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Mass Schedule

Daily: Saint Margaret Chapel Monday - Friday: 6:30 am and 8:30 am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Chapel is open for private prayer daily 6:30 am - 5:00 pm

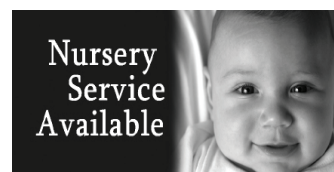
Weekend: Saint Margaret Church
Saturday: 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 pm

Saint Mary Magdalen Mission
Reconciliation: Saint Margaret Church
Sunday: 9:30 am and 11:00 am
Saturday: 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm and immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass

Mass Intentions March 1 - March 9, 2014

Saturday	4:00 pm	Marie Otremba
	5:30 pm	Helen Dzierwinski
Sunday	7:30 am	Fr. J. Alphonse Frederick
	9:00 am	Anastasia Young
	10:30 am	Frank Spalla
	12:00 pm	Regina Slater
	9:30 am	Special intention for parishioners
	11:00 am	Nancy Schuster Natoli
Monday	6:30 am	Pamela Cindric
	8:30 am	Mark Ward
Tuesday	6:30 am	Souls of the family of Thomas D. Noeth, Sr.
	8:30 am	Margaret Garrett
Ash Wednesday	6:30 am	Rita Cavallaro
	8:30 am	Nancy B. McGowan
	7:00 pm	Anne Harkins O'Hara
	8:30 am (Mission)	Karen Lewis
Thursday	6:30 am	Michael Gaisor
	8:30 am	Mary Kelly Reinmann
Friday	6:30 am	Frank Machi
	8:30 am	Vera Ann Doyle
Saturday	8:30 am	Bernadine F.K. Coles
	4:00 pm	Elsie Dembeck
	5:30 pm	Nancy B. McGowan
Sunday	7:30 am	Paul and Josephine Guercio
	9:00 am	Dennis Baccaro
	10:30 am	Kimberly Petro
	12:00 pm	Donna Lynn DeSantis
	9:30 am Mission	Special intention for parishioners
	11:00 am Mission	Arthur E. Flach

The Parish Office hours: Monday through Thursday - 9:00 am to 7:30 pm
Friday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm



For children up to 3 years of age, nursery service is available in the Preschool building (next to the church) during the 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses and during the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturdays. This service is available at Saint Mary Magdalen during the 9:30 and 11:00 am Masses. Trained staff will care for your children while you attend Mass. This is a free service.

Readings for March 9, 2014

First Sunday of Lent **Overcoming temptation**

Reading I: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 The fall of humankind
Reading II: Romans 5:12-19 Humanity's sin through Adam
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 The temptation of Jesus

Key Passage: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. (Matthew 4:1)

Adult: What helpful advice could you offer someone faced with a temptation?
Child: What helps you do the right thing when you want to do something wrong?

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SAINT MARGARET PARISH

Seeking a world transformed and unified in Christ

Saint Margaret Church ■ Bulletin for the week of March 2, 2014 ■ Saint Mary Magdalen Mission

Welcome to Saint Margaret

Saint Margaret is the warm, welcoming community it is due to its wonderful parishioners! Let us continue to be Christ for one another and for the world during Lent.

Breaking News

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Burning of Palms

Tuesday, March 4 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. You are invited to bring the blessed palms that have been in your homes since last year and participate in the burning of these palms at 5:45, just before the supper begins. These ashes will then be used the following day on Ash Wednesday.

The dinner menu for Shrove Tuesday includes pancakes, sausage, donuts, fruit cups and beverages. This annual supper is sponsored by Saint Margaret Boy Scout Troop 564. Free-will donations will be accepted.

First Friday Seniors

Friday, March 7. Rosary will be at 10:45 am and Mass at 11:00 am in the church followed by a luncheon at 11:45 am in the parish hall with entertainment. Wear your green and come out and celebrate Saint Patrick's Day early.

