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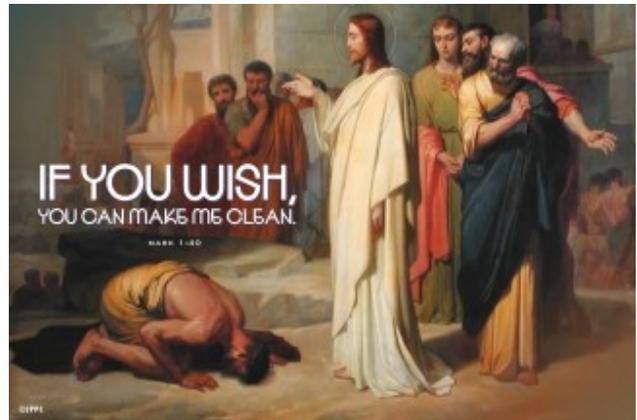
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

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.



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 14, 2021



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 are in the doctor's exam room, perched on the side of the examination table, awaiting the doctor's return. When he does so, the doctor brings another one with him. Their combined verdict is clear: "You have a strong case of cancer."

Since you've been a patient of this man for many years, you know of his special concern for you. You inherently know how much the doctor would rather be saying something else.

That's how it could be for any one of us since the arrival of cancer and its varied forms. You dread the sudden imposition of isolation this may bring. Most family and friends take on this serious air around you. You are grateful for those who can still share a laugh with you, no matter the subject. And when you are alone, you try to remember that instead of holding a "pity party" for yourself.

All of that was part of the plight of the unnamed leper who met Jesus on that long ago day. He knew the pain of his condition, but the social strictures Leviticus demanded in those days were that he live apart from family and friends and shout out to everybody "Unclean! Unclean!" Jesus will thus make all the difference.

Mark's description that Jesus was "moved with pity," is a bit tepid rendition of the original Greek word used here which is "embrimesamos." The word means rather "strong emotions that boil over and find expression in groaning." That was the depth of the healing love in Our Lord's great heart that day.

This weekend finds us in "the vestibule," so to speak, of Lent. We can easily acknowledge our need of repentance at any time, but Lent is a special season for this. Think of it as a retreat. At least as a time to zero in on the "leprosy" of sin that infects our souls regularly. How supportive, consoling, and hopeful it is to know that God sent us His son as an emissary who could be so concerned for our healing as to *groan* over us! I believe that prompted Jesus to say on another occasion "Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you."

Bishop Robert Barron offers this complementary pre-Lenten observation: "It is a biblical commonplace that we are unable to save ourselves from sin, since the very powers that we would muster to do so—the mind, the will, and the passions—are precisely what sin has compromised. Our only hope, therefore, is in the divine salvation offered as a gift."

In Lent, we're all, figuratively speaking, in "the office" of the Divine Physician, the Healer of souls. Tell him your condition, and then listen attentively. And don't be like this man who consulted with his doctor. "I have a terrible problem," he confided. "I've been carousing and misbehaving. It's been happening more and more frequently, and my conscience is beginning to trouble me very deeply. Can you give me something that will help?"

The doctor replied, "Oh, I see, you want me to give you something to strengthen your willpower?" "No," the patient protested. "That's not it. I don't want to strengthen my willpower. I want you to give me something to weaken my conscience." Have a good Lent. God love you, and give you His peace.

MONDAY, February 15
7:00 AM Philip Mairs

TUESDAY, February 16
7:00 AM Evelyn Kazeniac

WEDNESDAY, February 17
7:00 AM Milagros V. José
12:05 PM Peter Read
7:00 PM Andrew & Maureen Egan

THURSDAY, February 18
7:00 AM Kathleen Valentine

FRIDAY, February 19
7:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, February 20
8:00 AM Kathleen Valentine



THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2021
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF HELEN O'ROURKE.

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

Weekend Mass Schedule February 20-21
(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, February 20
Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Fr. DePrinzio
5:15 PM - Fr. DePrinzio

Sunday, February 21
7:30 AM - Fr. Cossavella
8:45 AM - Msgr. Dougherty
10:00 AM - Fr. Pesarchick
11:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of February 7, 2021: \$ 8,623
Collection in Church: \$ 3,125
Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 631
Mail In: \$ 1,610
Parish On Line: \$ 3,257
Envelopes: 142

The Weekend of February 9, 2020: \$12,246

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.

Parish Theme for 2020-2021

Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer

From the Pastor

Valentine's Day and Christian Marriage – The tradition surrounding St. Valentine is that he was executed by the Romans for going against the edicts of the emperor against Christianity by helping and guiding Christian couples in living out their call to marriage. On this St. Valentine's Day, we pray for all married couples. May the Lord bless and guide them in living the Sacrament of Matrimony through a strong, patient and steadfast love for one another. Through the love of husband and wife the light of Christ shines in our world in a special way.

