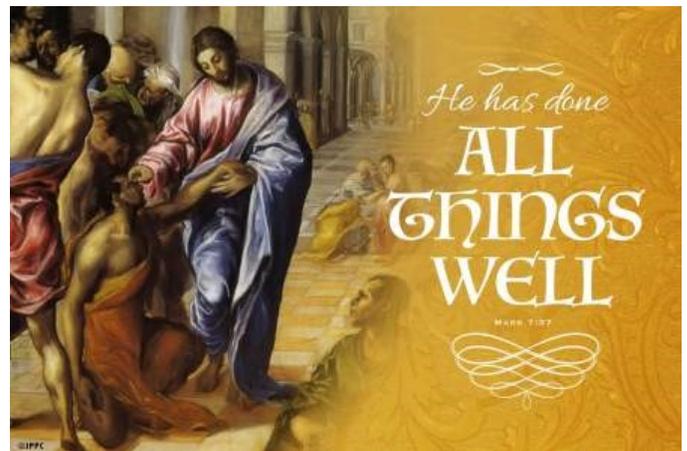


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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 5, 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

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret."



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>.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
Suspended until further notice.

- MONDAY, September 6**
9:00 AM Mary Pham
- TUESDAY, September 7**
7:00 AM Jane Henderson
- WEDNESDAY, September 8**
7:00 AM Michael A. Walsh
- THURSDAY, September 9**
7:00 AM Jane Henderson
- FRIDAY, September 10**
7:00 AM Bridy Clarke
- SATURDAY, September 11**
8:00 AM Kathleen Bovo



THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2021
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
THE HOA LE FAMILY.

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

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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| Weekend of August 29, 2021: | \$ 8,551 |
| Collection in Church: | \$ 5,461 |
| Electronic Funds Transfer: | \$ 580 |
| Mail In: | \$ 525 |
| Parish On Line: | \$ 1,985 |
| Envelopes: | 159 |

The Weekend of August 30, 2020: \$9,150

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

Weekend Mass Schedule September 11-12
(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, September 11
Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 PM - Msgr. Dougherty
5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, September 12
7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty
8:45 AM - Msgr. Dougherty
10:00 AM - Fr. DePrinzio
11:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick



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

Parish Theme for 2020-2021

Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer

From the Pastor

The Value of Labor – On Monday, September 6 we celebrate the national holiday of Labor Day. The Christian approach to labor is that it has a positive value as a means by which we can share in God’s work of building his kingdom of justice, love and peace. Everyone should have the opportunity of participating in meaningful work by which they develop their God-given talents and cooperate with him in serving others. Work is a blessing that enables us to grow as human beings and constructively participate in society. Work is something we embrace as a gift from God that enables us to share in his life-giving efforts on behalf of all of humanity. This is not to say that work is always easy. There are dimensions of our work that are difficult and require sacrifice and determination. These struggles allow us to enter into the suffering of Christ who came among us and underwent his passion and death for our salvation. May we joyfully accept our work as a blessing from God and offer any difficulties it presents as an opportunity to share in Christ’s redemptive expiation for our sins and the sins of the whole world.

Opening Mass for Saint Margaret School – Our School children will gather in Church at 8:45 am on Friday, September 10 for our Opening Mass for School. We will celebrate a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, asking the Spirit to fill us with wisdom, holiness and grace throughout the coming academic year.

Opening Mass for PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) – The students in PREP and their families will gather together at the 8:45 am Mass on Sunday, September 12 to open this year’s PREP classes. We ask the Holy Spirit to come upon this year with his manifold gifts of wisdom, courage and devotion.

Back to Rome – Father Christopher Moriconi, our new summer resident at Saint Margaret Parish, will return to Rome on Friday, September 10 to resume his studies in Sacred Scripture. We wish him all the best and look forward to his coming back to be with us during his Christmas Break.

Parish Theme for This Year (Rejoice in hope; endure in affliction; persevere in prayer) – Perseverance is a crucial virtue for the Christian. Growth in God’s grace happens over time with many peaks and valleys, highs and lows. It is a life-long journey that calls for steadfast commitment and perseverance. There are times when God feels close and times when he feels distant, but God is always there to lead us. Perseverance helps to keep our faith and hope alive, especially in the difficult times. There is no growth in new life without a share in the cross. And it takes perseverance to struggle on in difficulties while trusting in the new life to which the Lord is leading us always.

