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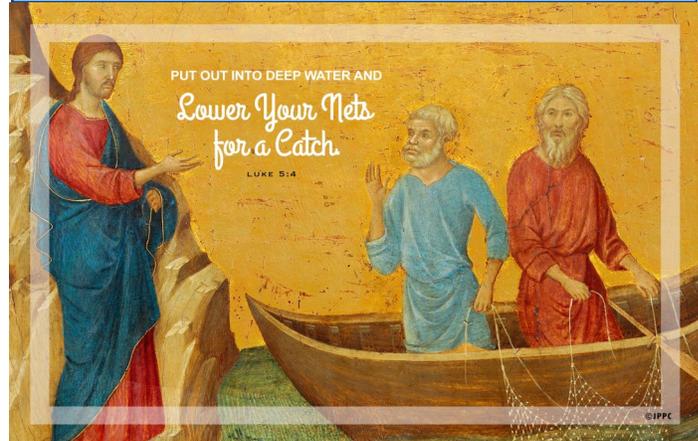
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FROM 9AM TO 4:30 PM IN THE RECTORY

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.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 6, 2022



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

Last Sunday, we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. In the verses that follow, Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. While in Capernaum, Jesus cures a man possessed with a demon and heals Simon's mother-in-law. After spending some time there, Jesus prepares to preach in other places. The fact that Jesus had previously been in Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law suggests that this encounter is not the first between Jesus and Simon Peter. We can read today's Gospel, therefore, as a description of the developing relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.

MONDAY, February 7
7:00 AM Carmen & Regina Carfagno

TUESDAY, February 8
7:00 AM Christine Stahl

WEDNESDAY, February 9
7:00 AM John McNulty

THURSDAY, February 10
7:00 AM Angelo Bovo

FRIDAY, February 11
7:00 AM Leslie Chester Fox

SATURDAY, February 12
8:00 AM Deceased & Living Members of the Albers Family

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



THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6 2022
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF JOHN LE.

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>Weekend of January 30, 2022:</u>	\$6,453
Collection in Church:	3,523
Electronic Funds Transfer:	580
Mail In:	410
Parish On Line:	1,930
Envelopes:	146

The Weekend of January 31, 2021: 8,791

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

Weekend Mass Schedule January 29-30
(Priest scheduled is subject to change)

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

Parish Theme for 2021-2022
Caritas Christi Ducit (The Love of Christ Leads)

From the Pastor

Blessing of Throats – In conjunction with the Feast of St. Blaise, which was celebrated on February 3, we will be blessing throats at all the Masses this weekend. St. Blaise saved the life of a young boy choking on a fish bone and so has been seen as an intercessor to protect us from diseases of the throat and from other evils. Because of the presence of the coronavirus, the Archdiocese has recommended that we bless throats with a general prayer over the whole congregation, rather than people processing up for individual blessings. Before the final blessing at all the Masses this weekend, the priest will proclaim over all those gathered in Church the prayer for the blessing of throats.

Blessing of Those in Consecrated Life – The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2 is a day on which we especially remember and pray for those who are living life as religious and consecrated persons. Just as the Lord was presented to the Father as a sacred offering by Mary and Joseph, those who have committed to living consecrated lives have offered themselves to the Lord for his honor and the service of his people. At the conclusion of the Prayer of the Faithful, the priest will bless those at Mass who have dedicated their lives to the Lord through vocations to the consecrated life.

