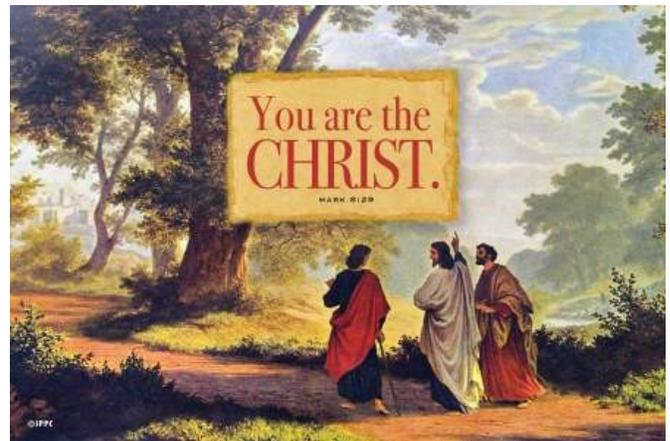


# ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH

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## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



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### Scrip Sales

MONDAY TO FRIDAY  
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

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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.



### 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**

Today’s reading is the turning point in Mark’s Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus’ disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means “the anointed one.” At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today’s reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean “human being.”

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: to be Christ’s disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus’ words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.



**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>.

**A Little Humor** – I’m convinced that if you lose a sock in the wash, it comes back as a plastic lid that doesn’t fit any of your containers.

**MONDAY, September 13**  
7:00 AM Helen Kelso

**TUESDAY, September 14**  
7:00 AM Jane Henderson

**WEDNESDAY, September 15**  
7:00 AM John Le

**THURSDAY, September 16**  
7:00 AM Jerry Haas

**FRIDAY, September 17**  
7:00 AM Joanne Goss

**SATURDAY, September 18**  
8:00 AM Alice Noone



**THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**  
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN  
IN MEMORY OF  
GEORGE PAHLER.

**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 September 5, 2021:** \$ 9,129  
**Collection in Church:** \$ 3,582  
**Electronic Funds Transfer:** \$ 580  
**Mail In:** \$ 1,705  
**Parish On Line:** \$ 3,262  
**Envelopes:** 161

**The Weekend of September 6, 2020: \$12,554**

**Collection for Black & Indian Missions: \$912**

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

**Msgr. Dougherty**

**Weekend Mass Schedule September 18-19**

*(Priest scheduled is subject to change)*

**Saturday, September 18**  
Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Msgr. Dougherty  
5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

**Sunday, September 19**  
7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty  
8:45 AM - Fr. DePrinzio  
10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty  
11:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

**HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY**  
Suspended until further notice.

**Parish Theme for 2020-2021**

*Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer*

**From the Pastor**

**The Feasts of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and Our Lady of Sorrows** – This Tuesday, September 14 is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It almost seems inconceivable that the Roman instrument of torture and death, the cross, would be something that should be exalted and called holy. And yet because of the sacrificial gift of himself on the cross, Jesus has indeed sanctified the cross and made it an instrument of salvation. We exalt the cross because Jesus won salvation for us through his loving acceptance of his suffering and death. All Christians are asked to bear the cross of salvation. We willingly accept suffering and death because it is our faith that Jesus leads us through them to new life and eternal joy.

On September 15 we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Mary is the great example of someone who suffered in union with Jesus. She bore the cross of her sorrows out of love for the Lord. We rejoice in Mary's great example for us and join with her in pledging our love for the Lord and being ready to embrace the cross so that through it we can share in his life.

**Adult Faith Formation** – The Adult Faith Formation Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 14 at 6:00 pm in the Antioch Annex.

**Catholic Charities Appeal 2021** – This important Appeal for the support of Archdiocesan initiatives for the local needy and for evangelization in our local communities continues. As of Sept. 2, 153 of our families have donated a total of \$69,010 toward our goal of \$84,835. These donations support our schools for children with disabilities, our elderly and infirm priests, and many programs for the needy through Catholic Social Services. Your contributions are much appreciated. If you have not already given, you can use the envelope that was mailed to you several months ago (some are available in the vestibule of Church), or you can donate online at catholiccharitiesappeal.org.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** – Anyone interested in learning about the Catholic Faith with a view towards possibly joining the Church, or anyone who is already an adult Catholic and still in need of Confirmation and/or First Communion is invited to join our Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.) Program. We meet on Tuesday evenings and will begin on September 21. If Tuesday evenings are inconvenient for you, other arrangements can be made. Contact Msgr. Dougherty at [pastor@saintmarg.org](mailto:pastor@saintmarg.org) or at 610-664-3770.

