



SAINT MARGARET

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Mass Schedule

Daily: Saint Margaret Chapel Monday - Friday: 6:30 am and 8:30 am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Open for private prayer daily 6:30 am - 5:00 pm
Weekend: Saint Margaret Church Saturday: 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, noon and 5:00 pm
Saint Mary Magdalen Mission Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am
Reconciliation: Saint Margaret Church Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm and 5:00 - 5:45 pm

Mass Intentions February 6 - February 14, 2016

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| Saturday | 4:00 pm | Melinda Nichols |
| | 6:00 pm | Dennis Bonnett |
| Sunday | 8:00 am | Marguerite Williams |
| | 10:00 am | Jody Guercio Murphy |
| | 12:00 pm | Coleen Cosentino |
| | 5:00 pm | Parishioners of Saint Margaret Parish |
| Mission | 9:00 am | Daniel Ryan |
| Mission | 11:00 am | Colleen Rossi |
| Monday | 6:30 am | Souls of the family of Thomas D. Neoth, Sr. |
| | 8:30 am | Eugene Thomas Roecker |
| Tuesday | 6:30 am | Diane Baylin |
| | 8:30 am | Margarita Reyes Pinero |
| | 8:30 am | No Mass |
| Wednesday | 6:30 am | Barbara Ann Cerrato |
| Ash Wednesday | 8:30 am | Chief Leo Matrangola |
| Mission | 8:30 am | Wyatt Gentry |
| | 12:15 pm | Service only |
| | 7:00 pm | Coleen Cosentino |
| Mission | 7:30 pm | Service only |
| Thursday | 6:30 am | Richard Novak |
| | 8:30 am | Mary Kelly Reinmann |
| Friday | 6:30 am | The Dietrich Family (sp. int.) |
| | 8:30 am | Mykola "Nik" Pitula |
| Saturday | 8:30 am | Lenny Hilliard |
| | 4:00 pm | Joseph Korecky |
| | 6:00 pm | Nancy B. McGowan |
| Sunday | 8:00 am | Charlotte Mosko |
| | 10:00 am | Jack Levee |
| | 12:00 pm | Sandy and Joseph Keenan |
| | 5:00 pm | Jody Guercio Murphy |
| Mission | 9:00 am | Parishioners of Saint Margaret Parish |
| Mission | 11:00 am | James Barnes |



Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday ~ 9:00 am to 7:30 pm Friday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday and Sunday by appointment only.

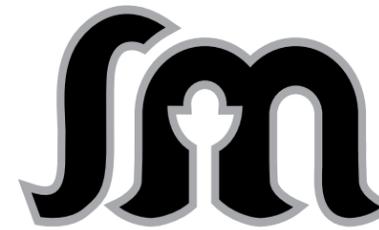
Readings for February 14, 2016

First Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Reading II: Romans 10:8-13
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13
Key Passage: For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
(Romans 10:13)

Adult: How willing are you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ openly to others?
Child: Would you still be able to say that you believe in Jesus if others made fun of you for it?
Visit www.jeffreysjallan.com for a commentary on the readings.

Visit our website at www.stmargaret.org



SAINT MARGARET PARISH

Seeking a world transformed and unified in Christ

Saint Margaret Church ■ Bulletin for the week of February 7, 2016 ■ Saint Mary Magdalen Mission

Let's Begin Lent Together

On behalf of our pastor, Father Mike, we welcome you and pray that your time here today will be spiritually uplifting.

May God enrich you, as we enter the Lenten season of the Church, with many graces and blessings.

Breaking News

Training for Eucharistic Ministers

Sunday, February 7 from 2:30-4:00 pm, in Saint Margaret church for those interested in becoming Extraordinary Ministers at Saint Margaret Church or Saint Mary Magdalen Mission.

We especially need ministers who might want to serve at the 4:00 pm on Saturday, or 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Sunday.

If you plan to attend, or if you have questions, please contact Ellen Pfau at 410-245-3030 or ellenpfau@verizon.net.

Anniversary Blessings



Altar flowers this weekend are in honor of

Earnest and Natalie Boyd

as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

Welcome

Eleanor Marie Svec



who was baptized last weekend into the Saint Margaret parish community.
May she continue to receive God's blessings and grace.

