

SAINT MARGARET OF ANTIOCH CHURCH

March 6, 2022

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FIRST 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 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

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, March 7
7:00 AM Ayanna Fields

TUESDAY, March 8
7:00 AM Joseph D'Antonio

WEDNESDAY, March 9
7:00 AM Ron D'Julius

THURSDAY, March 10
7:00 AM Leslie J. Fox

FRIDAY, March 11
7:00 AM Rosie Gibson

SATURDAY, March 12
8:00 AM Bette & Bob Neely

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

THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2022



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
JOHN LE.**

**THE ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN
FOR A
SPECIAL INTENTION.**

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>Weekend of February 27, 2022:</u>	\$ 9,266
Collection in Church:	\$ 4,633
Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 552
Mail In:	\$ 1,641
Parish On Line:	\$ 2,440
Envelopes:	184

The Weekend of February 28, 2021 \$8,899

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

First Sunday of Lent – The Lenten Season is a time of recommitment and renewal. Being a disciple of Jesus requires a consistent and persevering effort on our part. Lent reminds us to be determined to take up our cross and follow Jesus. Discipleship is demanding and growth in Christian holiness is a struggle against temptation and sin. Lent points out to us the ways of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as the sure means to stay close to the Lord and resist the lure of evil. Our commitment to Christ cannot be half-hearted. The Lord asks us to be firm and steadfast in our devotion to him. He wants us to stay with him so that we can experience the truth, goodness and peace that he alone can give.

Stations of the Cross – We will observe the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent at 7:00 pm in Church. Come and join us for this Lenten devotion that helps us to appreciate the depth of Christ's love for us and inspires us to take up our crosses and share in the passion of the Lord. Uniting ourselves to the Lord in his suffering and death allows us to cooperate with him in bringing salvation to the whole world. Through sharing in his suffering and death we open our hearts to receive the new life of the risen Lord.

Lenten Adult Faith Formation – As a means of helping our adults to grow in their understanding and practice of the faith, we invite you to join us in reading daily from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The books are at the doors of the Church. For Lent we will be doing the readings connected with Part IV of the Catechism, the section on Christian prayer. The section is broken down into brief daily readings. Just a few minutes each day will greatly enhance your understanding of our faith and help you to become more prayerful. Anyone that wishes can join us on Thursday, March 17 and Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 pm in the Antioch annex to discuss the readings.

Archdiocesan Initiative “Called to More” - The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched an initiative entitled “Called to More” as a means by which we can participate in the worldwide Synod as well as evaluate and plan for spiritual growth in our parishes. Everyone will be encouraged to fill out a survey on your experience of the faith and parish life. Listening Sessions will take place in the Archdiocese and in our Parish as an opportunity for sharing about our faith. All of this input will help the Archdiocese to formulate some thoughts and ideas that can be passed on as part of the worldwide consultation for the forthcoming Synod in Rome.

Catholic Charities Appeal Speaker – The Catholic Charities Appeal 2022 is underway. Christopher DeMaio, a parishioner who is being formed to become a permanent deacon, will speak at all the Masses this weekend on the value of the Appeal and all the good works that are accomplished through it. We are already on our way to meeting our goal of \$85,000.

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.

Adult Faith Formation Committee – will meet on Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 pm in the rectory.

Annex Renovation Committee Meeting – will meet on Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 pm in the Annex.

