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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 22, 2021



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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

I know from a televised ad that the old classic TV show “Kids Say the Darndest Things” has been revived for our time. No wonder, because children never change in their power to shake us adults up with their perception and commentary on all sorts of things.

Such is that gift that it provokes a fond memory for me from my days as a pastor while visiting the parish schoolchildren. On one occasion, I was with the second graders, giving what I thought was a good attempt to teach a point of our faith. So when a little arm went up in response to my asking for comments, I was eager to hear one. I called on the little one, who promptly excitedly informed me thus: “I saw a dead bird once!”

Well, there went my hopes about my teaching’s effect, combined with a large dose of humility innocently delivered. I swallowed my laughter, lest the little one be hurt. The number of deceased fowl kept rising before I brought it all to a stop. Later, the teacher and I laughed.

How is this related to the unexpected crowd reaction to Jesus’ announcement of the Holy Eucharist? It is the way the crowd that followed Jesus changed the subject. Formerly entranced by His every word, they suddenly changed their minds and gave Jesus their backs because of what he said about eating and drinking His Body and Blood.

And for the sake of all those who rush to declare in our own time that Christ was only speaking symbolically, please note that Jesus never retracted one word. Nor did he ever say “I mean this only as a symbol, and not literally.” Obviously, the Holy Spirit wants us to take His word quite literally.

Then, turning to the chosen Twelve, whose backs were not yet turned, His sad inquiry: “Will you also walk away?” I imagine here a collective brief silence. But then St. Peter, who often enough was quite capable of saying “the darndest things,” offered his beautiful and faith-filled answer: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that You are the Holy One of God.” Peter’s answer should well be ours. It makes for a fine prayer in times of doubt.

We must always think of the Eucharist, framed by the Holy Mass, as our great gift. Covid 19 forced us out of our accustomed ways of celebrating. In these “post Covid” days we have an opportunity to review our appreciation of what Christ through the Church has given us. We can check up on our habits of respect owed to the Most Blessed Sacrament. After all, we’re no longer watching it at home wearing pajamas. Certainly not with the parish community, which is an essential component of public worship.



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, August 23	7:00 AM	John Le
TUESDAY, August 24	7:00 AM	Gerald Finegan
WEDNESDAY, August 25	7:00 AM	Ignatius Lo
THURSDAY, August 26	7:00 AM	Joy E. Fitzpatrick
FRIDAY, August 27	7:00 AM	Anita Coletta
SATURDAY, August 28	8:00 AM	Kathy Shultz



THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2021
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
STEPHEN FICHERA.

THE ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
LAURA GAUDINI.

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

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>Weekend of August 15, 2021:</u>	\$ 9,610
Collection in Church:	\$ 4,213
Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 580
Mail In:	\$ 2,537
Parish On Line:	\$ 2,280
Envelopes:	201

The Weekend of August 16, 2020: \$7,077

Collection for Catholic University \$698

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

Weekend Mass Schedule August 28-August 29
(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, August 28
 Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Monsignor Dougherty
 5:15 PM - Monsignor Dougherty

Sunday, August 29
 7:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick
 8:45 AM - Fr. DePrinzio
 10:00 AM - Fr. Moriconi
 11:30 AM - Monsignor Dougherty

Parish Theme for 2020-2021

Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer

From the Pastor

Statement of Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez Regarding Safety As Mass Obligation Resumes

“Ensuring the health and welfare of those entrusted to the pastoral and temporal care of our Church, especially as we navigate a global pandemic, is a paramount priority as the Archbishop of Philadelphia. During this time of acute hardship and struggle, I have worked in conjunction with the Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania and the senior administration of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to implement best practices intended to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and protect those most vulnerable.

As the COVID-19 landscape evolved, we continuously re-evaluated those efforts in consultation with public health officials and based on data.

As your Shepherd, I am called to provide the Eucharist in a safe environment. To that end, I ask that you prioritize your own health and the health of your neighbors and faith communities.

As previously announced, the Catholic Bishops of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are reinstating the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and holy days beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021. However, by longstanding Church law, this obligation does not apply to those who are

- sick;
- have a serious health risk;
- live in a household with those at risk;
- serve as primary caregivers to those at risk;
- have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large-group setting due to COVID-19; or
- are unable to attend Mass in person

As an act of charity, all who are able should become fully vaccinated. Anyone who believes they might have COVID-19 or one of its variants should seek testing and take every precaution for the preservation of public health. As a people of hope, let us pray for an end to this health crisis.”