Shrove Tuesday and Lenten Suppers

The Lenten Suppers, a long-standing parish tradition of weekly gatherings of food, fellowship and faith will start with our **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 9 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.**



Saint Margaret Boy Scout Troop #564 has prepared and served this dinner for the last eight years. What a blessing it has been to watch these boys grow into fine young men with a heart for service.

The Friday night dinners will start on **February 12, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.** Mind, Body and Spirit is the overall title and topic of talks sponsored by Saint Margaret Health Ministry.

The goal of Lent is to make spiritual life changes and, as you may know, it takes six weeks to change or start a habit.

Through these talks we will discover how the mind, body and spirit are connected. We will be introduced to ways to make positive changes to help us be our "best self" in service to God and one another.



The weekly topic and menu will be in the bulletin and on the website.



February 10

Saint Margaret Church

Masses: 6:30 am, 8:30 am and 7:00 pm
Service: 12:15 pm

Saint Mary Magdalen Mission

Mass: 8:30 am
Service: 7:30 pm

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses and services

Stations of the Cross

Begin Friday, February 12 in the chapel
Fridays at 12:15 and 5:30 pm and
Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older. Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The Church urges the baptized and the catechumens to observe the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving and prayer as a preparation for the celebration of Easter.



Pope Francis's suggestions for building a healthy family life can help you bring the Jubilee Year of Mercy into your own home. Give them a try!

- Forgive the hurts and offenses that come with being part of a family.
- Be willing to go the extra mile and respect others' beliefs, and that includes family members who don't believe in a religious faith.
- Pray every day for young people, especially the ones who are looking for a job that will bring dignity and respect into their lives.

Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in Maryland

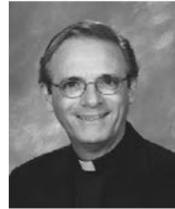
The 436th session of General Assembly is underway in Annapolis. Harford County legislators are considering a bill that would legalize physician-assisted suicide. This bill, known by proponents as "the End of Life Option Act" is unnecessary, flawed, and lacking in safeguards. It is opposed to life and will drastically affect vulnerable patients and communities.

Please make a difference in the fight against this dangerous bill by contacting your state lawmakers, immediately. To voice your opposition, just go to this link and click on the "Take Action" section (and please do so as soon as possible!):
<http://www.mdcathcon.org/pas>

Ash Wednesday Collection for Eastern Europe

Your support of the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** on Ash Wednesday strengthens the Church of this region through grants that give pastoral care, affordable shelter, and a cultural and spiritual education to those in need. Please be generous. Your donations will restore the Church and build the future of Central and Eastern Europe. Envelopes are included in your monthly packets.

From Father Mike



Dear Friends,
Last weekend, at all Masses, we heard a reflection from Archbishop Lori via CD about the

Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Many of you had already received materials about the Appeal in the mail and a request to contribute. All of us at Mass last weekend also had the opportunity to make our commitment.

As I said in my column for January 30-31, one of the wonderful benefits of being a Catholic is our connectedness. This happens on many levels and one of them is our connectedness as an Archdiocesan Church. Through the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, we can express this by doing together some valuable pieces of the Lord's work that we just could not do alone as one parish.

Here are some examples of ministries and services funded by the Appeal:

- Parish special needs (25% of Appeal income)
- Parish capital emergencies
- Catholic Charities (other than parishes, largest recipient of Appeal income)
- African-American Ministries

- Hispanic Ministries
- Catholic Campus Ministry
- Hospital Ministry
- Prison Ministry
- Monsignor O'Dwyer Retreat House (we have our Confirmation retreats here)
- Youth Ministry
- Vocations to the Priesthood
- Respect Life Ministries
- Tuition Assistance Grants (some of our families benefit directly from this)
- Religious Education Programs
- Archdiocesan outreach to Haiti
- Charitable outreaches of Pope Francis

As you can see, the Appeal enables a wide array of services and support that are a wonderful expression of our connectedness as Catholics. I will say more next week about the financial structure of the Appeal and our contributions. Meanwhile, **I strongly encourage you to be as generous as your means allow.**

You may also read my column on this Appeal in the bulletin of January 31 on the parish website:
www.stmargaret.org.

Father Mike



CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Theme: "Trust and Mercy"

Register now for the Catholic Men's Fellowship Annual Conference.

