

The Church of Saint Margaret of Antioch

208 N. Narberth Avenue • Narberth, Pennsylvania 19072



ADULT FAITH FORMATION LENTEN SERIES

**Thursdays, February 25,
March 4, March 11
Parishioner Kristi Bushner**

Thursday, February 25th,

***Our Lady of Sorrows' Essential Message
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mother" Jn 19:25 " Stabat Mater"***

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**March 4—Prayer as Our Most Important
Conversation**

**March 11—The Cross as the True Face of
Love**

There is more information on page 3.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:15 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM

Daily Monday - Friday inclusive

7:00 and 8:00 AM

followed by Morning Prayer

Saturday 8:00 AM

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass - 7:00 PM

7:00, 8:00 AM and 12:05 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Sunday before 7:30 AM Mass

**Monday thru Saturday before 8:00 AM Mass;
anytime by appointment.**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mondays

**Reverend Robert J. Chapman
Pastor**

**Reverend Msgr. James J. Flood,
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Pastor Emeritus**

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February 21, 2010
First Sunday in Lent

Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Israel commemorated their deliverance from slavery with a thanksgiving feast. In the same way, our Eucharistic meal of thanksgiving celebrates our redemption from the bondage of sin. In gratitude for divine mercy, we bring our offerings before the altar. Paul reminds us how expansive God's mercy is: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Like Jesus, we must confess our faith when we are faced with the temptation to turn away from God. We need to ask ourselves, which kingdom do we serve? Do we worship before the throne of earthly power or before the altar of the Lord? Do we find satisfaction in the things of the world or in God's life-giving word? What we confess with our lips must be believed in our hearts. As the Elect come forward to express their readiness to join the community of the faithful, we reaffirm our intention to do God's will. Then God will hear our cry and stretch out his hand to save us. With the psalmist we pray, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Do I have the courage to profess my faith to others? Do my actions show what I believe in my heart?

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

GENERAL: That all scholars and intellectuals may attain an understanding of the one true God through a sincere search for the truth.

MISSION: That the Church, aware of its own missionary identity, may strive to follow Christ faithfully and to proclaim His gospel to all peoples.

Stewardship

I sincerely thank you for continuing to live faithful stewardship and for using your Sunday envelopes. God bless you and your family.

Father Chapman

Weekend of February 14, 2010: \$ 10,743
Envelopes: 215
Collection for aged and infirm priests: \$2,178
Collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor: \$1,654

Collection for the week of Feb 15, 2009: \$6,913
Envelopes used: 202

Mass Intentions

- MONDAY February 22**
7:00 Donato DiPrinzio
8:00 Tom Gillard, 20th Anniv
- TUESDAY February 23**
7:00 Edward Hannan
8:00 Stanley Kazeniak
- WEDNESDAY February 24**
7:00 Quentin Guilliani
8:00 Stanley Kazeniak
- THURSDAY February 25**
7:00 Kathleen P. Maguire
8:00 Christopher Vandergest
- FRIDAY February 26**
7:00 Daniel & Kathleen Dillon, 60 years of Marriage
8:00 Edward Williamson
- SATURDAY February 27**
8:00 Harry Williamson

Father Chapman offers a Mass each Sunday for all the parishioners and also one for those enrolled in the church memorial fund.



The Sanctuary Candle will burn for the week of February 21 in memory of the Micomonaco Family

Readings for the Week of February 21

- Monday:** The Chair of Saint Peter, apostle
1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19
- Tuesday:** Saint Polycarp, bishop, martyr
Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday:** Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 15:5-12,17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36



Baptisms

We Welcome into our Christian Community LUCA ZI BUCCHIANERI, son of Rodger and Grace Bucchianeri and to ARIANA ISABELLA DE MAIO, daughter of Christopher and Lauren De Maio.

Ariana was Baptized on February 13, 2010 and Luca was Baptized on February 14, 2010. Congratulations to both families.