Liturgy Committee—will meet on Wednesday, March 9 at 7 pm in the rectory

CHURCH TEACHING

The Apostles and the Eucharist – The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in explaining how the Church is apostolic – founded on the apostles – says that she was and remains built on the foundation of the apostles, the witnesses chosen and sent on mission by Christ himself. The Eucharist too has its foundation in the apostles, not in the sense that it did not originate in Christ himself, but because it was entrusted by Jesus to the apostles and has been handed down to us by them and their successors. It is in continuity with the practice of the apostles, in obedience to the Lord’s command, that the Church has celebrated the Eucharist down the centuries. (from the encyclical “On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church” by Saint John Paul II)

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Let us ask the Lord with all our hearts to speak anew his “Ephphatha” (“Be opened”), to heal our hardness of hearing for God’s presence, activity and word, and to give us sight and hearing. Let us ask his help in rediscovering prayer, to which he invites us in the liturgy and whose essential formula he has taught us in the Our Father. (Pope Benedict XVI)

A LITTLE HUMOR

Don’t use a big word when a singularly unloquacious and diminutive linguistic expression will satisfactorily accomplish the contemporary necessity.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 12

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

Sunday, March 13

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

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—The Pillars of Lent



As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are “elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity.” How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? 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>



**Knights of
Columbus®**

The Saint Margaret Parish Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Lenten retreat for any men wishing to attend. Ft. Timothy Danaher O.P will be leading the retreat titled **Marian Lessons for Modern Life**.

Breakfast and Hot Lunch will be served.

When: Saturday, March 26th, 8 am - 1 pm

Where: St. Margaret Parish

Cost: \$20

To sign up or for any questions please contact Dane Connelly at daneconnelly@gmail.com

Dear Parishioners of St. Margaret,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$500 to Mercy Hospice. Please accept our grateful appreciation on behalf of the women and children who reside with us at Mercy. If they had the opportunity to do so, each one would surely express heartfelt thanks for the difference that your support of our mission makes *in empowering women in recovery*.

Mercy Hospice has been a lifeline of support and compassionate service for women in crisis who became homeless because of substance abuse and addiction. Mercy continues to be one of the only recovery house programs in the city where women can stay with their young children. With your vital assistance, we are able to offer life-sustaining services to these women: hot meals seven days a week, shelter, clothing, educational programming, recovery support, and case management.

Blessings and every happiness be yours as a treasured partner in our mission. Together with you we are making a difference one life at a time, giving our women the confidence that with God's grace and our loving support, all things are possible.

Renee Hudson-Small, LSW

EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

St. Mary Polish American Society Easter Food Sale



Food items will include: Babkas (cheese, cinnamon crumb, or raspberry cheese) for \$15 each from L&M Bakery in Delran, NJ; Pierogi (potato, potato cheese, or sauerkraut) for \$9 per dozen from Polka Deli in Port Richmond in Philly; Kielbasa for \$8 per pound from Czerw's in Port Richmond. The deadline for food orders will be Wednesday March 30th so our suppliers have enough time to process our orders. Order pick-up will be on Friday, April 8th and Saturday April 9th from 1 to 4 pm at St. Mary Catholic Church Hall in Conshohocken.

Proceeds from the Easter Food Sale support our mission of promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County, PA and assistance with the restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church in Conshohocken, PA. To place a food order, please email smpas@stmarypolish.org or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

FROM THE OFFICE of the ARCHBISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For more than 50 years, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been a concrete expression of unity and solidarity between Catholics in the United States and those in Latin America and the Caribbean. Through their contributions, Catholics from across the United States have supported the formation of priests and religious, the training of catechists and other pastoral ministers, the education of children and young people, and relief efforts in the wake of natural disasters.

In Haiti, for instance, the Diocese of Jacmel formed more than 600 youths from its 31 parishes in reading, praying, and living the Gospel over the course of a 21-day program. This same spirit of outreach was also at work across Haiti during the COVID-19 outbreak when the Haitian Episcopal Conference initiated a communication and pastoral ministry formation campaign to inform people, especially those in remote or marginalized areas, about the nature of the coronavirus pandemic and how to stop its spread.

By supporting the Collection for the Church in Latin America, you help local parishes address the immediate pastoral and material needs of these vulnerable families.

Our Archdiocese will take up this Collection the weekend of March 12 and 13, 2022. Please be generous in this Collection and take this opportunity to share your faith with the youth of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez
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 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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