

SAINT MARGARET OF ANTIOCH CHURCH

March 13, 2022

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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 by FR. PETERSON

Those of us who get our news from our tablets and laptops have noticed that at the bottom of the particular outlet's web page are smaller pictures of lesser news items and a grab-bag of features. One of the latter items that caught my eye one day was an invitation to compare photos of celebrities from their youth with their present-day looks. So amid a clutter of pesky ads were page after page of these comparisons.

The mysterious event in Our Lord's earthly life that we call His "Transfiguration" belongs in its own unique category. For a brief time, as we measure change, the Divine nature of our Savior burst through the bonds of His human nature and shone with a brilliance that dazzled the trio of Peter, James and John much like it would any of us. The fact that two great luminaries of Israel's history, Moses and Elijah, were in dialogue with the Divine reassures us of life beyond the grave. They represented the law and the Prophets respectively, the twin pillars of Israel's life with Yahweh.

I find it so reassuring that all this was not some kind of mirage when our beloved St. Peter blurts out: "Lord it is good to be here!" Of course it is. This is an unexpected glimpse of heaven. This is possibility raised to a higher power than we could imagine on our own.

No matter how much ignorance we have to contend with about what happens after death, the Church's belief and teaching, based largely on St. Paul, that our bodies will be changed, glorified and transfigured, this incident gives the most powerful witness to that belief.

I've often thought that the Church presents us with this account from Luke's gospel in the early part of Lent as a kind of spiritual "pep rally." It gets us charged up for victory over our sins through the voluntary penances we take on in this purple clad season. It is a confident answer to the "Why question" about penance in general and Lenten penance in particular.

Note that the transfiguration did not last so long as to have Peter, James and John forget about the reality of this "valley of tears" we presently inhabit. Down from the mountain came the three, with Jesus, minus visible glory walking down with them. Always the mission. Always the reality of lost souls needing hope and sinful souls needing mercy. That, my friends, is us. But let Luke's story stoke the fire of hope in our souls that when our earthly journey comes to an end, it really will be good to be there with Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, March 14
7:00 AM Fred & Theresa Yost

TUESDAY, March 15
7:00 AM Joseph Bizzarri

WEDNESDAY, March 16
7:00 AM Kathleen Boyd

THURSDAY, March 17
7:00 AM Francisco J. Fernandez

FRIDAY, March 18
7:00 AM Vincent Cristofalo

SATURDAY, March 19
8:00 AM Joseph Bizzarri

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

THE WEEK OF MARCH 13, 2022



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
HELEN O'ROURKE.**

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of March 6, 2022: \$ 15,540

Collection in Church:	\$ 7,206
Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 552
Mail In:	\$ 4,405
Parish On Line:	\$ 3,377
Envelopes:	205

Collection for Church in Eastern Europe \$ 2,327

The Weekend of March 7, 2021 \$14,057

**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

Synod and Called to More –The “Synod on Synodality: Communion, Participation, and Mission” is a two-year process launched by the Holy See. It is a time of listening and dialogue that began in 2021 and concludes in 2023. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to enter into a time of conversion in order to discern how to journey more closely together in the shared mission of the Church. Synodality refers to the members of the Church listening to one another and discerning how best to fulfill the mission of the Church in proclaiming the gospel and the truths of our faith. As part of the Archdiocesan phase of the Synod, listening sessions will be held regionally through both in-person and virtual meetings. The dates and places of nearby sessions are: March 19 from 9-11 am at St. Pius X in Broomall, and a young adult session on April 3 from 1-3 pm at the Villanova Connelly Center. A listening session for our Parish community will take place Thursday, March 31 at 7:00 pm in the Annex. All parishioners are welcome to come and share their thoughts on their experience of Church life and how we can work together to serve the Lord.

In addition, everyone in the Archdiocese has the opportunity to fill out an online survey called the Disciple Maker Index. The Archdiocesan program “Called to More” is an effort to understand the experience of parishioners so that their needs can be better served. The survey allows you to share your experience of your faith and the life of our Parish. Your thoughts will be helpful to me as your Pastor and to the Archdiocese in formulating what they will share with the Vatican for the Synod. I encourage you to take the Disciple Maker Index Survey online. Our Parish will be sending you the link by email. If you are unable to access it online, you can request a paper copy from the Parish office. You can fill out the copy and drop it back at the Parish.

The Synod consultation process provides an opportunity for all us to give input that can be helpful in discerning wise and good paths for our Parish, the Archdiocese and the Church Universal.

Pastoral Council—will meet on Wednesday, March 16 at 7 pm in the Antioch Annex.

Request for Help – One of our young parishioners, Yara Memar, will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend to solicit your help for a service project she has undertaken. She is collecting canned goods and school supplies for a Philadelphia organization that serves needy children. The canned goods and school supplies can be brought to Church next weekend, March 19-20.

Lenten Catechism Study Session – As an Adult Faith Formation program this Lent, we are encouraging parishioners to read Section IV, which is about Christian Prayer, of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Books were provided that have the Catechism broken down into brief daily readings. This Thursday, March 17, anyone who wishes can come to the Annex to discuss what they have been learning from the Catechism. I will give a brief presentation on the topics covered thus far, and then we’ll discuss the teachings of the Catechism on prayer.

Maggie’s Pub – Our Annual Social and Fundraiser for the School will take place on Saturday, March 19 from 6:30 – 9:30 pm in the Annex. A simple dinner of roast beef sandwiches will be provided. You are welcome to join us as we celebrate and support St. Margaret School.

