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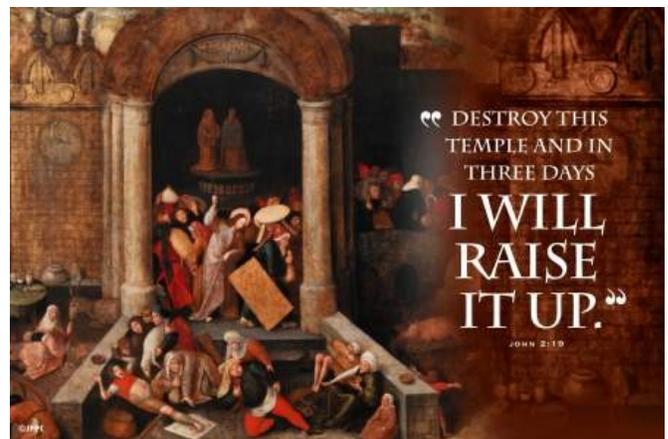
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 7, 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.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

MONDAY, March 8
7:00 AM Frank Mischler, Jr.—
41st anniversary

TUESDAY, March 9
7:00 AM Mary Pham

WEDNESDAY, March 10
7:00 AM Ronnie Donatucci

THURSDAY, March 11
7:00 AM Anna Pinto

FRIDAY, March 12
7:00 AM John Le

SATURDAY, March 13
8:00 AM Kathleen Valentine



THE WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2021
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF THE HOA LE FAMILY.

THE ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF EDITH & JAMES MYERS.

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

Weekend Mass Schedule March 13-14
(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, March 13
Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Msgr. Dougherty
5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, March 14
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 28, 2021: \$ 8,899
Collection in Church: \$ 3,877
Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 591
Mail In: \$ 2,086
Parish On Line: \$ 2,345
Envelopes: 149

The Weekend of March 1, 2020: \$13,332

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

Consecration to St. Joseph – Pope Francis has designated 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. Books are available in the vestibule of Church 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. All of the prayers can be said individually on your own, even the consecration to St. Joseph on May 1. In order to give you the opportunity to share with others who will be making the consecration, we will have meetings available on Zoom each Wednesday evening in April at 7:00pm. You can contact Nicole at faith@saintmarg.org or at 610-664-3770 to sign on to obtain the Zoom link. Also, if you wish, you can join us on Saturday, May 1 at the 8:00 am Mass, during which we will make the consecration to St. Joseph together as a community. Pick up one of the books in the vestibule and be part of the consecration to this great saint who had such a special relationship with the Lord Jesus and can bring us closer to him.

Novena to St. Joseph – To celebrate the Year of St. Joseph, you are encouraged to make a novena of prayer for his intercession, beginning on March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Spouse of Mary, and then on the nineteenth of every month thereafter through November 19, 2021. Copies of the prayers to be offered are on the tables in the vestibule. Please take a copy and join in praying this Novena each month. Our unity with St. Joseph will unite us more closely to Jesus and bring us many spiritual blessings.

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

Twenty-Four Hours for the Lord – Pope Francis has once again proclaimed a Lenten weekend, March 12-13, as a time of special Lenten prayer and devotion. On Friday, March 12, we will have our Stations of the Cross Devotion at 7:00 pm. On Saturday, March 13, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from after the 8:00 am Mass until 12 noon. Confessions will be heard from 11:00 am to 12 noon. Lent calls us to a renewed commitment to prayer as a means of turning to the Lord with all our hearts to receive the power of his mercy, strength and comfort. Come and spend some time in prayer with the Lord.

Lenten Discussion on Homelessness on Tuesday, March 23 – Lent is a time of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. What better time to address Homelessness? Please join us on Tuesday, March 23 at 8:00 pm for a zoom discussion of Rev. Chaz Howard's new book, "The Bottom: a Theopoetic of the Streets." It is available at the rectory for \$20 (\$5 of which will be donated to St. Margaret's), the Narberth Bookshop, and online on Amazon. Contact Nicole at faith@saintmarg.org to register for the Zoom link.

Lenten Morning of Recollection – We invite you to a Lenten Morning of Recollection in Church on Saturday, March 20. Join us for the 8:00 am Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 am. Father Sean Loomis, the Chaplain for the Deaf Apostolate in the Archdiocese and Parochial Vicar at Annunciation B.V.M. Church in Havertown, will speak at 9:00 am on the obedience of Christ to the Father and the freedom that obedience brings. Confessions will be heard from 10:00 – 10:45 am, and then we will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The talk by Fr. Loomis will be livestreamed.

Catholic Charities Appeal 2021 - This year's Appeal is underway. Lent is a particularly good time to practice almsgiving and give to charities. The Catholic Charities Appeal helps the Archdiocese to serve many needy people in our area. Your generosity provides for elderly priests, children with disabilities, the undernourished, and many others who need help. Please be generous to this very important Appeal. You can donate at catholiccharitiesappeal.org.

Parish Theme for This Year - (Rejoice in hope; endure in affliction; persevere in prayer.) – The call of Lent is to take up our cross and follow Jesus. To take up the cross means to accept willingly our sufferings as a means to being united with Jesus in his Passion and joining with him in offering our lives to the Father for the salvation of the world. We can endure in affliction because we know our sufferings are not in vain. The Lord uses them in his plan of salvation for us and for others.

