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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

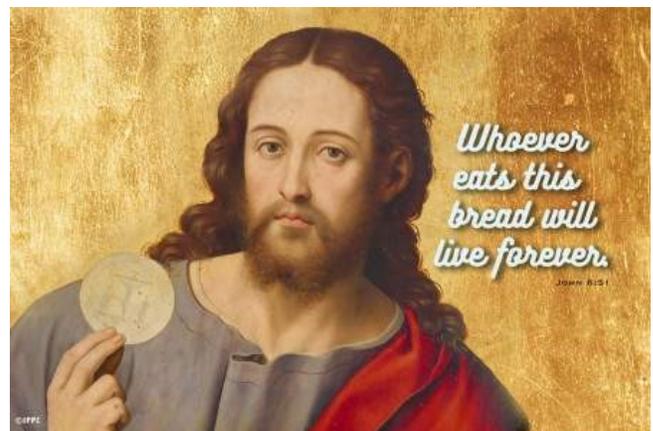


Any requests for the weekly
Bulletin should be submitted
by Monday, 12:00 Noon.



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 8, 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

Ah, imagine a hot August afternoon, and you've got to mow the lawn, like it or not, as the humidity forces a stream of perspiration to run down your back. But you have to mow to get the yard ready for the Sunday cookout. Extended family and some guests are coming. You couldn't do this the day before because of a steady rain. All you really want to do is hit the hammock and enjoy a cold beer, and catch about 45 winks.

Or imagine you're the hostess for a garden party, but you're more than a little tired because the baby wrecked your sleep last night. But the potato salad isn't done, and the table is yet to be set. All you really want to do is sip some of your favorite wine while comfortably stretched out on the chaise in the shade. Both of you would prefer to give up the tasks or call the whole thing off. These are just two down to earth examples of our weak selves confronting jobs that have to get done, along with the strong temptation not to do them.

We read today about one of God's chosen prophets, Elijah, who had decided as part of his job to go on a pilgrimage to far off Mt. Horeb. It would be a daunting trip, but had to be taken. Horeb, after all, was the mount where Moses spoke with God. Maybe God would help him, Elijah, to be refreshed and renewed. But he got drowsy from desert heat and became so heartsick that even suicide was tempting. So Elijah lay down. Suddenly an angel appeared to him holding an energizing cake and a skin of water. He tells Elijah to get up and move on. God had just sent him the strength to do it.

Centuries later, our gospel describes how the authentic Bread, the Bread of Life, which is Jesus Himself, urges His audience to eat this Bread, if they wish to live here and hereafter. As believers, trying every day to live the Christian life, in the midst of some powerful 21st century temptations to wealth, power and fame, we know this vital truth about the sustaining food that is Jesus. On any given Sunday we walk forward to receive Holy Communion believing it with all our heart to be the whole Jesus, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

But a question does arise, now especially when there are so many non-believers who took a U-turn away from our Catholic Church. Have you or I possibly grown nonchalant about this great Sacrament? Do we bracket the Sundays of our lives off to the side as a lesser issue, while we go about doing "the really important stuff"? Or so we think it is?

One more task for your imagination. Now it's 10 minutes before your death. You may be lying sick in a hospital or at home. Or worse still, going about "doing your thing" not knowing what's 10 minutes away. Do you think you'd really be anxious about your ordinary concerns? I doubt it.

Well, here we are on an August morning in 2021. You're very much alive and well. Time to ponder an essential item for your diet.



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 9

7:00 AM Josephine Lo

TUESDAY, August 10

7:00 AM Mary Pham

WEDNESDAY, August 11

7:00 AM Gustine J. Pelagatti

THURSDAY, August 12

7:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, August 13

7:00 AM Michael McColgan

SATURDAY, August 14

8:00 AM Lorraine Bizzarri

THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8, 2021
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
THE HOA LE FAMILY.
THE ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
MICHAEL MCCOLGAN—28TH ANNIVERSARY.