PARISH 2010 LENTEN SERIES

Please mark your calendars for the following evenings in Lent to join your Pastor and fellow parishioners for an hour of Lenten reflections on Mary, Mother of God; The Cross; Prayer, and the Holy Sepulcher Stone at 7:30 P. M. in the Antioch Annex as follows:

Thursday, February 25th,

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Jn 19:25 "Stabat Mater"*

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Thursday, March 4th

Prayer as Our Most Important Conversation

"Pray without ceasing" 1 Thess. 5:13

Thursday, March 11th

The Cross as the True Face of Love

*"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it"
Matt 16:25*

Tuesday, March 23rd

Roll Away the Stones

We celebrate Jesus' rolling away the stone of death

Presenters: Professor Kristi M. Bushner, MA, JD and Sister Louise Alff, OSF; Prof. Bushner will present the first three reflections; Sister Louise will present the fourth & final reflection.

Sr. Louise Alff, OSF, is a Franciscan from Buffalo, NY. Her ministries have been in the areas of Adult Faith Formation, Parish ministry, Home Visitation, Diocesan Ministry, Religious Education, RENEW International and now in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as the coordinator of Parish Evangelization. She has spoken all over the country on the topics of evangelization, small Christian Communities and ways to make parishes vibrant communities.

Professor Kristi M. Bushner is an attorney, holds a master's degree in systematic theology from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, and is an adjunct professor of theology in the Religious Studies Division of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and at Immaculata University. Kristi is founder and director of *Links of Love* service project to the poor of Philadelphia; Professor Bushner and her family reside in Narberth and are members of our parish.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2010

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in "Operation Rice Bowl," which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

Special Note: *Because the Feast of Saint Joseph will be on a Friday in Lent this year, the obligation to abstain from meat does not bind on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Friday, March 19, 2010.*

LENTEN CONFESSION:

Saturdays: 4:00 to 4:45 pm

Sundays: before 7:30am Mass.

Wednesday evenings 2/24-3/31, 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Weekdays: 7:45—7:55 am (before 8 AM Mass)



The Road to the Cross

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT at 7:30pm

OPERATION RICE BOWL

JESUS' TEMPTATION

In Luke's story of the temptations of Jesus we see how we can be tempted by wealth, power, and esteem just as He was. Lent calls us to focus on our faith life by living it in deeper ways. As we begin our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us pray and sacrifice so that through our faith life we can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.

Rice Bowl returns on Palm Sunday.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCIES

H.O.P.E. is a group of volunteers available for visits to the homebound, relief for care givers, emergency transportation or shopping when family, friends or neighbors are unavailable. Please call the weekly captain as early in the week as possible if you are in need of assistance. **This week the Captain Dolores Coombs, 610-664-3714, Group I**



FIFTY PLUS

50 Plus Board Meeting meets the last Monday of the month. **(February 22)** The meeting is held at the Antioch Annex at

10am.

The 50 Plus Monthly Meeting is held the first Wednesday of the month, **(March 3)** with a luncheon and entertainment at 12:00 Noon in the Antioch Annex.

THANK YOU To all parishioners who were thoughtful enough to bring non-perishable food and other grocery items for our monthly food collection last weekend. Despite the dreadful conditions the weekend of February 13,14, we collected and packed 14 boxes for pick up for the Archdiocesan Community food Distribution Centers Program.

MERION MERCY ACADEMY is now enrolling seventh and eighth grade students in its Summer Programs for the summer of 2010. Academic, high school test preparation, sports, dance, music, and fine arts programs are all available. For more information please call Kristina Cawley at 610-664-6655 ext. 160 or e-mail at kcawley@merion-mercy.com.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OF PHILADELPHIA

Vincent DePaul of Philadelphia serving the underprivileged of the Philadelphia five-county area since 1851, is collecting donations of usable men's women's and children's clothing. We will also be accepting small household goods (bed and bath linens, pots & pans, dishes, cooking utensils, shoes and books). We also accept small appliances in good working order. No baby equipment only clothing.