Saturday, March 5, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Linthicum

Speakers are Fr. Larry Richards, Deacon Larry Oney and Coach John Harbaugh; closing Mass with Archbishop William Lori, Celebrant. For more details or to register, go to www.catholicmensfellowship.com, or call Gil Hoffman 410-252-5737 or Tony Boehk 410-456-6790.

Space is limited, register now at the website. Onsite registration starts at St. Philip Neri at 7:00 am.

Bulletin Due Date and Address

Information is due by 10:00 am on Monday for the following Sunday. If Monday is a holiday, items should be submitted the previous Friday. Please include name and contact information and e-mail bulletinsaintmargaret@gmail.com or fax to 410-879-2518.



Inclement Weather Policy

On weekdays when schools are opening late or are closed because of inclement weather, there will be no 6:30 Mass. The chapel will be open at 7:30 am. We have this policy for several reasons. It gives our snow removal company time to clean sidewalks and driveways without any vehicles in the way. It assures safety. We do not want people falling and we do not want people to attempt to come here when there is unnecessary risk.

On the Lighter Side

A small boy came home from church one morning with his mother. She noticed that he had a very serious look on his face. "What's on your mind, son?" she asked. "Is it true what Father said about us all coming from dust and all turning back to dust?" "Yes, it is, son," she said. "Why do you ask?" "Well, then," he answered, "you better look under my bed, because someone's either coming or going."

Community Notes



Shamrock 'N Roll Dance

Benefits the Welcome One Emergency Shelter and The Havens of Hope Housing Program

Saturday, March 12

6:00 - 10:00 pm at the Callahan Center.

Advance tickets will be \$30 per person. Tickets at the door will be \$35 per person.

Admission includes music, dancing and food; cash bar will be available. For tickets please contact Marie Dekowski 410-879-2670, ext. 126 or mdekowski@stmargaret.org

Outreach Notes

Jane O'Hara
Outreach Coordinator
410-838-6969/410-879-2670, ext. 143
johara@stmargaret.org

Play it Forward

Monday, February 8, 10:30 am - noon in the Adult Education Center. All are welcome to join in the fun with our friends from the ARC and the Harford Center!

Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

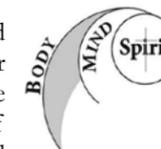
Tuesday, February 9, after the 8:30 am Mass in Saint Margaret chapel. Following Benediction at 6:00 p.m., the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. Come spend some quiet time in adoration of the Lord.

Widow and Widowers Group

Tuesday, February 9, Meet for lunch at the Greene Turtle at Harford Mall at 12:30 pm. New members are welcome.

Health Ministry

Do you want to add years to your life? Or life to your years? Three 10-minute periods of activity are as beneficial to your overall fitness as one 30-minute session according to the American Heart Association. Learn simple tips to incorporate movement into your daily life and how physical activity can also benefit your spiritual health by attending **the first session of the "Taste of Health" series this Friday at the Lenten Supper.** The Health Ministry can be contacted through Jane.



Loss of Loved One Support Group

Our Stella Maris counselor Chris Donaldson is leading a six-week support group beginning **Monday, February 22** from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the parish office conference room. Space is limited. Please reserve your spot by calling 410-252-4500, ext. 7291.

February Outreach Act of Mercy

For this month, please consider prayer for others as your act of mercy. Keeping our focus other-centered helps us become more empathetic, more understanding and more loving. Here are three very concrete, simple prayer offerings:

- Whenever you hear an emergency siren from an ambulance or fire truck, say a Hail Mary or offer a simple prayer for the individual in distress.
- When you come to Mass, pick one person in the room and include them in your personal prayers.
- Pray for someone with whom you do not see eye to eye – pray for God to shed His wisdom, clarity and peace in your heart. "Situations can change; people can change. Be the first to seek to bring good".

— Pope Francis, *The Church of Mercy*

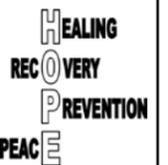
In Need of Home Communion?

We have Eucharistic ministers available to bring you or your loved one Communion at home. If you or someone you know cannot get out, particularly during these colder months, please call the Outreach office to schedule a visit.

Substance Abuse Ministry

Are you or a loved one struggling with substance abuse issues?

Please come to one of the weekly meetings on the Saint Margaret campus.



