

# ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH

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### Scrip Sales

**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.



## *TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 20, 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

When I was “one and twenty,” a very long time ago, I was a seminarian naive to many ways of the world. On vacation at home one morning, my beloved Dad asked me questions about the very parable we hear this weekend. For background purposes, let me tell you that my Dad was a strong union man, and thought that was the workers’ only protection against unfair management practices. So how do I reconcile the Lord Jesus telling a story about what looks like a contradiction of justice?

I cannot remember my answer to Dad at the time. I’m sure I struggled to defend Jesus’ decision. Admittedly, no seminary Scripture class in my time ever covered every verse in Scripture, much less this selection. It was only years later that I learned what Jesus was all about in telling this parable. It was to teach us about the remarkable generosity of God. It was the very same lesson that Isaiah had taught centuries before. God’s ways are not ours. So it is futile to “frame” the picture painted by the parable with our modern labor laws, rights and practices. We then would miss the Lord’s point.

In our time, overshadowed as it is by an enemy named Covid 19, we have been made aware of many people’s generosity. They keep our cynicism in check. Health care workers, emergency responders; the transit workers; grocery store employees; and all the good police personnel bravely keep us safe.

But none of that goodness can match the generosity that our good and loving God offers us. His grace is the ultimate motivation of all those good people, and many others.

There is a much older “virus” plaguing our lives called “sin.” Yet He tells us still that one act of genuine sorrow and repentance turns back His just cause for eternal punishment, and realigns our spirit with His. Such is His boundless generosity! We are far from it. Sadly many of us have a twisted attitude toward giving, especially forgiving.

*Once upon a time, a little girl was given two dollars by her father. He told her that she could do anything she wanted with one and that the other was to be given to God on Sunday at church. The girl nodded in agreement and asked if she could go to the candy store. With visions of all that she could buy with her dollar, she happily skipped toward the store, holding tightly to the two dollars in her hand. As she was skipping along, she tripped and fell and the wind blew one of the dollars into a storm drain at the curb. Picking herself up, the little girl looked at the dollar still in her hand and then at the storm drain and said, “Well. Lord, there goes your dollar.”*



**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.**

**MONDAY, September 21**  
7:00 AM Patty Gallagher

**TUESDAY, September 22**  
7:00 AM Ignatius Lo

**WEDNESDAY, September 23**  
7:00 AM Mary Alice Laird

**THURSDAY, September 24**  
7:00 AM Kathleen Rodden

**FRIDAY, September 25**  
7:00 AM Joe Augustine

**SATURDAY, September 26**  
8:00 AM Deceased Members of  
The Kienlen Family



**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS SUNDAY  
ARE IN MEMORY OF  
ED COSTA.**

**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 13, 2020:** \$ 8,111  
Collection in Church: \$ 3,156  
Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 665  
Mail In: \$ 1,920  
Parish On Line: \$ 2,370  
Envelopes: 155

**Collection for Shrines of the Holy Land: \$994**

**The Weekend of September 15, 2019: \$7,906**

**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**

**Spiritual Breaks** – With so many of our students doing their school work online, we all realize that at times during the day they need virtual breaks. Too much time online overloads us and wears us down. We need some breaks. Even beyond the online phenomenon, we all need some breaks from the work of life and all the energy invested in getting things done and managing the circumstances of our lives. We need some time to step aside from all the work and all the effort involved in caring for material and external realities. We need some breaks from all the concrete details of life in order to renew our spirits and pay attention to what is within, in the depths of our souls. Taking time for Mass, for daily prayer and some quiet prayer and reflection feeds our spirit and keeps us grounded in the most important part of life, our relationship with God and his presence within us. Take some breaks from the daily rigors of life to focus on your spirit. A strong spirit renews our energy and allows the power of God to work more powerfully through us.

**First Penance** – Many of our third grade students in St. Margaret School and in our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week on either Wednesday, September 23 or Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 pm in the evening. Their reception of this Sacrament was originally scheduled for last Spring but has been delayed because of the Covid-19 restrictions. We rejoice with these children as they experience the power of the Lord's forgiveness extended to them through this Sacrament. Please keep them in your prayers this week.

**Sanctuary Work** – The repairs and renovations on the Church sanctuary are moving forward. The work on moving the baptismal font to a place closer to the entrance of the Church is now in process, and some of the work on the step into the sanctuary and on the marble floor has begun. The process will take some time but it is good that it is now underway. The work will enhance the beauty of our Church and help us to experience God's presence there as we gather in Church for worship and prayer.