Emergency Church Volunteers – We are looking for volunteers to receive some training to assist with any emergency medical or safety situations that might arise at Church. The Chief of Police for Narberth, John Gallagher, and some medical personnel will be here on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7:00 pm in the Annex to give some guidance. If you wish to join us, please contact Mike Worth at saintmargmusic@gmail.com.

Consecration to St. Joseph – Pope Francis has declared December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021, as a year dedicated in a special way to St. Joseph. The year is meant to increase our love for St. Joseph, inspire us to imitate his virtues, and help us to rely on his intercession and prayer for us. We encourage all of you to participate in a Consecration to St. Joseph that will be conducted here in our Parish. Beginning on March 30, we will begin thirty-three days of preparation for consecrating ourselves to St. Joseph on May 1, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. We will provide a book that guides you through the thirty-three days. Each day there are about 20 minutes of prayer and reading related to St. Joseph. At the conclusion of the thirty three days, a special prayer of consecration to St. Joseph is offered. You are invited to offer that prayer with others after the 8:00 am Mass on Saturday, May 1. Participating in all of the prayers connected with the Consecration can be done individually, but we are also offering an opportunity for any who wish to join us by Zoom on Wednesdays, April 7, 14, 21 and 28 to consider some discussion questions revolving around St. Joseph. This is the time for St. Joseph. His outstanding virtues can help us to live our faith more fully. Join us in this consecration to St. Joseph, who had such a special relationship with our Lord Jesus and our Blessed Mother.

Ash Wednesday – This Wednesday, February 17 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Season of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at Mass that day at 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:05 pm, and 7:00 pm, and at a Prayer Service at 4:00 pm. Lent is a time of repentance, to turn back to the Lord with all our hearts as we prepare for the celebration of Holy Week. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we renew our commitment to the Lord. Consider ways in which you can deepen your prayer, make sacrifices for the Lord, and give to the poor to make your Lent a time of spiritual renewal and growth.

Stations of the Cross – During Lent Stations will be prayed on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. Please join us for this Lenten Devotion that concentrates on the great love Christ showed for us by suffering and dying for our salvation. The Stations of the Cross are a particularly powerful way of deepening our love for Christ, calling us to repentance for our sins, and uniting our sufferings to those of our Lord for the salvation of all the world.

School Advisory Board – The Board will meet on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7:00 pm by Zoom.

Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion – On next Sunday, February 21, the First Sunday of Lent, participants in our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program will take an important step on their journey to enter the Catholic Church through the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion. At the 11:30 am Mass, we will offer some words and prayers by which our catechumen, Emily Shultz, will be officially recognized and elected by the Church as a candidate for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Eric and Diana Bazis, and Craig Stretch, who have already been baptized in the Christian faith and are candidates for entrance into the Church, will be called to continuing conversion as they prepare to enter the Church during the Easter Season. Please keep our catechumen and candidates in prayer as they enter the final phase of their formation for entrance into the Catholic Church.

Catholic Charities Appeal – The 2021 Appeal has begun. Lent's call for almsgiving makes it a good time to contribute to this Appeal, which provides the Archdiocese with the resources necessary to fund many of its programs for the needy in the Philadelphia area. Your donation will help us meet our goal of \$85,000. Your generosity supports many programs, including food pantries, and resources for the elderly and for needy families.

Year of St. Joseph – St. Joseph is your model for loving Jesus, Mary, and souls. Models are meant to be replicated. Through imitation of St. Joseph's virtues, you will become like your model and have a tremendous impact on the world. Saint Joseph's virtues will become your virtues. You are to become "another Joseph."

Spiritual Thought – There is still time for endurance, time for patience, time for healing, time for change. Have you slipped? Rise up. Have you sinned? Cease. Do not stand among sinners, but leap aside. (St. Basil the Great)

**FAST AND ABSTINENCE
AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT**

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (with the exception of Friday, March 19th, The Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary). Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

Church Teaching: The Sacrifice of the Mass – The Mass in fact truly makes present the sacrifice of the cross. Under the species of bread and wine, upon which has been invoked the outpouring of the Spirit who works with absolutely unique power in the words of consecration, Christ offers himself to the Father in the same act of sacrifice by which he offered himself on the cross. In this divine sacrifice which is accomplished in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once for all in a bloody manner on the altar of the Cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner. To his sacrifice Christ unites the sacrifice of the church: in the eucharist the lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value. The truth that the whole community shares in Christ’s sacrifice is especially evident in the Sunday gathering, which makes it possible to bring to the altar the week that has passed, with all its human burdens. (from the Apostolic Letter “ On Keeping the Lord’s Day Holy” by Saint John Paul II)



We Are Called

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl from church this weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



St. Margaret School

St. Margaret School celebrated Catholic Schools Week. Now we are welcoming applicants for the fall of 2021-22. Apply early for our 4 year old prekindergarten, and Full Day Kindergarten to secure a seat. Our goals include in person learning, while keeping your children safe with high academic standards. Applications for grades 1 to 7 are considered on an individual basis. For more information email info@smsnarberth.org.



