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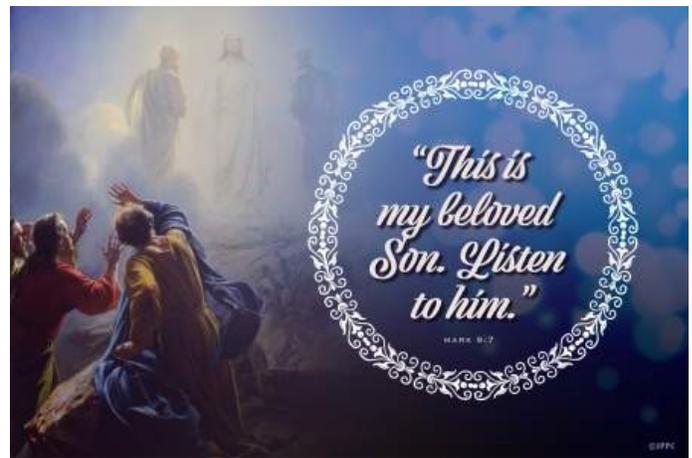
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MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 28, 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

The exhilaration one feels in the wake of a successful weight loss program or an addiction broken through a program like Alcoholics Anonymous is often enhanced by the compliments of friends and acquaintances. They applaud the transformation, especially if they have clear memories of “the old you.” The accomplishment is also a source of good example for those others trying to do the same. Change matters.

There is a certain similarity here with the glorious event of Christ’s transfiguration. When the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity humbly hid His divine nature by accepting a human one, He took it on completely with all its limitations. We tend to forget that. He was “like us in all things, except sin.”

So Our Lord in many ways looked ordinary to most observers, although He was at the same time a special Man. For example, He was undeniably approachable. Many men give off an air of cool indifference, especially to strangers. Jesus even attracted children, who are among the best detectors of phoniness.

Our Lord grew tired at the end of the day. He experienced the weariness of living with His mainly ignorant Apostles. He had to guard against using any spectacular devices in attracting followers. Only when He worked one of His miracles out of compassion, or as a teaching lesson, did the source of His power gradually become revealed. His apostles first came to Him because He was different in all the best ways. Gradually they recognized that He was also genuinely holy and close to God. Eventually He did tell them and His closest followers Who He was to end their guesswork.

But on this one special occasion, He pulled back the veil over His divine nature to allow them (and us) to glimpse His glory. One where Moses and Elijah, both long dead by human reckoning, were suddenly quite alive in another dimension. It had to be a spectacular sight for Peter, James and John. It must have included a massive dose of awe, joy and happiness combined. Not to omit a rebirth of trust in their inbred Hebrew hope of a Messiah.

Let us here reflect not on the sound and sights, but on the generated hope. As such, it is one of the three theological virtues, along with Faith and Charity, so-called because they “relate directly to the living God.” “They inform all the moral virtues and give them life” as the Catholic Catechism describes them.

St. Paul indirectly refers to hope when we hear him ask today: “If God is for us, who can be against us?” Hope, like all virtues, is also a “power” or ability given us by God which ushers forth trust in Him that injects us with dynamism about the present and optimism for the future.

This story of the transfiguration placed here at the start of Lent should be seen as our encouragement and reason to believe that we can overcome our addiction to sin. It energizes us to reach up in our struggle to be God’s friends when all around us is a gravitational pull downward. We can posit our own future transfiguration when we will repeat St. Peter’s words: “Lord, it is good to be here.” God love you and give you His peace.

MONDAY, March 1

7:00 AM Joan Gail

TUESDAY, March 2

7:00 AM Albert Sborlini

WEDNESDAY, March 3

7:00 AM Herbert M. Jung

THURSDAY, March 4

7:00 AM Dan McGarry

FRIDAY, March 5

7:00 AM Mary Pham

SATURDAY, March 6

8:00 AM Deceased Members of
the Kienlen Family



THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF KEN HERBST.

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

Weekend Mass Schedule March 6-7

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, March 6

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

Sunday, March 7

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

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of February 21, 2021: \$ 9,878
Collection in Church: \$ 2,783
Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 591
Mail In: \$ 2,155
Parish On Line: \$ 4,349
Envelopes: 149

The Weekend of February 23, 2020: \$10,113

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



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

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

Thanks and Best Wishes to Mrs. Johnston, Principal of St. Margaret School – Mrs. Mary Anne Johnston recently announced that she will be retiring as principal of St. Margaret School at the end of this academic year. On behalf of our Parish and School I extend my sincere gratitude to Mrs. Johnston for her dedicated service as the principal of St. Margaret School these past five years. She worked tirelessly for the good of our students. She gave witness to her deep faith, her love for our children, and her commitment to Catholic education in all that she did for our School. She guided us with a steady and wise hand through the difficult times of the pandemic and all the adjustments it required for our School. We have been blessed by her presence among us and offer her our sincere thanks and best wishes as she begins a new phase of her life. I am organizing a Search Committee to help evaluate and interview applicants for the position of principal. I ask for your prayers that the Lord will guide all our efforts and decisions.

