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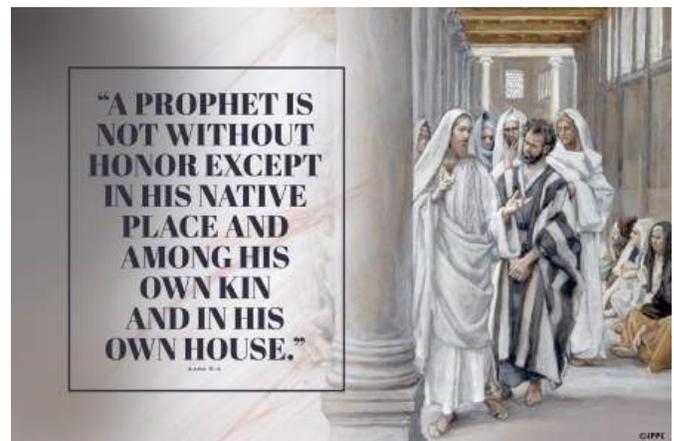
Rectory Office Business Hours
Monday - Friday 9:00AM to 4:30PM
CLOSED WEEKENDS

Any requests for the weekly
Bulletin should be submitted
by Monday, 12:00 Noon.



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 4, 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

Today, we are celebrating our Independence Day. In that masterful Declaration of Independence, written by Thomas Jefferson, we as a people clearly displayed our rejection of England's rule. It so stung King George that he declared war on the colonies that defied him.

There really is pain involved in all kinds of rejection. It's a sting to the heart. Most of us have experienced some form of it in our personal lives. Rejection hurts most of all in matters of the heart. With little effort I can recall the sting I felt when the girl I asked to the junior prom turned me down. Many of us have felt the sting in the breakup of a love affair; or the divorce from marriage vows once happily taken.

Hurt infects us when the college admission board turns us down. Or when the expected pay raise is denied, or the promotion not granted. The list is long and long remembered.

It is only natural that we wonder where God is in all of these things. Does He know what it feels like? Does He care? If in Jesus He was "like us in all things but sin" was rejection part of the equation? In this weekend's Gospel, we get the answer. Surely Jesus was rejected, even by His own relatives. More than that, biblical scholars tell us there was an implied insult in calling Him "the Son of Mary," because in those days all Jews were identified as being sons of their fathers.

Where does that leave us? I believe in a place of consolation and ultimate peace. Our God truly understands our pain. Rejection was no stranger to Him. Yet, He offered a cure: Trust in Faith. This accompanied by His declaration of support: He loves us unconditionally. Maybe at the painful moments we don't want pat answers or even Scripture quotes. It is only later that we realize that when we coped with rejection and kept on trusting God, we became a better person.

G. Campbell Morgan was 1 of 150 young men who sought entrance into the Methodist ministry in 1888. He had passed his written exam but faced the test of giving a trial sermon in front of a panel. When the results were released, Morgan's name was among the 105 who were rejected.

He wired his father with one word: "Rejected." Then he sat down and wrote in his diary: "Very dark. Everything seems still. He knoweth best." The reply to his wire was quick to arrive. It read: "Rejected on earth, accepted in heaven. Dad."

Morgan in later years became the famous Doctor George Campbell Morgan D.D. who was a British evangelist, preacher, a leading Bible teacher, and a prolific author. As Morgan went on to prove, rejection on earth is often of little consequence. As his father wisely recognized, it is of no consequence in heaven. And that, after all, is our true home.

While you enjoy your holiday, may God love you and give you His peace.

MONDAY, July 5
7:00 AM Brad Ash

TUESDAY, July 6
7:00 AM Joseph Panichelli

WEDNESDAY, July 7
7:00 AM Eleanor Schoppet

THURSDAY, July 8
7:00 AM Walter J. Wentling

FRIDAY, July 9
7:00 AM Angelo Bovo

SATURDAY, July 10
8:00 AM Elizabeth Montagne &
John Maloney



THE WEEK OF JULY 4, 2021
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
NED BUTERA

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 June 27, 2021: \$ 8,775
Collection in Church: \$ 3,649
Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 580
Mail In: \$ 2,226
Parish On Line: \$ 2,320
Envelopes: 156

The Weekend of June 28, 2020: \$6,469

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

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

Saturday, July 10
Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Msgr. Dougherty
5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

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

Parish Theme for 2020-2021

Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer

From the Pastor

Celebrating the Birth of Our Nation – Today we celebrate the birth of our nation. It is a time to give thanks to God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us. We are grateful for the many natural resources so bountifully present in our land. We are particularly grateful for the gift of freedom. The gift of freedom is a great blessing but also a great responsibility. How we use our freedom determines who we are. Good choices bring many good fruits; poor choices lead us away from true peace and prosperity. So as we celebrate today, we recommit ourselves to letting our freedom be guided by wisdom, justice, and charity. Living in accord with the truth and love of God leads us to true freedom, the freedom to choose what is just and good as we seek to serve and support one another in our nation and in the world.