HEALING
RECOVERY
PREVENTION
PEACE

Mondays, 7:00 pm Families Anonymous
Adult Education Center

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**The following meetings are held in the Lower Meeting Room:**

- Fridays, 7:00 pm** Alcoholics Anonymous
- Saturdays, 7:30 pm** Women for Sobriety
- Sundays, 6:00 pm** Narcotics Anonymous
- Sundays, 8:00 pm** Alcoholics Anonymous

## Music Notes

Tom Keesecker ~ **Music Minister**  
410-879-2670, ext. 136  
tkeesecker@stmargaret.org



As Lent approaches I'd like to go over the different responses and acclamations we'll use at the liturgies at Saint Margaret.

The same way we highlight or emphasize the season with the decorations or environment of our church, we do with our music. Some of the responses will be different from Ordinary Time but I hope they will be comfortable enough for you to sing without much trouble.

In Advent we used the Penitential Act from the Mass of Angels and Saints, and I loved hearing you all sing "Lord have mercy" so beautifully. For the next five weeks we'll use the version written for Lent. During Lent "Alleluia" is hidden or buried, so we'll sing "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!" for the Gospel Acclamation. We'll continue singing the Holy, Holy from the Mass of Creation and also the Amen but in a simpler, truncated form. The Memorial Acclamation will be the chant setting from the Roman Missal – "Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free." I know – it's lengthy! Say it a few times. The music and words will be in the Worship Aid. The Lamb of God is also from the chant setting. It, too, is simpler and a bit plainer, like the season of Lent. I hope you all recognize that you are a community when you sing together.

## Marriage Conference

The Ninth Annual Marriage Conference sponsored by Marriage Works will be held on **Saturday, March 12**, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at Bel Air United Methodist Church – McComas Hall, 21 Linwood Avenue in Bel Air. For additional information or to register, please visit their website at [www.marriageworksmid.org](http://www.marriageworksmid.org).

## Adult Faith Notes

Marie Dekowski  
**Adult Faith Formation**  
410-879-2670, ext. 126  
mdewowski@stmargaret.org

### Adult Faith Opportunities

Contact Marie for all programs

### Divine Mercy Women's Bible Study

Will be held the **second and fourth Wednesdays of the month beginning February 10** from 10:00 - 11:30 am in the Adult Education Center. When we study the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, we discover that God's most fundamental attribute is mercy. The God revealed in Scripture suffers with his creatures and has a heart for the poor and the lost. Again and again, God demonstrates faithful love for the world and calls people to a joyful and abundant life. This Bible study helps us open the door to the heart of Scripture – the heart of Divine Mercy.

### Christian Yoga

Connect with Christ on your mat and glorify him through your body. Awaken your spirit with upbeat Christian music, prayer, gratitude and love this Lenten season while exercising your body through yoga. Sessions run **Fridays, Feb. 12 to March 18** from 8:30 to 9:30 am in the Adult Education Center.

### Discovering Christ

A nine-week program beginning on **Monday, February 22**, in the Adult Education Center from 7:00 - 8:30 pm to which our parishioners are encouraged to bring family members, friends or other guests to explore answers to some of the most important questions worth asking God about as we search for our ultimate purpose in life.

### Mary: A Biblical Walk With the Blessed Mother

This eight-part Bible study will **begin on Thursday, March 3**, from noon to 1:30 pm in the Adult Education Center. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this study will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Divine Son. The cost of the text book is \$10.

## Youth Ministry

Kristin Rupprecht  
**Youth and Young Adult Minister**  
410-879-2670, ext 166  
krupprecht@stmargaret.org

### High School & College Youth Ministry ~ FiRE House



#### High School Students:

Have you checked out FiRE House yet? All high school students are invited every Tuesday, 7:00-9:30 pm.

**Teen-planned events:** scavenger hunts, Nerf wars, capture the flag, ultimate Frisbee, movies and more! Bring a friend and come check it out!

### Confirmation Class

**No class on February 7 and 14.** Our next class is February 21. Meet in the Callahan Center at 6:15.



### Living Stations of the Cross



All middle and high school students are invited to come be a part of our Living Stations. Get involved and meet new friends! Our first rehearsal is **Sunday, February 21**, 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the church. We hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Kristin in the parish office.