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Collection – I recently received notice that 84 of our Parish families have contributed a total of \$22,176 to the 2020-21 Seminary Collection. We are trying to reach last year's (2019-20) total of \$25,476 that was given by 92 families. We are getting ready to wrap up the 2020-21 Appeal so, if you have not already done so, please consider making a contribution to this important Archdiocesan Collection.

Interfaith Bible Text Study—St. Margaret Parish has been invited by Har Zion Temple, Penn Valley, and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Narberth, to participate in a three-night (virtual) interfaith text study. The sessions will be held on March 4 and 18, both Thursdays, and Wednesday, March 31. The group will meet on Zoom from 7 pm to 8:15 pm. The theme for this scripture study will be “Liberation & Freedom.” Seats for each congregation are limited, so please email Nicole at faith@saintmarg.org to claim your spot and receive the Zoom information.

Liturgy Committee – The Committee will meet by way of Zoom at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 9 at 6:00 pm.

Stations of the Cross – The Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday evening in Church at 7:00 pm during the Season of Lent. This is a powerful Lenten devotion focused on the love Jesus showed us through the suffering and death he endured for our salvation. Lent is a time of increased fervor in prayer and the Stations of the Cross Devotion is a very prayerful way to spiritually enrich your Lenten observance.

Year of St. Joseph – Pope Francis has dedicated the year from Dec. 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph. We will be giving you the opportunity to make a Consecration to St. Joseph on May 1. The consecration requires thirty-three days of prayerful preparation. We are currently awaiting the arrival of books to guide you through this process of consecration. It will require about 20 minutes of your time each day from March 30 to May 1. Each day you will offer prayers and reflect on readings focused on St. Joseph. I hope you plan to be part of this consecration in order to receive its special blessings and the spiritual growth it brings.

One of the most beautiful shrines to St. Joseph is in Montreal. It is called St. Joseph's Oratory and was founded by St. Andre Bessette. Andre's birth name was Alfred. He was the eighth of twelve children. His father, a lumberjack, died in a tragic accident when Alfred was 9, and his mother passed away from tuberculosis when he was 12. Losing both his parents at a young age, Alfred developed a strong devotion to St. Joseph and entrusted his life to him. As a young man he spent some time working in textile mills in Connecticut, but later entered the Congregation of the Holy Cross and became a religious brother, taking the name of Andre. Since he had little education he was assigned to the role of porter or doorman for a college run by his community in Montreal. He soon became known for his holiness by the care he extended to those who came to him, especially the sick. He encouraged people to get to know St. Joseph and pray to him. Many miracles were worked. Brother Andre sought to establish a Shrine to honor St. Joseph in thanksgiving for all the blessings received through him. In 1904 a small chapel was erected, but eventually a beautiful Basilica was completed in 1967. It is a magnificent and holy place that gives great witness to the virtues and intercessory power of St. Joseph.

Church Teaching: The Sunday Obligation – Since the eucharist is the very heart of Sunday, it is clear why, from the earliest centuries, the pastors of the church have not ceased to remind the faithful of the need to take part in the liturgical assembly. “Leave everything on the Lord's Day,” urges the third century text known as the Didascalia, “and run diligently to your assembly, because it is your praise of God. Otherwise, what excuse will they make to God, those who do not come together on the Lord's Day to hear the word of life and feed on the divine nourishment which lasts forever?” (From the Apostolic Letter “On Keeping the Lord's Day Holy,” by Saint John Paul II)

Spiritual Thought – The Rosary mystically transports us to Mary's side as she is busy watching over the human growth of Christ in the home of Nazareth. This enables her to train us and to mold us with the same care, until Christ is fully formed in us. (Saint John Paul II)



Honors

Roman Catholic High School has announced that the following students have achieved Academic Honors for the Second Quarter of 2020-21:

Elijah Karn (Class of 2023) First Honors
Patrick Zanoni (Class of 2022) Second Honors

Roman Catholic High School Spring OPEN HOUSE

Attention all 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys! Roman Catholic High School will be holding an in-person **Open House on Sunday, March 21** from 11 AM- 1 PM.

Come join us to discover all that Roman has to offer in academics, athletics and other extracurricular activities. Because of Covid precautions, **PRE-Registration is REQUIRED**--we are not able to accommodate walk-ins for this event :

<https://romancatholicshs.com.finalsite.com/admissions/important-dates>

If you have any questions please contact our Director of Admissions and Communication Tom Bottoms '10 at tbottoms@romancatholicshs.com



Mount Saint Joseph Academy

Prospective students are invited to join us for events this spring!