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 1, 2021:</u>	\$ 9,772
Collection in Church:	\$ 4,402
Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 580
Mail In:	\$ 2,890
Parish On Line:	\$ 1,900
Envelopes:	168

The Weekend of August 2, 2020: \$9,706

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

Weekend Mass Schedule August 14-August 15

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, August 14

Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Msgr. Dougherty
 5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, August 15

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

Parish Theme for 2020-2021

Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer

From the Pastor

Back to Church – Effective next Sunday, August 15, Archbishop Pérez has reinstated the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays. The Lord invites us to a personal encounter with his real presence in the Blessed Sacrament. We come to Mass to unite ourselves with Christ as he offers himself to the Father. The Father graciously accepts this offering, receives us and gives us the gift of the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, to transform us so that we can better enjoy and reflect the light of Christ in our lives. Our in-person presence at Church allows us to enter into the full beauty of the Eucharistic celebration.

Sunday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Evening Prayer and Rosary – To honor Mary on the feast of her assumption into heaven we will celebrate Evening Prayer at 4:30 pm in Church, followed by a rosary in the Mary Garden, and pizza in the Antioch Annex. All are welcome. If you plan to attend, email Nicole at faith@saintmarg.org, or call her at 610-664-3770.

Mission Speaker – Fr. Dermot Roach, SMA, a member of The Society of African Missions, will speak at all the Masses this weekend. SMA is an organization of Catholic Missionaries. They are priests, brothers, and lay men and women. Their more than 750 missionaries hail from five continents and joyfully witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Africa, and to people of African descent wherever they are. In Africa, SMA missionaries serve in Angola, Benin, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo and Zambia. Your generosity will help support the outstanding missionary work of this Society, which has been serving the people of Africa for more than 160 years. The second collection this weekend will be for missionaries. Envelopes are available at the doors of Church for this purpose.

Parish Charities – The donations to our poor boxes are divided among five local charities: Mercy Hospice, Mother of Mercy House, St. John's Hospice, Birthright in West Chester, and St. Veronica Parish. Three or four times a year we send a donation to each of these charitable endeavors. On July 14, we sent checks for \$300 to each of them. In addition, some of the poor box funds are placed in our Needy Family Fund, which allows us to help some local families in times of need.

Deacon Candidate – This Tuesday is the feast day of St. Lawrence, deacon and martyr. From the Church's beginnings deacons have provided a valuable service to the Church. There are three degrees of the Sacrament of Holy Orders: bishop, priest and deacon. Christopher DeMaio, one of our parishioners, is currently studying at St. Charles Seminary to be ordained a deacon. It is a seven year program and Chris has three years remaining. We offer our prayers for Chris and his family as he prepares for this important ministry in the life of the Church.

Finance Council - The Council will meet Thursday, August 12, at 7PM in the Antioch Annex.

Parish Theme for This Year (“Rejoice in hope; endure in affliction; persevere in prayer.”) – Celebrating the Eucharist is our best way of renewing our hope in the Lord. At the Eucharist we celebrate and make present the death and resurrection of Jesus. We remember his great and sacrificial love for us and are reminded that the Lord is with us always to share with us his life and strength. Celebrating the love of the Lord rekindles and renews our hope in him. Our spirits are lifted up even in the midst of the difficulties of life, because of our faith in God's redeeming and saving love for us.

Church Teaching: The Eucharist and Life – From the concept of Eucharistic worship stems the whole sacramental style of the Christian's life. In fact, leading a life based on the sacraments and animated by the common priesthood means in the first place that Christians desire God to act in them in order to attain, in the Spirit, the fullness of Christ himself. (from the Apostolic letter of Saint John Paul II entitled “The Mystery and Worship of the Eucharist”)

Spiritual Thought – We need to find God and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. (Saint Teresa of Calcutta)

A Little Humor - According to most studies, people's number one fear is public speaking. Number two is death. This means, to the average person, if you go to a funeral, you'd rather be the person in the casket than the one giving the eulogy. (Jerry Seinfeld)



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>.



