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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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 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.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

“Red is the color of my true love’s hair.” A lyric of the country music ditty based on an old Scottish song. No matter the actual color of a loved one’s hair, we must admit that red is a powerful, straightforward color. It bespeaks of confidence and clarity of purpose; energy and enthusiasm; power and purpose. Red can underscore the importance of events. Picture the red carpet spread out on the airport tarmac for distinguished visitors to walk upon as they arrive at a pre-arranged destination. Red is not the clothing color for the timid or those doubtful of their self worth.

For us Catholic Christians, red is meant to recollect the blood sacrifice of Christ and the martyrs who followed Him to the end. Remember how you saw it in the vesture and church decor for Palm Sunday and Good Friday.

But today, this fine Pentecost Sunday, you see it used also to signify the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Book of the Acts of the Apostles recalls His dramatic arrival among the struggling members of the little group who formed the embryonic Church.

This is the day that we call “the Birthday of the Church.” It is also the fiftieth day (what the word “Pentecost” means) since the Feast of the Resurrection. The great three month Lent-Easter cycle of high celebration comes to its inevitable end. Weather wise, we have come from snow clogged roads to dry streets of macadam; from overcoats to no coats; from virus to vaccination; from penance to a party-like celebration marking God’s promises come to fulfillment.

What Pentecost means is tantamount to rediscovering the purpose of our earthly lives, complete with their chapters of joy and sadness. As a Church we have gained the Holy Spirit’s inestimable insight to help us find our way forward to the eternal destiny Jesus promised.

It should be glaringly obvious, but still worth pointing out, that devotion to the Holy Spirit should be part of our spiritual lives. Without Him we can easily become victims of confusion. We have so many “why questions” that beg for answers. Without the Spirit, we only have our insular insights. If we fail to get some answers, we might flounder in our faith. We might act almost like a blind person in a dark room at night.

Sometimes, we can become so disoriented by our lack of devotion to the Spirit that we are tempted to fill the vacuum by turning to clever but faulty imitations of His authentic guidance. So we might rub our rabbit’s foot in our anxiety. Worse, we may turn to astrology for the answers and analysis we need. The Bible tells us, on Pentecost, to “Look to the Spirit, and you will find what you need.” For He covers our minds and hearts with light. He colors our world not only with red but all the colors of the rainbow. He leads us where to go.



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, May 24
7:00 AM Mr. Filemon Allid, Jr.

TUESDAY, May 25
7:00 AM Lorraine Bizzarri

WEDNESDAY, May 26
7:00 AM Robert & Louise Urbani

THURSDAY, May 27
7:00 AM Karen Coletta DeGennaro

FRIDAY, May 28
7:00 AM Mary Pham

SATURDAY, May 29
8:00 AM Hortencia P. Ortiz



THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 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.

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of May 16, 2021: \$ 8,567
Collection in Church: \$ 2,478
Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 591
Mail In: \$ 3,129
Parish On Line: \$ 2,369
Envelopes: 145

The Weekend of May 17, 2020: \$14,045

Collection for Ascension Thursday: \$590

Easter Collection: \$46,378

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 29-30

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, May 29
Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Fr. Cossavella
5:15 PM - Fr. Cossavella

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

Parish Theme for 2020-2021

Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer

From the Pastor

Pentecost – Today’s celebration of Pentecost marks the end of the Easter Season. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and the conversion of many people to whom the apostles boldly preached that day highlight the purpose of the Lord’s work of redemption. Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead in order to pour out his life-giving Spirit upon us and establish the Church as a lasting vehicle of his saving grace for all. Pentecost is called the birthday of the Church because of the some 3,000 people who came to believe in the Lord that day. Through the preaching of the apostles the Lord drew people to him and formed them into his Church, a divinely inspired and guided community of believers. The Lord continues to draw us to him and to pour out his Spirit upon us today, especially through the celebration of the sacraments. As the apostles eagerly awaited the coming of the Spirit on Pentecost, we long for the Spirit to come to us to give us his wisdom, courage and devotion. The Spirit does not fail us. Look to the Spirit so that you may live in the truth and power of the love of God. Let the Spirit guide your every decision and fill you with the fire of God’s love.

