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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 4, 2021

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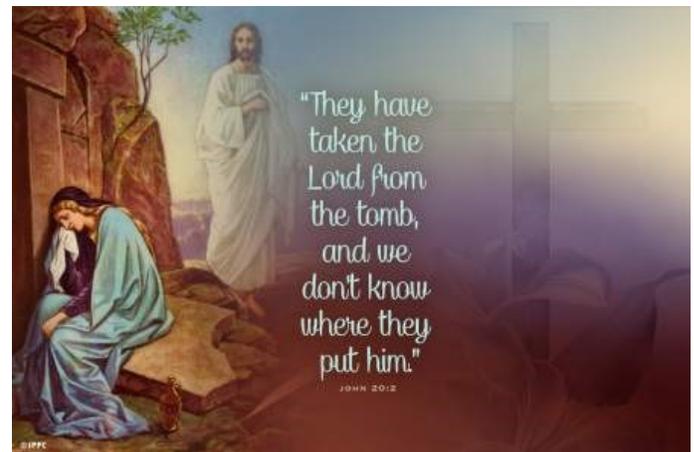
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Scrip Sales

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.

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD**

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Mass Intentions

- MONDAY, April 5**
7:00 AM Stanley & Evelyn Kazeniac
- TUESDAY, April 6**
7:00 AM Joseph Bizzarri
- WEDNESDAY, April 7**
7:00 AM Joe Augustine
- THURSDAY, April 8**
7:00 AM Colonel Sam Miller
- FRIDAY, April 9**
7:00 AM John Le
- SATURDAY, April 10**
8:00 AM Deceased Members of
the Kienlen Family



THE WEEK OF APRIL 4, 2021
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF THE HOA LE FAMILY.

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

Weekend Mass Schedule April 10-11
(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, April 10
Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Fr. Cossavella
5:15 PM - Fr. Cossavella

Sunday, April 11
7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty
8:45 AM - Fr. Pesarchick
10:00 AM - Fr. Dougherty
11:30 AM - Fr. De Prinzio

DUE TO THE EARLY TRANSMISSION OF THE BULLETIN THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT WILL BE IN THE NEXT BULLETIN.



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.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended until further notice.



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!

Parish Theme for 2020-2021

Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer

From the Pastor

Easter – “The Lord is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!” This was the great acclamation of the early Christians celebrating the Lord’s Resurrection from the dead. It is astounding news! The two disciples on the road to Emmaus were despondent after the news of the death of Jesus. They thought all the hopes they had placed in Jesus were dashed. But the risen Lord met them on the road and their despair gave way to exhilaration. The Lord was alive! They went back to Jerusalem to proclaim the good news. The Resurrection of the Lord is the most amazing aspect of our faith. Jesus is alive and meets us “on the road.” He is with us on our journey through life to lead us to the everlasting joys of the life to come. Easter celebrates our faith in the risen Lord. It opens our eyes to his presence in our lives. The Lord has triumphed over sin and death. He shares his life and power with us through baptism. He is with us. May we recognize his presence and walk with him in faith and hope. Life has many struggles and difficulties, but the Lord is with us and leads us to victory over all that keeps us from sharing in the fullness of life. “The Lord is risen!”

Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour – Next Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, is 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 our hearts and let him save us and set us free. We will have a Holy Hour in Church next Sunday from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Confessions will be heard during the Holy Hour. 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.

Summary of Pastoral Council Meeting on March 18 – The members of the Council are Msgr. Dougherty, Nicole Bazis, Bess Combs-Chmielewski, Lauren DeMaio, George Gazella, Marybeth Hagan, Robert Mc Cairns, Mary Anne Monroe, Martha Ortiz, Monica Romeo, Teresa Albers, April Gordon and Ryan Vogel. 1) We discussed an article on prayer, patience and perseverance. 2) Calendar items for March, April and May were presented. Since this is a year dedicated to St. Joseph, we highlighted that there will be zoom discussions on St. Joseph every Wednesday evening in April at 7:00pm. Many in the Parish are undertaking the Consecration to St. Joseph which will culminate with the Prayer of Consecration to him on Saturday, May 1. 3) Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – four adults will be received into the Church this Easter Season. 4) Sanctuary Renovations – A presider chair and a deacon chair are being fashioned out of a beautiful wood carved bench that was used in the Church for many years. A generous donor has covered this cost. The other furniture used in the sanctuary is being reupholstered. These are the last two items to be completed for the sanctuary. We are planning to have a special Mass in the Fall to celebrate the completed renovations. 5) Parish Vocations Committee – At the request of the Archdiocese we are establishing a Parish Vocations Committee to help highlight, especially for our youth, the importance of discerning God’s call to a state in life, whether the priesthood or religious life, marriage, or the single life. 6) Parish School – Our enrollment dropped this year from 295 to 265, mainly because of smaller numbers in our pre-kindergarten program. We are hoping that our enrollment will return to a higher level for this coming year. 7) We are looking into the possibility of an online directory for use by parishioners. 8) We have developed a Parish motto and logo that we will be showing in the coming months. 9) PREP – The religious education program has been virtual this year. We are grateful to Mrs. Monroe and all the PREP teachers for the good work they have done in adjusting to this. 10) We have begun discussion on developing another three-year plan for the Parish. We are looking at the plan we had from 2018-2021 to see what we can build upon.

