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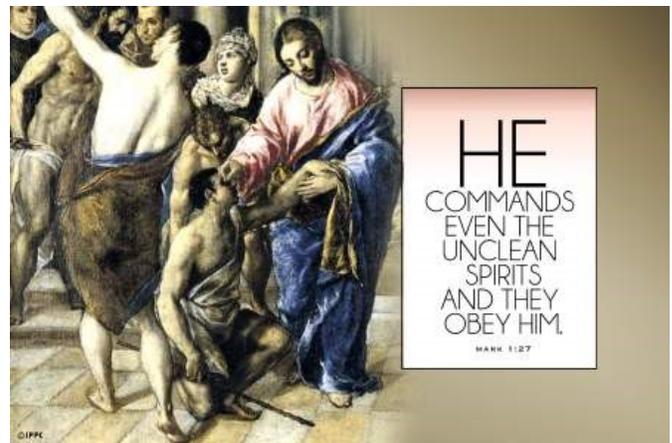
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MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

Rectory Office Business Hours
Monday - Friday 9:00AM to 4:30PM
CLOSED WEEKENDS
Any requests for the weekly Bulletin should
be submitted by
Monday, 12:00 Noon.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 31, 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

Live a while in our very human world and you soon learn that many a promise is broken. So much so that we are amazed when they are kept, especially over a long time. How many hearts have been broken by this very human failure we can only guess. So it is very reassuring and definitely cause for rejoicing to learn from the Bible that God is the exception. He keeps every promise He makes. Admittedly there may be extensive time gaps between promise made and promise kept. But then we also know that God's ways are not ours. The times described in Deuteronomy, our First Reading today, were long gone when events like those recounted in the Gospels took place.

Deuteronomy captures the day when, speaking through Moses, God guarantees that a prophet very much like Himself will be "raised up for you from among your own kin." He adds: "And to him you will listen." This is very much a command added to a promise.

Fast forward to this long ago day at the Capernaum synagogue. At the synagogue service, with its usual ritual begun with prayer, followed by Scripture readings and teaching. Just as Jesus started His teaching, He was rudely interrupted by a foul mouthed demon living in an otherwise innocent man who took on an even more ugly attitude. Jesus hears him out. "What have you to do with us Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?" Most likely this group of demons knew the answer to their questions, but they wanted confirmation of their conclusion. It must have frightened the little congregation. Jesus doesn't answer their impertinent questions. Instead He commands them to be "Quiet! Come out of him!" That's the kind of thing that Moses had described long before coming from the future prophet.

The stupendous power of Jesus, able to cross over to the invisible world of the supernatural, should be a welcome comfort to us. Especially when we can be quite devilish in our inner lives. Christ has kept His promises. All we have to do is keep our own to Him.

- MONDAY, February 1**
7:00 AM Eleanor D'Antonio
- TUESDAY, February 2**
7:00 AM Dominic Scorzetti
- WEDNESDAY, February 3**
7:00 AM Regina "Reggie" Mitchell
- THURSDAY, February 4**
7:00 AM Albert Sborlini
- FRIDAY, February 5**
7:00 AM Kathleen Valentine
- SATURDAY, February 6**
8:00 AM Deceased Members of
the Kienlen Family



THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021
THE ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF TERESA FALCONE.

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

Weekend Mass Schedule February 6-7
(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

- Saturday, February 6**
Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Msgr. Dougherty
5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty
- Sunday, February 7**
7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty
8:45 AM - Fr. Cossavella
10:00 AM - Fr. DePrinzio
11:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

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 110.

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>Weekend of January 24, 2021:</u>	\$ 8,791
Collection in Church:	\$ 2,140
Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 631
Mail In:	\$ 1,500
Parish On Line:	\$ 4,520
Envelopes:	143

The Weekend of January 26, 2020: \$10,242

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

Parish Theme for 2020-2021

Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer

From the Pastor

Catholic Schools Week – This week of January 31 to February 6 is Catholic Schools Week. We take this occasion to express our gratitude for St. Margaret School which has been educating youth since 1922. Next year will be our 100th Anniversary. We offer special thanks to Mrs. Johnston, our principal, and all the teachers and staff for the extraordinary work they have done this year to provide a quality Catholic education to our students in the midst of many challenges. We encourage all our parents to consider Saint Margaret School for the education of their children in a faith-based and academically stimulating environment. May God bless our School and all those who help to make it a wonderful place of faith, life and learning.

Feast of St. Blaise – The Feast of St. Blaise is on Wednesday, February 3. St. Blaise saved the life of a boy who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The tradition developed of throats being blessed on or near his feast day to invoke his intercession for us to be protected from illnesses of the throat and all other evils. Because of Covid-19 concerns, we have been asked to extend this blessing in a general way over the whole congregation at Mass, rather than having each person come forward to receive the blessing one-by-one. Next Weekend, February 6-7, we will be blessing throats at all the Masses by offering the prayer over the whole congregation at each Mass.

Liturgy Committee Meeting – The Committee will meet by Zoom on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 6:00 pm.

Adult Faith Formation Meeting - The Committee will meet by Zoom on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 6:00 pm.

Parish Theme for This Year (“Rejoice in hope; endure in affliction; persevere in prayer.”) – In this Sunday’s gospel, Jesus drives out a demon from a possessed person. His power over evil is a source of great hope for us. Sin and evil have a strong presence in our world, but they are overcome by the power of Jesus. In seeking to be virtuous and holy, we turn to Jesus who alone has the power to triumph over sin and fill us with his goodness.