7th Grade Practice Test - Saturday, March 27,
and Sunday, March 28

6th Grade Practice - Saturday, April 17

Registration is open at www.msacad.org/practicetest.

Personal tours are scheduled by appointment – call (215) 233-9133 to reserve your tour.

For more information or to learn more about the event, email the Admissions Team at admiss@msacad.org.



VILLA MARIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES SPRING ADMISSIONS EVENTS

Learn about what the Villa Maria sisterhood has to offer! 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 in 6th and 7th grade to attend the school's spring events. Located in Malvern, Villa Maria will offer a 7th Grade Practice Exam on Saturday, March 13, on campus. Additionally, two spring Virtual Preview Breakfast events will be held Tuesday, April 20, and Wednesday, April 28, for 6th and 7th grade students and their parents/guardians. For more information or to register, please visit vmahs.org or contact the Admissions Office at (610) 644-2551.



Thank you from St. Veronica's Parish

Thank you to the parishioners of St. Margaret Parish for your continued generosity to St. Veronica's parish, with your offering for the poor. It was a blessing to receive your donation of \$400 in this time when Church finances are so uncertain during the pandemic. Your gift was a sign to us that God's providence is watching over us. We will remember St. Margaret parishioners and staff in our special prayers during our Masses at St. Veronica's.



Better Meals in Madagascar

In Madagascar, half of all children are undernourished. That means 50% of kids won't grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in your life? How can you help those who lack access to enough nutritious food. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl donations may be made in two ways this year: collected in the Church on the weekend of March 20 and 21 OR donate online using our parish's unique CRS website:

<https://crs.donordrive.com/participant/st-margaret-church>



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.



Nightly Rosary to End Coronavirus CONTINUES!

The rosary will continue Monday through Thursday until March 25, and Monday & Tuesday after that date, at 8:00 PM in English using the link found at phillyevang.org/rosary/.



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.

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.



VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
HEED THE CALL



Come and See Events

During March, men who are discerning the priesthood are invited to come to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for *Come and See Events*, which are available

for high school men (single day program Saturday March 13, 2021) and post-high school men (overnight March 19-20, 2021). For more information, please visit Heedthecall.org/comeandsee or contact Fr. DeLacy at fr.sdelacy@archphila.org.

Weekly Online Discernment Groups High School and Post-High School Men

Weekly groups began in mid-February for Catholic men who are discerning a possible call to the priesthood. Separate groups are held for high school men, college-aged men, and post-college men. For more information, contact Fr. DeLacy at fr.sdelacy@archphila.org.

What Makes for a Good Homily?

Your insights on this question are sought through a national study partially funded by a grant from the Confraternity of Christian Faith of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Catholic Biblical Association. This effort, called the Parables Project is focusing on the preaching of Jesus' parables. Please help us gain new insights by going to www.parablesproject.org and completing a 15-minute survey. Thanks!

St. Margaret School



St. Margaret School is 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.

A Little Humor – A widower and a widow attend their 70th class reunion, and a long-ago spark is rekindled. At the end of the night, he asks, “Will you marry me?”

“Yes, yes, I will!” she says enthusiastically.

The next morning the widower wakes up troubled. Did she say yes or no? Confused, he calls her and asks, “Did you say yes or no to marrying me?”

“I said yes! And I am glad you called, because I couldn't remember who asked me.”

Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp Saturday, April 10, 2021

Theme: “Speak Lord, for your Servant is Listening”

Calling all young men in Grades 6, 7 and 8! You are invited to gather with your peers at the **Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp (B.B.V.C.)!** This awesome one-day camp will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on Saturday, April 10, 2021, from 9AM-3PM. Proper COVID-19 precautions will be used. Registration is \$25 and the deadline is **March 24th**. For more information, please visit HeedtheCall.org/BBVC or contact Jillian Minnich at jminnich@archphila.org.

Quo Vadis

June 28—July 1, 2021

The Vocation Office is excited to be offering our annual *Quo Vadis* Camp as an in-person event in 2021! This year's camp will be held at Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville, PA. This camp offers high school men, incoming freshmen to graduated seniors, an opportunity to grow and remain active in their faith and interact with other faithful young men from diverse backgrounds.

Due to the necessary COVID-19 precautions, registration will be limited to 50 high school men, therefore registration will be by lottery which will open at 9AM March 1 and close at midnight April 30. For more information, please contact Jillian Minnich at jminnich@archphila.org or Sue Matour at smatour@archphila.org.

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, March 17, 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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