School Days – As August nears its end, we are preparing to welcome our students to Saint Margaret School. Enrollment will be about 275 students. We have had some changes in the faculty and staff. We offer a special welcome to our new principal, Miss Theresa Power. She will be replacing Mrs. Johnston, who has retired. And we welcome Miss Caroline Winterle as a new second grade teacher. Caroline was a learning support aide in kindergarten last year and is looking forward to her new position. Mrs. Terri O’Rourke has decided to move on from her position as a pre-kindergarten teacher, but will remain with us as an aide in pre-k. Mrs. Tracey Rumsey, formerly the aide to Mrs. O’Rourke, will now assume the position of a pre-k teacher. Mrs. Patricia Cavallaro has retired from her work as our School librarian. Mrs. Maureen Lorine will be assuming that position and will be assisting with the integration of technology and reading for our students. Mrs. Juanita Gasparri, our art teacher, will not be returning this year. She assumed a full time position in another Catholic school. Mr. John Banks, our maintenance person for the last several years has taken a position elsewhere and will be replaced by Mr. Ralph Holzer and Mr. Robert Monroe, who will be sharing the day-to-day maintenance responsibilities. Ms. Lisanne Boyle, who taught 8th grade, has taken a position teaching high school English. We are currently seeking a replacement for her. I want to express gratitude to all those who are moving on from their work at Saint Margaret’s. We wish them all the best in their new endeavors and express our deep gratitude to them for all their good work here. We extend a heartfelt welcome to our new faculty and staff members as we look forward to a good year at Saint Margaret School.

PREP – Mrs. Monroe is working hard to get ready for our PREP students. May the Lord bless all involved in our Parish Religious Education Program and grant our PREP teachers and students a good year of growth in our Catholic faith.

Parish Theme for This Church Year (“Rejoice in hope; endure in affliction; persevere in prayer.”) The pandemic has certainly tested our endurance. The continued challenge compels us to meet the difficulties it presents. It is our Christian faith that the afflictions we endure in life can be redemptive and lead to personal and communal growth. The Lord came among us to lead us through suffering and death to new life in him. It is our faith that the Lord is with us in our afflictions and leading us through them to new life. We endure because we hope. We offer our sufferings as penance and expiation for our sins and trust in the Lord to be with us and renew us.

A Little Humor – One of the shortest wills ever written: “Being of sound mind, I spent all the money.”



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!

SMS Calendar



Monday, August 30

Gr 1-8 8:10am-12pm

Tuesday, August 31

Gr. 1-8 8:10am-12pm
Kindergarten 9:00am-12pm

Wednesday, September 1

Kindergarten-8 8:10am-12pm

(no school on September 2, 3, or 6)

Tuesday, September 7

Full Day of School (Grades K-8)
(with Buses and Cares)

Wednesday, September 8

Pre-K reports to Cafeteria at 9am

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Friday, September 10

Opening Mass

EARLY DISMISSAL 12pm

(with Buses and Cares)

St. Margaret School—Job Opportunity

St. Margaret School is looking for someone to work at our after school **CARES Program** beginning September from 3pm to 5pm. Part time or full time available. Must have clearances. To apply, email school principal, Ms. Terri Power at tpower@smsnarberth.org.



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>.

ST MARGARET
FRIENDS & FAMILY
GOLF
OCTOBER 4
BALA GOLF CLUB

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS:
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/MARGARETSGOLF](https://bit.ly/margaretsgolf)



Friends & Family St. Margaret Golf Outing for Parish & School Communities RETURNING

Monday, October 4, 2021 Bala Golf Club

For information:

<https://golfmargarets.wixsite.com/golf>

RSVP early, we met our quota early last year!

Questions: info@smsnarberth.org or
golfmargarets@gmail.com

CYO FALL SPORTS

REGISTRATION is Open. All age appropriate parish members and school attendees are eligible for participation. Sports offered this Fall are Football, Cross Country (Coed Grade 1-8), Soccer (gr 3-8) and potentially Field Hockey (gr 5-8) pending interest.



Registration Links:

FOOTBALL:

5th & 6th - JV <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=3:217768>

Gr 7-8 <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=3:217767>

All Other Sports listed:

<http://stmargaret.website.sportssignup.com>

CYO is still looking for coaches, assistants and volunteers for all sports. If interested please contact Jim McNulty at jpm0075@gmail.com. If you have interest in playing or helping with Field Hockey please contact Megan at mafisher511@gmail.com.