Church Teaching: The Mass as an Easter Banquet – The communal character of the eucharist emerges in a special way when it is seen as the Easter banquet in which Christ himself becomes our nourishment. In fact, for this purpose Christ entrusted to the church this sacrifice: so that the faithful might share in it, both spiritually, in faith and charity, and sacramentally, in the banquet of holy communion. Sharing in the Lord's Supper is always communion with Christ, who offers himself for us in the sacrifice to the Father. (from the Apostolic Letter "Keeping the Lord's Day Holy" by Saint John Paul II)



Upcoming Events

Young Adult Retreat “..Be transformed by the renewal of your minds..”: Friday, March 19, 6 PM— Sunday, March 21, 11 AM. The retreat director is Fr. Timothy Danaher, a Dominican priest at St. Patrick’s Church in Philadelphia. Young adults (20’s & 30’s) are invited for a weekend of spiritual renewal and fellowship in Christ which will include Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass, novena prayers to St. Joseph, a Reconciliation Service, music and time for spiritual direction, personal prayer, and recreation. The cost is \$120. Please visit <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/young-adult-retreat/>.

Day of Reflection: March 17, 2021, The Sisters of Life will lead a Lenten Retreat at Malvern Retreat House. There will be time for prayer, adoration, and presentations. Cost is \$40 PP onsite; \$25 Virtual. We will start at 8:30 AM and end at 3:30 PM. Information and registration details are available on our website. Please visit www.malvernretreat.com/register or call the main office at 610.644.0400.

Event: Men’s Evenings of Reflection with Father Scott Reilly, LC. Tuesdays, March 9, April 13 & May 11. Mass at 6:15 PM in church. Father Scott’s reflection follows from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The reflection will be livestreamed (Link: meet.google.com/bvj-uvpm-pvb) as well as in person. Hosted by St. Katharine of Siena Parish in Wayne. For more information, contact Father Scott Reilly at frscott@legionaries.org.

Event: Webinar: The Wonder of Eve program for High School Girls and Their Mothers Wednesday, March 10 from 7:00-8:30 PM.

Sponsored by the Gianna Center of Philadelphia, *The Wonder of Eve* is a fresh and engaging presentation, helping young women understand how naturally amazing their bodies are and the impact their choices can have on their future health and fertility. The speakers are health care professionals from the Archdiocese of St. Louis and there is an opportunity for Q&A. For more information, and to register, please visit <https://www.phgiannacenter.org> and click the events tab.



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.



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.



Sustainability in El Salvador

Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new farming techniques—and a new generation of young farmers—are making a difference. What would you do if your livelihood was threatened? How can you support young people in your community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Rice Bowl Lenten Almsgiving

PLEASE NOTE: The collection date for our in-church Rice Bowl donations has been changed to Easter Weekend, April 3 and 4. Rice Bowl donations may be made in two ways this year: collected in the Church on Easter Weekend OR donate online using our parish’s unique CRS website: <https://crs.donordrive.com/participant/st-margaret-church>. Thank you!



CYO Track and Baseball



CYO is allowing us to proceed with strict guidelines for social distancing and attendance.

Baseball will start mid to late March per field conditions and weather. This is open to grades 5-6 JV and 7-8 Varsity. Grades 3-4 baseball will be determined by availability.

Track for Grades 4-8 will depend on numbers and ability to maintain safety guidelines. Grades 1-3 will possibly continue, based on availability. Track practice will start in early March.

All participants must be registered prior to practicing. For registration for Spring Sports, visit <http://stmargaret.website.sportssignup.com/Site/Home/Id/41889>.

A NOTE OF



Thank you for Poor Box Donations

Thank you for your gift of \$400 to *Mother of Mercy House*. Your kindness and support allow us to meet the needs of the Kensington and Allegheny neighborhood through a unique spiritual approach. We strive to establish our programs and outreach with prayer, guidance and support in order to lead people to Christ. We are sincerely grateful for you and all that you bring to our family. Please keep Mother of Mercy House, and all those we serve, in your prayers, for you are in ours.



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Joseph Panichelli who recently passed away. May he rest in peace and his loved ones be comforted.

**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.



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 man entered the office of a dentist for the first time. When he saw a certificate on the wall bearing the dentist’s full name, he suddenly remembered he had a high school classmate by the same name and wondered if it was the same person. When he saw the dentist, he almost put aside the thought. The dentist looked so old to him he thought this surely could not be his classmate. But the patient asked the dentist what high school he attended and when the dentist’s reply indicated it was the same high school as the patient, the patient replied, “I knew you from high school.” The dentist looked at him real closely and asked, “What subject did you teach?”



**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 pick-ups. They will let us know when they are able to resume picking up casseroles.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our Archdiocese will take up the national Collection for the Church in Latin America. The collection helps to share the faith in regions like the mountainous Andahuaylas Province of Peru, where most of the people in the Talavera District speak Quechua. To better minister to these people, the parish of Santiago Apostol led a project to prepare Quechua-language audiovisual materials about evangelization and Sacred Scripture. The parish also created digital materials and furnished a room to serve as a library to hold these and other resources.

Support from the Collection for the Church in Latin America helped cover the necessary costs of the project—allowing the first series of materials to be created in June 2018.

By supporting this collection, you help share the faith more fully with underserved indigenous peoples in remote areas of Latin America.

Our Archdiocese will take up this Collection the weekend of March 13 and 14, 2021. Please be generous in this Collection and take this opportunity to share your faith with the youth of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

Spiritual Thought – Our own evil inclinations are far more dangerous than any external enemies. (St. Ambrose)

FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND!

Next Weekend is our monthly food collection weekend (March 13 & 14). This program collects non-perishable foods each month for the Archdiocesan Community Food Distribution Centers Program. They provide food for 40 Food Cupboards throughout the Philadelphia area. All items should be brought to the school Cafeteria next weekend. Thank you for your generous support of this program.



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!

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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