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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 18, 2021

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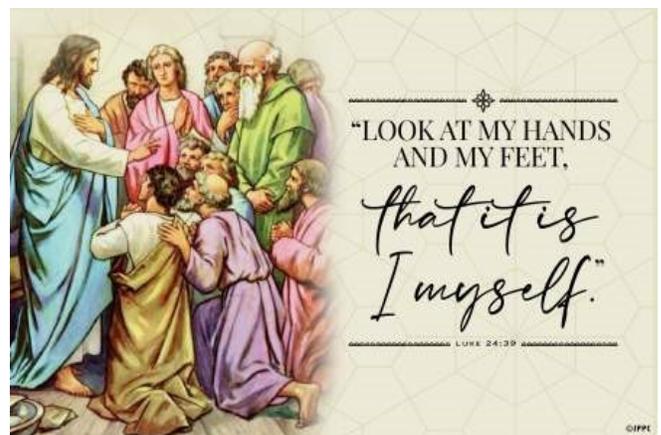
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Scrip Sales
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

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.



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

In my retirement I have learned that I am at least a half decent cook. My loving Mom was prescient years ago when she taught me how to cook a decent breakfast and a few dinner menus under her simple rubric: "You might not be able to get a cook at the rectory." How right she was, as many a priest these days can attest. Over the years I've grown more confident at the job. When I read this week's post Easter appearance of Jesus and how He was handed a piece of "baked fish" to eat, I couldn't help think of the many pieces of fish I have successfully baked.

Of course St. Luke, with his keen and practiced doctor's eye for details, adds this fact to underscore the fact that Jesus' was a true bodily resurrection and not some chimera conjured up by the Apostles. Jesus' body was real enough to grow hungry, even though it had been glorified.

That brings to the fore the whole question of what happens to our own bodies in the next life. Faith provides the main answer. As the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults asserts: "*Faith in the resurrection of our bodies is inseparable from our faith in the resurrection of Christ's body from the dead. He rose as our head, as the pattern of our rising, and as the life-giving source of our new life.*"

Later in the same section the Catechism adds: "*In the final resurrection, our bodies will be transformed, though we do not know precisely how. The manner of our resurrection exceeds our understanding and imagination and is accessible only to our faith.*"

I find myself asking fanciful questions after reading those serious statements. Are we to enjoy good food like baked fish or grilled steak in heaven? Are all the desserts there to have no caloric effects on our avoirdupois? Will we be cooking our food, or will it just appear at our place on celestial china?

What is certain here on earth is that phrase in our Nicene Creed that we profess every Sunday which states our belief in "the resurrection of the body."

I close with one more citation from the Catechism. "*It (our resurrection) is a sobering belief because it reminds us of the judgment yet to come, and at the same time it is a joyful belief that heralds life everlasting with God.*" Good for all of us to bask in that belief this April weekend.

God love you and give you His peace.



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.

MONDAY, April 19
7:00 AM Robert Michael Williams

TUESDAY, April 20
7:00 AM Victor DiFranco

WEDNESDAY, April 21
7:00 AM Ignatius Lo

THURSDAY, April 22
7:00 AM John Bayer

FRIDAY, April 23
7:00 AM William J. Wimer

SATURDAY, April 24
8:00 AM Ellen Del Rosario



THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF FELICIA FALCONE
ON HER 21ST ANNIVERSARY.

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 April 11, 2021: \$ 11,422
Collection in Church: \$ 2,616
Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 591
Mail In: \$ 4,370
Parish On Line: \$ 3,845
Envelopes: 150

Easter Collection: \$41,278

Easter Collection 2020: \$26,197

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

Weekend Mass Schedule April 24-25
(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, April 24
Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Msgr. Dougherty
5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, April 25
7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty
8:45 AM - Fr. DePrinzio
10:00 AM - Fr. Cossavella
11:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

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 – I am working my way through the readings and prayers prescribed for each day in the book “Consecration to St. Joseph.” I began on March 30 so as to complete the thirty-three day preparation for the prayer of consecration to St. Joseph on Saturday, May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. I am finding the book very enlightening and it is giving me a much deeper appreciation for St. Joseph and his role in our lives. St. Joseph had a profound love for Jesus and special graces that enabled him to fulfill the role of the earthly father of our Lord. St. Joseph has a special way of bringing us close to Jesus and exemplifies the virtues that make us good servants of the Lord. If you failed to start on March 30, you can begin the thirty-three day preparations at other times. The book has many dates from which you can choose. I encourage you to read this book and make a consecration to St. Joseph. He is a powerful force for helping us to grow in holiness.

Zoom Discussion on St. Joseph on Wednesday, April 21 – There will be a zoom discussion on St. Joseph on Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 pm. Contact Nicole Bazis at faith@saintmarg.org for the link.

Parish Theme for This Year (“Rejoice in hope; endure in affliction; persevere in prayer.”) – After Mother Teresa of Calcutta died, the writings in her spiritual diary revealed something that many found surprising. Her thoughts indicated that she often felt her spirit was dry and that God was distant from her. She experienced much spiritual affliction. But she endured these afflictions in hope, resolute in her faith that God loved her and was indeed with her. Faith is a decision. It is an act of the will. Even when she did not feel God’s presence, she still believed. She persevered in prayer. Her spiritual desolation did not rob her of faith but strengthened her faith. She made an ever firmer choice to believe, even when it was a challenge. Her faith was purified through her perseverance.