Institution as Acolyte for Christopher DeMaio – Our parishioner, Christopher DeMaio, is currently in formation to become a permanent deacon. He has two and a half years remaining in his formation. As part of the process, those who are progressing toward the diaconate are instituted as acolytes. This institution for Chris and his classmates will take place on Saturday, February 12 at St. Charles Seminary. The role of the acolyte is to assist the priest and deacon in liturgical celebrations, especially at Mass, and to distribute communion as a special minister when there is an insufficient number of priests or deacons. In the absence of a priest or deacon, the acolyte may also expose and repose the Blessed Sacrament. As one set aside in a special way for the service of the altar, the acolyte should be familiar with the various aspects of liturgical celebrations and assist others in fulfilling their duties at the altar. The acolyte is to offer himself entirely to God, be an example of reverence in church, and have a sincere love for the Mystical Body of Christ, the people of God, especially for the weak and the sick. We extend our congratulations and heartfelt prayers to Chris and his family as he takes this important step toward the diaconate.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition – The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a free-throw contest on Sunday, February 13 from 1 to 4 pm in our gym. All those who are aged 9 to 14 are invited to participate.

School Advisory Board – The Board will meet on Wednesday, February 9 at 7:00 pm in the Antioch Annex.

Summary of Finance Council Meeting on Wednesday, January 26 - The members of the Council are: Nicole Bazis, Anne Becker, John Braun, Cliff Coombs, Msgr. Paul Dougherty, Michlene Kalinyak-Fliszar, Christopher Klock, Lyle Nehls, Theresa Power, Martha Ortiz, John Shea 1) The report on Parish finances for this fiscal year from July to December was reviewed. The Parish is doing slightly better than the budget. The original budget projected a deficit of \$9,000, but we are now forecasting that we will finish \$65,000 in the black. Your continued faithful support will help to ensure that we avoid a deficit and finish the year with a surplus. 2) The School is in the process of developing a preliminary budget for next year. The data from that budget will help us to determine the tuition for next year, which will be announced around March 1. 3) We are in the process of hiring a company to do an engineering assessment of the Church and rectory so that we can determine if there are any structural or engineering issues that need to be addressed. 4) We are currently seeking three proposals for the replacement of our organ with a digital organ. The current organ requires extensive repairs and the estimate we received for those was close to \$300,000, which was prohibitive. We are exploring a digital organ as a viable alternative. 5) We are continuing to draw up a plan for the renovation of the Antioch Annex to better meet our needs. 6) We are looking into putting snow guards on the roof of the church that would help prevent the danger of snow and ice sliding off 6) We are moving toward the incremental repointing of the Church. Another side will be repointed in the Spring. This will leave the tower as the only part of the Church still in need of repointing. 7) Due to the recent retirement of Maryann Cassidy, Nicole Bazis has taken over the role of administrative assistant in the Parish office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. She will continue to fulfill her roles of assisting with social media and liturgical ministers. In May or June, we will look to hire a part-time coordinator of parish services to assume the other roles in the areas of adult faith formation, youth ministry and parish outreach.

Spiritual Thought – To proceed gradually is the law of life in all its expressions; therefore in human institutions, too, it is not possible to renovate for the better except by working from within them, gradually. (Saint John XXIII)

Church Teaching: The Eucharist and the Mission of the Church

– By its union with Christ, the People of the New Covenant, far from closing in upon itself, becomes a sacrament for humanity, a sign and instrument of the salvation achieved by Christ, the light of the world and the salt of the earth, for the redemption of all. The Church’s mission stands in continuity with the mission of Christ: “As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.” From the perpetuation of the sacrifice of the Cross and her communion with the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist, the Church draws the spiritual power needed to carry out her mission. The Eucharist thus appears as both the source and the summit of all evangelization, since its goal is the communion of mankind with Christ and in him with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

A Little Humor: Getting Older

– Woman: As I left a bar and waited outside for my husband to come out, I thought, we’re the oldest people here by ten years at least. Then, to my relief, I saw an old guy come out. Then, to my horror, I realized the old guy was my husband.



Come & See Weekends

for high school men and post-high school men, are opportunities for men to visit the Seminary. These weekends include Mass, praying Liturgy of the

Hours, talks on discernment, and vocations, and the opportunity to spend time with the seminarians in formation. Available dates are listed below. There is no cost to attend these weekends, which include a single room and all meals.

