

# SAINT MARGARET OF ANTIOCH CHURCH

April 3, 2022

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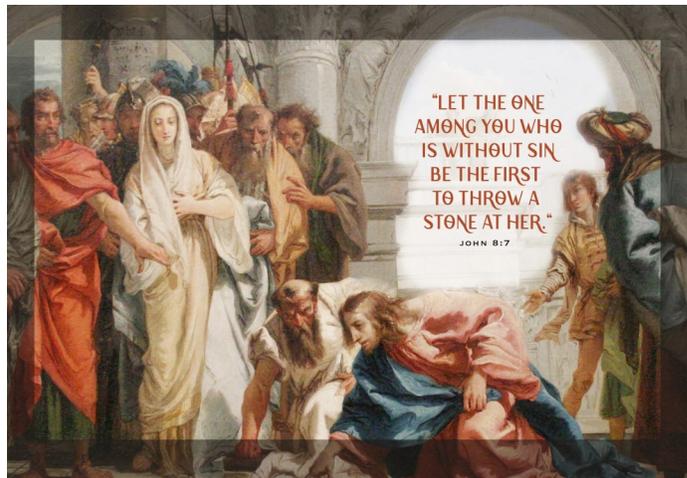
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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## 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.**

## REFLECTION by FR. PETERSON

Evil enjoys entrapment. That is evident from any search we do in Scripture, going all the way back to the time that low down snake spoiled Eden right up to today's well-known scene involving Jesus, His perennial tormentors, the scribes and the Pharisees, show up dragging a frightened unnamed adulteress behind them. His enemies believe that they have caught Jesus in a trap. It would catch Him between the law of Moses and His own preaching about Divine mercy.

Of course, the other side has no idea that they are confronting a divine mind in Jesus, and their inevitable loss in any argument. If only they had been innocent inquirers, they could have been among the first Christians. But they were far from innocent, with scowls on their faces and the smug attitude of know-it-alls anywhere and everywhere.

There has been speculation I've read over the years about what Jesus was writing on the ground. Some say he wrote the Aramaic word for "hypocrisy." Others say he spelled out the names of other sins His enemies committed. Still others hold that He just doodled on the ground to let His pesky questioners know that He sees right through their phony perplexity.

As for the trembling woman before Him, she could not have been more relieved to hear Jesus say, "Neither do I condemn you." It's the same feeling we get every time the priest prays the absolution prayer over us at the end of our good confession.

Do you ever experience the pain of entrapment by a sinful habit? Do you think "No Way Out?" You can take comfort from the fact that it's a common feeling. Meanwhile, the devil enjoys the little victory we give him by our feeling of unworthiness. He really triumphs when we give up on God.

You know, that promise of freedom Isaiah made to the exiled Jews recounted in today's First Reading could well be applied to us in our individual situations. And this too for a whole human world unwittingly trapped by a misunderstanding of true freedom. If we could ask that healed woman who met Jesus that long ago day, she could tell us what it's like.

Friends, today we have entered a time of year that we might call "the vestibule" of Holy Week. Coming up is the perfect time to make a good confession. End your entrapment. Get ready for the relief it will bring.

Here's a thought from Bessie Ten Boom, a condemned Jewish woman who died in the Ravensbruck concentration camp during World War II. She steadfastly refused to hate the guards who eventually beat her to death. Her dying words were: "We must tell the people what we have learned here. That there is no pit so deep that God is not deeper still." To me, that's the opinion of a truly free person. What do you think?

God love you and give you His peace.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, April 4**

**7:00 AM Michael McColgan**

**TUESDAY, April 5**

**7:00 AM Joseph Bizzarri**

**WEDNESDAY, April 6**

**7:00 AM Thomas Doyle**

**THURSDAY, April 7**

**7:00 AM Charles & Helen Schoenleber**

**FRIDAY, April 8**

**7:00 AM Betty Welsh**

**SATURDAY, April 9**

**8:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Mischler family**

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



### THE WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2022

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN  
IN MEMORY OF  
MICHAEL MCCOLGAN.**

## THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**Weekend of March 20, 2022: \$ 8,973**

<b>Collection in Church:</b>	<b>\$ 5,205</b>
<b>Electronic Funds Transfer:</b>	<b>\$ 483</b>
<b>Mail In:</b>	<b>\$ 660</b>
<b>Parish On Line:</b>	<b>\$ 2,625</b>
<b>Envelopes:</b>	<b>191</b>

