

SAINT MARGARET OF ANTIOCH CHURCH

May 1, 2022

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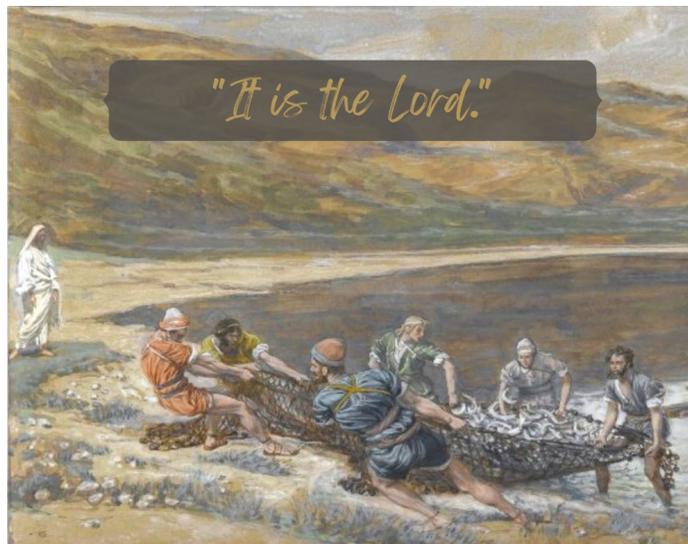
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

Before there were smartphones, tablets, pods and computerized wristwatches, there was the kaleidoscope. A relatively simple but ingenious gadget, it is a tube containing mirrors and pieces of colored glass or paper whose reflections produce changing patterns when the tube is rotated. A bit of fun with no need of batteries, it still fascinates the user.

The kaleidoscope was the first image in my mind's eye right after I read today's Gospel for reflection. Three significant events wrapped up in one chapter of John's composition, always with a hidden meaning beyond the surface words. First we have another lakeside resurrection appearance of Jesus, as He meets up with Peter and the disciples, coming full circle from those early days when He, as a younger unknown former carpenter from Nazareth, called these same men to follow Him on a mission that would make them "fishers of men." Peter "steals the show," so to speak, by plunging into the water when he saw the near bursting net full of fish and the beloved disciple's announcement "It is the Lord." We, along with the others still in the boat, might well shrink back from Peter's impulsive response, but we have to bless him for his unqualified love of Jesus. Come to think of it, why do we so often stay planted in our "comfort zone" when it comes to acknowledging our Christianity in public? The saints we admire so much never did any such thing.

Next we have the breakfast scene. Jesus doesn't hesitate to act as the waiter, which underscores His self-understanding as one who serves. In offering the men a piece of bread to go with the fresh caught fish straight from the charcoal fire, John surely wants us to think of the Holy Eucharist. It is the Bread of Life, the Gift that keeps on giving, right down to this Mass this day. How strong is our faith in the Eucharist today? Does it still retain in our hearts and minds at least a trace of the fascination and thrill of the day we made our First Holy Communion? It should, you know, even if tempered by what we know of the world as mature adults, as well as the flaws in the Church that presents Jesus to us.

Last but hardly least, we come to the high drama of Our Lord's triple questionnaire addressed to Peter, still called for the last time "Simon, son of John." From then on He will be Peter, "petra" in Latin, the rock, and the love bond between them will be tested mightily in the years to come. All that will culminate with Peter's death, when someone else will lead him "where he would not want to go." Have we told God recently that we love Him? Does God's forgiveness of our often subtle or occasionally outright blatant denial of Him through sin been motive for conversion? There is such good news in knowing that we can always join Peter in declaring, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

Then, on Judgment Day, the good Lord would be able to look at our lives, so full of prayers and good works as to offset any of our sins. He would then likely smile to see our lives looking like so many brightly colored pieces of glass in a kaleidoscope. And for us that scene would be just so.....heavenly!