Mary, Mother of the Church – On Monday, the day after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of Mary, the Mother of the Church. Mary gave birth to Jesus. Through her the saving grace of Jesus came into the world for us. Mary is our Mother. She helps to give birth to Christ in us by her communion with us, her prayers for us, and her example of holiness. Mary is the disciple par excellence. She exemplifies for us the love of the Lord and the acceptance of his divine will in our lives. She guides us to become true children of God. We look to Mary to open our hearts to the power of the Holy Spirit so that we can be stirred up to a renewed love of the Lord and the Church.

Masks in Church – In line with the guidance from the Center for Disease Control, the Archdiocese has stated that fully vaccinated people in Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery Counties no longer need to wear masks in Church. Anyone who wishes to do so, may continue to wear a mask. Those who are not fully vaccinated are advised to continue to wear masks.

Catholic Charities Appeal 2021 – As of May 14, 110 of our parish families have donated a total of \$44,600 toward our goal of \$84,835. Please consider donating to this very important Archdiocesan collection that helps support sick and retired priests, the schools of special education, food cupboards for the poor, and many other Archdiocesan programs.

Year of St. Joseph: Prayer to St. Joseph of St. John XXIII – O St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus, chaste spouse of Mary, you who passed your life in the perfect fulfillment of duty, sustaining the Holy Family of Nazareth with the work of your hands, kindly keep those who with total trust now come to you. You know their aspirations, their miseries, and their hopes. They come to you because they know that you understand and protect them. You, too, have known trial, toil, and weariness. But even in the midst of worries about the material life, your soul was filled with profound peace, and it exulted in unerring joy through intimacy with the Son of God who was entrusted to you, and with Mary, his most sweet mother. May those whom you protect understand that they are not alone in their toil, but show them how to discover Jesus at their side, to receive him with grace, to guard him faithfully, as you have done. And with your prayers, obtain that in every family, in every factory, in every workshop, wherever a Christian works, all may be satisfied in charity, in patience, in justice, in seeking righteousness, so that abundant gifts may shower upon them from heaven. Amen.

Church Teaching: The Lay Faithful – The Council (Vatican II) makes an urgent plea in the Lord’s name that all lay people give a glad, generous, and prompt response to the impulse of the Holy Spirit and to the voice of Christ, who is giving them an especially urgent invitation at this moment. Young people should feel that this call is directed to them in particular, and they should respond to it eagerly and magnanimously. The Lord himself renews his invitation to all the lay faithful to come closer to him every day, and with the recognition that what is his is also their own, they ought to associate themselves with him in his saving mission. Once again he sends them into every town and place where he himself is to come. (from an Apostolic Exhortation of Pope John Paul II entitled “The Lay Members of Christ’s Faithful People.”)



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

Spiritual Thought – The basis of our life is to welcome the love of God, of Christ, of the Holy Spirit. Doesn’t everything spring from such trust? (Brother Roger of Taize)

A Little Humor – A man realized just how close his wife was to his mother when one day his own mother introduced him as my daughter-in-law’s husband.

Announcement from Monsignor Dougherty

To our School Community and Parish

I am happy to announce that we have hired a new principal for St. Margaret School. Her name is Theresa (Terri) Power. She will assume her position here on July 1, 2021. Miss Power is a graduate of Cardinal O'Hara High School, received an elementary education degree from West Chester University, and a Masters in Educational Leadership from Holy Family University. She taught 4 and 5 year old children at St. Kevin's in Springfield for 15 years. For the last twelve years she has served at St. Cyril of Alexandria School in East Lansdowne, PA. She taught sixth and seventh grades there for eight years, then served as assistant principal for two years and as principal for the last two years. Miss Power has a strong commitment to her Catholic faith, a love for Catholic education, and a variety of experiences that suit her well for serving as principal of St. Margaret School.

