **Class of 2024** by contacting Rachel McGonigle in the admissions office at 215-649-9083 or email rmcgonigle@stbasilacademy.org.

Saint Basil Academy

7th Grade Prep Course and Practice Exam

Cost: \$75 (\$50 for just the exam)

Prep Course Saturday, February 29 at 8AM

Practice Exam Saturday, March 7

Register at stbasilacademy.org.

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.

**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS
 ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

Saint Margaret Parish offers opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These opportunities 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 Christian, would like to become a Catholic, or, if you are already a baptized Catholic would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring and we are ready to answer your questions. **Classes resume September 15.** Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Springs in the Desert is a new ministry that responds to struggles with infertility through accompaniment and discernment of new paths of fruitfulness. This ministry seeks to help couples process the pain of infertility and to discover the fruitfulness God has planned for their marriages. For more information, please visit <https://springsinthedesert.org/>

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.



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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.

**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/.



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.

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, September 16, 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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