The Truck will be at the following location on March 6, 2010 from 9:00am to 2:00pm

**St. John Vianney
1110 Vaughans Lane
Gladwyne, Pa 19035**

NEWS FROM SMS

NEWS ON OUR JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS:

6th Grade Math

6th graders became architects by designing a blueprint or a 3D model of their dream bedroom. The students had to think carefully of the dimensions of their room and furniture as they wanted them in real life and then designed a scale drawing or model complete with an appropriate scale. The students then converted the measurements in inches on their model or blueprint to the room's actual measurements by use of their scale. Their rooms look like a lot of fun!

8th Grade Algebra

The 8th graders designed their own basic experiments that were performed in class to collect data for a linear function project. The students put their data into a data table made on the computer, and performed linear regression on Microsoft Excel. The students used the program to create a scatter plot, a line of best fit, and the slope intercept equation of their data. The slope intercept form equation was then converted by hand to other forms of linear equations we have studied. Lastly, the students performed linear extrapolation and interpolation in their data range. Their posters look very impressive and the experiments were fun to watch!

7th Grade Science

In life science we recently finished our unit of the complex processes of cells. The last process we investigated was the cell cycle, commonly called mitosis. The students had a choice to write a paper, write a song, or write a creative children's book describing this process of many stages and phases. Or, the students built a 3D model representing the various stages and phases along with a written explanation for each model. Their work is very impressive!

REGISTRATIONS for 2010-2011 are now being accepted! Anyone wishing to register students for 2010-2011 school year may call the school office at 610-664-2640 or e-mail school@saint-margaret.org to make an appointment for a tour.

Age Requirements:

Pre-K: 4 years by September 1

Kindergarten: 5 years by September 1

First Grade: 6 years by September 1

Share our news with your friends, neighbors and family! Visit our web: www.saint-margaret.org.



CYO SPORTS

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL-

Girls- gr 1-2 & 3-4 and Boys Gr 1-2 & 3-4 will have registration on **SUNDAY 2-21** from 11:00AM-12:30PM in the St Margaret School Cafeteria. All questions should be directed to Kate Burns 215-219-8689 or via email at kieran59@comcast.net

ATTENTION! CYO SPRING SPORTS ONLINE REGISTRATION 2010

There will be NO live registration.

The following sports are being offered:

Baseball: Varsity Boys: gr 7-8—JV Boys: gr 5-6

Track Boys and Girls: grades 4-8

Lacrosse:Girls: grades 6-8

The link to register online can be found at: www.saint-margaret.org under the CYO athletics tab.

Practice for Spring Sports is scheduled to begin 3-1-10 .

No player may practice until he-she is registered.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to Lyn Fitzgerald (track and lacrosse) 610-416-8290 or Clynf@comcast.net or to Jim McNulty (baseball) at 610-389-0824 jmcnulty@hq.novacare.com

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE ELDERLY THE IRISH TENORS

Finbar Wright, Anthony Kearns and Karl Scully
Live on stage at The Liacouras Center at Temple University

An enjoyable, music-filled night awaits you, March 5, 2010 at 8pm. Tickets range from \$45.00 to \$250.00 (\$250.00 includes a post-concert reception with the Tenors) and are available at Holy Family Home by calling the Development Office at 215-729-5153 Ext. 1120, Comcasttix.Com, www.liacourascenter.com or by calling 800-298-4200.

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB, AGES 49-63
CATHOLIC men & woman are cordially invited to join The Main Line Singles Dinner Club to share common interests & dine together 3 times a month. Our next scheduled events are:

March 13, 2010 at 6:30 pm "St. Patty's/St. Joe's" House Party at a member's home in King of Prussia,
March 28, 2010 at 6:15pm, a restaurant event at the Shangri-La-Inn located at 138 Montgomery Ave., Bala Cynwyd. Ask about our once a month Friday night/lite bite. More information, call Barb 610-896-6542.

