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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 2, 2021

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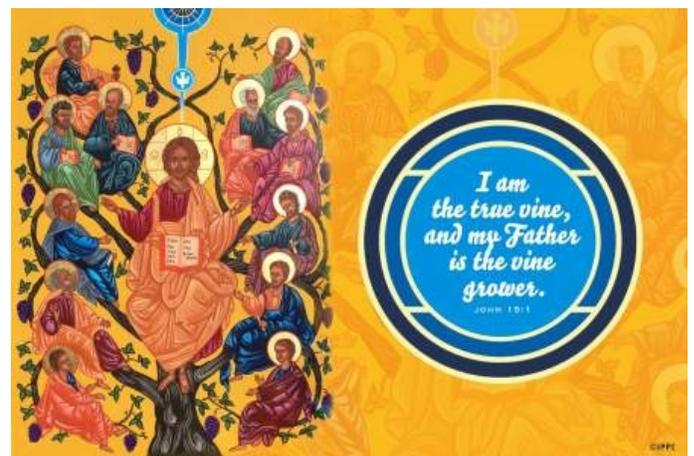
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Scrip Sales
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

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

A mere ten minutes from my front door in South New Jersey lies a vineyard. Despite the absence of the climate that holds forth in France, Italy and California, it flourishes. When I drive by it, I can catch a glimpse of those long straight lines of bushes. Often enough, I think of those immortal words of Christ that we hear this weekend about the vine and its branches. As the Master of metaphor, Our Lord speaks here of an intimacy between God and ourselves, the likes of which none of the pagan religions popular at the time could match.

Our Lord offers us an easy concept to grasp, even if our only connection to a vineyard is tasty liquid bottled and bound for our table. We know from any shrub how connected the parts are. When a heavy snow bears down on a branch and bends it low, it may snap. When its green growth fades to a baleful brown, we know it's time for pruning.

In a way, we're just the same. At times we have bent to the pressure of temptation and broken away. Maybe we've "changed colors," from a red-blooded loyalty to Christ to the pallid yellow of denying Him. Most often, this last springs from our desire to show others that we Catholics are just like everybody else, which often enough we should not be.

What is consoling at such times is the basic fact that the love energy in this relationship comes from God. He takes the first step. The vine prior exists before any branches. All that we really have to do is respond as best we can, staying fully attuned to His will and ways.

Even if we have little or no connection with a vineyard, we have to admit that they are high maintenance items. That plenty of hard work is involved in their care and production. Just so has the whole enterprise of being a good Christian been from the beginning. The resurrection of Our Lord that certified His teaching and promises spurs us on. We know that if we want to live forever, staying well-connected to the divine Vine, we occasionally have to prune away from ourselves any notion that we're doing just fine as we are, with no need for improvement. The very shape of a cross speaks to this, for it is an "I" with a slash through it. Only then will we be fit to be missionary disciples as Christ calls us to be.

MONDAY, May 3
7:00 AM Rosemarie Fernandez

TUESDAY, May 4
7:00 AM Joseph Kelso, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, May 5
7:00 AM Loretta Polychronakis

THURSDAY, May 6
7:00 AM Gerard Shea

FRIDAY, May 7
7:00 AM James Snyder

SATURDAY, May 8
8:00 AM Vincent Cristofalo



THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF KATHLEEN KIENLEN

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 25, 2021: \$ 12,109
Collection in Church: \$ 5,403
Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 591
Mail In: \$ 2,245
Parish On Line: \$ 3,870
Envelopes: 162

The Weekend of April 26, 2020: \$10,715

Easter Collection: \$45,853
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 May 8-9
(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, May 8
 Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Fr. Cossavella
 5:15 PM - Fr. Cossavella

Sunday, May 2
 7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty
 8:45 AM - Fr. Pesarchick
 10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty
 11:30 AM - Fr. DePrinzio



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

May, the Month of Mary – Father Cossavella and I pray the rosary together each night before dinner. Praying it aloud with another person has impressed on me even more firmly the power of this great prayer to God through Mary. Mary is our greatest example of Christian living, our most powerful intercessor, and our holiest companion on our journey through life. She leads us to Christ. The rosary is a great comfort because we enjoy the motherly presence of Mary with us as we contemplate the various mysteries in the life of Christ. Praying through Mary recalls her loving presence and helps us to stand before God with great confidence that he is with us and hears our prayers. We go to Mary so that she can lead us to Jesus.

First Holy Communion – Nineteen of our second graders in both St. Margaret School and PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 1. Fourteen more will receive it on Saturday, May 8. Giving these children their First Holy Communion is a great joy for me as the pastor, because I know this is the greatest gift they can receive. It is the gift of Jesus Himself, coming to them to fill them with his life, happiness and holiness. I pray that they will have great love for the Lord in the Eucharist and receive him each week at Sunday Mass so that the life of Christ may grow in them and help them to live life to the full by walking in his ways of truth, wisdom and goodness.

Liturgy Committee Meeting – The Committee will meet by zoom on Tuesday, May 4 at 6:00 pm.

Finance Council Meeting – The Committee will meet by zoom on Wednesday, May 5 at 7:00 pm

Catholic Charities Appeal 2021 – To this date, 96 of our parish families have made a donation of a total of \$41,925 to the Catholic Charities Appeal. Our goal for this year is \$84,835. Your contributions help finance many programs for the needy, such as soup kitchens and food banks, as well as programs that help to spread our faith. If you have not yet made your donation, please consider assisting this important Archdiocesan Appeal.

