

# 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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 27, 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

I remember the contrast so well, and how it made my brother come out on top. Mom would leave the kitchen where she was preparing our dinner, while we kids were gathered around the TV, rapt in attention to the likes of “Ramar, King of the Jungle” aimed at our age group. Mom would come into the living room and announce to me, “I need you to empty the garbage.” Well, I’m ashamed to admit that I grumbled a little, but I grudgingly got up and did it. Obedience was vigorously endorsed in our family.

Now sometimes Mom would ask something similar of my younger brother at the usually unwelcome time. He was just as obedient, but he would simply say “OK, Mom” minus grumble. So Mom would calmly return to her kitchen and my brother didn’t miss a moment of Ramar’s adventures. However, he would delay doing the job or even forget it. Surely that brought consequences. That little vignette comes to my mind as I reflect on this weekend’s Gospel, even though there’s no exact parallel.

Of course, the Gospel is not about childhood chores done or undone. But it is about the fact that our all-important eternal future depends on how we react to God’s requests of us. How do we respond to Him? Do we renege on our commitment to Him when He makes demands of us? When He disturbs our spiritual equilibrium?

We know from experience that often what He asks of us comes with bad timing, or so we think. That’s precisely when it is helpful to look for good example from good people. It is comforting for us sinners to note that difficult “chores” are asked even of the holiest people. God doesn’t spare them the test.

Our Blessed Mother faced a momentous decision when the angel Gabriel came calling with the Lord’s request. Not knowing anything more than the fact that her life was about to change completely, she gave her immediate “Fiat”, “Let it be done to me.” What strength, what faith, what trust in a young girl’s beautiful soul! That’s what God loved in her then and always will.

Nor was God’s request one that made life easy for our noble St. Joseph. Think about his shock at Mary’s news when she told him. Then ponder what he did in trusting obedience to God. In general, things haven’t been much different for all the other saints, those known and unknown, who grace the history of our Church.

Our Lord asks us every day to change our mindset about how and when we are going to do His will. I daresay it is rarely if ever based on our convenience. So we need that readiness exemplified by the holy ones. That way we can hope to join them in heaven.

In St. Louis there is a railroad switchyard. One particular switch begins with just the thinnest piece of steel to direct a train away from one main track to another. If you were to follow these two tracks, however, you would find that one ends in San Francisco, the other in New York. Sin is like that. Just a small deviation from God’s standards can place us far afield from our intended destination. No need to get lost, is there?

<b>MONDAY, September 28</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Joseph Binstead - 4th anniversary</b>
<b>TUESDAY, September 29</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Fred Matarazzo - 8th anniversary</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, September 30</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Patty Gallagher</b>
<b>THURSDAY, October 1</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Patrick Dowdle</b>
<b>FRIDAY, October 2</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Martin Wood</b>
<b>SATURDAY, October 3</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Living and Deceased Members of The Mischler Family</b>

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

<b>THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT</b>	
<b>Weekend of September 20, 2020:</b>	<b>\$ 9,473</b>
<b>Collection in Church:</b>	<b>\$ 2,834</b>
<b>Electronic Funds Transfer:</b>	<b>\$ 665</b>
<b>Mail In:</b>	<b>\$ 2,300</b>
<b>Parish On Line:</b>	<b>\$ 3,674</b>
<b>Envelopes:</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>The Weekend of September 22, 2019: \$8,750</b>	
<b>I sincerely thank you for continuing to live faithful stewardship. God bless you and your families.</b>	
<b>Msgr. Dougherty</b>	



**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!***



**Lankenau Ministry** continues to be suspended due to COVID 19 until further notice.

**Parish Theme for 2020-2021**  
*Prayer: Pathway to God*

**From the Pastor**

**Collection for Archdiocese for the Military Services** – This weekend there is a special second collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. This Archdiocese serves the needs of all our military personnel in all the branches of the Armed Services. Your generosity helps to ensure that those who serve us in the military receive the proper Catholic religious services. Please place your donation in the special baskets marked for this collection.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** – The meetings for our R.C.I.A. program have now begun. We have three adults who are interested in learning more about the Church and possibly converting to the Catholic faith. Newcomers are still welcome. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm. These sessions are for non-Catholics who want to learn more about our faith, and also for baptized Catholics who want to enhance their knowledge of the faith or who are in need of receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. If you wish to join us, please contact Msgr. Dougherty at [pastor@saintmarg.org](mailto:pastor@saintmarg.org) or at 610-664-3770.

**Baptismal Font** – The baptismal font has now been relocated to a place close to the entrance of the Church. Church teaching explains that the font should be in a place near the entrance to symbolize this sacrament's importance as the means by which we enter into the life of Christ and his Church. Moving the font from the sanctuary allows the font to stand out in its own place and emphasizes its unique role as the place of sacramental initiation into the life of Christ. From the new life given at the font we move forward to the altar in the sanctuary to nourish that life through the sacrament of the Eucharist.

**Golf Outing** – The Saint Margaret Parish and School Golf Outing will take place on Monday, October 5 at Bala Country Club. Golf will begin at 1:00 pm. A box lunch will be provided, and a barbeque dinner will follow the golf. Join us for golf, or just for dinner, or be a sponsor. To sign up for golf, for dinner only, or to be a sponsor go to [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. Your support of this fundraiser is much appreciated.