Church Teaching: Sunday as a Day of Solidarity – Sunday should also give the faithful an opportunity to devote themselves to works of mercy, charity and apostolate. To experience the joy of the Risen Lord deep within us is to share fully the love that pulses in his heart: There is no joy without love!..... The Sunday eucharist, therefore, not only does not absolve the faithful from the duties of charity, but on the contrary commits them even more to all the works of charity, of mercy, of apostolic outreach, by means of which it is seen that the faithful of Christ are not of this world and yet are the light of the world, giving glory to the Father in the midst of the people. (from the Apostolic Letter “Keeping the Lord’s Day Holy” by Saint John Paul II)

Spiritual Thought – Trials are nothing else but the forge that purifies the soul of all its imperfections. (St. Mary Magdalen De’Pazzi)

A Little Humor – My husband cooks for me like I’m a god – by placing burnt offerings before me every night.

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.



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.



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
OFFICE FOR PASTORAL CARE
FOR MIGRANTS & REFUGEES



Cultural Heritage Mass 2021
Saturday, April 24, 2021
Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul
Principal Celebrant & Homilist
Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez
Procession - 2 PM Mass - 2:30 PM
One Faith, Many Cultures, One Family

St Margaret School



St Margaret School Virtual Fundraiser



This year we will be hosting a virtual auction similar to an online silent bidding platform. Auction bidding starts on Monday, April 19th. The winners will be announced on Saturday, April 24th via email. There will be many theme baskets to bid on.

Categories

This year we will be focused on targeted giving so you can pick where your donation goes in the categories of:

- **STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Math)**
- **Technology**
- **Arts & Music**
- **Classroom Improvements**

Not sure what to donate to? You can always put your donation toward the general fund and it will go to the area of greatest need for SMS. HSA will dedicate \$1,000 to the category with the highest donations this year!

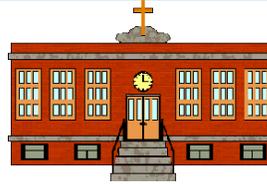
Other ways to donate

Wall of Wine – Take a chance and win the wall. Wall of Wine chances are \$10 for 1 and \$25 for 3 or donate a bottle of wine for your entry.

50/50 - Take a chance at being the lucky winner this year! 50/50 tickets on sale for \$10 for 1 and \$25 for 3.

Link to donate here: https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/BWzc2eEuVPutMlhiNUYZAg

For more information: Contact Stef Seal – sseal@smsnarberth.org or contact Mrs. D in the school office – office@smsnarberth.org.



St. Margaret School

St. Margaret School welcomes your applications for prekindergarten 4 year old to 8th grade.

Our school has remained open with in person instruction for the duration of the year after phasing in the lower grades to the upper grades in September. This has been an immense opportunity for every student enrolled. Our experienced faculty strive to educate the whole child, while the daily focus on our faith and virtues builds character.

Tuition is affordable, and opportunities for scholarships or assistance remain available if needed. This is an unbelievable opportunity for under \$35 per day! Learn more by visiting our website smsnarberth.org, or email: Info@smsnarberth.org.

We congratulate our current 8th grade for receiving over \$420,000 in academic scholarships to private schools which speaks volumes to our success! We are your PARISH School, you will be glad you make this connection now!

Message from Marketing and Development
Mrs. Becker -
info@smsnarberth.org

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>



Martin Saints Classical High School

Admissions Open House: April 21, 2021

Guest Student Visit: Contact our admissions counselor, Ms. Lindmeier, to schedule a visit during the school day.

Location: On the campus of Holy Martyrs Church, 120 Allison Road, Oreland PA 19075.

www.whymsc.org

Come be “fully alive” with us!
Any questions?

Contact: Ms. Laura Lindmeier to RSVP (llindmeier@martinsaintsclassical.org)



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.

Virtual Marriage Encounter Weekends



Being together all day doesn't guarantee a great relationship. If your marriage is pandemic weary, maybe a little outside inspiration can bring back the romance. Learn how to make your best life together a reality on a virtual WWME experience—either over a Weekend, or over the course of 8 evenings.

Virtual Weekend coming up in this region: April 30-May 2-contact Michael & Marge Walsh at 609-741-8012.

Virtual 3RE (Restore, Rekindle, Renew 8 session Experience) in this area: April 11-May 5-contact Tom & Ruth DeFalco at 732-904-9636.

For more information, visit <https://wwme.org>.



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

Quo Vadis
June 28—July 1, 2021
LOTTERY IS OPEN

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.

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



With the added intention of praying for renewal in our Church, the Archdiocesan rosary will continue in English at 8PM, Monday through Thursday, until the end of the *Year of St. Joseph*, December 8, 2021.

The Monday night rosary is a **World Mission Rosary** hosted by the Pontifical Mission Societies' Philadelphia office. Each decade is prayed for a different region of the world. In the words of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen who inaugurated the **World Mission Rosary** in 1951, "**When the Rosary is completed, one has...embraced all continents, all people in prayer.**"

Please join the family of more than 500 households who have been praying since the beginning of the pandemic with the link found at phillyevang.org/rosary/.

Parish Giving

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!

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, May 16, 2021, at 5:00 P.M, a safe seating restaurant event at the new JIN DING Chinese Restaurant located at 1051 Conestoga Rd., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010. For more info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.



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.



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

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 PhillyCatholicMarriagePrep.com. For inquiries, info@phillycatholicmarriageprep.com or 610-873-2017.

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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