### Summer Work Camp Opportunities:



Once again this year, we will be participating in work camps in both Baltimore and in Appalachia. Dates are:  
June 19-25 - Baltimore  
June 26-July 2 - Appalachia

These are open to current high school students, and there are limited spots available. If you are interested, please contact Kristin in the parish office.



# Education Notes . . .

## Faith Formation 410-879-2670/410-838-6969

**Preschool and Elementary**  
Lisa Hack, lhack@stmargaret.org

**Sacrament Coordinator**  
**First Reconciliation and First Eucharist**  
Joan Motsay Brown, jmbrown@stmargaret.org

**Middle School and Grade 9**  
Ken Goedeke, kgoedeke@stmargaret.org



### Upcoming Faith Formation Classes

**Elementary**  
**Wed., February 10 and February 17**  
4:45 - 5:45 pm and 6:45 - 7:45 pm

**Sunday Morning**  
**Sun., February 21 and February 28**  
10:00 - 11:00 am

\*There is no class on February 14

**Middle School**  
**Wed., February 10 and February 17**  
7:00 - 8:15 pm  
**February 10** - Ash Wednesday Session. Children will meet for class at 7:00 pm and then attend the Ash Wednesday prayer service in the Callahan Center at 7:30 pm. Students will be dismissed from the Callahan Center following the service. Parents and family members are encouraged to attend the Ash Wednesday Service at 7:30 pm.

**Grade 9**  
**Tues., February 9 and Tues. February 16**  
7:00 - 8:30 pm  
**February 10** - Ash Wednesday. Students and families are encouraged to attend one of the parish Ash Wednesday services.

## Join Us For Vacation Bible Camp This Summer!



**June 27 – July 1**  
9:00 am – 12:15 pm  
Saint Margaret Campus

**Register Now! Space is limited.** Registration forms can be found in the back of the church or on our parish website.

**Volunteers are needed for this program to be a success.** Please contact Lisa Hack (lhack@stmargaret.org) if you are available to help during VBC.

*Scripture reading of the month: 1 Corinthians 13:4 "Love is patient. Love is kind."*



## Saint Margaret School

[www.smsch.org](http://www.smsch.org)  
Elementary Campus 410-879-1113  
Middle School Campus 410-877-9660

**Principal:** Madeleine Hobik ~ mhobik@smsch.  
**Principals:** Anna Shanahan ~ ashanahan@smsch.org  
Phil Federowicz ~ pfederowicz@smsch.org  
**Admissions:** Cecelia Pleiss ~ cpleiss@smsch.org

### Important Dates for February

**Feb 8** Band; ACRE Testing, Gr. 5  
**Feb 9** NO MS Mass; Hot Lunch; School Board Mtg, 4:15 pm  
**Feb 10** Ash Wednesday Mass 8:30 am MS & ES; Hot Lunch  
**Feb 11** Hot Lunch

### Basketball

**Feb 7** Varsity Girls vs Cardinal Sheehan 2:30 pm  
**Feb 13** JV Boys, Team II vs Immaculate Conception 9:00 am  
JV Boys, Team I vs St John at 10:40 am  
JV Girls vs St. Joseph, Fullerton, 11:05 am

### Knott Scholarship Funds

Availability of four-year, full-tuition scholarships for the 2016/2017 academic year. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement. Catholic students now in grade 4 or grade 8, living in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford or Howard counties may apply. Scholarships may be used to attend a Catholic parish elementary school or a Catholic high school within these geographic areas of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Information regarding qualifications and an application form describing eligibility requirements and deadlines may be obtained from [www.knottscholar.org](http://www.knottscholar.org). For additional information, please call 410-779-1225.

Completed Knott Scholarship applications must be in the Knott office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2016.

### 4th Annual SMS Corn Toss Tournament

**Date:** Saturday, February 20

**Time:** 7:00 pm tournament starts - doors open at 6:00 and "door registration" ends at 6:30

**Place:** Saint Margaret Elementary School Gym/Hall

**Price:** \$40 per team/\$45 per team for late and at the door registration

**Interested:** Email your team info to Michelle Swenson at [miclyn@comcast.net](mailto:miclyn@comcast.net) to get placed on the tournament list. Entries are limited to the first 100 teams, so enter now to reserve your spot!

**Corn Toss Boards:** If anyone is willing to donate their boards for this event please contact Jeff Cellio at [jcellio@bozzuto.com](mailto:jcellio@bozzuto.com).