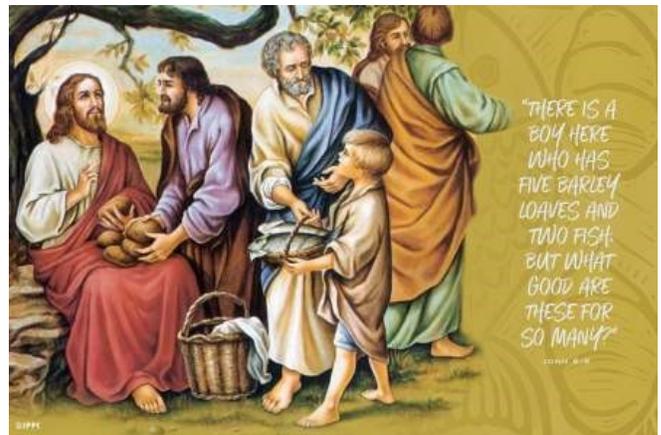


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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 25, 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.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Through most of Lectionary Cycle B, our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Over the past two Sundays, we heard how Jesus sent his disciples to share in his mission. If we were to continue reading Mark's Gospel, we would next hear his report of how Jesus feeds the crowds in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Our Lectionary, however, leaves Mark's Gospel for the next several weeks and instead presents this event from the Gospel of John. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse."

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Recall that John's Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus' action at the Last Supper complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul's Letters that we hear repeated at each Mass.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others.

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

MONDAY, July 26
7:00 AM Elizabeth Pescatore

TUESDAY, July 27
7:00 AM Catherine Miccuci

WEDNESDAY, July 28
7:00 AM Matthew Mullahy

THURSDAY, July 29
7:00 AM John Le

FRIDAY, July 30
7:00 AM Anthony Tedeschi

SATURDAY, July 31
8:00 AM Julie Wolf



THE WEEK OF JULY 25, 2021
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
ALFRED LUONGO.
THE ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
JOE D'ANTONIO.

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 July 18, 2021: \$ 8,024
Collection in Church: \$ 3,715
Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 580
Mail In: \$ 1,420
Parish On Line: \$ 2,309
Envelopes: 171

The Weekend of July 19, 2020: \$12,000

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

Weekend Mass Schedule July 31-August 1

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, July 31
Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Fr. DePrinzio
5:15 PM - Fr. DePrinzio

Sunday, August 1
7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty
8:45 AM - Fr. DePrinzio
10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty
11:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

Parish Theme for 2020-2021

Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer

From the Pastor

Statement of Archbishop Perez Regarding Reinstating the Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass, Effective August 15 – Here is the Statement:

“We have all felt the impact of COVID-19 as individuals and families. It has been a time of acute hardship and struggle, of separation and isolation. It has also had an impact on our lives of faith. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has been with us throughout this challenging period and is most especially near to us when we encounter him in the Eucharist. The Eucharist offers us His healing and peace, His mercy and reconciliation. It is now time for everyone to return to the Eucharist with renewed faith and joy.

As many aspects of life are now returning to normalcy, each Catholic Bishop in Pennsylvania will reinstate the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Bishops previously jointly decided to dispense the faithful from this obligation in March of 2020 in order to provide for the common good given concerns over the developing pandemic. Now, with the impact of the pandemic considerably reduced, it is again possible for the faithful to assemble for the Eucharist. It is time to lift the dispensation from the obligation.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days comes from our Baptism as Christians. Baptism compels Christians to unite themselves with Christ at the altar in his saving Sacrifice of the Cross. Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2182). This is the foundation for the law of the Church that binds Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days (Code of Canon Law, canon 1247) and the Christian way fully to observe the Third Commandment, to keep holy the Lord’s Day (Deuteronomy 5: 12; Exodus 31: 15; Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 2180-2181).

This obligation, as is always the case, does not apply to those who are seriously ill, have a serious health risk, as well as those who have serious anxiety about being a part of large groups at this time. Likewise, the obligation does not apply to those who care for those who cannot attend Mass in person (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2181). Those who are legitimately excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days are encouraged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the Death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the Sacred Scriptures, and uniting themselves to Christ in his worship of the Father of us all. Those who are legitimately excused are also encouraged to view a broadcast of the Mass which is intended for those who cannot participate in person.

As Bishops, we welcome this moment of the reinstatement of the obligation for all Catholics in Pennsylvania. This is a moment to thank God anew for the great gift of the Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus to us in his Holy Body and Blood as well as the joy of gathering together as people of faith.”