Save the Date

Mass for Religious Education & Presentation of Anniversary Awards

Sunday, January 9, 2022, at 2PM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez will be the celebrant for the Mass and awards which recognize the ministry of Directors and Catechists of Parish Religious Education.



As a member of St. Margaret Parish, you have **FREE ACCESS** to the many resources on **FORMED**, for example their special section of content on St. Joseph for this year dedicated to him. Sign up today at **FORMED.org** using the parish code **WRVZND**. **Not every parish offers a subscription to FORMED so take advantage of this opportunity!**

Church Teaching: The Sacredness of the Eucharist – The Eucharist is a holy and sacred action. Holy and sacred, because in it are the continual presence and action of Christ, the Holy One of God, anointed with the Holy Spirit, consecrated by the Father, to lay down his life of its own accord and to take it up again, and the High Priest of the New Covenant. For it is He who, represented by the celebrant, makes His entrance into the sanctuary and proclaims His Gospel. It is He who is the offerer and the offered, the consecrator and the consecrated. The Eucharist is a holy and sacred action because it constitutes the sacred species, the holy things given to the holy.

Spiritual Thought: Fortitude – The person with fortitude is the one who perseveres in doing what his conscience tells him he ought to do. He does not measure the value of a task exclusively by the benefit he receives from it, but rather by the service he tenders to others. The strong man will at times suffer, but he stands firm; he may be driven to tears, but he will brush them aside. When difficulties come thick and fast, he does not bend before them. (St. Josemaria Escriva)



Thank you for Poor Box Donations

Birthright of West Chester would like to thank you for the generosity you have extended to the mothers and pregnant women of our community. Your very thoughtful donation of \$300 is greatly appreciated by the women, girls, and babies we serve, and helps us continue in the important work that we do. Without the generosity of donors like you, many less fortunate families would have little or nothing for their babies.

Our focus of caring for pregnant women and their babies will never waver. For 36 years, Birthright of West Chester, through your generosity and others like you, has been supporting pregnant women and new mothers making a positive difference in their lives.



The Gianna Center of Philadelphia is dedicated to providing general gynecologic care, natural family planning education and infertility services – all while honoring the sanctity of each human life, the dignity of women and the integrity of marriage. Their commitment to pro-life health care includes:

- A restorative approach to reproductive health care
- Natural alternatives to hormonal contraceptives
- Modern, effective natural family planning
- A safe place for virtue-based health care for teens
- Pro-life alternatives to in vitro fertilization
- Support for abortion-vulnerable women

For more information, call 215-857-9599 or visit www.phgiannacenter.org.

September 3-5, 2021

Event: Young Adult Retreat on “The Joy of the Beatitudes”



Young Adults (20s & 30s) are invited to Malvern Retreat House for a weekend retreat on the joy of living the Beatitudes while deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ. Led by Fr. Remigio Morales, SCV, and Fr. Steven DeLacy, the weekend will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, Lectio Divina, Liturgy of the Hours, and time for recreation, socializing and group sharing. Enjoy the peaceful and beautiful grounds of Malvern in fellowship with other young adults seeking to grow in their Catholic faith. Meals and lodging will be provided.

Cost: \$175. Financial assistance is available!
For more information or to register, please visit MalvernRetreat.com/calendar or call 610-644-0400.



**Archdiocesan Respect Life Month Opening Mass
 Sunday, September 26, 2021 - 11 AM**

Location: 11 AM Mass at Cathedral Basilica SS Peter & Paul, 18th and Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia PA 19103. Limited Parking is available.

Join us as we unite in prayer with Archbishop Pérez to uphold the sanctity of life! Following Mass, all are invited to a brunch reception with the Sisters of Life.

For more information and to RSVP for the brunch, please visit www.phillycatholiclife.org or call 215-587-0500.



The AbbeyFest Greater Philadelphia premier festival focused on **“Faith, Music, and Family,”** will be held at Daylesford Abbey, Paoli, PA on Saturday, September 18, 2021. The day will include Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, as well as food trucks, merchandise tents, kid-friendly activities, and music. For more information and tickets, visit www.theabbeyfest.com.



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Raymond Galie who recently passed away. May he rest in peace and his loved ones be comforted.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended until further notice.

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, September 29, 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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