God love you and give you His Easter peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, May 2

**7:00 AM Steve Gallagher
(1st anniversary)**

TUESDAY, May 3

7:00 AM Joseph Kelso, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, May 4

7:00 AM Carmen & Regina Carfagno

THURSDAY, May 5

7:00 AM Kathleen Kienlen

FRIDAY, May 6

7:00 AM Vincent Cristofalo

SATURDAY, May 7

8:00 AM Vincent Quinn, Jr.

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



THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2022

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
WILL BURN IN MEMORY OF
KATHLEEN KIENLEN.**

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of April 24, 2022: \$ 10,742

Collection in Church:	\$ 4,924
Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 483
Mail In:	\$ 1,070
Parish On Line:	\$ 4,265
Envelopes:	174

Easter Collection 2022: \$ 44,458
Little Sisters of the Poor \$ 2,194

Weekend of April 25, 2021 \$ 12,109

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

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

Month of Mary – May is the month of Mary. We celebrate Mary’s holiness of life and her special place in our faith. She is the disciple of the Lord par excellence, and our loving spiritual mother. Mary is the great example for us of surrendering always to the will of God and loving him with all our hearts. She lovingly intercedes for us before the Lord. She lives in a deep communion with us to assist us on our spiritual journey. She helps us to imitate her goodness and holiness. Mary is for us an example, an intercessor, and our mother. We look to her in a special way this month and express our gratitude to God for the unique spiritual role she plays in our lives.

May Procession – Our Parish May Procession will be on Monday, May 16 at 7:00 pm. We will begin with a Prayer Service in Church and then process out to the Mary Garden for the crowning of the statue of Mary.

Mary Garden – We are blessed to have a beautiful little Mary garden next to the rectory. Mary’s intercession and protection for our Parish has been the source of many blessings for us throughout the years. I am especially grateful to Lyle Nehls and his wife, Landa, and our maintenance worker, Bill Petty, for their care for this garden and for keeping it a beautiful and prayerful place.

Wellness Event - Serving Spirit Home Care is hosting a Wellness Event in our Antioch Annex on May 5 from 2-4 pm. You will be able to have your blood pressure taken and experience other information and aspects of staying well and healthy. All are welcome to attend this free event. See next page for more info.

First Holy Communion – The second grade students in Saint Margaret School and in our Parish Religious Education Program will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 7, or Saturday, May 14, or Sunday, May 22. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this special day in their lives.

Shepherds of Bethlehem – The Shepherds of Bethlehem Group will be at all the Masses next weekend to sell their olive wood carvings to help support the Catholic people in the Holy Land.

Diaconate Ordination - Kenneth Omeke is a student at the St. Charles Seminary from Nigeria. While he is studying here for service in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, St. Margaret’s has served as his home. Kenneth will be ordained a deacon on Saturday, May 14 at the Cathedral-Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. On Sunday, May 15, he will serve as a deacon and give the homily at the 11:30 am Mass here at St. Margaret’s. After the Mass we will host a reception for him in the Antioch Annex and provide a lunch of hoagies and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate this important step of Kenneth toward ordination to the priesthood next May.

CHURCH TEACHING

The Eucharist and Communion of Life – The Eucharist creates communion and fosters communion. Saint Paul wrote to the faithful of Corinth explaining how their divisions, reflected in their Eucharistic gatherings, contradicted what they were celebrating, the Lord’s Supper. The Apostle then urged them to reflect on the true reality of the Eucharist in order to return to the spirit of fraternal communion. Saint Augustine effectively echoed this call when, in recalling the Apostle’s words: “You are the body of Christ and individually members of it,” he went on to say: “If you are his body and members of him, then you will find set on the Lord’s table your own mystery. Yes, you receive your own mystery.” And from this observation he concludes: “Christ the Lord...hallowed at his table the mystery of our peace and unity. Whoever receives the mystery of unity without preserving the bonds of peace receives not a mystery for his benefit but evidence against himself.” (from the encyclical letter of Saint John Paul II entitled “On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church”)

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 7

Confessions 4:00-4:45 PM - Fr. DePrinzio
5:15 PM - Fr. DePrinzio

Sunday, May 8

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

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

The Sacred Heart is an inexhaustible fountain, and its sole desire is to pour itself out into the hearts of the humble so as to free them and prepare them to lead lives according to his good pleasure. (Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque)

A LITTLE HUMOR

A pastor disappointed that things were not “happening” in his church, asked a deacon, “What’s wrong with our church? Is it ignorance or apathy?” The deacon replied, “I don’t know and I don’t care!”

