

# SAINT MARGARET OF ANTIOCH CHURCH

February 20, 2022

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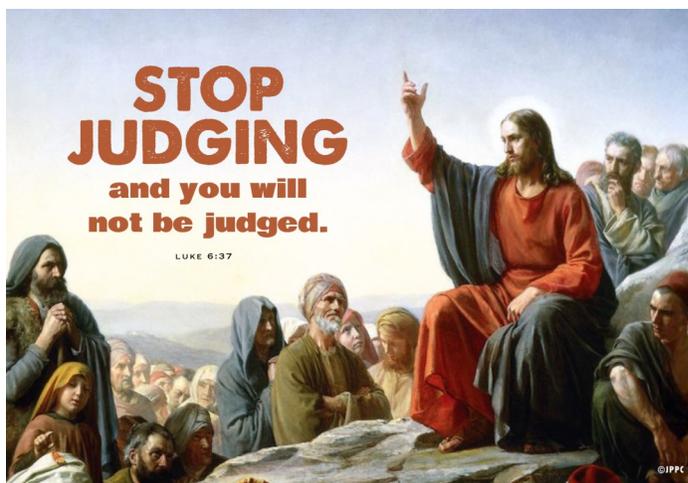
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Rectory Office Business Hours  
Monday - Friday 9:00AM to 4:30PM  
Closed Weekends

## SEVENTH 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 EXPOSTION

**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 FROM FR. PETERSON

The word “nice” went through various meanings for many years, but it was only in the 18<sup>th</sup> century that the word began to take on its modern sense of “agreeable,” “pleasing,” or “kind and considerate of others.” Sadly, proponents of present day secular religion void of Christ hold that all you are asked to be in life is a “nice” person to attain heaven. Certainly not Catholic Christianity.

Contrast that with what we just heard from Jesus in St. Luke’s gospel selection, and one can easily conclude that Jesus did not always say “nice things,” Nor did He ask for a bland courtesy as the way to heaven.

What then is our response to be? For sure it is not to think that Luke chapter 6 doesn’t exist, or that it was meant for people long dead. Nor are we to take “an ostrich approach” to following Jesus only when and where He speaks sweetly. We have to have His forgiving attitude toward those who have hurt us. Sad to hear a penitent say in the confessional something like “I can’t forgive “so and so,” (often a blood relative) for what they did 10, 20 or more years ago.” There are consequences for such decisions and deeds. None of them are pretty, which the Bible describes in detail.

There is one alleviating factor in many instances. It may be that a person who says such things actually means that he or she cannot forget the hurt. There’s a big difference here. Remember that Christ never said “Forget the hurt.” Often it is like a permanent scar on our memories of the past, both easily recalled and remembered in detail. Impossible to forget. What we do about that memory makes all the difference. It has to be a decision of our will to forgive the offending person once and for all. Not that this is easy, but it is certainly what Our Lord has in mind. It feels very much like a cross. But didn’t Our Lord also say that we are to carry one of those if we truly want to be His true follower.

Today we receive in the First Reading a memorable pre-Christian example in the behavior of young King David acting as he did in the tent of the sleeping Saul, who wanted nothing better than David’s death. And dare we forget those words of the dying Jesus hanging on that Roman cross: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do”?

Remember how Prospero, when finally given a chance to punish those who had removed him of his rightful place as king, said this: “Let us not burden our remembrance with a heaviness that’s gone.” (William Shakespeare, *The Tempest*).

God love you, and give you His peace.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, February 21**  
7:00 AM James Maguire, Jr.

**TUESDAY, February 22**  
7:00 AM Regina Bierne

**WEDNESDAY, February 23**  
7:00 AM Stanley & Evelyn Kazeniak

**THURSDAY, February 24**  
7:00 AM Living & Deceased members  
of the Mischler family

**FRIDAY, February 25**  
7:00 AM Joe D’Antonio

**SATURDAY, February 26**  
8:00 AM William J. Henderson

### THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2022

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN  
IN MEMORY OF THE  
HOA FAMILY.



THE ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN  
IN MEMORY OF  
SUSANNE WARD.

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

## THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<b>Weekend of February 14, 2022:</b>	\$ 8,439
<b>Collection in Church:</b>	\$ 3,399
<b>Electronic Funds Transfer:</b>	\$ 580
<b>Mail In:</b>	\$ 1,570
<b>Parish On Line:</b>	\$ 2,890
<b>Envelopes:</b>	152

Second Collection = Aging & Ill Priests \$1,335  
The Weekend of February 14, 2021 \$8,883

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

**Lenten Adult Faith Formation** – We are offering parishioners an opportunity to participate in a program of a short reading from the Catechism of the Catholic Church for each day of Lent. Books will be provided. Those doing the readings can participate in gatherings on Thursday, March 17 and Tuesday, April 5 to hear a short presentation on the readings and to discuss what they have read. This Lent we will be reading through Part Four of the Catechism, which is the section on Christian Prayer.

