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October 2, 2022

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:15 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 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 on the GOSPEL

Those stock Western movie classics (that my barber seems to enjoy as they play on his TV while he snips and clips) have as well a set of moments for our present-day motivation. We innately know that “the good guys” in their white hats will always win over the “baddies” in their hats of black.

In a typical scene, the white hat hero notices a poster in the sheriff’s office advertising in large letters: “Wanted dead or alive; Black Bart for a reward of \$1,000, which we note was a large sum in “them there days”. So the reward money provides added motivation to his love of neighbor. He rides over the hills in a chase after the bad guy. A shootout follows, which ultimately provides for either a capture or a corpse. Bart’s bad days are over. The hero rides back to town with his prize slumped over a steed to claim the reward and maybe even get kissed by a fair maiden. The music fit for a finale plays ’til the screen announces “The End.” Our thirst for adventure is satisfied. We stroll sated out of the theater until the next one.

We note that the plot here is usually simple, straightforward and settled. But life in the real world is never so simple. Neither is our need for a strong faith. It is our faith in the Man from Nazareth, Jesus Christ our Lord. He is our hero as we live out the adventure of a Christian life. He is never specifically portrayed wearing a white hat but representing nonetheless pure goodness and heroic strength. Dare we ask Him: “Is there a reward for our fidelity? Do we have a right to one if there is?” We need not be timid here, because even great St. Peter had the temerity to ask Jesus, in plain speech, “What do we get out of this?” (Cf. Matthew 19:29)

I believe it is natural to look for some reward for our efforts at living Christlike. That’s only natural. But we’re called to have a supernatural outlook in this life, one motivated by love for the God who so loved us into being in the first place. Expecting a reward for every good deed we do is juvenile at best. If we need a reward; a burst of heavenly applause for each one we do, then something is lacking in us. Call it “Faith” in upper case type.

In today’s Gospel, we get Christ’s opinion on the matter. He says that doing works of love and service to others should be reward enough for a person of faith. Besides, God notices everything we do in this life, and He has a perfect memory. Let Him be in charge of what’s ahead in the next life. Meanwhile it is good to remember that the good we do, no matter how small or inconsequential, ultimately glorifies God and strengthens His Church for her mission. That should be its own reward. Let God handle the rest.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, October 3
7:00 AM Robert & Joan McCairns

TUESDAY, October 4
7:00 AM Helen Marie Kienlen

WEDNESDAY, October 5
7:00 AM John Le

THURSDAY, October 6
7:00 AM Paul Gillespie

FRIDAY, October 7
7:00 AM Augustin Le (living)

SATURDAY, October 8
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 OCTOBER 2, 2022

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

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>Weekend of September 25, 2022:</u>	\$ 9,637
Collection in Church:	\$ 4,403
Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 454
Mail In:	\$ 520
Parish On Line:	\$ 4,260
Envelopes:	170

Weekend of September 26, 2021 \$ 9,860

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

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From the Pastor

Presentation by Sister Faustina – Sister Faustina, a Sister of Life missioned in Manhattan, New York, was with us here at St. Margaret's on Thursday, September 22. She gave a moving and insightful talk on trust in God. Sister has written a Litany of Trust and written a book on the topic of trust. The book is entitled "Jesus, I trust in you." Jesus invites us to trust in him. There is no one that has a greater love for us than Jesus. He loves us with an infinitely deep and tender love. We can trust in him. He invites us to place our lives in his hands and to experience the great freedom and peace that come from this complete trust in him and surrender to him. We cannot manage life on our own. Life is bigger than us. We are called to recognize our limits and put our trust in the Lord. We can trust in his guiding us and giving us the help and strength we need. The Lord's great prayer for us is: "Peace be with you." His peace comes to us by our trust in his loving presence and power in our lives.

Blessing of Animals – Our Annual Blessing of Animals will take place this weekend on Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 pm in front of the rectory. This Blessing, near the feast (October 4) of St. Francis of Assisi, who greatly appreciated the beauty and wonder of all God's creation, recognizes the gift of animals in our lives and gives praise to God for all his creatures.

St. Margaret Golf Outing – The Saint Margaret Parish and School Golf Outing will be on Monday, October 3 at the Bala Golf Club. Tee off is 1:00 pm. Lunch and dinner will be provided. For more information contact Anne Becker at info@smsnarberth.org or go to golfmargarets.wixsite.com/golf. Come and join us for this fundraiser and good time, and/or be a sponsor.

School Advisory Board – The Board will meet on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 pm in the Antioch Annex.

Saint Margaret School Walk-a-Thon – The Walk-a-Thon, an annual fundraiser for our School, will take place on Friday, October 7. Our School students are seeking sponsors for their long walk through Narberth.

Meeting for All Liturgical Ministers – We invite all our liturgical ministers (readers, extraordinary Ministers of Holy communion, musicians and cantors) to a meeting in Church on Thursday, October 20 from 7-8pm in Church. We want to take this opportunity to renew ourselves now that we are more free from the challenges of the pandemic. Sister Maryann Clarahan will give a thirty minute presentation to the group on the meaning of the liturgy, and then we will break into the specific ministry groups for some instruction and practice for the final half-hour.

Adult Faith Formation with the Catechism – In the Spring of this year, we made available to the Parish fifty copies of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and invited you to read Section IV on Christian Prayer. This Fall we are going to provide another fifty copies of the Catechism and invite you to read Section III on Life in Christ (Christian Morality). This section is a long one, so you can concentrate on reading Chapters one and two of the Section and then continue further if you wish. The Catechism is broken up into a couple of pages to read each day. We will have a Gathering on Wednesday, October 26 at 7:00 pm in the Antioch Annex for any people who want to discuss the readings. Reading the Catechism is a great way to get a fuller understanding of our Catholic faith.