Parish Theme for This Year (“Rejoice in hope; endure in affliction; persevere in prayer.”) - Much of our affliction this past year has stemmed from our inability to gather freely as family and friends, and in our community and in our Church. The old saying, “absence makes the heart grow fonder,” rings true. The absence of gatherings to which we were accustomed has made us long all the more for our connections with God and with others. May this longing in our hearts put us more in touch with our greatest needs in life, to love God and one another. Our afflictions make us more aware of our needs. As we break free from the grip of the pandemic, may the afflictions we have experienced lead us to a renewed commitment to stay lovingly connected with God and one another.

Church Teaching: The Spiritual Riches of Sunday – The spiritual and pastoral riches of Sunday, as it has been handed on to us by tradition, are truly great. When its significance and implications are understood in their entirety, Sunday in a way becomes a synthesis of the Christian life and a condition for living it well. It is clear therefore why the observance of the Lord’s Day is so close to the church’s heart, and why in the church’s discipline it remains a real obligation. Yet more than a precept, the observance should be seen as a need rising from the depths of Christian life. It is crucially important that all the faithful should be convinced that they cannot live their faith or share fully in the life of the Christian community unless they take part regularly in the Sunday eucharistic assembly. The eucharist is the full realization of the worship which humanity owes to God, and it cannot be compared to any other religious experience. A particularly efficacious expression of this is the Sunday gathering of the entire community, obedient to the voice of the Risen Lord who calls the faithful together to give them the light of his word and the nourishment of his Body as the perennial sacramental wellspring of redemption. The grace flowing from this wellspring renews humankind, life and history.

Spiritual Thought – It is to the humble-minded that Christ belongs, not to those who exalt themselves above his flock....The Lord Jesus Christ did not, for all his power, come clothed in boastful pomp and overweening pride but in a humble frame of mind.
(Pope St. Clement I of Rome)



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Jane Henderson 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.

A Little Humor – A few weeks ago, my dad decided he was going to order pizza from his iPad. He’s almost finished.

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>



St Margaret School

St. Margaret School welcomes your applications for 4 year old PreK to 8th grade. Our experienced faculty strive to educate the whole child, while building character through a daily focus on our faith and virtues. Our current 8th grade students have received over \$430,000 in academic scholarships to private high schools which speaks volumes to our success! Tuition is affordable and opportunities for need-based scholarships and assistance are available.

Learn more by visiting us on our website www.smsnarberth.org or email Anne at Info@smsnarberth.org We are your PARISH School, we look forward to connecting with you and serving your children!

FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND!

Next Weekend is our monthly food collection weekend (May 8 & 9). 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.



LOST & FOUND



A St. Margaret's parishioner recently lost a pair of eyeglasses in church and we're hoping that someone might have mistakenly taken them home. If you find them, please drop them off at the rectory and we will reunite them with their owner.

Also, please note that any items that aren't picked up by **May 9** from the lost and found basket located in the vestibule of the church will be discarded.

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.

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>



HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended until further notice.



Pope Francis has announced *The Year of Saint Joseph*, which will last from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. The use of the following prayer, written by Pope Leo XIII, has been included among those enriched with a plenary indulgence. It may be said on any day of *The Year of Saint Joseph*, but especially on days devoted to St. Joseph - his feast days, March 19 and May 1, the nineteenth day of each month, or every Wednesday.

Prayer to Saint Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph,
do we come in our tribulation,
and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse,
we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God
and through the paternal love
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,
and with your power and strength to aid us in our
necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;
O most loving father, ward off from us
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us
and from heaven assist us in our struggle
with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,
so now protect God's Holy Church
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,
so that, supported by your example and your aid,
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,
and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.
Amen.



St. John's Hospice Casserole Program

PAUSED

We have been asked by St. John's Hospice to refrain from bringing any casseroles to them at this time. The casserole program pick-ups have been paused since January 13, when there was an accident affecting the truck that they use for pick-ups. In addition to still not having their truck back, they are now renovating their kitchen so cannot accept any casseroles until at least July. We will keep you updated on the resumption of the program.



Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Help-Line

Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or Autism? A collaboration of Catholic Social Services -

Developmental Programs, The Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Schools of Special Education of the Archdiocese is offering this convenient help-line to assist families connect to disabilities services provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and other agencies. **To reach the Help-Line, call: 484-472-5041 or email: IDDhelp@chs-adphila.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 Wednesday night rosary is hosted by local members of the Legion of Mary, a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbors on a voluntary basis in about 170 countries. The Legion of Mary is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year on September 7, the date the first meeting took place in Dublin, Ireland.

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/.

Guided Contemplative Walking Rosary Retreat for Catholics Affected by Divorce and Separation; Free Event May 22, 2021 - 10 a.m. - Noon



The St Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith will host a two-hour, outdoor, guided "Rosary Walk" with guided meditations. Anne DeSantis, Director of St Raymond Nonnatus Foundation and Heather Makowicz, Certified Spiritual Director and Founder of Peak Encounter Ministries will be the facilitators for this morning retreat.

Location: Malvern Retreat House, 315 Warren Avenue, Malvern, PA 19355. Follow Signs for Corrigan Hall for Parking.

To learn more: <https://www.Nonnatus.org/events/> or email: director.srnf@gmail.com, or call/text 215-870-9913

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 Wednesday, May 26, 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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