Daylight Saving Time

Please remember to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour next Saturday night before going to bed. Daylight Saving time begins on Sunday March 9.

Welcome

Cooper Thomas Culotta
Annalise Gisele Martincorena
Issla Alexandra Martincorena



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

LENTEN SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES

SHROVE TUESDAY ~ March 4
Parish Hall
5:45 pm ~ Burning of Palms
6:00 pm ~ Pancake Supper

ASH WEDNESDAY ~ March 5
Ashes will be distributed at all Masses and Services
Saint Margaret Church
6:30 am, 8:30 am and 7:00 pm ~ Mass
12:15 and 5:00 pm ~ Service
Saint Mary Magdalen Mission
8:30 am ~ Mass
7:00 pm ~ Service

DAILY MASSES DURING LENT
Saint Margaret Church
Monday thru Friday
6:30 and 8:30 am
Saturday ~ 8:30 am
Saint Mary Magdalen Mission
Wednesday ~ 8:30 am

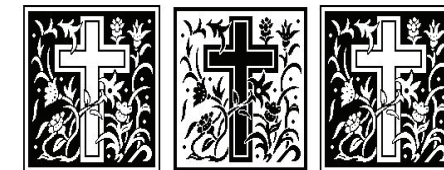
TUESDAYS IN LENT ~
Chapel ~ 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

FRIDAYS IN LENT
Station of the Cross
Chapel ~ 12:15 and 5:30 pm
Lenten Supper ~ Parish Hall
Theme: Reflections on Pope Francis
6:00 pm Lenten Suppers
6:45 pm Lenten Reflections

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saint Margaret Church
Tuesday, April 8 ~ 12:15 and 7:30 pm
Friday, April 11 ~ 3:00 to 8:00 pm
Saturdays ~ 3:00 to 3:45 pm and after the 5:30 pm Mass

Lenten Regulation on Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday: March 5 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.



Lent begins

Parish Bus Trip to Emmitsburg will be held on **Saturday, March 22.** The bus will leave the Callahan Center at 7:30 am and return at 6:30 pm. The trip includes guided tour of The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, lunch at the Historic Cozy Inn and a visit to the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes which will include time for prayerful reflection as we walk through the Stations of the Cross. The cost is \$50 per person. To reserve your seat please contact Marie Dekowski 410-879-2670, ext. 126 or mdekowski@stmargaret.org.

Living Stations of the Cross



It is a tradition for our parish youth to present the living Stations of the Cross each year on Good Friday. We invite all middle and high school youth to be a part of this annual event. If you would like to participate, please come to our first rehearsal on **Sunday, March 16, 2:00-3:30 p.m.** in the church. Questions? Please contact Teresa Newberry at tnewberry27@gmail.com.

Please see page 3 for more Lenten opportunities and resources as well as today's insert for Lenten supper menus and refecton topics.

Message from Father John

I am writing this message to ask your prayers. On March 10, I will undergo a surgical procedure to replace the aortic valve in my heart. From conversations with my primary care physician, as well as a consultant physician and the surgeon I have chosen to perform the surgery, I have learned that I will remain in the hospital for at least a week after the operation. I have been told that I will then be moved to another location for recuperation and therapy, which will continue for some time. Based on information provided by the medical professionals I've consulted, I anticipate that healing will take at least two months. I will miss celebrating the days of Lent and Holy Week with you, and I hope I might have approval from the physicians to celebrate one of the Easter Masses. Please know that you will be in my prayers during the time I will be absent from the parish.

Fr. John Cunningham

"Be Protectors of God's Gift"

Through your generosity to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, the Archdiocese is able to fund various evangelization ministries that enable us to radiate God's love for us through acts of goodness and tenderness.

