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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 11, 2021

Divine Mercy Sunday



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.

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pastor@saintmarg.org

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Scrip Sales

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 EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Mass Intentions

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

During this prolonged national and worldwide bout with a virus whose name none of us will ever forget, there has been some welcome comic relief. I have enjoyed that which has been provided by signs. These delights were posted on social media.

I learned of a small restaurant in Texas called “El Arroyo” whose fame for good margaritas has been topped by its ever-changing outdoor signs. They have attracted worldwide attention because of worldwide exposure. One of my favorites displayed this past Winter was this: “My trash goes out more than I do.”

This happening led me to think about all kinds of signs. In St. John’s gospel, signs play a major role, because that is how Our Lord’s miracles are labelled. Beginning with the event at Cana, the author presents six other “signs.” You and I reading about them are ineluctably drawn to the only possible conclusion: Jesus is God. The Resurrection of Jesus, the greatest sign, leaves no doubt of that.

But a skeptic like the Apostle Thomas, who is after all a saint in heaven, has been given that unfortunate nickname of “The Doubter.” Admittedly, he does react with doubt to the breathless account of his brother Apostles about the risen Lord’s appearance among them. He sets conditions for his personal faith. A week later, there is great drama in the room when Jesus reappears and meets all of Thomas’ “requirements.”

I have always imagined that scene this way. A stunned and tearful Thomas, embarrassed and feeling alone, instantly falls down on his knees before Jesus, and in a burst of beautiful humility, makes that profound act of faith: “My Lord and my God.”

Especially helpful for us, who have doubts from time to time, is the response of Our Lord. He looks lovingly into Thomas’ eyes, as the poor man gets back up, and says those words that echo down the centuries with comfort and hope: “Blessed are those who have not seen Me but have believed.”

Dr. John Vannorsdall, former chaplain at Yale University, brought up a question about all this when He wrote in striking words: “If God raised Jesus from the dead, why didn’t God fix Him up? Why scars? Why the print of nails that you could feel with your fingers? Can it be that the gospel is saying: ‘You will not see Jesus Christ unless you see the wounds?’ Somehow we must understand that the resurrected Christ is forever the wounded Christ. Living, but never fixed up.”

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, may our wounded God show you His mercy every day, and give you His peace.

MONDAY, April 12
7:00 AM Jean Schramm

TUESDAY, April 13
7:00 AM Raymond J. Fisher

WEDNESDAY, April 14
7:00 AM Yvonne Au

THURSDAY, April 15
7:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, April 16
7:00 AM Nicky Pasani (living)

SATURDAY, April 17
8:00 AM Mary & Joseph Bizzarri



THE WEEK OF APRIL 4, 2021
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF NICHOLAS CIPRIANI.

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

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of March 28, 2021: \$ 8,483
Collection in Church: \$ 3,118
Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 591
Mail In: \$ 2,394
Parish On Line: \$ 2,380
Envelopes: 154

The Weekend of March 29, 2020: \$4,348

Weekend of 4/4/21 (Easter): \$35,284
Easter Collection 2020: \$26,197

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land: \$1,322

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

Weekend Mass Schedule April 17-18
(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, April 17
Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Msgr. Dougherty
5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, April 18
7:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick
8:45 AM - Msgr. Dougherty
10:00 AM - Fr. DePrinzio
11:30 AM - Fr. Cossavella

Parish Theme for 2020-2021

Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer

From the Pastor

Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour – Today is the Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate the compassionate mercy that God extends to all of us. He came among us as a man to extend to us his forgiveness so that we could be set free and triumph over sin and death. Sister Faustina, who died in 1938, was a religious sister in Poland who received many revelations from God concerning his mercy. Her book “Diary: Divine Mercy in my Soul” recounts her revelations and the mission God entrusted to her to proclaim the power of his mercy and love for all. She is known today as “The Apostle of the Divine Mercy.” As we celebrate the presence of the risen Lord in our lives we especially rejoice in his mercy. He comes not to condemn, but to save. On Divine Mercy Sunday we are invited to experience the mercy of Jesus, to welcome him into hearts and let him save us and set us free. We will have a Holy Hour in Church today, Sunday, April 11, from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. During the hour, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Confessions will be heard during the Holy Hour. The Lord extended the power to forgive sins to the apostles when after his resurrection, he appeared to them and said, “Whose sins you shall forgive shall be forgiven.” Nothing transforms our lives like the experience of God’s mercy. Join us for this Holy Hour of celebrating Jesus’ merciful presence in our lives.

School Advisory Board – The Board will meet by Zoom on Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00 pm.

Zoom Consecration to St. Joseph – This Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00 pm, and every Wednesday in April, there will be a zoom discussion on St. Joseph. Contact Nicole at faith@saintmarg.org to receive the zoom link.

Year of St. Joseph – Let us love Jesus above all, let us love Mary as our mother; but then, how could we keep from loving Joseph, who was so intimately united to both Jesus and Mary? And how can we honor him better than by imitating his virtues? Now, what else did he do in all his life but contemplate, study, and adore Jesus, even in the midst of his daily labors? Behold, therefore, our model. (St. Madeleine Sophie Barat)

Spiritual Thought – Forgiveness demonstrates the presence in the world of the love which is more powerful than sin. (Saint John Paul II)

A Little Humor: a Covid-19 Thought – I think we need to stop calling it “working from home” and start calling it “living at work.”