**Year of St. Joseph: The Wonder of His Silence** – Saint Joseph was so reserved and careful in his speech that not one word ever issued from his mouth that was not good and holy, nor did he ever indulge in unnecessary or less than charitable conversation. He was most patient and diligent in bearing fatigue; he practiced extreme poverty; he was most meek in bearing injuries; he was strong and constant against enemies; he was the faithful witness of the wonders of heaven. (from a revelation by the Blessed Mother given to St. Bridget of Sweden)

**Church Teaching - The Eucharist: Our Greatest Gift** – We cannot, even for a moment, forget that the Eucharist is a special possession belonging to the whole Church. It is the greatest gift in the order of grace and of sacrament that the divine Spouse has offered and unceasingly offers to His spouse. And precisely because it is such a gift, all of us should in a spirit of profound faith let ourselves be guided by a sense of truly Christian responsibility. A gift obliges us ever more profoundly because it speaks to us not so much with the force of a strict right as with the force of personal confidence, and thus - without legal obligations - it calls for trust and gratitude. The Eucharist is just such a gift and a possession. We should remain faithful in every detail to what it expresses in itself and to what it asks of us, namely, thanksgiving. (from the apostolic letter "The Mystery and Worship of the Eucharist" by Saint John Paul II)

**Spiritual Thought** – May you be leaven for the world, changing it from within, especially by the example of your lives. (Saint John Paul II)



*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.*



**We welcome into the Church**

**Griffin Fahey Harrison**  
son of

**Matthew and Erin Harrison**  
and

**Nova Brooklyn Gokce**  
daughter of

**Hakki Gokce and Gillian Dougherty**

Congratulations to the families on the Baptism of their children.



## St Margaret School

St. Margaret School welcomes students for our full day Kindergarten (5 years old) and our Prekindergarten (4 year olds, by Sept 1) for this coming fall. We continue to have a personalized approach to teaching our youngest children, with small class sizes and enthusiastic teachers. We are here for you, and your family and look forward to you joining our school community.

Learn more by visiting us on our website [www.smsnarberth.org](http://www.smsnarberth.org) or email Anne at [info@smsnarberth.org](mailto:info@smsnarberth.org).

### Support St. Margaret education through EITC

Individuals and businesses in Pennsylvania can receive up to a 90% tax credit by donating through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. By re-directing tax dollars you are already paying, you can help provide a quality education for children who otherwise would not be able to afford it. For more information, contact Anne at [info@smsnarberth.org](mailto:info@smsnarberth.org) or 610-664-2640 ext 2.

### St. Margaret School—Job Opportunities

St. Margaret School is looking for someone to work at our after school **CARES Program** (3pm to 5pm). We are also looking for an extended day teacher—PK, 12-3. Must have clearances. To apply, email school principal, Ms. Terri Power at [tpower@smsnarberth.org](mailto:tpower@smsnarberth.org) or call her at 610-664-2640 ext.3.



### The Saint Margaret Parish Youth Choir

will begin its 2021-2022 Season starting this September. The Youth Choir is open to young people in our Parish and School Communities from grades 3 through 12. If your child is interested or if you would like more information, please take a flyer from the vestibule or email our Youth Choir Director, Sarah Worth at [saintmargmusic@gmail.com](mailto:saintmargmusic@gmail.com).

### World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees Mass

**Monday, Sept. 20, 2021, at 6:30 PM**

**The Miraculous Medal Shrine**

**500 Chelton Ave, Philadelphia, PA**

**Mass following the Miraculous Medal Novena and Reception in the Lower Shrine from 7:30-8:30 p.m**

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be hosting its annual World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees celebration as a Mass at the Shrine. The event will be sponsored by the Shrine, as well as the Office for the Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, The Office for Black Catholics, and the Office of Hispanic Catholics, with Bishop Edward Deliman presiding. Following Mass, all are welcome to the Shrine's lower level for fellowship and prayer.