If you are discerning the priesthood and want to explore a possible call to the priesthood, then contact Fr. Friel at fr.dfriel@archphila.org or register for a Come and See Weekend, at Heedthecall.org/comeandsee.

High School Men

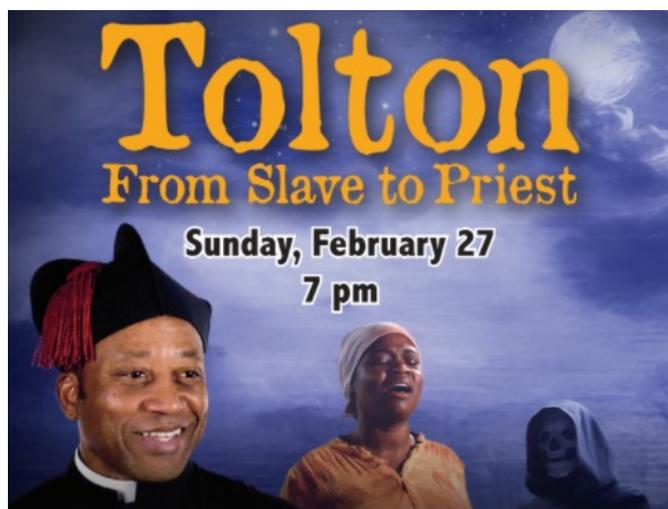
February 12-13, 2022
April 2-3, 2022

Post-High School Men

February 25-27, 2022
March 25-27, 2022



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.



Theater at the Parish

Our Mother of Consolation Church invites you to the performance of *Tolton: From Slave to Priest*, an original one-man live drama performed by actor Jim Coleman and produced by Saint Luke Productions. **This professional production will be presented on Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Mother of Consolation Church - 9 E. Chestnut Hill Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118.**

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.

Main Line Singles Dinner Club (Ages 52-67)

Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests & dine together usually twice a month. Our next scheduled event is: (Sun) Feb. 13th @ 5:15 P.M., a "Super Bowl Sunday House Party" @ a member's home in Havertown, PA.

All Covid safety precautions taken. More info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.

Congratulations!

**OUR 2022 8TH GRADE CLASS
CONTINUES TO MAKE US
PROUD!**

LAUREN ARNOLDI
was awarded a Music Scholarship to Merion Mercy Academy. She was also awarded the St. Madeleine Sophie Merit Scholarship & The Music Scholarship at Sacred Heart Academy,

WILLIAM CODE
was awarded an O'Hara Bishop Joseph McFadden Scholarship. He was also named a Presidential Scholar at LaSalle College High School and was awarded the Founder's Scholarship at Roman Catholic High School.

TANVI DEEPAVARINA
was awarded the St. Madeleine Sophie Merit Scholarship to Sacred Heart Academy.

OFFICE of the ARCHBISHOP

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

When I visit our retired and infirm priests who reside at Villa Saint Joseph in Darby or Regina Coeli in Warminster, I am filled with deep gratitude for their collective years of dedicated service. These faithful and holy priests have given their lives to parishes, schools, and ministries serving the poor throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

During their active ministry, they devotedly brought the presence of Christ to countless individuals through the celebration of the Sacraments, preaching, teaching, and charitable actions. In retirement, they are a source of wisdom and a great blessing for our local Church.

Today, one-third of our priests are retired. Many continue in some degree to active service to our parishes as much as their health allows. Others, due to advanced age and medical conditions, live quietly and offer prayers for you, the people of the Archdiocese. The annual **Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests** of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be taken in all parishes during the weekend of February 12-13, 2022. This initiative provides a meaningful opportunity for you to express gratitude for the many sacrifices made by our retired priests in seeking to fulfill the pastoral and temporal needs of those who entrusted to their care over the course of many years.

I would ask that you remember in your daily prayers all our priests, active and retired, and invite you to donate to the **Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests** this year. May the good Lord bless you and may all those whom you love and care for know God's abundant blessings. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your intentions.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,
Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

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 Thursday, February 10, 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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