Church Teaching: The Sacrifice of the Mass – All who participate with faith in the Eucharist become aware that it is a “sacrifice,” that is to say, a “consecrated Offering.” For the bread and wine presented at the altar and accompanied by the devotion and the spiritual sacrifices of the participants are finally consecrated, so as to become truly, really, and substantially Christ’s own body that is given up and his blood that is shed. Thus, by virtue of the consecration, the species of bread and wine re-present in a sacramental, unbloody manner the bloody propitiatory sacrifice offered by Him on the cross to His Father for the salvation of the world. Indeed, He alone, giving Himself as a propitiatory Victim in an act of supreme surrender and immolation, has reconciled humanity with the Father, solely through His sacrifice, having cancelled the bond which stood against us. (from the Apostolic Letter “The Mystery and Worship of the Eucharist” by Saint John Paul II)

Spiritual Thought – Be not anxious about what you have but about what you are. (Saint Gregory the Great)

A Little Humor – A husband was concerned about putting on some weight. He asked his wife, “Is my chin getting fat?” She replied, “Which one?”



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

*Nora Evelyn Patrick
daughter of
Matthew and Anna Patrick
and
Alexander Joseph Stratis
son of
Nicholas and Jennifer Stratis*

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 or email Anne at 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 or 610-664-2640 ext 2.

SMS Calendar



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 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 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.

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.



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), Janet Norton (610-291-2790, jtomosky@gmail.com), and Keith Karn (215-531-1521, keith.karn@gmail.com) with questions. We also welcome other volunteers.



Casseroles for St. John's Hospice
 Recipe # 5 will be collected Wednesday morning of this week, September 8 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/>

FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND!

Next Weekend is our monthly food collection weekend (September 11 & 12). This program collects non-perishable foods each month for the Archdiocesan Community Food Distribution Centers Program. They provide food for 40 Food Cupboards throughout the Philadelphia area. All items should be brought to the school Cafeteria next weekend. Thank you for your generous support of this program.



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.



**Triduum in honor of St. Therese
 September 29, 30, & October 1**

Celebrant and homilist
 Rev. Harold McHale
 Rosary at 6:40 PM and Mass at 7:00 PM
Sunday, October 3
 A Missa Cantata at 7:00 PM
 CARMELITE MONASTERY
 1400 66th Avenue, Philadelphia, PA (parking available)



**SAVE THE DATE!
 ARCHBISHOP JOHN CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL
 HALL OF FAME EVENT
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021**

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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| Joseph Clancy '73 | Marita Coffey Finley '86 |
| John Givens '70 | Cherrise Graham '00 |
| Tara Libert '82 | Paul McGeehan |
| Verdun Perry '90 | John Prendergast '81 |
| Theresa Snyder, P '70, '72, '73, '74, '76, '78, '80 | |
| Christine McGoldrick Zabel '75 | |
| 1976 Football Team | |
| 1981, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989 Girls Tennis Teams | |

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
 WWW.JCARROLL.ORG/APPS/PAGES/HOF**

**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/.

Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr invites you to attend one of our upcoming high school admissions events. Please join us for a **Virtual Open House** on **Wednesday September 29th at 6pm,** **Wednesday October 6th at 9:30am,** or **Wednesday October 20th at 6pm.** We will also be hosting **Red and White Breakfast on the Hill - Prospective Parent Visits** on several dates throughout September, October, November and December. Registration is required for all events. Please visit our website at SHAbrynmaur.org to access a full list of events, and registration links.



Visiting Angels America's Choice in Homecare. LIVING ASSISTANCE SERVICES Visiting Angels is currently looking to employ experienced caregivers, full-time/part-time, to provide in-home care for our seniors. Our caregivers provide companionship, meals, light housekeeping, and perform errands. We also have caregivers who are able to assist with personal hygiene, transfers, and hospice care. If you are interested in employment to care for our seniors, please visit our website to apply: <https://www.visitingangels.com/havertown/employment>.



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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