

# SAINT MARGARET OF ANTIOCH CHURCH

March 27, 2022

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## FOURTH 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

I doubt they loved the idea. I refer to the hundred and a half sophomore boys in my daily charge as their English and Religion teacher at a thriving Catholic high school in the suburbs of Philadelphia. What they probably didn't like was my daunting homework assignment to compose a parable of their own, only loosely connected to one of Our Lord's. Of course, every "t" had to be crossed and every "i" dotted along with flawless spelling. The latter demand blended my two items of specialty, much to their chagrin.

Memory serves me to tell you that none of them grasped the idea of originality, since they offered only papered over biblical originals. Maybe I had asked too much of them for their age to accomplish. But they certainly learned how much genius was behind those parables we know so well. Especially the one we focus on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, "Gaudete" ("Rejoice!") in the ancient Latin rendition.

The creativity and power of those 21 lines have only suffered somewhat because of the popular title given this gem of "The Prodigal Son." The story is mainly about the all-loving mercy of God the Father toward sinners.

Only when we admit our place among such souls do we realize that the parable is directed at us just as much as to the original hearers of it. Depending on which of the two sons most resembles us in behavior, we receive today the gift of clarity as to where our Lenten resolve needs to focus as we go through the remaining weeks of the season.

Have we become the dissolute wandering prodigal or the cynical stay-at-home son who yearns for accolades? The unjust deserter or the self-pitying cynic? Or the dutifully-present-on-Sunday type but who only comes from habit? There are many degrees between the two, but you get the point I'm sure. This parable is definitely the "mirror" type, offering us an opportunity to act on what we see in it. After our decision for the good comes that long-awaited hug from Our Father some day and the heavenly banquet that follows it. This is a guarantee and it is all because we avoid being "sophomoric" about our commitment to the Lord. In humility we can pray this prayer, from the Liturgy of the Hours, Week I:

*You desired, Lord, to keep from us Your indignation and so did not spare Jesus Christ, who was wounded for our sins. We are your **prodigal children**, but confessing our sins we come back to You. Embrace us that we may rejoice in Your mercy together with Christ Your beloved Son. Amen.*

God love you and give you His peace.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, March 28**  
7:00 AM Frank & Mary Carfagno

**TUESDAY, March 29**  
7:00 AM Ronald Clark

**WEDNESDAY, March 30**  
7:00 AM Myles Roche

**THURSDAY, March 31**  
7:00 AM Mairead Kavanagh

**FRIDAY, April 1**  
7:00 AM Bernard Centrella

**SATURDAY, April 2**  
8:00 AM Yvonne D'Amore

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

### THE WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2022



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN  
IN MEMORY OF THE  
HOA LE FAMILY.**



**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR  
FOR LAETARE SUNDAY  
ARE IN MEMORY OF  
THE CASEY AND ROVNER FAMILIES.**

## THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<b><u>Weekend of March 20, 2022:</u></b>	<b>\$ 11,978</b>
<b>Collection in Church:</b>	<b>\$ 5,816</b>
<b>Electronic Funds Transfer:</b>	<b>\$ 483</b>
<b>Mail In:</b>	<b>\$ 4,664</b>
<b>Parish On Line:</b>	<b>\$ 1,015</b>
<b>Envelopes:</b>	<b>194</b>

**The Weekend of March 21, 2021 \$10,265**

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

# CARITAS CHRISTI DUCIT

• The Love of Christ Leads •

## From the Pastor

The Value of Penance, Fasting and Self-Denial – Our practice of sacrificing something for Lent helps us in many ways. It is a concrete way of expressing our love for Christ. It is a way of training our wills so that our actions are not controlled only by our physical appetites. And it is a way of practicing detachment from our desires so that we can be more free to respond to God’s will for us in our daily lives. May our Lenten penances purify our hearts so that we are better able to keep our hearts and minds focused on doing God’s will.

Lenten Confessions – Msgr. Dougherty will be available for confessions on Wednesday evening from 7 to 8 pm in the Church.

Parish Listening Session – In conjunction with the Synod in Rome in 2023 and the Archdiocesan “Called to More” Program, we are having a Parish Listening Session on this Thursday, March 31 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Annex. The Vatican Synod in 2023 is on participation in the life of the Church and so the Holy Father is seeking input from Catholics throughout the world on their experience of living and sharing the faith. The Archdiocese is seeking input too to help guide Archdiocesan plans for the future. All in the Parish are welcome to come and share their thoughts.

Lenten Catholic Catechism Study – Parishioners have been invited to do daily readings from Part IV, on Christian Prayer, of the Catechism of The Catholic Church during Lent. Anyone who wishes to discuss this topic invited to the Annex on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 pm. I will give a brief presentation on prayer and then we will discuss what we have learned from the Catechism.

Tuition Assistance at Saint Margaret School – Because of donations received through the state’s Educational Improvement Tax Credit program and other donations, St. Margaret School is able to award tuition assistance to many families. Families interested in inquiring about this and possibly enrolling their children in our School can contact Anne Becker at [info@smsnarerth.org](mailto:info@smsnarerth.org) or at 610-664-2640.

