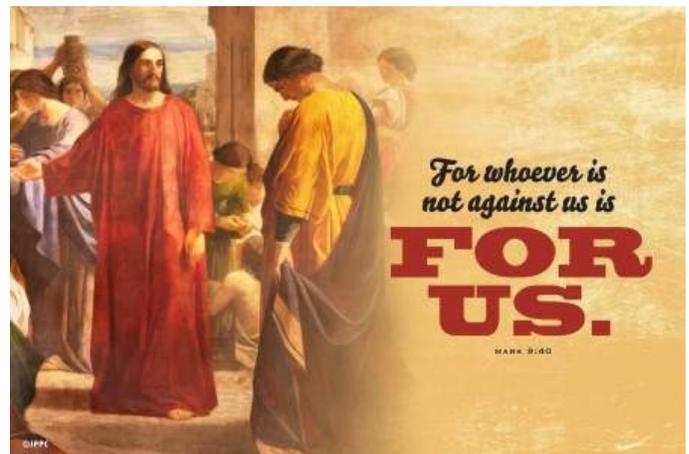


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SEPTEMBER 26, 2021



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Scrip Sales

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

Rectory Office Business Hours
Monday - Friday 9:00AM to 4:30PM
CLOSED WEEKENDS



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



Schedule of Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:15 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 8:45, 10:00 and 11:30 AM
Daily Monday - Friday: 7:00 AM,
followed by Morning Prayer
Saturday: 8:00 AM

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass - 7:00 PM
7:00 AM, 12:05 PM and 7:00 PM
(schedule subject to change on certain Holydays.
Check website for final schedule)

Eucharistic Exposition

7:30-8:30 AM Tuesday
7:30-8:00 AM - First Fridays

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM
Sunday before 7:30 AM Mass
Tuesday thru Saturday: 7:45-7:55 AM
or by appointment.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Considering the Word of God in our Liturgy this weekend, it presents us with no less than 2 biblical figures blest with the spirit of generosity: Moses and Jesus. For his part, Moses is not bothered in the least that there were other men in the camp of the Hebrews prophesying, namely Eldad and Medad. When the great man's loyal aide Joshua heard about this, he asked Moses to stop them. Moses answered Joshua by saying "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all of the people were prophets!"

Many centuries later, another "J," namely young John, reported to Jesus "we saw someone driving out demons in Your name. We tried to put a stop to his doings because he does not follow us."

Jesus wisely and unselfishly tells John not to prevent the man because nobody "who performs a mighty deed in My Name can at the same time speak ill of me. Whoever is not against us is for us." Magnanimity again. Although from the Sacred Heart that is hardly surprising.

We know, or should know, how magnanimous our Church is in the key area of relating to other Christian bodies, and even to adherents of other completely different faiths. Here are two citations from the official Catholic Catechism, a book which is sadly neglected by many Catholic adults looking for straight answers. Both statements display magnanimity.

First citation: "The Church knows that she is joined in many ways to the baptized who are honored by the name of Christian but do not profess the Catholic faith in its entirety or have not preserved unity or communion under the successor of Peter. Those who believe in Christ and have been properly baptized are put in a certain, although imperfect, communion with the Catholic Church." (#838)

Second citation: "The Catholic Church considers all goodness and truth found in (other) religions as 'a preparation for the Gospel and given by Him who enlightens all men that they may at length have life.'" (#843)

One day a single friend asked a father of four, "Why do you love your kids?" The father thought for a minute, but the only answer he could come up with was "Because they're mine."

The children had no need to do anything to prove themselves to their father. He took them just as they were. So it is with God's love for us. He loves us as we are. Even when we sin against Him, He holds out His love to us in the form of forgiveness if we're humble enough to repent and try to change. How truly magnanimous of Him!

May He always love you and give you His peace.



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.

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

MONDAY, September 27
7:00 AM Walter Franklin Atlee Harvey

TUESDAY, September 28
7:00 AM Joseph Binstead—5th anniversary

WEDNESDAY, September 29
7:00 AM Fred Matarazzo—9th anniversary

THURSDAY, September 30
7:00 AM Joseph Panichelli

FRIDAY, October 1
7:00 AM Stephen Gallagher

SATURDAY, October 2
8:00 AM Helen Marie Kienlen—6th anniversary

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 19, 2021: \$ 10,310
Collection in Church: \$ 3,036
Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 580
Mail In: \$ 2,275
Parish On Line: \$ 4,419
Envelopes: 176

The Weekend of September 20, 2020: \$9,473

Special Collection for Haiti/Hurricane Ida: \$1,175

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

Weekend Mass Schedule October 2-3

(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

Saturday, October 2

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

Sunday, October 3

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



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>.