Catholic Charities Appeal – The 2022 Appeal is still underway. Please consider a gift to this important Archdiocesan collection for the needy in our midst. The Appeal supports food banks, aging and infirm priests, schools for the physically and mentally challenged, programs for the homeless, and many other social services. As of September 22, 117 of our families have donated a total of \$72,901 toward our goal of \$84, 835. Thank you for your support.

CHURCH TEACHING

The *Eucharistic Revival* is a three-year period of helping people to grow in their understanding of and appreciation for the celebration of the Eucharist. This Revival has been called for by the bishops of the United States and began on June 19, the Solemnity of the Holy Body and Blood of Christ. As part of this effort to help you learn more about the Mass and participate more fully in it, I am including in the Bulletin each week a brief teaching on the Eucharist from a document entitled "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church," which was prepared by the bishops to guide the Revival.

Mass and Unity with Those Who Have Gone Before Us – St. Paul emphasizes that at Mass there is a communion that exists not only among ourselves but also with those who came before us. In addressing the Church at Corinth, he praises them for holding "fast to the traditions, just as I handed them on to you." Later, he highlights the Eucharist as a sacred tradition handed on by Christ to the Apostles, and in which we now share: "For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." During every Mass we are united with all the holy men and women, the saints, who have preceded us.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 8

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

Sunday, October 9

7:30 AM - Fr. DePrinzio
10:00 AM - Fr. Pesarchick
11:30 AM - Fr. Pesarchick

A LITTLE HUMOR

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

You may well be content to serve our Lord in illness, for when he calls people to suffer instead of working for him, he is calling them to a higher state. It is most fitting that we should carry the cross with Christ. (Saint John of Avila)

PARISH NEWS

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 Nicole at the rectory, 610-664-3770

We welcome into the Church

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&

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Nicole and Christopher Bradley

and

BELLA MARIE NIXON

daughter of

Cristina and James Nixon



*Congratulations to the families
on the Baptism of their children.*

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



Holiday Craft Fair—Saturday, November 12

Vendor applications are now open for Saint Margaret's Holiday Craft Fair! The applications can be found on saintmarg.org/holiday-craft-fair/ as well as in the back of church. **All proceeds collected from table fees, raffle sales, and the baked goods table will be donated to Catholic Relief Services in support of Ukrainian families!**

Interested in getting involved? Sponsor a raffle basket! Donate baked goods! Be part of the volunteer team! Sign up sheets can be found in the back of church. Contact Nicole at faith@saintmarg.org for more information



FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND!



Next Weekend is our monthly food collection weekend (October 8 and 9) This program collects non-perishable foods each month for the Archdiocesan Community Food Distribution Centers Program. They provide food for 50 Food Cupboards throughout the Philadelphia area. All items should be brought to the school Cafeteria next weekend. Thank you for your generous support of this program.

OFFICE of the ARCHBISHOP

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On October 23rd, we will join Catholics around the world to celebrate World Mission Sunday to highlight and support the Missions of the Church.

This year's theme is "You shall be My Witnesses." (Acts 1:8) Pope Francis has used this theme to call every Christian to bear witness to Christ, to participate in a Mission of universal evangelization, and to seek strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

Since its beginning in 1822, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the Pontifical Mission Societies, has provided missions of dollars to support new and growing Churches in the United States alone. Your prayers and generous support today sustain priests, religious, and lay pastoral leaders in 1,111 Mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, and the Pacific Islands as well as parts of Latin America and Europe. This support is essential to their vital work among some of the poorest communities to proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve a variety of temporal needs.

Blessed Pauline Jaricot began this work 200 years ago at the young age of seventeen. Pope Francis reminds us, "She accepted God's inspiration to establish a network of prayer and collection for missionaries so that the faithful could actively participate in the mission 'to the ends of the earth.'" Her vision would lead to World Mission Sunday, which helps the Pope support Missionary activity.

When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection you make it possible for the Holy Father to provide for the formation of our seminarians and religious men and women. You assist in building the schools and orphanages that care for children in places that few visit. Missionaries can build churches in areas with scarce resources, buy food and the bare essentials that make it possible to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the sacraments.

I personally encourage your generosity on World Mission Sunday and share my gratitude for your open-hearted response on this special day. While your prayers remain your greatest gift, your financial support is life-giving to our brothers and sisters in the world's most vulnerable communities. It enables missionaries to work and witness to Christ, as it enables each one of us to be the Lord's witnesses.

Gratefully yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez
Archbishop of Philadelphia

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 letters of eligibility to serve as godparent or sponsor.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays afternoons. 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 Wednesday, October 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.

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, at least 16 years of age, and have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). Please call or email the rectory for an appointment with Msgr. Dougherty if you need a certificate.

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.

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 Saint Margaret Church and others. E-mail your prayer requests or if you want to join the **Prayer Circle at cbuhn@yahoo.com**.

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Sanctuary or Altar Candles

For a donation of \$10 the candles will burn for a week for your intention or in memory of a loved one.

Altar Flowers

Another memorial opportunity is to have flowers placed on the altar for a donation of \$100

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 the rectory.

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. Saint 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 call 610-664-3770, Ext 112.

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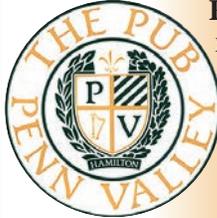
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