I wish to offer sincere thanks to Mrs. Johnston for her dedication and devotion as our principal for the past five years. She always sought what was best for our children and had a great love for them. She worked many hours in fulfilling the many facets of the principal's job. Her efforts to guide us through the challenges of the pandemic led our School to rise well to the challenges. I join you in wishing her all the best as she begins a new chapter in her life.

I want to thank the members of the Search Committee for the commitment of time they made in interviewing the seven applicants, and for their invaluable advice and recommendations regarding the new principal. The members of the Committee were: Steve DiRico, John Shea, Stephanie Seal, Joseph Jackson, Donna Magee, Ellen Thorburn, Tracy Gabor, Anne McCarthy, Bernadette Dougherty from the Archdiocesan Schools Office, and Helen McLean, the principal of St. Andrew School, Drexel Hill. I am grateful for the assistance they provided.



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!



Visitation BVM School in Trooper is looking to hire a full-time, reliable person for their maintenance staff. This position also includes custodian duties on a daily basis. Standard hours are 7:00am to 3:30pm, \$15 per hour.

Benefits include health insurance, paid time off and a retirement plan.

Please send your resume to humanresources@visitationbvm.org or call Mary Ann at 610-539-5572.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended until further notice.

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>



Summer 20
Novena 21

Heart of

St. Joseph



*The Heart
of St.
Joseph
Summer
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The Miraculous Medal Shrine

For nine consecutive Mondays beginning June 7 through August 2, the Shrine continues the church's celebration of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

Topics:

- June 7 Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter: *Patris Corde* (With a Father's Heart)
- June 14 Joseph: A Beloved Father
- June 21 Joseph: A Tender and Loving Father
- June 28 Joseph: An Obedient Father
- July 5 Joseph: An Accepting Father
- July 12 Joseph: A Creatively Courageous Father
- July 19 Joseph: A Working Father
- July 26 Joseph: A Father in the Shadows
- August 2 Joseph: A Vincentian Example for Fruitful Self-giving

For more information and the link to livestream, visit:
<https://miraculousmedal.org/events/summer-novena-2021/>



project rachel

Peace starts here

**Project Rachel: Healing after Abortion
Peace Starts Here**

Prayer - Jesus, Healer of Wounds and Source of Mercy, your hands embrace and welcome little children. As we look on your hands

painfully nailed to the cross, extend your Divine Mercy to the tens of millions of women and men in our nation who are wounded from their participation in abortions. Help us as a Church to recognize the unique pain that abortion brings to individuals, families and our society. May the wounds of your hands on the Cross remind us each day of your steadfast love for us as we seek to build a culture of life and be faithful instruments of your hope and healing.

Project Rachel is a collaboration of The Office for Life and Family and Catholic Social Services. For more information, call 1-844-772-2435 or email ProjectRachel@chs-adphila.org.



**We welcome into the Church
Grace Elizabeth Breish
daughter of
Charles and Colleen Breish**

Congratulations to the family on the Baptism of their child.

**Private Silent Retreats
at Malvern Retreat House
June 1-4 or August 23-27, 2021**



Malvern Retreat House will begin offering personal reflective retreats with silence. These retreats are designed for those who need time to reflect on their lives, discern a new path, pray or refresh themselves spiritually. Each individual will have the option to participate in Daily Mass, Morning and Evening Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, Daily Conferences, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Rosary. Guests may also schedule time for Spiritual Direction.

For more information and registration:

- June retreat: <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/private-retreats-2/>
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- August retreat: <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/private-retreats/>

**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.

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/.

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The 2022 Mass Book is open. Please prepare a list of your announced Masses and send via US mail, email to office@saintmarg.org, or leave in the inbox on the porch. We will do our best to accommodate your preferred dates.



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 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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