Parish Theme for 2020-2021

Rejoice in Hope; Endure in Affliction; Persevere in Prayer

From the Pastor

St. Margaret Golf Outing – Come join us for the St. Margaret Parish and School Golf Outing at Bala Country Club on Monday, October 4. See the other advertisement later in this Bulletin for information on how to register or to seek more information. Also, registration forms are available at the doors of the Church.

Saint Therese – Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, whose feast day is this week on October 1, lived an obscure life in a cloistered monastery in France and died at the young age of 24, and yet she has become one of the most popular saints in the history of the Church. Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, which others urged her to write, revealed the beauty of her soul and the simple goodness and joy that permeated her whole being. St. Therese suffered much in her short life, from physical, psychological and spiritual challenges. As a young girl she suffered a prolonged illness that left her physically frail, and the last year of her life she suffered greatly from tuberculosis. There were times when she experienced intense anxiety, as well as spiritual darkness when it felt like God had abandoned her. In the midst of all of this, she practiced a simple childlike trust in God that allowed her to live in a spirit of deep joy. Her *Story of a Soul* encourages everyone to be confident in God’s love and put their lives in his hands. She saw the beauty and value in the seemingly small and unnoticed acts of everyday life. She saw the power in any act, no matter how small, done with love. She said, “I prefer the monotony of obscure sacrifices to all ecstasies. To pick up a pin for love can convert a soul.”

We have a beautiful statue of St. Therese in our Church. May it inspire us to have great and unshakeable confidence in God’s love for us. We can be like little children before him and rejoice in spirit as we let him protect us and carry us through life. Although many of our activities can seem inconsequential, Saint Therese reminds us that what matters is love. Even the smallest act done out of love for God and others has tremendous saving power for ourselves and our world.

Year of St. Joseph – What did St. Joseph actually do? He loved. This is all he did, and it was sufficient for his glory. He loved God without limit and without lessening. This was his significance; this was his life here below. For this, he has been loved immeasurably. Behold his glory for eternity! Go to him without hesitation. He is all-powerful in heaven. As for his goodness, you cannot doubt it when you think that he spent his life in the intimacy of the hearts of Jesus and Mary – the most loving and kindly hearts there ever were. (Blessed Jean Joseph Lataste)

Church Teaching – The Second Vatican Council rightly proclaimed that the Eucharistic sacrifice is “the source and summit of the Christian life.” For the most holy Eucharist contains the Church’s entire spiritual wealth: Christ himself, our Passover and living bread. Through his own flesh, now made living and life-giving by the Holy Spirit, he offers life to men. Consequently the gaze of the Church is constantly turned to her Lord, present in the Sacrament of the Altar, in which she discovers the full manifestation of his boundless love. (from the Encyclical Letter of Pope John Paul II “On The Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church”)

Spiritual Thought – Be merry, really merry. The life of a true Christian should be a perpetual jubilee, a prelude to the festival of eternity. (Blessed Theophane Venard)

A Little Humor – What do you get when you cross a centipede and a parrot? A walkie-talkie.



The *Saint Margaret’s Knights of Columbus* are sponsoring an essay contest open to all eighth graders in the parish. Students at Saint Margaret School have learned about the contest in their Language Arts class. Eighth graders attending other schools are invited to contribute an essay to compete for cash prizes and recognition. Eighth graders should watch for a letter from the Knights in your mail!



We welcome into the Church

*Charles Javier Diaz
son of
Adam and Laura Diaz*

Congratulations to the family on the Baptism of their child.



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



CRS Spotlight

Recently, Catholic Relief Services has been organizing deliveries of shelter supplies and hygiene items to more than 500 families in a rural village in Nippes Department in Haiti. Every day, we are working to keep reaching people affected by the Haiti Earthquake with critical relief.

Visit www.crs.org for more information!
Thanks for your support!

**ST MARGARET
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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



Martin Saints Classical High School

Admissions Open House:
October 19th, 2021 @ 7pm

Guest Student Visit: Contact our admissions counselor, Ms. Lindmeier, to schedule a visit during the school day.