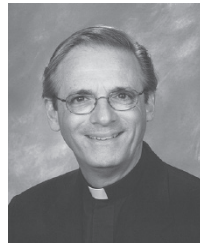
One such ministry is Camp GLOW (God Loves the World). Affording adults living with disabilities the opportunity to attend a week-long residential camp at no cost to the participants, Camp GLOW is a spiritual retreat held at the Monsignor O'Dwyer Retreat House in Sparks, MD. Participants range in age from young adult to elderly and are partnered with companion counselors who provide loving care, compassion, and tenderness in a safe and joyful atmosphere, contributing to a deepening love of Christ.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your gift, envelopes are available at the doors of the church and Callahan Center. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Tuition Assistance for Saint Margaret School

Saint Margaret Parish uses School and Student Services (SSS) to process applications for tuition assistance. All required documents must be sent or uploaded to SSS by March 14. Please go to the parish website at www.stmargaret.org and follow the School link on the About Us tab to see policies, deadlines, and requirements. You may also contact Mary Ellen Bates at the parish office with questions.

From Father Mike



Dear Friends,
This is my March column on the Mass. In the February column – which was just last week – I finished my comments on the

Gospel. Today I am focusing on the Homily and beginning our look at the Creed (Profession of Faith).

The homily finds its roots in the New Testament. There is the well-known story of the two disciples walking on the road to Emmaus not long after Jesus' death. Jesus appears and, without their recognizing him, begins to explain the Scriptures about the Messiah, especially about how he would have to suffer and die (Luke 24.13-35). Then there is the story (somewhat humorous) of Paul speaking about Jesus until the middle of the night to a group of people gathered in a home. One young man was sitting on the window sill, dozed off asleep, and fell out the window (not something I want my homilies to do to people). By the way, this young man was injured but ended up okay (Acts 20:7-12). We also find that Saint Justin the Martyr, in the second century, describes a Liturgy of the Word with the Scripture being read and then the presider explaining and applying it to peoples' lives.

The word *homily* comes from a Greek word meaning a speech that is familiar in style and down-to-earth. In this way, it is different in style from classical rhetoric which is much more formal. It is different in substance from a sermon which is frequently on a non-Scriptural religious theme, especially doctrine. A homily is usually to be an explanation and application of the Scripture that has just been proclaimed. It is an important part of the Mass. It requires that the priest or deacon pray and reflect on the

Scriptures, read background materials on the passages or the themes emerging in them, and then prepare his comments to the best of his ability.

At Sunday Masses, the Creed or Profession of Faith immediately follows the homily. The idea is that having been nourished by the Word of God, all who are present unite in professing our common faith.

Evidence shows that by the middle of the second century, the Church's catechesis revolved around the Trinity – God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This was the basis for preparing people for Baptism and quickly gave birth to the statement of belief that today we call the Apostles Creed. Though not written by the apostles, it does date back to these earliest centuries of the Church. It succinctly presents the fundamentals of Christian faith and is simpler than the Nicene Creed that we usually recite at Mass (more about this Creed next time).

The Apostles Creed is in the Roman Missal as an option to the Nicene Creed. It is especially recommended to be used on the Sundays of Lent and Easter because of its clear connection with Baptism and the renewal of Baptismal promises that characterize these seasons. We will be using the Apostles Creed at Saint Margaret beginning next Sunday, the First Sunday of Lent, and continuing until Pentecost in early June.

In my April column on the Mass, I will focus on the Nicene Creed: its origin, structure and some of its specific wording. I began these monthly columns last June, and you may find all ten of them by going to the parish website at www.stmargaret.org, clicking on the Information tab and then clicking on Bulletins. These columns will be on that page.

May the Lord's peace be with you and your loved ones!

Father Mike

Build the Future

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.

We would like to welcome the following new parishioners to Saint Margaret Parish.

We are happy that you have chosen Saint Margaret to be your spiritual home.