**Blessing of Animals** – Sunday, October 4 is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Because of his love for animals, we will have our annual blessing of animals at 3:00 pm in front of the rectory. We encourage you to wear masks. Social distancing will be observed.

**Church Teaching: The Baptismal Font** – The rites of baptism, the first of the sacraments of initiation, require a prominent place for celebration. Initiation into the Church is entrance into a eucharistic community united in Jesus Christ. Because the rites of initiation of the Church begin with baptism and are completed by the reception of the Eucharist, the baptismal font and its location reflect the Christian's journey through the waters of baptism to the altar. This integral relationship between the baptismal font and the altar can be demonstrated in a variety of ways, such as placing the font and the altar on the same architectural axis, using natural or artificial lighting, using the same floor patterns, and using common or similar materials and elements of design. (from a Church document on Sacred Art and Architecture)

**A Little Humor** – Homeschool, Day 1: Wondering how I can get this kid transferred out of my class.



*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.*

**Spiritual Thought: The Lord's Day** – On the Lord's Day the faithful must stop being men of machines and worldly business; they must really abstain from work, not only from what is called "servile" work, but from other labors also, because they rob the mind of its rest, which it needs in order to be able to rise to heavenly things in prayer, to take an active share in the liturgical life of the Church, and to meditate upon the Word of God. (Saint John XXIII)

**Weekend Mass Schedule October 3-4**  
*(Priest scheduled is subject to change)*

**Saturday, October 3**

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

**Sunday, October 4**

7:30 AM - Fr. DePrinzio  
8:45 AM - Fr. Pesarchick  
10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty  
11:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty  
1:00 PM Baptism - Msgr. Dougherty  
2:00 PM Baptism - Msgr. Dougherty

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

**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!



**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**



**SAINT**  
**BASIL**  
**ACADEMY**

**Saint Basil Academy Admissions**  
**711 Fox Chase Road**  
**Jenkintown, PA 19046**  
**8th Grade Entrance Exam**  
**Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 8AM**

Register online at [Stbasilacademy.org](http://Stbasilacademy.org)

For more information, contact Rachel McGonigle, Director of Admissions, at 215-649-9083 or email [rmcgonigle@stbasilacademy.org](mailto:rmcgonigle@stbasilacademy.org).



**Martin Saints Classical**  
**High School**  
**Admissions Open House**  
October, 20, 2020 @ 7pm

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation:** November 17, 2020

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation:** March 30, 2021

**Guest Student Visit:** Contact our admissions counselor, Ms. Lindmeier, to schedule a visit during the school day.

**Location:** On the campus of Holy Martyrs Church, 120 Allison Road, Oreland PA 19075.

[www.whymsc.org](http://www.whymsc.org)

**Come be "fully alive" with us!**

**Any questions?**

**Contact:** Ms. Laura Lindmeier, Admissions Counselor  
([lindmeier@martinsaintsclassical.org](mailto:lindmeier@martinsaintsclassical.org))

Mr. Adam Dickerson, Headmaster  
([adickerson@martinsaintsclassical.org](mailto:adickerson@martinsaintsclassical.org))

**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!



**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.



**St. Margaret Parish Blood Drive**  
**Saturday, October 3, 2020, 9AM - 2PM**  
**St. Margaret School Cafeteria**

Sign up at [redcrossblood.org/give.html](http://redcrossblood.org/give.html) using sponsor code **SMRCCNarberth**, or call 1-800-Red Cross. Due to social distancing, there will be no walk-ins, so please sign up for an appointment today. Then you will be able to save time and pre-register the morning of at [www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass). If you have any questions, or need assistance in scheduling an appointment, email Christina Braun at [christinabraun2002@yahoo.com](mailto:christinabraun2002@yahoo.com) or call her at 610-952-5766.

**Donors are needed!**

**Be the lifeline patients need!**

***Respect Life Month***  
***Archdiocesan Opening Celebration***  
***Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul***

**September 27, 2020**

**5:15 PM Holy Hour For Life**  
**With Sisters of Life**

**6:30 PM Holy Mass**

**Archbishop Nelson Pérez**

Join us for the official Archdiocesan launch of

***Walking with Moms in Need: a year of service***

***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/).



***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

**President:** 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).

***The Institute for Christian Formation***  
***Launching in January 2021 at***

**St. Charles Borromeo Seminary**

**For Adults, 18 and above (HS diploma required)**

Deepen your relationship with Jesus and live out committed discipleship in Him in a 2-year non-degree, non-credit Experiential Faith Formation program. For more information about this exciting new spiritual formation opportunity which will renew hearts and minds in Christ, please call 610-785-6287, email [sts@scs.edu](mailto:sts@scs.edu) or visit <https://www.scs.edu/ICF>.



***Ministry of Lector***

Christopher DeMaio, a parishioner at St. Margaret's and a candidate for the Diaconate, and Kenneth Omeke, who is serving his pastoral formation assignment this year on Thursdays at St. Margaret's, were installed into the Ministry of Reader by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, D.D. on Saturday, September 19 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. This is a step toward ordination as a deacon for Chris, and toward the Diaconate and Priesthood for Kenneth. We are grateful for their presence in our parish and extend our congratulations and prayers to both of them as they continue to move toward service as ordained ministers in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

### **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.**

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