Location: On the campus of Holy Martyrs Church, 121 Allison Road, Oreland PA 19075.

www.whymsc.org

**Come be "fully alive" with us!
Any questions?**

Contact: Ms. Laura Lindmeier
(llindmeier@martinsaintsclassical.org)



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. Lucy's Guide, a great new spiritual virtual outreach group, meets weekly on Sundays at 4 p.m. Eastern via Zoom. If you or a family member has a disability, come share the Scripture, learn about resources, assistive technology, and personal experiences of others. For more information including links to the ZOOM meetings, please email stlucysguide@gmail.com.

VILLA MARIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES FALL ADMISSIONS EVENTS



Learn about what the Villa Maria sisterhood has to offer! Villa Maria Academy High School, a Catholic college preparatory school in the tradition of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, invites young women in 7th & 8th grades to attend the school's fall events. Located in Malvern, Villa Maria will host an Open House for prospective students and their families on Sunday, October 3. The 8th Grade Entrance and Scholarship Exam will be offered on two dates: Sunday, October 17, and Saturday, October 23. A new event, "Public to Private School: What to Expect," will be held on Tuesday, September 28. The VMA Virtual 8th Grade Preview will be offered on Thursday, October 28. Additionally, Villa Maria will host half-day Visit Villa Days to 8th grade students from September through December. For more information or to register, please visit vmahs.org or contact the Admissions Office at (610) 644-2551.

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 29 at 6pm, Wednesday October 6 at 9:30am, or Wednesday October 20 at 6pm.** We will also be hosting **Red and White Breakfast on the Hill - Prospective Parent Visits** on **Friday, October 1 and 15, November 5, and December 10.** Registration is required for all events. Please visit our website at SHAbrynmaur.org to access a full list of events, and registration links.



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*Are You Called to Be a
Deacon
in the Archdiocese of
Philadelphia?*

**Permanent Diaconate Information Night
Webinar**

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM



We invite Catholic men (and wives if married) between the ages of 29 and 55 to join us for a live webinar with a panel of clergy about discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate and admittance to the School for Diaconal Formation program.

For more information or to take the next step and to register for the upcoming virtual Permanent Diaconate Information Night, please visit <https://archphila.org/deacon>.



**Reconnect:
Intercultural Gathering of Young Adults for
Adoration and Fellowship**

The National Shrine of
St. John Neumann / St. Peter's Catholic Church
1019 N 5th St, Philadelphia, PA 19123
Contact us at (215) 587-4544 or
phillyOMYA@archphila.org

Event will be on Saturday, October 16th, 2021. We'll begin with Adoration at 7PM. Our Presider will be Archbishop Nelson J. Perez.

Appetizers and refreshments (an outdoor firepit social, weather permitting) will follow

CARPOOLING IS ENCOURAGED



The weather may still be warm, but **St. John's Hospice** is gearing up for the cold by preparing for our inaugural **Boot Up Philly!**

Boot Up Philly is an initiative modeled after the blessed St. John Neumann, who didn't have any money to give the poor but instead gave the shoes off his feet. We invite you to partner with us as we work to raise \$35,000 to purchase 1,000 new boots, socks, and undergarments for individuals experiencing homelessness this upcoming holiday season and unlock a very generous match from our SJH Advisory Board. A gift of \$35 can make all the difference in someone else's life. We couldn't do all that we do without you!

To give a gift to someone in need, we encourage you to visit our website <https://saintjohnshospice.org/boot-up-philly/> to participate in e-giving, or mail checks to **P.O. Box 781048, Philadelphia, PA 19178-1048** and mark **Boot Up Philly** in the memo line. Thank you for your faithful support!

**Statement of Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez Regarding
the Humanitarian Crisis in Afghanistan**

The last several weeks have been filled with heartbreaking images of individuals and families struggling to flee Afghanistan. We have heard harrowing first-hand accounts from those witnessing the humanitarian crisis unfold on the ground. We have also shared deep sadness following the tragic deaths of armed forces personnel and civilians in Kabul.

We are all created in the image of God and entitled to respect and dignity. As people of faith, we have a responsibility to help our Afghani brothers and sisters through prayer as well as generous and compassionate acts of mercy. I urge all people of goodwill to support Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA humanitarian efforts. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia stands ready to work with these organizations as well as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to assist refugees arriving in the United States. All of us must do what we can to answer the call of the Holy Father to accompany migrants and refugees on their journey.

