

SAINT MARGARET OF ANTIOCH CHURCH

April 10, 2022

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PALM SUNDAY of the LORD'S PASSION



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

Statues and paintings have done their part. So too for the movies, which have given us Hollywood's various versions of the Passion of Christ. That last includes Mel Gibson's version of a few years ago. For the sake of transparency, I must admit that when it came to the scene of the scourging of the Lord in that film, I broke down in tears, averted my eyes from the screen for some moments. I also found myself making a spontaneous Act of Contrition. Yes, I was grateful for the darkened theater and the absence of a crowd for the matinee showing. I had time to compose myself before the house lights came on.

As I reflected on that powerful experience, I know it sprang from my belief in the fact that my sins ultimately caused that brutal horror. Ever since, I know that I cannot hide, nor can any of us hide behind a glib recitation of the second Sorrowful Mystery. The realistic sights and sounds of it offered by that movie, depicting the devastation wrought upon the Savior's sacred Body, endured for our sake, is enough to thaw the coldest of hearts.

Of course, we believers know that besides redeeming us from our sins, Jesus underwent this cruelty out of His loving obedience to His Father coupled with His unfathomable love for all of us.

I'm not particularly fond of that word "wretch" that appears in the hymn "Amazing Grace." It seems to me despairing. But I have to admit that when the focus is on the Lord's Passion, that's exactly what we all are: wretches. But praise God we don't remain such in His eyes. We have the everlasting comfort of knowing that the story doesn't end with Good Friday.

Such thoughts easily come to my mind on reading or hearing St. Luke's version of the Jesus story, from Christmas to Calvary and beyond. Luke's boyhood studies, combined with his medical training and his eye for detail as he recounts what he was told, together cause me to rank his gospel as my favorite. His gospel has been labeled the "Gospel of Mercy." Who among us doesn't need that?

Here is a telling opinion about Luke's gospel from author Elizabeth Scalia, the Editor-at-Large for Word on Fire Catholic Ministries:

The great strength of Luke's Gospel, as with Acts, is how accessibly, rationally, and convincingly he presents a narrative that must necessarily challenge, even defy, reason. In comparison with the other Gospel writers, Luke is the one who gives us a distinct, richly detailed account of the ongoing interplay between God and humanity, heaven and earth—one that we can and do believe because for this Gospel in particular, belief is grounded in plausible and subtle human reactions and responses."

God love you and have a beneficial Holy Week.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 11

7:00 AM Robert & Joan McCairns

TUESDAY, April 12

7:00 AM Thomas Hennelly, III

WEDNESDAY, April 13

7:00 AM Helen Blaszczyk

HOLY THURSDAY, April 14

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, April 15

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, April 16

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

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

THE WEEK OF APRIL 10, 2022



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

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of April 3, 2022: \$ 9,889

Collection in Church: \$ 5,926

Electronic Funds Transfer: \$ 483

Mail In: \$ 1,288

Parish On Line: \$ 2,192

Envelopes: 201

The Weekend of April 4, 2021 (Easter) \$35,284

**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

Holy Week – This is the most solemn week of the Church Year. We remember and celebrate the events that are at the center of all of history - the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through his death and resurrection, the Lord freed us from death and opened for us the gates to eternal life. With the power of Christ we can overcome sin and death and share in the new life Jesus offers us. It is the grace of Christ alone that can bring us true life and triumph over evil and all its harmful effects. Our participation in the Liturgies of Holy Week give us the opportunity to cooperate with Christ in his saving work. The celebration of the Liturgy makes present today for us and all the world the saving grace Christ won for us through the paschal mystery, his death and resurrection. Come and join with us in our solemn Liturgies this Holy Week.

On this Sunday, Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord, we are observing the usual Sunday Mass schedule. On Holy Thursday, we will celebrate Morning Prayer at 8:00 am and the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm. On Good Friday, we will celebrate Morning Prayer at 8:00 am, the Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord at 3:00 pm, and Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm. On Holy Saturday, we will have Morning Prayer at 8:00 am and the Easter Vigil Liturgy at 7:30 pm. On Easter Sunday, we will follow the normal Sunday schedule (7:30, 8:45, 10:00 and 11:30 am).

Confessions – Confession will be available this week on Wednesday, April 13 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm and on Saturday, April 16 from 8:30 to 9:30 am and 3:30 to 4:45 pm.

Operation Rice Bowl Collection – The second collection this weekend will be for Operation Rice Bowl. Your offerings support programs for the needy conducted overseas by Catholic Relief Services. Twenty-five percent of the donations to Operation Rice Bowl are used to support local programs for the poor, especially those in need of food.

Catholic Charities Appeal - The 2022 Appeal is underway. Lent is a special time to do almsgiving, which can be expressed through a generous, charitable offering to the Catholic Charities Appeal. Your donations support the Archdiocese in serving the local needy and proclaiming the gospel. You can give online at catholiccharitiesappeal.org, or use the envelope you received in the mail. Additional envelopes are available at the doors of church.

Adult Foul Shooting Contest – As a fun night and fundraiser, the Knights of Columbus are hosting an adult foul shooting contest on Friday, April 22 at 7:00 pm in the gym. You are welcome to come to the Annex for refreshments and some socializing after the contest. Come and test your basketball skills and join us for this fun night. At the door, the cost is \$25 per person and \$30 per couple. See the insert in today's bulletin for more info on how to register.

Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to Our Blessed Mother – Pope Francis has asked us to join him in consecrating Russia and Ukraine to our Blessed Mother. In this time of war, we ask Mary our Mother to intercede for our world and help to bring peace. The Prayer of Consecration, that I invite all of you to fervently pray, can be found on the next page.

April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month – According to the CDC, one in seven children have experienced child abuse or neglect in the past year. If you or someone you know is being abused call 911 or contact Childline at 800-932-0313.

Eighth Grade Carwash—As part of their fundraising efforts, the Saint Margaret School Eighth Grade Class will be holding a carwash today, Sunday, April 10 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.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 16

Confessions 3:30-4:45 PM - Msgr. Dougherty
7:30 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

Sunday, April 17

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

CHURCH TEACHING

The Eucharist and Ecclesial Communion – The Church is called during her earthly pilgrimage to maintain and promote communion with the Triune God and communion among the faithful. For this purpose she possesses the word and the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist, by which she constantly lives and grows and in which she expresses her very nature. It is not by chance that the name communion has been given to this sublime sacrament. (from the encyclical entitled “On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church” by Saint John Paul II)

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

We must not grow weary of doing the little things for the love of God, who looks not on the great size of the work, but on the love in it. (Brother Lawrence, 1614-1691)

A LITTLE HUMOR

Q. Why would a bald man carry around a comb?
A. He just can't part with it.

PARISH NEWS



We welcome into the Church

PENELOPE ANNE FORD
daughter of
Megan and Robert Ford

Congratulations to the family on the Baptism of their child.

CRS RICE BOWL—Sharing God's Love



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. –John 3:16

As we enter Holy Week, we remember how our Lord suffered and died so that each and every one of us might be saved from sin and have eternal life. Reflect on God's infinite love for you. How have you responded to that love this Lent, and how can you share it with others? 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>



Casseroles for St. John's Hospice

Recipe # 6 will be collected Wednesday morning of this week, April 13, between 9 and 9:30 AM at St. Margaret School Parking Lot. Pans are available in the vestibule if you would like to participate.

You can also support the efforts of St. John's Hospice to continue to provide life-sustaining support to those experiencing homelessness by donating at:

<http://saintjohnshospice.org/>

EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

Part-time business manager is needed for St. Bridget Parish, located in the East Falls section of Philadelphia.

Must be proficient in QuickBooks.
For more information, please contact St. Bridget's rectory at 215-844-4126 or email secretary@stbridgeteastfalls.org

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FOR RUSSIA & UKRAINE

O Mary, Mother of God and our mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our mother, you love us and know us: No concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the prince of peace.

Yet we have strayed from that path of peace. We have forgotten the lesson learned from the tragedies of the last century, the sacrifice of the millions who fell in two world wars. We have disregarded the commitments we made as a community of nations. We have betrayed peoples' dreams of peace and the hopes of the young. We grew sick with greed, we thought only of our own nations and their interests, we grew indifferent and caught up in our selfish needs and concerns. We chose to ignore God, to be satisfied with our illusions, to grow arrogant and aggressive, to suppress innocent lives and to stockpile weapons. We stopped being our neighbor's keepers and stewards of our common home. We have ravaged the garden of the earth with war, and by our sins we have broken the heart of our heavenly Father, who desires us to be brothers and sisters. We grew indifferent to everyone and everything except ourselves. Now with shame we cry out: Forgive us, Lord!

Holy Mother, amid the misery of our sinfulness, amid our struggles and weaknesses, amid the mystery of iniquity that is evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the church and for all humanity. By God's gracious will, you are ever with us; even in the most troubled moments of our history, you are there to guide us with tender love.

We now turn to you and knock at the door of your heart. We are your beloved children. In every age you make yourself known to us, calling us to conversion. At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. Say to us once more: "Am I not here, I who am your Mother?" You are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you we place our trust. We are confident that, especially in moments of trial, you will not be deaf to our supplication and will come to our aid. That is what you did at Cana in Galilee, when you interceded with Jesus and he worked the first of his signs. To preserve the joy of the wedding feast, you said to him: "They have no wine" (Jn 2:3). Now, O Mother, repeat those words and that prayer, for in our own day we have run out of the wine of hope, joy has fled, fraternity has faded. We have forgotten our humanity and squandered the gift of peace. We opened our hearts to violence and destructiveness. How greatly we need your maternal help!

Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer. Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war. Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of reconciliation. Queen of Heaven, restore God's peace to the world. Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness. Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons. Queen of the Rosary, make us realize our need to pray and to love. Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity. Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world.

O Mother, may your sorrowful plea stir our hardened hearts. May the tears you shed for us make this valley parched by our hatred blossom anew. Amid the thunder of weapons, may your prayer turn our thoughts to peace. May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs. May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and their native land. May your sorrowful heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside.

Holy Mother of God, as you stood beneath the cross, Jesus, seeing the disciple at your side, said: "Behold your son" (Jn 19:26). In this way, he entrusted each of us to you. To the disciple, and to each of us, he said: "Behold, your Mother" (Jn 19:27). Mother Mary, we now desire to welcome you into our lives and our history.

At this hour, a weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you, to consecrate itself to Christ. The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice and poverty.

Therefore, Mother of God and our mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The "fiat" that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world. Through your intercession, may God's mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Our Lady of the "fiat," on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our "living fountain of hope," water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen.

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, April 26, 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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