Todd and Christine Boyle and family
Nathan and Caitlin Badowski and family
Michael and Amanda Evans and family
Kenneth Leary
Steve and Jennifer Fernandez and family
Ryan and Jill Willey and family
Michael and Krystin Porcella-Axelsson and family
Rebekah Whalen and family
Justin and Meghann Johnson and family
Kevin and Joanna Hershner
Bradley and Jane Glass and family
Mark and Jennifer Rivera and family
Carlos and Yadira Colon and family
Thomas and Dina Maloney and family

Anonio and Assisnta Grella
Winnie Freeman
James and Elizabeth Colgin and family
Keeran and Krista Lewis
Cheryl Chronowski
Jared and Elizabeth Maier and family
Stephen and Kathleen Mavris and family
Michael and Meredith Lavrich and family
Michael and Natalie Elwarner and family
Elliott and Heidi Lipple
Peter and Lauren Akerboom and family
Todd and Jenni Gilfay and family
Giuseppe Giovanni Arici
Frank and Claire McGoldrick
Patrick Redmond

2014 Lenten Suppers and Talks

Saint Margaret School Hall

Friday Evenings 6:00 PM

Theme: Reflections on Pope Francis

- March 7 Sponsored by Cub Scout Pack #564
Menu: Macaroni & Cheese, Tuna Salad, Egg Salad, Garden Salad and Dessert
Topic: Being born again and again and again Speaker: Germaine Hughes
- March 14 Sponsored by Girls Scout Troop #289
Menu: Minestrone Soup, Baked Ziti, Italian Bread, PB&J Sandwiches and Dessert
Topic: Formed by our Journey Speaker: Fr. Doug Kenney
- March 21 Sponsored by Meet and Greet Hospitality Ministers
Menu: Heartwarming Meatless Chili with Salad, Bread and Dessert
Topics: Musical Presentation by our Youth Music Group
- March 28 Sponsored by Substance Abuse Ministry
Menu: Crab Soup, Grilled Cheese, PB&J, Garden Salad and Dessert
Topic: The Art of Listening Speaker: Dr. Deborah Egerton
- April 4 Sponsored by Saint Margaret Choirs and Music Ministries
Menu: Tomato Bisque Soup, Grilled Cheese and Tuna Sandwiches and Dessert
Topic: The Joy of Discipleship Speaker: Fr. Mike Schlepner
- April 11 Sponsored by Saint Margaret Men's and Little Rock Scripture Study Groups
Menu: Spaghetti, Garden Salad, Italian Bread and Dessert
Topic: Casting the Net and Getting out of the Boat Speaker: Marie Dekowski

So make your Fridays in Lent a kitchen-free night!
Come, let us feed your body, mind and spirit this Lenten season!



Lenten Resources and Opportunities

Little Black Books encourage us to “Spend some quiet time with the Lord” through daily six-minute reflections. Keep one on your dinner table to start faith-filled conversations with your family. Feel free to use these books as gifts to family members and friends and encourage them to use the book as their companion for Lent. Little Black Books can be found in the pamphlet racks.

Disciples on the Journey is an inspirational Lenten resource for families and small groups that help us to deepen our personal relationship with Jesus and to live our lives as faithful witnesses to God's Word. The booklets can be found in the pamphlet racks.

Between Sundays from “The Five Loaves” is an online ‘Visio Divina’ – a meditation on a visual interpretation of the Word of God. In using this weekly 5-7 minute resource we are inspired through thoughtful reflection and music to live the Word of God in our daily lives. Visit www.thefiveleaves.com to sign up for your weekly email.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday in the chapel, this is an opportunity to pray in the presence of our Lord in a unique way. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm when a 15-minute Benediction service is held. If you would like to join us or have any questions, please contact Gene Goeller at 410-838-0445. *Praying in quietude in our Lord's presence is an awesome experience.*

Parish Notes . . .

Outreach Notes

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Since 1905, our parish has served Catholics and the wider community of Bel Air and Harford County. We invite all to join us as we live our faith and reach out in charity to those in need.