I fervently encourage all people of good will to intensify their prayers seeking peace in Afghanistan.

May God abundantly bless you.

***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/.



***The Beauty of Holiness!
A Women's Day of Retreat
"Come, See & Listen!"***

with the

Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma,
Michigan

Saturday, October 9, 2021: from 10:00
a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: 928 Bowman Avenue, Wynnewood, PA
Telephone: (610) 667-1375

Includes Mass, lunch and presentations by the Sisters.
Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 6 to
phillymercy@gmail.com.



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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In case of serious illness, please contact the Rectory to make arrangements. If someone is already in the hospital, be sure to register as a Catholic so that the priest will visit.

COMMUNION CALLS

Parishioners unable to attend Mass regularly because of age or illness should call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Communion at home. If any member of your family is hospitalized, please be sure to register as a Catholic and inform the Rectory so that a visit can be arranged.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays at 12:30 PM. Arrangements must be made in advance at the Rectory by calling Msgr. Dougherty, ext. 12. If parents have not attended a Baptism class, they must attend our Baptism Preparation Seminar. Call the rectory to register for the class. Godparents guidelines state that one godparent must be Catholic. They must be at least 16 years of age, registered in the parish where they live, fully initiated, and practicing their faith; they must obtain a letter of eligibility from their own parish. One practicing non-Catholic Christian may also be admitted as a Christian Witness. **[The next Baptism Preparation Seminar is Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 7:00pm in the Rectory.](#)**

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners who wish to marry at St. Margaret should contact Msgr. Dougherty. The Sacrament of Marriage is celebrated after a period of preparation of not less than six months. Engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage can register, explore possible dates or find out more information for pre-marriage classes by visiting **PhilaMarriagePrep.com**. For email inquiries, **Amy@PhilaMarriagePrep.com**.

REGISTRATION

A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners. You may register by calling the parish office during office hours to set up an appointment. Parish registration is required for reception of the Sacraments and letters of eligibility to serve as godparent or sponsor.

REQUESTS FOR ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES

The role of a sponsor is primarily a spiritual role to model a Christian life for the child. Therefore, anyone requesting a certificate must be a registered, participating member of St. Margaret Parish, a practicing Catholic in good standing (not living in violation of the church laws), at least 16 years of age and have received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Please call the rectory for an appointment if you need a certificate.

SOCIAL NETWORKING WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE

<http://www.facebook.com/ArchbishopPerez>

www.twitter.com/ArchPhilly

www.youtube.com/user/CatholicPhilly

<http://livestream.com/archphila>

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study meets every Tuesday from September to June in the Antioch Annex (9:00 to 10:30am).

THE ROSARY

Every Saturday the Rosary is recited beginning after the 7am Angelus. Come and pray with us.

PRAYER CIRCLE

Do you have an immediate prayer need or can you offer the Gift of Prayer? Tap into our electronic Prayer Circle and receive an outpouring of heartfelt prayer by members of St. Margaret Parish and others. E-mail your prayer requests or if you want to join the **Prayer Circle at cbuhn@yahoo.com**.

REMEMBER THOSE YOU LOVE

For a donation of \$10.00, the **sanctuary candle or altar candles** will burn for a week for your intention or in memory of a loved one. Another memorial opportunity is to have **flowers** placed on the altar for a donation of \$100. Each week the intention or memorial will be published in the bulletin. If you would like to take advantage of these opportunities, please call Teresa or Maryann at the rectory, 610-664-3770, Ext 10.

EUCHARIST FOR CELIAC COMMUNICANTS

St. Margaret Church is aware of the need to have the low gluten hosts available at all Masses. If you or a member of your family is interested in receiving Low-Gluten Holy Eucharist at any Mass, please contact Maria at mecarinato@gmail.com.



JOURNEY WITH US TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey to a deeper experience of God's love manifested through the teaching and treasures of the Catholic Faith. St. Margaret Church offers instructions for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These instructions are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or, if you are already a baptized Catholic would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. **RCIA classes meet on Tuesday, at 7pm.** Please contact Msgr. Dougherty at pastor@saintmarg.org or 610-664-3770, Ext 12.



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