**Mercy Day** – September 24 is the feast day of Our Lady of Mercy. This title of Mary has special meaning for our Parish because the Sisters of Mercy served in our School until recently, when they were no longer able to staff it. However, we still consider ourselves a Mercy School and try to practice the mercy and compassion for all that stands at the heart of the mission and charism of the Sisters of Mercy. We ask Our Lady of Mercy to watch over our School and Parish and to inspire all of us to be ministers of kindness and mercy in our world.

**Collection for the Archdiocese for Military Services Next Sunday** – The special collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services will be taken up next weekend, September 26-27. This collection was originally scheduled for last Spring but was moved to next weekend because of the pandemic. Two baskets specifically marked for this Collection will be at the doors of Church next weekend. Please be generous in supporting the work of all our Catholic chaplains who serve the members of all the Military branches.

**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, please visit [golfmargarets.wixsite.com/golf](http://golfmargarets.wixsite.com/golf) or contact Anne Becker at [info@smsnarberth.org](mailto:info@smsnarberth.org) or at 610-664-2640.


**Church Teaching: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** – Christ present in the Eucharistic species is a treasure the Church has come to cherish and revere over the centuries. The reservation of the Eucharist was originally intended for the communion of the sick, for those unable to attend the Sunday celebration, and as Viaticum for the dying. As the appreciation of Christ's presence in the Eucharistic species became more developed, Christians desired through prayer to show reverence to Christ's continuing presence in their midst. For Catholics, Eucharistic adoration has an authentic and solid basis, especially because faith in the real presence of the Lord leads naturally to external, public expression of that faith. (from a church document on Sacred Art and Architecture)

**Spiritual Thought** – O God, help us to bring our worldly concerns under control, so that they never turn our minds from higher things. (Pope Saint Gregory the Great)

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



To register or sign up as a sponsor, please visit [golfmargarets.wixsite.com/golf](http://golfmargarets.wixsite.com/golf). If you want to help with planning and organizing, contact [info@smsnarberth.org](mailto: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!

 We hosted an intentionally small blood drive on 8/20/2020 and collected **24 units** which is great! **Thank you** St. Margaret Community for your overwhelming response to our blood drives. Thanks to your commitment to saving lives. We look forward to a large drive on **12/21/2020!**

**VILLA MARIA ACADEMY**  
**HIGH SCHOOL**  
**ANNOUNCES**  
**FALL ADMISSIONS EVENTS**



Villa Maria Academy High School, a Catholic college preparatory school in the tradition of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, invites young women to apply for Fall 2021 admission! Villa Maria, located in Malvern, will host a Hybrid Open House for all interested students and their families on Sunday, October 4, 2020. The Entrance-Scholarship Exam will be offered on Sunday, October 18, and Saturday, October 24, 2020 on campus. Eighth graders may take the exam on either date. A Fall Virtual Preview Breakfast will be held on October 28th. For additional information, please contact the Admissions Office at (610) 644-2551 or register online at [www.vmahs.org](http://www.vmahs.org). Learn about what Villa Maria sisterhood has to offer!



**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 [msjacad.org/openhouse](http://msjacad.org/openhouse). For more information or with any questions, email the Admissions Team at [admiss@msjacad.org](mailto:admiss@msjacad.org).

**Roman Catholic High School**  
**301 N. Broad Street**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19107**



**RCHS Scholarship Entrance Exam:**

Saturday, November 14, 2020  
 Sunday, November 22, 2020  
 Saturday, December 5, 2020

Testing begins at 9:00 AM and you can register at <https://romancatholicscom.finalsite.com/admissions/important-dates>.

For more information, please call

**Thomas Bottoms '10**  
**Director of Admissions and Communications Office**  
**215-627-1270 ext. 110**  
**Cell: 215-251-7186**



**Merion Mercy Academy**

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students and their families are welcome to join us at **Merion Mercy Academy's Virtual Open House** to be held Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Scholarship and Entrance Exam will be given on Saturday, September 26 and October 10. The Application/Test Registration can be completed online at [www.merion-mercy.com](http://www.merion-mercy.com). Students are encouraged to sign up for a virtual school day visit to Merion on Fridays beginning September 25.