**Second Collection: Easter Flowers \$1,371**

**The Weekend of March 28, 2021 \$8,483**

**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

Lent - The word “Lent” has its roots in an old English word that means “springtime.” Although there is a certain solemn sorrow connected with Lent (as we contemplate the suffering and passion of Christ and honestly confront the realities of sin and temptation in our lives), Lent is a time of renewal and new life. It is a time to turn back to the Lord with all of our hearts and to open our spirits to the saving mercy and grace that the Lord wishes to pour upon us. The war in Ukraine, the coronavirus, the escalation of violence in our cities, and the many difficult circumstances in our lives and in society that weigh heavily upon us - these challenges are always a call to turn to Christ. It is his love and power that help us to triumph over the powers of darkness and come more fully into the light of his love. As Lent progresses and we approach the great events that we celebrate during Holy Week, may we turn to the Lord more fully. We need him. We need his love and strength so that we cannot be overcome by sin, but can walk in the ways of his peace and joy.

Lenten Catechism Study—As part of our Lenten Adult Faith Formation Program, we encourage everyone to read Part IV of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This is the section on Christian Prayer. Anyone who would like to discuss this section, so that we can all learn from one another, is invited to do so in the Annex on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 pm. I will give a brief presentation on Part IV and lead the discussion.

Finance Council – The Council will meet for an Executive Session on Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 pm in the Annex.

Lenten Confessions – In addition to the regularly scheduled confessions, I will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church on Thursday, April 7 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

Operation Rice Bowl Collection – The second Collection next weekend will be for Operation Rice Bowl. Your offerings support programs for the needy that are offered overseas by Catholic Relief Services. Twenty percent of the donations to Rice Bowl are used to fund local programs for the poor, especially those who are suffering from a lack of food.

Holy Week – Next week is Holy Week, the most sacred week of the Church Year. We commemorate the Lord’s entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, his passion and death, and his Resurrection from the dead. On Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, we will observe 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. Come and join us for these sacred observances that renew our unity with the Lord who suffered, died and rose for our salvation.

Mass for the Deaf – Since becoming ordained, I have been celebrating a monthly Mass in sign language for a small group in the deaf community. The Masses were suspended during the height of the coronavirus pandemic, but last month we resumed the celebration of the Masses on every second Sunday of the month at the Chapel at Cardinal O’Hara High School at 10:30 am. On these Sundays, I have to leave the Parish here about 9:45 am to be present for these Masses.

Tuition Assistance – Through the generosity of People who have made donations to our School through the state’s Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program, we have substantial funds available for tuition assistance next year. If you are contemplating sending your children to Saint Margaret School, please know that assistance funds are available for many families. For more information, you can call Anne Becker at 610-664-2640 or contact her at [info@smsnarberth.org](mailto:info@smsnarberth.org)

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, April 9

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

5:15 PM - Msgr. Dougherty

### Sunday, April 10

7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

8:45 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

10:00 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

11:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

## CHURCH TEACHING

The Eucharist and Priestly Vocations – The centrality of the Eucharist in the life and ministry of priest is the basis of its centrality in the pastoral promotion of priestly vocations. It is in the Eucharist that prayer for vocations is most clearly united to the prayer of Christ the Eternal High Priest. At the same time the diligence of priests in carrying out their Eucharistic ministry, together with the conscious, active and fruitful participation of the faithful in the Eucharist, provides young men with a powerful example and incentive for responding generously to God’s call. Often it is the example of a priest’s fervent pastoral charity which the Lord uses to sow and bring to fruition in a young man’s heart the seed of a priestly calling.

## SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

I will say of the cross what an Eastern proverb says of patience: it is a tree with bitter roots, but sweet flowers and fruit. Find sweetness in doing everything in the will of the Lord. (Saint John XXIII)

## A LITTLE HUMOR

Someone said he climbed Mt. Everest because it was there. Another person not quite as active commented that he felt the reason for doing such a feat should be different from his own reason for eating an entire gallon of ice cream.

## STAY CONNECTED

 **PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.saintmarg.org](http://www.saintmarg.org)

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

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

## PARISH NEWS



We welcome into the Church

**BENNETT THOMAS SMITH**  
son of  
*Elizabeth & Robert Smith*

**MICHAELA CLAIRE BIRD**  
&  
**ISABELLA JAE BIRD**  
daughters of  
*Catherine & Donald Bird*

Congratulations to these families  
on the Baptism of their children.

As part of their fundraising efforts, the Saint Margaret School Eighth Grade Class will be holding a carwash next 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.



CRS RICE BOWL—Making a Difference

Hunger impacts millions of women, men and children around the world. Throughout Lent we have encountered communities in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda that are overcoming this problem so their members can have brighter futures. How is your community working to address hunger or other injustices locally and globally? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://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>



### **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](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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