First Sunday of Lent



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. At St Margaret, we welcome adults who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

We usually meet on Tuesday evenings to listen to and reflect on God's Word and deepen our understanding of the teachings of the Church. There is no pressure or obligation: it is merely a time to inquire. We would love to have you join us. We also encourage you to invite someone who might like to journey with us to speak with Sister Anne Marie or Father Chapman.

For more information, please call Father Chapman or Sister Anne Marie at the rectory, 610-664-3770, or complete the information below and place it in the collection basket. There are also brochures in the pamphlet rack in the vestibule for your information.

I am interested in knowing more about R.C.I.A. Please contact me.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

UPCOMING NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) Classes – January and February 2010

The Family Life Office offers regular NFP classes throughout the Archdiocese—a great opportunity for engaged or married couples to learn about the Church's teaching on the gift of human sexuality, the meaning of responsible parenthood, and a safe, effective, and morally acceptable method for spacing children. Upcoming two session NFP classes are from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on **March 8 and 15 at St. Margaret, Narberth; April 12 and 19, St. Colman, Ardmore.** For more info and to register for a class, call 215-587-3516 or e-mail tseyfer@adphila.org.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT-SISTERS OF IHM

God has a great idea! You could be in the center of it! Young women (18-35) are invited to participate in a Discernment Retreat with the IHM Sisters the weekend of February 26-27 at Villa Maria House of Studies. Please contact Sister Carmen Teresa at ihmvoc2@aol.com or 610-889-1553. The retreat will provide an opportunity to listen to God's call, a time for personal and communal prayer and an opportunity to interact with the Sisters in Formation.

PARISH INFORMATION

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays (not holidays) from the conclusion of the 8:00 AM Mass until the celebration of Night Prayer and Benediction at 7:15 PM.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Meets weekly after the 8am Mass on Saturday morning in the Antioch Annex to pray Morning Prayer and discuss the Sunday readings.

PRAYER GROUP

The Living Vineyard Prayer Group meets every Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM in the Antioch Annex. The 2nd Wednesday of the month they meet in church to celebrate Mass

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In case of serious illness, please contact one of the priests at the Rectory.

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 inform the Rectory so that a visit can be arranged.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners who wish to marry at St. Margaret should contact Fr. Chapman during office hours before making any other arrangements. 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 now register for programs offered by the Family Life Office online by visiting the website at <http://archphila.org/evangelization/famlife/marriage.htm#couples>, choose a date and location for marriage preparation (either a 4-session program or weekend retreat), and register online using a credit card. Registrations will still be accepted by mail, but the new online system provides a convenient way for couples to begin the important process of preparing to enter into the Sacrament of Marriage. Questions about marriage prep?? Contact the Family Life Office at 215-587-5639, or famlife@adphila.org

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated 1:00 PM on Sundays and also within the 11:30 AM Mass on the third Sunday of the month. Arrangements must be made in advance at the Rectory by calling ext. 16. If parents have not attended a Baptism class at St. Margaret, they must attend our Baptism Preparation Seminar (Pre Jordan), **7:45 PM**, the last Monday of the month (**our next session is February 22, 2010**). Pre-registration is required and godparents are encouraged to attend. **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** baptized non-catholic Christian who is practicing their faith may also be admitted as a Christian Witness. Two godparents of the same gender is not permitted.

REGISTRATION

A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners. If you live within the parish boundaries, 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 (Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Matrimony) 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.



REMEMBER THOSE YOU LOVE

For a donation of \$10.00, the candle in the sanctuary 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 at the rectory.**



ROSARY

EVERY SATURDAY the rosary is recited beginning after the 7am Angelus. Come and pray with us.

*We thank all who contribute to our Church Memorial Fund.
Your contributions in memory of loved ones are used for the beauty of our church.*