## CHURCH TEACHING

The Role of the Priest – The expression repeatedly employed by the Second Vatican Council, according to which “the ministerial priest, acting in the person of Christ, brings about the Eucharistic Sacrifice,” was already firmly rooted in papal teaching. As I have pointed out on other occasions, the phrase “in persona Christi” means more than offering “in the name of” or “in the place of” Christ. “In persona” means in specific sacramental identification with the eternal High Priest who is the author and principal subject of this sacrifice of his, a sacrifice in which, in truth, nobody can take his place. The ministry of priests who have received the sacrament of Holy Orders, in the economy of salvation chosen by Christ, makes clear that the Eucharist which they celebrate is a gift which radically transcends the power of the assembly and is any event essential for validly linking the Eucharistic consecration to the sacrifice of the Cross and the Last Supper. (from the encyclical of Saint John Paul II entitled “On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church”)

## SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

There are moments when I mistrust myself, when I feel my own weakness and wretchedness in the most profound depths of my own being, and I have noticed that I can endure such moments only by trusting in the infinite mercy of God. Patience, prayer, and silence – these are what give strength to the soul. (Saint Faustina Kowalska)

## A LITTLE HUMOR

A teacher wrote “William Shakespeare (1564-1616)” on the whiteboard and one of the sixth graders promptly asked, “Is that Shakespeare’s real phone number?”

## 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**

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, April 2

Confessions 4:00-4:45 PM - Fr. DePrinzio

5:15 PM - Fr. DePrinzio

### Sunday, April 3

7:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

8:45 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

10:00 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

11:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

## PARISH NEWS

### CRS RICE BOWL—Driven by a Dream



Malnutrition is widespread in Rwanda, but Gloriose and her husband are doing everything they can to keep their children healthy and set them up for success. From learning to grow a kitchen garden to participating in a micro-savings group, Gloriose and Karekezi know it takes many resources to help their children thrive. How have you helped others access what they need this Lent? 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>



Please remember in your prayers the souls of Marie Talvacchia, Louisa "Mickey" Pahler, and Marianne Simpson, who have recently passed away. May they rest in peace and their loved ones be comforted.



We welcome into the Church

**DANIEL THOMAS McCARTHY**

*son of*

*Anne and Brian McCarthy*

Congratulations to the family  
on the Baptism of their child.

## EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

### Marriage Enrichment Day

PRESENTED BY:

*Marriages of Grace*

...enriching and strengthening Catholic couples

Saturday, April 2, 2022  
9AM-5PM

Cardinal O'Hara  
High School

### Prayer and Pizza with the IHM Sisters

**Friday, April 8, 6- 8pm,**

**Villa Maria House of Studies, 220 IHM Drive,  
Malvern, PA 19355**

The IHM Sisters invite single young women ages 18-35 to join them for "Prayer and Pizza" on Friday, April 8 (6:00-8:00 pm) at the Motherhouse of the IHM Sisters in Malvern, PA. This is a great opportunity for young women who are curious about religious life to spend a little time with the sisters in an informal setting. Come and enjoy some pizza with the sisters, then join us as we pray the Stations of the Cross in our beautiful Motherhouse chapel. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Sister Marianne at [ihmvoc@gmail.com](mailto:ihmvoc@gmail.com)

A New Book by Fr. Al Masluk –  
For Teens and Adults!

Fr. Al has fulfilled a long-time dream by writing a theology book for teens and adults which explains the Truth of our faith in simple (but not simplistic) terms, uses stories and examples, and adds a touch of good humor. *God Talk: Theology for the Rest of Us* costs \$10, plus \$3.25 mailing costs. You can contact Fr. Al at [AMasluk@aol.com](mailto:AMasluk@aol.com) to arrange to get your copy.



Narberth CF Run / Walk

The Take a Breather Foundation invites you to the 27th annual Narberth Five Mile Run / Walk for cystic fibrosis (CF)

**When:** Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 8 AM

Volunteers are needed!

Email [Ann@takeabreather.net](mailto:Ann@takeabreather.net) to sign up.

To register for the run / walk visit the foundation's website [takeabreatherfromcf.net](http://takeabreatherfromcf.net)

Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp

**When:** April 9, 2022

**Info:** Young men in Grades 6, 7 & 8 are invited to gather at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on **April 9, 2022** for the **Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp (B.B.V.C.)!**

Exploring the life and teachings of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, the day's activities center around the theme '*To the Heights!*' and will include great talks, games, activities, prayer, and the opportunity for confession. This long-standing camp is led by the Philadelphia Seminarians and the Vocation Office for the Diocesan priesthood.

The registration fee of \$25 includes a t-shirt and lunch/snacks and the registration deadline is **Friday, March 25th**. The registration form can be found on the Heed the Call website:

<https://heedthecall.org/events/bbvc/>

Main Line Singles April Event

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 (Sat) April 9, 2022, @ 5:30 P.M., a "Pre-Easter/Mad Hatter House Party" at a member's home in Havertown, PA. More info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.

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, 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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