

SAINT MARGARET OF ANTIOCH CHURCH

February 13, 2022

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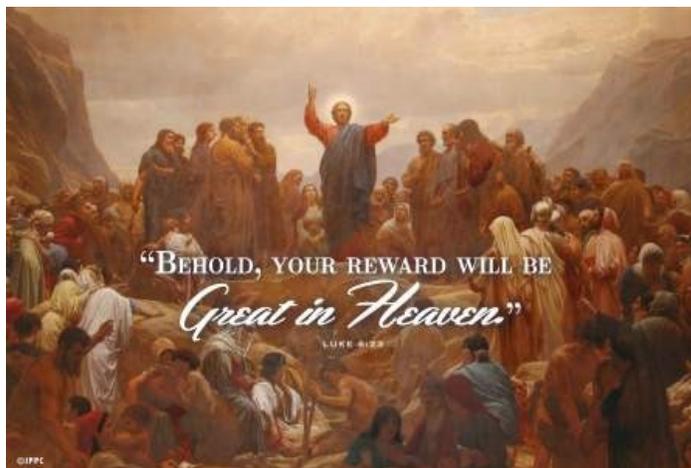
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Rectory Office Business Hours
Monday - Friday 9:00AM to 4:30PM
Closed Weekends

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS SCHEDULE

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 DAYS 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)

EUCCHARISTIC 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

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article “you” whereas Matthew uses “they” or “those.” There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word *blessed* in this context might be translated as “happy,” “fortunate,” or “favored.”

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of “woes,” those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, February 14
7:00 AM Robert & Joan McCairns

TUESDAY, February 15
7:00 AM Donald Foley

WEDNESDAY, February 16
7:00 AM Evelyn Kazeniak

THURSDAY, February 17
7:00 AM Jane & Bill Henderson

FRIDAY, February 18
7:00 AM Angelina Falcone

SATURDAY, February 19
8:00 AM John McLaughlin, Sr.

THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13, 2022

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
FRED MATARAZZO.**



**THE ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
GEORGE CONSTANTINE.**

**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 February 6, 2022:	\$ 11,985
Collection in Church:	\$ 5,384
Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 580
Mail In:	\$ 2,854
Parish On Line:	\$ 3,167
Envelopes:	199

Second Collection = Utilities \$1,037
The Weekend of February 7, 2021 \$8,623

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

CHURCH HOURS

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

CARITAS CHRISTI DUCIT

• The Love of Christ Leads •

From the Pastor

Parish Goals – Our Parish Pastoral Council has developed goals for the years 2022-2025. There is an insert in this Bulletin that briefly delineates this three-year pastoral plan. The Council will be discussing strategies for implementing these goals over the next several years. I am grateful for the work of the Council in giving us a good framework of goals that will help guide our decisions and efforts in helping all in our Parish and beyond to grow in God’s goodness and grace.

Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Competition – The Knights of Columbus are hosting a free-throw competition today in our gym for our youth from ages 9 to 14. Participants can register when they arrive. Local winners move on to district competitions. Come and join in the fun.

Food for the Poor Speaker – A visiting priest, Father Thomas Falkenthal, will be speaking at all the Masses next weekend, February 19-20 on behalf of Food for the Poor’s mission to care for the destitute and hungry as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Fr. Falkenthal was ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1975. After serving parishes in Chicago, he entered the U.S. Navy as a Commander in the Chaplain Corps. He served overseas and retired after 24 years of active duty before joining Food for the Poor. We are happy to welcome Father Falkenthal.

Recuperating from Surgery - I’ll be home recuperating from hernia surgery for about a week. If needed, I can be contacted through the Parish staff. Many thanks for your prayers and best wishes.

Summary of Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday, January 27 – The Council members are Teresa Albers, Nicole Bazis, Lauren DeMaio, George Gazella, April Gordon, Marybeth Hagan, Robert McCairns, Mary Anne Monroe, Martha Ortiz, Monica Romeo, Ryan Vogel 1) Nicole Bazis reviewed the process for the consultation of all Parishes the Archdiocese is conducting for the worldwide Synod. The Vatican is seeking input from every Diocese. Every Parish in our Archdiocese will offer parishioners the chance to complete a survey called the Disciple Maker Index. The survey can be completed in about 15 minutes and seeks input on your understanding and living of the faith and your experience of Parish life. Local listening sessions on a regional and Parish level will also be offered throughout the Archdiocese. 2) Church staffing – Upon the retirement of Maryann Cassidy, Nicole Bazis has assumed the position of administrative assistant in the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. She will continue to take care of the use of the Parish social media as well as the scheduling of liturgical ministers. In the late spring, we will be looking to hire a part-time person to begin in late August to assume assistance with the responsibilities of adult faith formation, youth ministry and parish outreach and service projects. 3) Antioch Annex Renovations – We are continuing to meet regarding a plan for the renovation of the Annex so that it can better serve our Parish needs. 4) Lenten Adult Faith Formation – We are offering parishioners the opportunity to participate in a program of a short reading every day from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We will have sessions on March 17 and April 5 when people can gather to discuss what they have read. There will be a Lenten Day of Recollection for men, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. 5) Online Parish Directory – Parishioners can now sign on to be part of an online Directory. For further information, you can contact Nicole Bazis at faith@saintmarg.org 6) Vocations Chalice – Parishioners are encouraged to take home for a week the Vocations Chalice displayed in the vestibule of Church. You are invited to say a simple prayer for vocations before the chalice each day of that week. 7) The Council has completed a three year pastoral plan for the years 2022-2025. The plan will be publicized in the Parish in the coming weeks. The ongoing work of the Council will be to discuss strategies to implement the Plan. 8) The Council discussed the possibility of adopting city Parish as a Sister Parish that we could assist and learn from one another through mutual interaction. 9) The Council discussed having a Parish social in the late spring as a means of bringing people together. We are considering an outdoor event, possibly on the Parish grounds. 10) The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 16.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