Men’s Morning of Recollection – The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Men’s Lenten Day of Recollection on Saturday, March 26 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Father Tim Danaher, O.P. will be conducting the day. All men are welcome to participate. If you wish to attend, or have any questions, contact Dane Connelly at daneconnelly@gmail.com. Coming to the Day of Recollection is a great way of honoring the spirit of Lent by seeking to come closer to the Lord.

Catholic Charities Appeal – The 2022 Appeal is underway. Please consider making a donation to this important collection to support the charitable works of the Archdiocese. You can donate through using the return envelope you received in the mail (extra envelopes are available in the vestibule of Church). You can donate online at catholiccharitiesappeal.org. Thank you for your support.

Eighth Grade Carwash Today – As part of their fundraising efforts, the Saint Margaret School Eighth Grade Class will be holding a carwash today, Sunday, March 13 from 10 am to 2 pm at Bob Wark’s Liberty Gas Station (300 Montgomery Avenue in Bala Cynwyd). Come out to get the winter road grime and salt washed off your car and support our SMS Class of 2022.

CHURCH TEACHING

The Apostolic Nature of the Eucharist – A sense in which the Church is apostolic, as the Catechism points out, is that “ with the help of the Spirit dwelling in her, the Church keeps and hands on the teaching, the ‘good deposit,’ the salutary words she has heard from the apostles.” Here too the Eucharist is apostolic, for it is celebrated in conformity with the faith of the apostles. At various times in the two-thousand-year history of the People of the New Covenant, the Church’s Magisterium has more precisely defined her teaching on the Eucharist, including its proper terminology, precisely in order to safeguard the apostolic faith with regard to this sublime mystery. This faith remains unchanged and it is essential for the Church that it remain unchanged. (from the encyclical of Saint John Paul II entitled “On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church”)

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Bringing the Gospel is bringing God’s power to pluck up and break down evil and violence, to destroy and overthrow the barriers of selfishness, intolerance, and hatred, so as to build a new world. Dear young friends, Jesus Christ is counting on you! The Church is counting on you! The Pope is counting on you! May Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, always accompany you with her tenderness: “Go and make disciples of all nations.” (Pope Francis)

A LITTLE HUMOR

Rumor Has It – Is there rehab for gossiping? I don’t need it, but I’ll tell you who does.....(Jen Statsky, comedian)

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 19

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

5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, March 20

7:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

8:45 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

11:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

STAY CONNECTED

 **PARISH WEBSITE:** www.saintmarg.org

 **FACEBOOK:** [stmargnarberth](https://www.facebook.com/stmargnarberth)

 **INSTAGRAM:** [stmargnarberth](https://www.instagram.com/stmargnarberth)

PARISH NEWS

CRS RICE BOWL—Perseverance to Succeed



Raúl and Lilian have faced many challenges while trying to provide for their family and pursue their dreams in Guatemala. With support from Catholic Relief Services, they have been able to overcome these obstacles and grow their business while helping their community along the way. In what ways are you being challenged to serve others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Rice Bowl donations can be given in two ways. On Palm Sunday during the second collection or by donating online using our parish’s unique CRS giving website:

<https://mobilizecrs.donordrive.com/team/5911>



Roman Catholic
HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following St. Margaret parishioner, who is a student at Roman Catholic High School, for receiving academic honors in the second quarter of this academic year.

Elijah Karn, class of 2023, First Honors

We are very proud of your accomplishments!



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Michael Morroney who recently passed away. May he rest in peace and his loved ones be comforted.

EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends, and Caregivers

When: Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 2:30 PM

Where: Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Info: Archbishop Nelson Perez is the principal celebrant and homilist. The liturgical choir will be the Villanova University Pastoral Musicians. There is a reception immediately following the Mass.

All are welcome.

To RSVP go to www.opdarchphilly.org or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Join the Catholic Charities Appeal for a Special Mass Celebrated by Archbishop Perez

When: Monday, March 21, 2022 at 7 PM

Where: Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, 1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Info: If you have any questions, please call 215.587.5650 or email RSVP@thecfcp.org

EDUCATOR VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR

When: March 18

Info: The men and women working within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia play a special role in furthering the mission of the church and serving the spiritual and temporal needs of the community. The Office of Catholic Education is currently seeking qualified candidates for Pre-K 3 through Grade 8 Educator positions in all disciplines (see below).

Religion | Math | Science | Social Studies | STEM | English Language Arts | Foreign Language | Music | Art | Physical Education

Candidates must possess a bachelors' degree from an accredited college or university. Pennsylvania Certification is desired. All clearances and Safe Environment training are required. Interested candidates must submit the following:

- Completed Application
- Resume
- Transcripts

Contact: Jeanne Steitz (jsteitz@archphila.org) Please put "Career Fair" in the Subject field. Please submit your information 2 days prior to the event.

Virtual Career Fairs will be held monthly on the third Friday of the month. More career fairs will be coming soon.

SAINT MARGARET SCHOOL

SAINT MARGARET SCHOOL PRESENTS DESIGNER BAG BINGO FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022



TICKETS ARE \$35 ADVANCED SALE
OR \$40 AT DOOR IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE

PRICE INCLUDES ENTRY, BOOK, DAUBER & 1
RAFFLE TICKET. PRE-SALE PRICING IS VALID
UNTIL 9PM ON 4/1 OR UNTIL SOLD OUT

PURCHASE ONLINE:
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/SMSBAGBINGO](https://bit.ly/smsbagbingo)

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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