**Operation Rice Bowl** – We encourage your participation in Operation Rice Bowl this Lenten Season. More information and rice bowls will be available next weekend. This Program raises funds for the hungry and needy overseas. Twenty percent of the funds collected help support local efforts to feed the hungry in our Archdiocese. A simple meal once a week helps us to identify more readily with those who do not have enough to eat and move our hearts to share our resources with them.

**Food for the Poor Speaker** – A priest will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend to explain the work of Food for the Poor, an organization dedicated to feeding the hungry.

### SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

All the goods of this world cannot content the heart of the human person, who has been created to love God, and can find no peace out of God.  
(St. Alphonsus Liguori)

### A LITTLE HUMOR

In ancient times, cats were worshipped as gods; they have not forgotten this.

### MINISTRIES



#### **Lankenau Ministry**

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



### CHURCH TEACHING

**Eucharistic Communion** – The gift of Christ and his Spirit which we receive in Eucharistic communion superabundantly fulfills the yearning for fraternal unity deeply rooted in the human heart; at the same time it elevates the experience of fraternity already present in our common sharing at the same Eucharistic table to a degree which far surpasses that of the simple human experience of sharing a meal. Through her communion with the body of Christ the Church comes to be ever more profoundly in Christ in the nature of a sacrament, that is, a sign and instrument of intimate unity with God and of the unity of the whole human race. The seeds of disunity, which daily experience shows to be so deeply rooted in humanity as a result of sin, are countered by the unifying power of the body of Christ. The Eucharist, precisely by building up the Church, creates human community. (from the encyclical letter of Saint John Paul II entitled “On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church”)

### **HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY**

**Suspended until further notice.**



**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 left sidebar or <https://tinyurl.com/StMargGiving>.

## PARISH NEWS



**Thank you** to all the parishioners who donated 46 boxes of cereal, pasta, toilet paper, baby food and other non-perishable items to our monthly food collection. There is a special need to stock the food cupboards especially during the pandemic. Please remember our neighbors in need during these trying times and bring a can or a box of food or non-perishable toiletries to the next food collection in March. It will be very much appreciated.



## MERION MERCY ACADEMY

**Congratulations** to the following St. Margaret parishioners, who are students at Merion Mercy, for receiving honors / distinguished honors in the first semester of this academic year.

**Violet Lorei**, grade 12, Distinguished Honors  
**Isabella Hennessey Velazco**, grade 11, Honors  
**Margaret Iannone**, grade 11, Honors  
**Caroline Olender**, grade 11, Honors

We are very proud of your accomplishments!

## EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

*Marriage Enrichment Day* **SAVE THE DATE**  
Saturday, April 2, 2022  
9am-5pm  
Cardinal O'Hara High School

- Enrich and strengthen your Marriage
- Listen to Inspiring Catholic Speakers
- Enjoy lunch and meet new couples
- Attend Mass with Bishop McIntyre

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## Event: Man Up Philly Men's Spirituality Conference

Join us for Philadelphia's Biggest Spirituality Conference, a day to inspire, energize and enable men to be better sons, fathers, and husbands by living our faith and leading our families by example. Our conference day will include morning prayer, Eucharistic adoration led by Mark Forrest, confessions, and a Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Perez.

**Date:** March 19, 2022

**Speakers:** Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Coach Pat Chambers, Keith Nester and more

**Location:** Immaculata University, Exton, PA

**More info and registration:** View the flyer or visit <https://manupphilly.com/> (Receive a 10% discount on registration using the Promo Code STJOSEPH.)

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

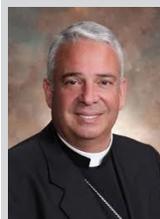
**Conference Day: "God's Power in Forgiveness"**  
**Tuesday, March 8, 2022**

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Stipend: \$40 (includes continental breakfast and lunch)

Today, more than ever, forgiveness is needed in our world. What is forgiveness? How does one forgive? What are obstacles to forgiveness? These questions will be explored. In addition, modern day examples of people who have shown forgiveness will be presented, reflecting the power of God in such actions.

To register call 610-581-0120 or email [ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com](mailto:ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com)



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**@ArchbishopPerez**





### **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](http://Heedthecall.org/comeandsee) or contact Fr. DeLacy at [fr.sdelacy@archphila.org](mailto: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](http://msjacad.org/spring22). Please contact the Admission Team at (215) 233-9133 or [admiss@msjacad.org](mailto:admiss@msjacad.org) with any questions.

### **A Retreat for Widows**

Join with other widows as we look at our own individual stories for courage and wisdom. We hope to discover how in the sharing of our stories we continue to find strength and hope. There will be time for sharing in small groups, Eucharist and other appropriate liturgies. Beach walks, socials, and nice conversation are included!

**When:** March 11-13, 2022

**Where:** Marianist Family Retreat Center  
Cape May Point, NJ 08212

**Cost:** \$145 pp

**Register:** [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org)

**Contact:** Anthony Fucci, Center Director  
609-884-3829

### **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](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.**

**National website: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)**

## **SAINT MARGARET SCHOOL**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

### **Designer Bag Bingo!**

It's back! Details and registration information will be announced soon.

**When:** April 8, 2022 at 7 PM

**Where:** Saint Margaret School Gymnasium



### **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](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)**.

### **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](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.



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