PARISH NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5:

2 PM—4 PM is the Wellness Event with Serving Spirit Home Care in the Antioch Annex

7 PM is Finance Council in the Antioch Annex

May 7:

10:30 AM is First Holy Communion

May 7 & 8:

Shepherds of Bethlehem will be selling olive wood carvings at all the Masses

May 11:

9 AM –9:30 AM is the casserole collection for St. John’s Hospice

May 12:

7 PM is the St. Margaret School spring concert

YOU'RE INVITED!

PARISH SOCIAL *Party*

7:00pm

21 MAY,
2022

\$25 per person | adults ages 21+
tickets can be bought at the rectory, dropped off in the collection basket, or online at the following website
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/310604936727>



Senior Wellness Fair and Cinco de Mayo Fun

When: May 5, 2022 from 2 PM—4 PM

Where: St. Margaret’s Antioch Annex

Join us as we celebrate Older Americans Month and show appreciation for seniors and their caregivers as part of Symphony Square’s 2022 Grateful Give Back

Free and Fun!

There will be: vendors supporting seniors and their caregivers, prizes and gifts, food, wellness screenings, and chair massages

Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

When: Saturday, May 7, 2022—5:15 PM Mass

Where: Cathedral Basilica SS. Peter and Paul, 18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA Limited parking is available on a first come, first served basis in Cathedral parking lot.

All couples celebrating their 1, 5, 10, 25, or 50 year Wedding Anniversary milestones are invited to Mass with Archbishop Nelson Pérez on Saturday, May 7th at 5:15 PM. Wedding vows will be renewed. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP at www.phillycatholiclife.org or call The Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500

Notre Dame University Chorale

When: Friday, May 20 at 7 PM

Where: St. Margaret of Antioch Church
Narberth, PA 19072

Free and open to the public!

The 45 strong Notre Dame Chorale singers are touring and giving a performance here at St. Margaret Church. Don't miss this opportunity to experience some beautiful live music.



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OFFICE of the ARCHBISHOP

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Here in the United States there is a great need for revitalization through evangelization. The Church at home needs to be strengthened by sharing the message of Christ in all of its beauty. Soon, as an Archdiocese, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA). This annual collection supports the neediest dioceses in the United States. Funds generated by this initiative make the basic faith formation programs possible in dioceses where Church communities are impoverished and struggling to share the message of the Gospel.

The Melkite Eparchy of Newton, with about 35,000 members, covers the entire United States. Melkite Catholics are members of one of the Eastern Catholic Churches, with their own cultural and liturgical traditions, in full communion with the Holy Father and Catholics from the Latin Rite. The nationwide reach of the eparchy means that its parishes and administrative offices are found in locations all around the country. Communications through the internet and the diocesan quarterly magazine are crucial ministries that keep members in touch with each other and their bishop despite the challenge of geographical distance.

With generous support from Catholic Home Missions, Sophia Press distributes its quarterly magazine to 12,000 members. It publishes liturgical books that the faithful need to participate fully in the liturgy. The eparchy's Office of Communication also maintains the eparchy's website and conducts the Annual Bishop's Appeal. When you contribute to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, you provide a lifeline that allows members of mission dioceses to remain in contact with each other, even if they live across the country.

Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Please be generous to this appeal through the collection offertory envelopes or your parish's e-offertory platform. To learn more about this appeal, and those who benefit from it, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Thank you for strengthening the Church at home. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your intentions. May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
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 Thursday, May 19 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.

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<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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