**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](mailto:info@smsnarberth.org) or [golfmargarets@gmail.com](mailto:golfmargarets@gmail.com)

### CYO FALL SPORTS

REGISTRATION is Open until 9/20 for football, 9/13 for Cross Country and Soccer. 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](mailto:jpm0075@gmail.com). If you have interest in playing or helping with Field Hockey please contact Megan at [mafisher511@gmail.com](mailto:mafisher511@gmail.com).



### St. Margaret CYO Soccer

Boys and girls in grades 3 through 8 in St. Margaret parish or who attend St. Margaret School are invited to join our fun and competitive CYO soccer program. We have teams for 3rd and 4th grades, Junior Varsity (5th & 6th grades), and Varsity (7th & 8th grades). Practices are generally Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 3:30 to 5 PM at Narberth Park with games on Saturdays or Sundays during the fall. Registration is open now:

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

Feel free to contact any member of the coaching staff: Ed Zanoni (610-291-2790, [ed\\_zanoni@hotmail.com](mailto:ed_zanoni@hotmail.com)), Janet Norton (610-291-2790, [jtomosky@gmail.com](mailto:jtomosky@gmail.com)), and Keith Karn (215-531-1521, [keith.karn@gmail.com](mailto:keith.karn@gmail.com)) with questions. We also welcome other volunteers.

## Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

We have an upcoming retreat for healing after abortion. It is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving, and confidential environment. It will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul.



**Post-Abortion Healing Retreat**  
**October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Malvern-Frazer, Pennsylvania**

**For information call/email:**  
**Georgeann 484-955-4278 [geemcgarry@gmail.com](mailto:geemcgarry@gmail.com) or**  
**Susan 610-716-4795 [susiemck@comcast.net](mailto:susiemck@comcast.net)**

**Rachel's Vineyard of Greater Philadelphia**  
**All inquiries are strictly confidential.**  
**Financial aid is offered if needed.**



***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](http://www.catholicwomensconference.org). For the Spanish Track, visit [www.catholicwomensconference.org/espanol/](http://www.catholicwomensconference.org/espanol/).



## Archdiocesan Respect Life Month Opening Mass

**Sunday, September 26, 2021 - 11 AM**

**Location:** 11 AM Mass at Cathedral Basilica SS Peter & Paul, 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org) or call 215-587-0500.



Need some encouragement in these difficult times in the world and the Church? Join us for a holy hour with fellow priests, religious and lay faithful as we seek strength and hope from Jesus, our Good Shepherd, the saints and one another. The Holy Hour includes Rosary, Litany and Benediction. Afterwards join us for a short talk on a saint, exploring how he or she remained faithful to Christ and His Church during the trials of his or her time.

**September 19, 2021—2:00-4:00 PM**

Talk topic: ***St. Gregory the Great's Reforms of the Church in Crisis***, Rev. G. Dennis Gill, Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

**December 5, 2021—2:00-4:00 PM**

Talk topic: ***How Carmelite Nuns Brought an End to the French Revolution***, Rev. Sean Loomis, Chaplain/Coordinator, The Deaf Apostolate.

**Location:** St. Charles Borromeo Church, 3422 Dennison Ave., Drexel Hill, PA.

**To RSVP, visit [phillyevang.org/events](http://phillyevang.org/events).**

## 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.

## ***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. Join with the link found at [phillyevang.org/rosary/](http://phillyevang.org/rosary/).

### 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](http://PhilaMarriagePrep.com). For email inquiries, [Amy@PhilaMarriagePrep.com](mailto: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](http://www.twitter.com/ArchPhilly)

[www.youtube.com/user/CatholicPhilly](http://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](mailto:cbuhn@yahoo.com)**.

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@saintmarg.org) or 610-664-3770, Ext 12.



### **Catholic Answers Live - #1 Catholic Radio Show. Monday - Friday, 6-8 PM.**

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