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!



The Annual Archdiocesan **Wedding Anniversary Mass** has been scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 5:15 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of

SS. Peter and Paul. Archbishop Nelson Pérez will be the principal celebrant and homilist. The Mass will be celebrating those couples marking their 1 year, 5 year, 10 year, 25 year and 50 year wedding anniversary milestones. For more details, visit www.phillycatholiclife.org or call 215-587-0500.



Tax Information for 2020: To properly claim your donations to the Church, the IRS may require a donation receipt. To request your information go here <http://tinyurl.com/stmargtax> or contact the rectory during normal business hours, 610-664-3770.

Archdiocesan School Job Openings



Openings exist for long term substitute High School World Language Teachers—Spanish; and a part-time Teaching Assistant and a part-time Cafeteria Manager at St. Katherine’s Day School. For further details, please visit www.aop Catholicschools.org/careers.

A Little Humor – I love the way the earth rotates. It really makes my day.

Nightly Rosary to end Coronavirus continues Monday through Thursday at 8PM—phillyevang.org/rosary.



St Margaret School

This school year looks and feels different than previous years, yet one thing remains steadfast: the resilience of our Principal, Faculty and Staff. Thank you for the greatest gift you give to our SMS students – the gift of yourselves through your time, talent and dedication.

School News



Early in February, the students delighted in the annual “Souper Bowl” canned food drive collection which benefits Mercy Neighborhood Ministries. During Catholic Schools Week, the surprise element of snow provided a fun event for our students who were able to go out in the snow with their class to create their own snowmen on the grounds of SMS.



During the month of February, SMS celebrated Black History Month by sharing stories and celebrating Black History. At the end of each school day, a student from the 5th grade had the opportunity to recite their “Who Am I” speech over the loudspeaker. In these presentations, the students read information about prominent African Americans.

Our Kindergarten students now have their very own Chromebooks! You would be amazed how adept these young students are at logging in, using their google classroom and participating in their virtual classes. The 100th Day of School celebration coincided with our Valentine’s Day Celebrations. In honor of this, the students were able to dress down for the day to celebrate this milestone of Kindergarten. Along with their Valentine’s festivities, they had a fun day filled with 100th Day crafts and activities. It sure was a fun day in Kindergarten!



We would like to extend a very special thank you to Narberth Boy Scouts Troop 176 for creating and installing a “Free Library” stand for our SMS students.

Honors



Merion Mercy Academy 2019-2020 First Semester Honor Roll

Christina Giangjordano	Grade 12 Distinguished Honors
Regina Passarella	Grade 12 Distinguished Honors
Violet Lorei	Grade 11 Distinguished Honors
Moira Byrne	Grade 12 Honors
Erica Belden	Grade 11 Honors
Isabella Hennessey	Grade 10 Honors
Margaret Iannone	Grade 10 Honors

Congratulations to Saint Basil Academy sophomore *Amelie Sorbello*, who achieved High Honors during the second quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.



Congratulations!



St. Margaret Parish Blood Drive Saturday, February 27, 2021, 9AM - 2 PM St. Margaret School Cafeteria

Sign up at redcrossblood.org/give.html using sponsor code **SMRCCNarberth** or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Due to social distancing, appointments are needed, so please sign up for an appointment today. Save time and pre-register the morning of at www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass. If you have any questions, or need assistance in scheduling an appointment, email Christina Braun at christinabraun2002@yahoo.com or call her at 610-952-5766. For eligibility questions, please call 866-236-3276. All donors will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies and will be able to receive the results. A \$5 Amazon gift card will be sent to those who donate February 1-28.

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (AGES 52-67)

CATHOLIC men & women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests & dine together twice a month. Our next scheduled event is Sunday, February 21, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. It will be an outdoor/tented/well heated/lit w/Safe Seating restaurant event at Enotecca Tredici located at 915 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010. For more info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.



St. Margaret Church is open from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM on Saturday, and 7:15 AM to 1:30 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, February 24, 2021 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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