Most Reverend Nelson Pérez
Archbishop of Philadelphia

Sunday Mass – The Eucharist is the greatest gift the Lord has left us, the gift of Himself, his Body and Blood. It is through the Eucharist that we are continually nourished in spirit and grow in holiness. May we all give honor to the Lord each Sunday and gladly receive the great gift of Himself so as to grow in the peace, joy and strength that only the Lord can give us.,

Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus – Until this year, July 29 was the feast day of St. Martha, but it has now been changed to a day to honor not only Martha, but her sister and brother, Mary and Lazarus. These three siblings were good friends of Jesus and their home was a place where he would go to be with them and enjoy their friendship and company. Their home was a place of recreation, rest and renewal for the Lord. Their companionship and support were a source of great comfort and strength for him. This feast then is a good time to meditate on our call to be close friends of the Lord, to welcome him into our hearts and homes so that each of us can be a source of comfort and joy for the Lord. Also, it is a reminder to us to be grateful to God for the gift of the friends he has placed in our lives. Friendship is a great blessing. Our friends renew and refresh us through their acceptance, concern and support. May we be good friends of the Lord, and good companions to those the Lord wishes us to befriend. We give thanks to God for the gift of friendship and we seek to foster this gift in our lives.



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



Lankenau Ministry continues to be suspended due to COVID 19 until further notice.

Parish Theme for this Church Year (“Rejoice in hope; endure in affliction; persevere in prayer.”) – I recall learning as a young seminarian that St. Teresa of Avila struggled for many years to find deep meaning and consolation in her prayer, and yet she persevered in prayer. Her perseverance proved to be a great blessing, because eventually she was blessed by God with many wonderful and beautiful experiences in prayer. Persevere in prayer. It may not always seem to be enlightening or exciting, but prayer changes us and draws us into a deeper and more satisfying relationship of love with the Lord.

Church Teaching: The Eucharist and Charity – Eucharistic worship constitutes the soul of all Christian life. In fact, Christian life is expressed in the fulfilling of the greatest commandment, that is to say, in the love of God and neighbor, and this love finds its source in the Blessed Sacrament, which is commonly called the sacrament of love. The Eucharist signifies this charity, and therefore recalls it, makes it present and at the same time brings it about.... Together with this unfathomable and free gift, which is charity revealed in its fullest degree in the saving sacrifice of the Son of God, the sacrifice of which the Eucharist is the indelible sign, there also springs up within us a lively response of love. We not only know love; we ourselves begin to love. We enter, so to speak, upon the path of love and along the path make progress. Thanks to the Eucharist, the love that springs up within us from the Eucharist develops in us, becomes deeper and grows stronger.

Spiritual Thought – If we want a love message to be heard, it has got to be sent out. To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it. (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

A Little Humor: Arrival Time (text from a person everyone was checking on because he was late) – I’ll be there in five minutes. Stop texting me every half hour!



We welcome into the Church
Jack Foster Luptak
son of
Jonathan and Lauren Luptak
Congratulations to the family on the Baptism of their child.



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.



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!



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.

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.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended until further notice.



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 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.



The Frankford Family Life Center needs volunteers right now and throughout the summer!

Visit our website, prolifeunion.org and look under the banner where you will find the section titled, "Volunteers Urgently Needed!" The descriptions and requirements for each position we are looking to fill can be found there. If you feel called to serve in one of these positions, please email cpinto@prolifeunion.org. The most urgent need right now is for the Summer Meals Program. All position shifts are flexible.

Haven't heard of the Frankford family life center? In partnership with Catholic Social Services, the Pro-Life Union is opening a family life center in Frankford, Philadelphia. The center is up and running and already serving over 60 women and their families! There will be an official program launch in October.



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>.



Upcoming Events

Year of St. Joseph: Every third Sunday at MRH, there will be Eucharistic Adoration and Procession followed by a presentation and discussion about St. Joseph.

July 30 – August 1, 2021 Flame of Love National Conference.

Join us virtually for the Flame of Love Retreat. Father James Blount will serve as retreat director. Cost: \$275 PP Onsite; Virtual \$75.

Friday, August 6, 2021; Time: 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM First Friday Mass and Discussion.

Join us in St. Joseph's Chapel at Malvern Retreat House for First Friday Mass. Breakfast will be offered after Mass. \$10 donation for breakfast is appreciated. Registration is required.

Sunday, August 8, 2021; Time: 2:00-4:00 PM

Women's Tea with Mary Bea Damico of Voveo

Marketing. We will reflect on the power of surrender and devotion to Mary. Cost: \$25 onsite and virtual.

September 10-12, 2021 Weekend retreat for

married couples. Join us for a weekend of renewal and rejoicing in your marriage. The cost is \$380 per couple. Wonderful meals, conferences, and time together.

Private Personal Retreats are now offered at

Malvern Retreat House. Retreatants are welcome to register for the August 23 - 27 program. Retreatants will have the opportunity to celebrate daily Mass, participate in Eucharistic Adoration, and spend time by themselves in silent prayer. There will also be the opportunity for spiritual direction, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Liturgy of the Hours. Please contact Malvern at 610-644-0400 or visit malvernretreat.com.

St. Thomas Monastery, Long-Term Health Care Facility of the Augustinian Friars, located on the campus of Villanova University, is looking for a per diem Front Desk Receptionist. Responsibilities include greeting visitors, answering phone and assisting the Friars with minor requests. Available shifts: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2PM – 7PM. Must be able to share filling in for other co-workers at times. Background History Check performed upon application. Applicants must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. Annual parking fee of \$30.00 required if applicable. Email Lynn Walsh, Office Manager, at lynn.walsh@villanova.edu.

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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