***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/](http://phillyevang.org/rosary/).

Faith communities throughout Lower Merion are gathering weekly to raise our voices as advocates for racial justice. **Please join us, the Sisters of Mercy, for a silent vigil Wednesday, September 23 from 4:45 to 5:45 PM at Waldron Mercy Academy, 515 Montgomery Ave.** Bring handheld signs with peaceful messages advocating for racial justice. Vigils begin and end with prayer. In between, we stand for about 30 minutes along a busy street (Montgomery Ave.), holding our signs, bearing public witness to our collective desire for racial justice. Please feel welcome to bring a chair if you need one. Masks must be worn and friendly social distancing must be maintained during the entirety of each vigil. (Parking lot available.)



**Holy Hour for the Election**  
**50 People ~ 50 States ~ One Hour**  
 Sunday, November 1, 2020  
 2:00-3:00 PM  
 Solemnity of All Saints

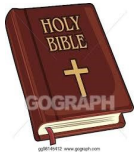
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul  
 18th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway  
 Philadelphia, PA 19103

**Presider:** Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill  
 Rector of the Cathedral

Join us for an hour of prayer and adoration before Jesus in the Eucharist as we petition for grace and blessing upon our country, especially asking for God's will to be accomplished in the upcoming presidential election. We hope for at least 50 people to be present, one for each State of the United States of America, but more are welcome! Please kindly RSVP to let us know you are coming at [phillyevang.org/events](http://phillyevang.org/events).

**Bible Study Update**

Due to an excess of caution, we have decided to suspend our Bible Study until such time as we can meet safely in person. We pray that the pandemic will just be a memory by early 2021. I look forward to seeing everyone then. For more information, contact Bill Meagher at 610-664-1195 or [wmeag8406@aol.com](mailto:wmeag8406@aol.com).



**Bible Novena**

Between September 2020 and May 2021, the Vocation Office will be praying an extended Novena, reading the entire Bible over the course of these 9 months, and we invite you to join us as we proclaim and hear the word of God and listen for His voice in our lives.

On the first and third Sundays of each month, we will issue videos of the faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia reading the Bible - including priests, deacons, seminarians, and lay faithful. For more information on this 9-Month Bible Novena, please visit [Heedthecall.org/BibleNovena](http://Heedthecall.org/BibleNovena) or contact Fr. DeLacy or Sue Matour in the Vocation Office at 610-667-5778.



**We welcome into the Church**

**Lexi Lina Canuncio**  
*daughter of*  
**Joseph and Nicolette Canuncio**

Congratulations to the family on the Baptism of their child.

**HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY**  
**Suspended until further notice.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Archdiocese for the Military Services was established by Saint John Paul II in 1985 to provide a full range of Catholic pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces.

The mission of the Archdiocese is to "serve those who serve" by offering pastoral care to Catholics serving in the U.S. military, enrolled in the nation's service academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers in the United States, Puerto Rico and Guam, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations. The Archdiocese and its priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral service to approximately 1.8 million Catholics. However, unlike a conventional diocese, the Archdiocese has no parishes or parish registries and no weekly collections. It relies solely on the generosity of private donations to support its programs and services.

Last year, Pope Francis told military ordinaries from around the world that "The role of military chaplains is to accompany and support [those in need] on the journey, to be a comforting and brotherly presence for them all." Your support of the Archdiocese for the Military Services will bring the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to men and women who serve our country and defend our freedoms, including many individuals and families who hail from our own Greater Philadelphia region.

The collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, which was to be conducted during Lent but was postponed due to the suspension of Masses, will now be conducted in your parish on the weekend of September 26 and 27, 2020. I ask your continued prayers and generous financial support for this important collection.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,  
 Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.  
 Archbishop of Philadelphia

**Weekend Mass Schedule September 26-27**

*(Priest scheduled is subject to change)*

**Saturday, September 26**

Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Msgr. Dougherty  
 5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

**Sunday, September 27**

7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty  
 8:45 AM - Msgr. Dougherty  
 10:00 AM - Fr. Pesarchick  
 11:30 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

**A Little Humor** – Sign put up during the coronavirus quarantine: "Thoughts and prayers going out to all the married men who have spent months telling their wives, 'I'll do that when I have time.'"

### **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, October 21, 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.**

One great program. Many ways to listen! [catholic.com/radio](http://catholic.com/radio)



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