Finance Council Meeting – There will be an Executive Meeting of the Finance Council by Zoom on Wednesday, April 7 at 7:00 pm.

Zoom Discussion on St. Joseph – There will be a discussion related to the Consecration to St. Joseph on Wednesday, April 7 at 7:00 pm. Contact Nicole at Faith@saintmarg.org to receive the Zoom link.

Little Sisters of the Poor – The Little Sisters will be collecting donations for their ministry to the elderly at all the Masses next weekend.

Spiritual Thought – For what else are the servants of God than his singers, whose duty it is to lift up the hearts of men and move them to spiritual joy? (St. Francis of Assisi)

A Little Humor – I just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn’t that be an even number? (MaddanY94 on reddit.com)

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!



FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND!

Next Weekend is our monthly food collection weekend (April 10 & 11). This program collects non-perishable foods each month for the Archdiocesan Community Food Distribution Centers Program. They provide food for 50 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.



Food Collection Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to help with the monthly food collection at St. Margaret's.

The commitment involves packing boxes with the items donated by parishioners at one or two Masses, two weekends a year. **This is also a great chance to get your children involved in helping those in need.**

To volunteer, please contact Henry Hockheimer at HockheimerH@ballardspahr.com.

Thank you!
Volunteer Opportunity

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Parish Theme for This Year (Rejoice in hope; endure in affliction; persevere in prayer)

– The resurrection of Jesus is our greatest source of hope. His resurrection shows the power of Jesus to triumph over suffering, death and every evil. Jesus Christ is the Victor. We endure in affliction because we have hope. The love of Jesus will vanquish all evil. We place our hope in the Lord who conquered death itself and promises to share his life with us.

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/3j7icGi>



Church Teaching: Sunday as a Day of Rest – Rest is something sacred, because it is a way for men and women to withdraw from the sometimes excessively demanding cycle of earthly tasks in order to renew an awareness that everything is the work of God. There is a risk that the prodigious power over creation which God gives to human beings can lead them to forget that God is the Creator upon whom everything depends. It is all the more urgent to recognize this dependence in our own time, when science and technology have so incredibly increased the power that men and women exercise through their work. (from the Apostolic Letter “Keeping the Lord’s Day Holy” by Saint John Paul II)



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.



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
HOLY FAMILY HOME

Little Sisters of the Poor
April 10-11, 2021

In 1869, Archbishop Wood of Philadelphia invited the Little Sisters of the Poor from France to come and assist in caring for the vast numbers of elderly poor in the city regardless of race or religious beliefs. The Charism of their Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, serving the poorest in simplicity, humility and trust in Divine Providence (begging), imbued them with the gift of fortitude for over 150 years in Philadelphia through faithfully observing their vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and hospitality while personally assisting the dying with the firm belief—"It is Jesus Himself whom you are serving in the Poor." (Sr. Jeanne Jugan)

The Sisters will be visiting us at St. Margaret's on the weekend Masses April 10-11, 2021, to appeal for your financial assistance to support their work. Your support is **GREATLY APPRECIATED** and is God's tangible providential assistance to the poor.



HAPPY EASTER!

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of having a loving God that is alive and accompanies us always. Let's do the same by being present to our global family by caring for their material and spiritual needs. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl today or donate online at the link below.

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 this weekend OR donate online using our parish's unique CRS website:

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



Housing for Haiti
(From our Christmas Giving Tree)

Thank you to St. Margaret Parish for your kind gift to the Kobonal Housing project in Haiti. We appreciate your remembering the poor, especially in these difficult times.

God bless you and your ministry as you labor on in your part of the vineyard.



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.

RETOUVAILLE
REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR
MARRIAGE



Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of April 16-18, 2021, at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



Upcoming Events

Year of St. Joseph: Every third Sunday at MRH, there will be Eucharistic Adoration and Procession followed by a presentation and discussion about St. Joseph.

Information and registration details are available on our website. Please visit www.malvernretreat.com/register



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.

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



With the added intention of praying for renewal in the 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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