For me, prayer means launching out from the heart toward God; a cry of grateful love from the crest of joy or the trough of despair: it is a vast supernatural force that opens out my heart and binds me close to Jesus (St. Therese of Lisieux)

A LITTLE HUMOR

When opening gifts that say “From Mom and Dad,” you know that Dad is going to be just as surprised as you are.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 12

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

5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, February 13

7:30 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

8:45 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

11:30 AM—Fr. Pesarchick

Church Teaching: Eucharistic Communion –

Eucharistic communion also confirms the Church in her unity as the body of Christ. Saint Paul refers to this unifying power of participation in the banquet of the Eucharist when he writes to the Corinthians: “The bread which we break, is it not a communion in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.” Saint John Chrysostom’s commentary on these words is profound and perceptive: “For what is the bread? It is the body of Christ. And what do those who receive it become? The Body of Christ – not many bodies but one body. For as bread is completely one, though made up of many grains of wheat, and these, albeit unseen, remain nonetheless present, in such a way that their difference is not apparent since they have been made a perfect whole, so too are we mutually joined to one another and together united with Christ.” (Saint John Paul II)

PARISH NEWS



We welcome into the Church

CHARLOTTE PAULA ALESI
daughter of
Samantha and Thomas Alesi

Congratulations to the family
on the Baptism of their child.

Letter from Mother of Mercy House

Dear friends at St. Margaret Parish,

Thank you for your gift of \$500 to Mother of Mercy House Poor Box donations. Due to your generosity and encouragement, we are able to provide a spiritual approach to meeting the needs of those within our community. We strive to have our programs and outreach be filled with prayer, guidance, and support.

We depend on your generosity, but also your prayers and friendship. For so many, your support today is a blessing—to the Church, to the people of Kensington, and to all who seek to follow Christ by example.

Thank you and God bless you,
Rev. William Murphy
Sister Ann Raymond, IHM

EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

IHM Conference Center
401 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

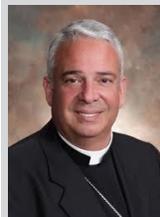
Movie with Meaning: “The King’s Speech”
Wednesday, February 16, 2022
10 a.m.– 1 p.m.
Stipend: \$25 (includes lunch at noon)

England’s Prince Albert must ascend the throne as King George VI, but he has a speech impediment. Knowing that the country needs her husband to communicate effectively, Elizabeth hires Lionel Logue, an Australian actor and speech therapist, to help him overcome his stammer. An extraordinary friendship develops between the two men, as Logue uses unconventional means to teach the monarch how to speak with confidence. Starring Colin Firth, Helena Bonham Carter, and Geoffrey Rush.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2022 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.

The local competition will be held at St. Margaret School’s gymnasium in Narberth on Sunday, February 13 from 1–4 pm. Snacks, desserts and drinks will be provided to the participants. Winners will be given the opportunity to progress to the regional level of the competition.



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Come and See Events

During March, men who are discerning the priesthood are invited to come to St. Charles

Borromeo Seminary

for *Come and See Events*, which are available for high school men (single day program Saturday March 13, 2021) and post-high school men (overnight March 19-20, 2021). For more information, please visit Heedthecall.org/comeandsee or contact Fr. DeLacy at fr.sdelacy@archphila.org.

Mount Saint Joseph Academy

Spring Admission Events:

Prospective students and families are invited to join us on campus this spring to learn more about academics, athletics, fine arts, co-curriculars, and student life. 7th Grade Shadow Visits begin February 14. 6th & 7th Grade Practice Test will be offered on Saturday, March 5. Personal tours are offered throughout the spring by appointment. Learn more about visit opportunities and events at msjacad.org/spring22. Please contact the Admission Team at (215) 233-9133 or admiss@msjacad.org with any questions.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February

For religious sisters and consecrated women.

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries



Post-Abortion Healing Retreat

March 4-6, 2022

IHM Spirituality Center, Malvern, Pennsylvania

For information call/email:

Georgeann 484-955-4278

geemcgarry@gmail.com or

Susan 610-716-4795 susiemck@comcast.net



Nightly Rosary will now continue on Monday nights only, hosted by the Pontifical Mission Societies office.

Please join with the link found at phillyevang.org.



Lankenau Ministry

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

Rachel's Vineyard of Greater Philadelphia

All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Financial aid is offered if needed.

National website: www.rachelsvineyard.org

SAINT MARGARET SCHOOL

Foundation For Catholic Education



Foundation for Catholic Education & St. Margaret School

Proudly announce a 2 year Transfer Grant

Begins Fall 2022

Eligible Students: All students that transfer into St. Margaret School in grades 2-7 from a non-Catholic School

- **Grant Year One:** \$1,000 Grant per eligible student 2022-23
- **Grant Year Two:** \$500 Grant per eligible student 2023-24

All eligible student applicants will be considered following admission general information / guidelines, while seats are available. If needed a wait list may be started

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 Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 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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