Church Teaching: Table of the Word and the Bread of Life – As in every Eucharistic celebration, the risen Lord is encountered in the Sunday assembly at the twofold table of the word and of the bread of life. The table of the word offers the same understanding of the history of salvation and especially of the paschal mystery which the risen Jesus himself gave to his disciples: It is Christ who speaks, present as he is in his word when sacred scripture is read in the church. At the table of the bread of life, the risen Lord becomes really, substantially and enduringly present through the memorial of his passion and resurrection, and the bread of life is offered as a pledge of future glory. (from the apostolic letter “On Keeping the Lord’s Day Holy” by Saint John Paul II)

A Little Humor – One day a little girl was watching her mother do the dishes. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out that contrasted with her brunette locks. With curiosity, she asked, “Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?” Her mother replied, “Well, every time you disobey or make me cry and be unhappy, one of my hairs turns white.” The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then asked, “Mom, how come all of grandma’s hairs are white?”

Spiritual Thought: Eucharistic Transformation – By making the bread into his Body and the wine into his Blood, Jesus anticipates his death, he accepts it in his heart, and he transforms it into an action of love. What on the outside is simply brutal violence – the Crucifixion - from within becomes an act of total self-giving love. This is the substantial transformation which was accomplished at the Last Supper and was destined to set in motion a series of transformations leading ultimately to the transformation of the world when God will be all in all. (Pope Benedict XVI)



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.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended until further notice.

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with the Spirit of courage and love. Raise up from our families future priests: worthy ministers for your altars, generous and ardent servants of the Gospel. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



**St. John's Hospice Casserole Program
PAUSED**

The casserole program is currently on hold due to an accident on the afternoon of January 13, affecting the truck that they use for pickups. They will let us know when they are able to resume picking up casseroles.



Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

Luke 12:27

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is poor, you are not alone. *Lily's Gift Ministry* is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced, or worked closely with, issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. To expectant parents, we offer unique insight and sensitivity regarding such difficult issues as:

- Maintaining hope when a prognosis is poor
- Sorting through medical decision making
- Grieving the loss of the anticipated baby
- Stillbirth and neonatal critical care.

For more information, visit www.LilysGift.org or call Sr. Kathleen Schipani at 215-587-3530.



**Nightly Rosary to End
Coronavirus
CONTINUES!**

Until March 25, the rosary will continue Monday through Thursday at 8:00 PM

in English using the link found at phillyevang.org/rosary/. The Thursday rosary is a World Mission Rosary.

Please join the hundreds of households in the Archdiocese and beyond who have been praying together for an end to the pandemic since March 2020!

**Full-Time Job Opening
Saint John Vianney Parish, Gladwyne**

Saint John Vianney Parish, Gladwyne, is hiring for a full-time Parish Secretary! Please visit www.sjvgladwyne.com to view the full job description.

Resumes can be submitted to resume@sjvgladwyne.com. For questions, please contact the Parish Offices at 610-642-0938.



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**Office for Persons with Disabilities
&
the Deaf Apostolate**

During this time of social distancing and quarantine there are resources posted at www.OPDarchphilly.org to support individuals with disabilities and their families. Current and upcoming resources include daily phone or online *Nourish for Caregivers* "House Calls."

At www.DeafCatholicPhilly.org there is a listing of the Archdiocesan live-streamed Sunday Masses in American Sign Language and a schedule of daily Masses and devotions in ASL. A daily reflection is also posted to the Deaf Catholic Philly You Tube page. For more information, please call 215-587-3530 or email OPD@archphila.org.

Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Help-Line

Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or Autism? A collaboration of Catholic Social Services - Developmental Programs, The Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Schools of Special Education of the Archdiocese is offering this convenient help-line to assist families connect to disabilities services provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. **To reach the Help-Line, call: 484-472-5041 or email: IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org.**



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!



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.



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

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.
We place before You the disease present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in Your care.

Jesus, I trust in You.
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Amen.

**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.

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/>

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

**THE Joy-Filled
Marriage**

We are thrilled for you and your upcoming marriage! The Archdiocese of Philadelphia offers the **Joy-Filled Marriage** Program, a thorough, enjoyable, and comprehensive program, which discusses practical "life skills" and the sacramentality of marriage. The purpose of Marriage Preparation is to introduce you to the theology behind the sacrament and give you practical advice using sound psychology that will equip you for your life journey together. All courses are being delivered in a live online format until further notice. For more information and to register, visit: phillycatholicmarriageprep.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is the largest pro-marriage organization in the world and promotes Experiences for couples who want to make their good marriage even better. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce there is a way to reach joy in your marriage or in your priesthood, even during stay at home orders. We are now offering a virtual Marriage Encounter experience. Go to www.WWME.org or www.WWME-philly.org to find the next experiences being offered.



Learn more about St. Margaret School!

Our 4 year old prekindergarten through 8th grade continues to grow strong faith, develop outstanding character and offer exceptional academics in our unparalleled community. Learn more through an online inquiry and virtual tour today. Request more information: bit.ly/382vTAU or visit our website:

smsnarberth.org.

We welcome Prekindergarten 4 year olds and Full Day Kindergarten applications after a virtual tour | meeting. Contact our Admissions/Advancement Director at 610-664-2640 ext 2 or at info@smsnarberth.org. We look forward to hearing from you, to engage our parish community in Catholic education at its best!

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 phillycatholicmarriageprep.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**.

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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 112.



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