Church Teaching: Sunday Rest – Through Sunday rest, daily concerns and tasks can find their proper perspective. The material things about which we worry give way to spiritual values; in a moment of encounter and less pressured exchange, we see the true face of the people with whom we live. Even the beauties of nature – too often marred by the desire to exploit, which turns against us – can be rediscovered and enjoyed to the full. As the day on which people are at peace with God, with themselves and with others, Sunday becomes a moment when people can look anew upon the wonders of nature, allowing themselves to be caught up in that marvelous and mysterious harmony which, in the words of St. Ambrose, welds the many elements of the cosmos in a “bond of communion and peace” by “an inviolable law of concord and love.” (from the Apostolic Letter “Keeping the Lord’s Day Holy” by Saint John Paul II)



THANK YOU!

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU! Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl or donate online.

Rice Bowl Lenten Almsgiving

Rice Bowl donations can still be turned in at church OR donate online using our parish’s unique CRS website: <https://crs.donordrive.com/participant/st-margaret-church>.

Thank you!



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Josephine Lo who recently passed away. May she rest in peace and her loved ones be comforted.



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.



If you or someone you know is curious about religious life, visit www.sistersofmercy.org.

St Margaret School



Rise Together

We invite you to our first SMS 2021 Virtual Fundraiser
Bidding from April 19-24
Virtual Event with Winners Announced:
Saturday, April 24th

Featuring: Silent Auction, Class Baskets, KIDS Baskets,
Wall of Wine and more!



Message from Marketing
and Development
Mrs. Becker -
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Applications Available
for St. Margaret's
School 2021-2022
School Year!
Feel free to share with
your friends!

Apply to SMS:
<http://bit.ly/3jZicGi>



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 hold two spring Virtual Preview Breakfast events on 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.

Msgr. Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast High School Class of 1970 will gather for a 50th reunion celebration at The Drexelbrook Catering and Event Center, 4700 Drexelbrook Dr, Drexel Hill, PA 19026 on **Friday, October 22nd, 2021 from 6PM to 10PM**. For additional information email bonnerprendie1970@gmail.com or contact John Matthews (215) 260-4568; matthewstown@comcast.net.



Golf Outing Benefit for The Gianna Center of Philadelphia Monday, May 3, 2021 at 11 am

Lulu Country Club, 1600 Limekiln Pike, Glenside, PA

Come and celebrate the Gianna Center's second anniversary at the Suburban Community Hospital. The Gianna Center is dedicated to providing women's health care and infertility treatment that honor the sanctity of each human life, the dignity of women, and the sacramental integrity of marriage.

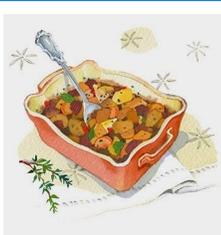
For more information, visit <https://www.phgiannacenter.org/event-details/first-annual-golf-benefit-3>.

Monday, June 28 to Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Event: High School Workshop on "Catholicism and the Common Good"

Join the Collegium Institute for our first summer seminar of the Young Catholic Leaders Initiative for advanced high school students. Over the course of three days, **Catholicism and the Common Good** will focus on one of the 'three necessary societies' stipulated by Catholic Social Teaching, namely, the family, the state, and the Church. Through a combination of keynote lectures and seminars with Penn faculty, panel discussions and city tours with experts in local history, we will explore the principles undergirding Catholic thought on the common good by engaging with thinkers ranging from Augustine and Aquinas to Weil and Wojtyla, as well as seeking to apply those principles to our contemporary American context.

For more details and to RSVP visit:
<https://forms.gle/hvGcHx4Lo67D7P496>



Casseroles for St. John's Hospice
 Recipe # 6 will be collected
 Wednesday morning of this week,
 April 14, between 9 and 9:30 AM at
 St. Margaret School Parking Lot.
 Pans are available in the vestibule if
 you would like to participate.

You can also support the efforts of St. John's Hospice to continue to provide life-sustaining support to those experiencing homelessness by donating at:

<http://saintjohnshospice.org/>

Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers

Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 3:00 pm
The Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez will be the principal celebrant and homilist. St. Christopher Schola will provide the liturgical music. All are welcome.

To RSVP, please email opd@archphila.org or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530 with the number attending.



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.



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.



Thank you for Poor Box Donations

Thank you to St. Margaret Parish for your recent generous donation of \$400 to Mercy Hospice. Please accept our grateful appreciation on behalf of the women and children who reside with us at Mercy. If they had the opportunity to do so, each one would surely express heartfelt thanks for the difference that your support of our mission makes *in empowering women in recovery*.

Mercy Hospice has been a lifeline of support and compassionate service for women in crisis who became homeless because of substance abuse and addiction. Mercy continues to be one of the only recovery house programs in the city where women can stay with their young children. With your vital assistance, we are able to offer life-sustaining services to these women: hot meals seven days a week, shelter, clothing, educational programming, recovery support, and case management.

You make it possible for us to provide a nurturing environment where women can discover, or reconnect with their faith and spirituality in the company of our caring staff and volunteers.



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.

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 and dine together twice a month. Our next scheduled event is Sunday, April 18, 2021, at 5:00 P.M, a safe seating restaurant event at The Asiana Garden Restaurant located at 232 W. Wayne Ave., Wayne, PA 19087. For more info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.

Nightly Rosary to End Coronavirus WILL CONTINUE UNTIL DECEMBER 8, 2021!



With the added intention of praying for renewal in our Church, the rosary will continue in English at 8PM, Monday through

Thursday, until the end of the *Year of St. Joseph*, December 8, 2021. Please join with the link found at phillyevang.org/rosary/.

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 12:30 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 Thursday, April 22, 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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