Gratitude for Your Prayers and Best Wishes – Many thanks for all the prayers and best wishes you sent my way for the success of my recent surgery and recovery. The surgery went well and I have had a good recuperation. Some of the days after the surgery were a little rough, but knowing your prayers and thoughts were with me lifted my spirits and strengthened my hope. The experience has made me realize how abundantly blessed we are by the many people who work in the field of healthcare who help and serve us in our times of sickness. Special thanks to all of them. It feels good to be back at St. Margaret’s and in good health. All your kindness to me has made me appreciate even more deeply how blessed I am to serve as your pastor.

Father Cossavella – Father Anthony Cossavella was living at St. Margaret’s rectory for a few months last year as he dealt with some health issues. In May Father was assigned to reside here at St. Margaret’s as a retired priest, but Father experienced an additional health issue in early June and it has been determined that it would be best if he resided at Villa St. Joseph in Darby, the Home for retired, elderly and infirm priests. Father is doing well and has expressed his gratitude for all the kindness shown to him during his time residing at St. Margaret’s.

Year of St. Joseph – If the lily, by being exposed only for a few days to the light and heat of the sun, acquires its dazzling whiteness, who can conceive the extraordinary degree of purity to which St. Joseph was exalted, by being exposed as he was day and night for so many years to the rays of the Sun of Justice, and of the Mystical Moon who derives all her splendor from him (Jesus)? (St. Francis de Sales)

Church Teaching: Freedom – Freedom is the power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one’s own responsibility. By free will one shapes one’s own life. Human freedom is a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed toward God, our beatitude. (from The Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Spiritual Thought – We know certainly that our God calls us to a holy life. We know that God gives us every grace, every abundant grace; and though we are so weak of ourselves, this grace is able to carry us through every obstacle and difficulty. (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

A Little Humor – I always wanted to be a Gregorian monk, but I never got the chants.



**Rectory Office
is closed on
Monday, July 5
in observance of
Independence Day**



**Nourish for Caregivers
Caring for the Caregiver**

Virtually every one of us will care for a loved one at some point in our life. Though rewarding, it is not always easy. The *Nourish for Caregivers* ministry understands that family caregivers need somewhere to turn to for information, support in their faith and personal connection during the caregiver journey. Each *Nourish* gathering provides practical approaches, tools and resources to help navigate these times with a Christ-centered view. For more information, visit [Phillyevang.org/nourish](https://phillyevang.org/nourish).

**Nourish for Caregivers Virtual “House Calls”
Tuesdays or Thursdays at 11:00 am**

Nourish For Caregivers offers two weekly virtual support groups through the “House Calls” ministry. Caregivers may participate via land line, cell phone, or through the use of a computer/tablet device. Each session will last approximately one hour depending upon the number of participants. Visit this website for log-in information: <https://page.co/j05Km>.

FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND!

Next Weekend is our monthly food collection weekend (July 10 & 11). 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.



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 2021 graduates 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!

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.



Before heading to the shore or the Poconos, now is a great time to sign up for Parish Giving. You'll have full

control over your regular and special collection offerings. Don't miss a week while you are away!

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>.



Housekeeping Job Opportunity

Saint John the Baptist Parish is seeking an individual or service to provide housekeeping for the parish rectory, a building with both residential and public office areas and small conference areas. The selected candidate will perform general housekeeping duties such as dusting, vacuuming, sweeping, cleaning and sanitizing of surfaces in all rooms and areas of the building. Interested candidates should submit a resume with salary requirements to the pastor at: Saint John the Baptist Rectory, 146 Rector Street, Philadelphia, PA 19127; or RSVP@stjohnmanayunk.org.



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.



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.



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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.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?



Archdiocese
of
Philadelphia

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church.

When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. One is the durable bond of marriage. This is God's law. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Even though a Catholic marriage was celebrated, perhaps there was some deficiency in the consent of the parties involved regarding intentions, understanding or ability. The annulment procedure addresses these circumstances.

If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church, or remarried outside the Catholic Church, please find us on the web at archphila.org under the "How Do I" tab.

**Metropolitan Tribunal, 222 North 17th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 587-3750**

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with the Spirit of courage and love. Raise up from our families future priests: worthy ministers for your altars, generous and ardent servants of the Gospel. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

RETROUVAILLE 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 August 13-15, 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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is the largest pro-marriage organization in the world and promotes Experiences for couples who want to make their good marriage even better. Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be complying with mandated federal, state and local rules about group gatherings. However, we have many Online Live Facilitated Experiences available now! We offer Enrichments over a Weekend or over Multiple Sessions to fit your lifestyle. Go to www.WWME.org or www.WWME-philly.org to find the next experiences being offered.

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 almost 500 households who have been praying since the beginning of the pandemic, with the link found at phillyevang.org/rosary/.

Springs in the Desert is a new ministry that responds to struggles with infertility through accompaniment and discernment of new paths of fruitfulness. This ministry seeks to help couples process the pain of infertility and to discover the fruitfulness God has planned for their marriages. For more information, please visit <https://springsinthedesert.org/>



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

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, July 14, 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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