Casseroles for St. John's Hospice

Recipe # 4 will be collected Wednesday morning of this week, August 11, between 9 and 9:30 AM at St. Margaret School Parking Lot. Pans are available in the vestibule if you would like to participate.

You can also support the efforts of St. John's Hospice to continue to provide life-sustaining support to those experiencing homelessness by donating at:

<http://saintjohnshospice.org/>

CYO FOOTBALL

Registration for CYO Football is open. All age appropriate parish school attendees and parish members are eligible to participate. Practice will begin in MID-AUGUST. Any potential player must be registered prior to participation. Teams are based on grades entering into for school year 2021-2022. We are also looking for coaches to help with both teams as well as parent volunteers to assist with game day and administrative duties.



Register for 5th & 6th—JV

<http://assn.la/Reg/?r=3:217768>

Register for 7th & 8th—Varsity

<http://assn.la/Reg/?r=3:217767>

For information regarding both teams, please contact Jim McNulty at jpm0075@gmail.com.



Currently featured on **FORMED** is **The Search**, hosted by Chris Stefanick, whose ReBoot presentation in October 2019 was sponsored by St. Margaret Parish.

The Search removes barriers to the Gospel by engaging life's big questions. It is an entertaining, uplifting series for everyone, from committed Catholics to adults, teenagers and those outside the Church who are longing for meaning and purpose in their lives.

As a member of St. Margaret Parish, you have FREE ACCESS to The Search, as well as many other multifaceted resources for adults and children on **FORMED**, an internet site designed for growth in the knowledge and prayerful practice of our Catholic faith. Not every parish offers a subscription to FORMED, so take advantage of this opportunity as a St. Margaret's parishioner and go to FORMED.org to sign up. The Parish Code is WRVZND.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you today to ask that you consider a generous gift to the upcoming second collection in support of The Catholic University of America located in the heart of our nation's capital. Founded by a pontifical charter in 1887 as the research university of the Church in the United States, the university has long served the church and nation.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic the University community has been working tirelessly on behalf of its more than 6,000 students to navigate the extraordinary challenges presented by the unprecedented public health crisis. Through its 12 schools, 32 research facilities and more than 180 academic programs the University is doing its best to support its students and faculty while also maintaining the highest quality of Catholic education.

Your gift to the second collection, the only national collection taken for higher education in our country, will not only go to support students in this crucial time but also helps the University better serve dioceses and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs, such as The Catholic Project - an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the current sex abuse crisis in the Church, an online Child Protection Certificate Program, a Master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers.

Our contributions are critical to both a successful academic year and to all the important work the University does on behalf of the church and its Faithful. I urge you to please make a contribution to the mission of the Catholic University of America. If you are in a position to do so please be generous in supporting its National Collection, especially in these trying times. With prayers and expressions of gratitude I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (AGES 52-67)

Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests and dine together twice a month. Our next scheduled event is Sunday, August 29, 2021, at 5:30 P.M., a "Summer Sizzler House Party" at a member's home in Havertown, PA. For more info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.

A food server is also needed once a month for house parties—Saturday evenings September–May, and Sunday evenings June–August. Call Barb (610) 896-6542 for info.

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.



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
**CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE**

Strong & Beautiful
Catholic Women's Conference
Saturday, October 23, 2021

CWC 2021 will be a highly modified version of our usual event due to continued pandemic restrictions. For the conference in English, you are invited to attend one, 2-hour, in-person mini-conference at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown—morning or afternoon—and then enjoy four video talks at home at your leisure. The Spanish Track will be in a different location, Holy Innocents Parish in Philadelphia, in order to keep crowd sizes smaller. For more information, visit www.catholicwomensconference.org. For the Spanish Track, visit www.catholicwomensconference.org/espanol/.

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.

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 Thursday, August 19, 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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