Local Non-Profit to Raise Money for Saint Margaret Outreach Ministry

The mission of the Society of the Italian American Businessmen (SIAB), is the newest charitable organization to form in the Harford County, is to support other non-profit organizations in Harford County and surrounding areas and to assist young students in need with scholarships. The first organization to benefit from this Italian American group's efforts will be Saint Margaret Parish Outreach Ministry. SIAB's sizable donation will be given on April 11th at the organization's 1st Annual Spring Gala. “Thank you for sharing with me the vision and work of SIAB...I am sure you will do great things here in Harford County. Thank you for wanting to make Saint Margaret Outreach the recipient of your charitable giving for this year...I am very grateful,” said Msgr. Michael Schlepner. The donation for the Outreach Ministry will help many arms of the parish including the Cooperative Food Ministry, FCCAU Welcome One Shelter, and the Birthright Pregnancy Resource Center, just to name a few. For information on obtaining tickets for the Gala contact Mark Dardozzi @ 410-207-8060.

Widows and Widowers Group


Tuesday, March 11 at 12:30 pm in the Adult Education Center. Please bring your own lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. After lunch, we plan to view the movie “Lincoln”. New members are welcome.

Health Ministry



Today it is not uncommon to see people of all ages wearing headphones or earbuds. The long-term effects these devices may have on our hearing are a concern. Another deals with safety. A study done by the University of Maryland School of Medicine states the number of fatal accidents involving pedestrians wearing headphones or earbuds has tripled in recent years. As Lent approaches, talk with your family members about reducing the amount of time plugged into these devices, and increasing the time spent listening to the sounds of nature, the voices of God, of family and of friends. For more information, contact our Health Ministry Team by sending an e-mail to saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org.

Substance Abuse Ministry



Are you or a loved one struggling with substance abuse issues? Please come to one of the weekly meetings in the Lower Meeting Room in the Elementary School on the Saint Margaret campus.

Mondays, 7:00 pm - Families Anonymous
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

Reconciliation / Penance Services
The Harford Region

March 19 ~ 10:00 am - Noon	St. John's, Hydes
April 1 ~ 7:30 pm	St. Francis de Sales
April 7 ~ 7:00 pm	Prince of Peace
7:00 pm	St. Ignatius
April 8 ~ 12:15 pm	Saint Margaret
7:30 pm	Saint Margaret
April 9 ~ 4:00 - 7:00 pm	St. Stephen's
April 11 ~ 7:30 pm	Holy Spirit
April 14 ~ 7:00 pm	St. Mary's Pylesville

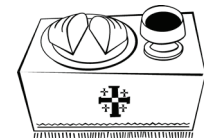


The Great Divorce

by C.S. Lewis will be the topic of a six-hour spiritual journey on three consecutive **Mondays, March 24, 31 and April 7** from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the Adult Education Center. Come take the mystical bus ride and meet the various characters who show how we let our self-righteousness lead us down the wrong paths; the Bishop, the Big Man and George McDonald. You may just change your life! This discussion will be presented by Deacon Marty Wolf and is sponsored by the Mother Teresa Human Life Commission. An informational session to pick up the book will be on **March 11** in the parish office at 7:00 pm. **Please register with Jane O'Hara by March 6, at 410-838-6969 or johara@stmargaret.org.**

Corner

Ashes to Ashes!



All this talk the last three weeks about commitment to and love of God, metanoia, and internal and individual, as well as external and social fasting, leads us to what is about to begin Wednesday. Each week, as part of our Dismissal from Mass, we are called.

“Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.”

“Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.”

These exhortations encourage us to deepen our faith, have confidence in the Gospel, and possess a willingness to share the Gospel. Ash Wednesday affords us the perfect opportunity to do just that. Have you ever been asked, “What’s with that dirt on your forehead?” Proudly share the answers.

It’s a tradition rooted in the Old Testament. “I turned to the Lord God, to seek help, in prayer and petition, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.” (Daniel 9:3)

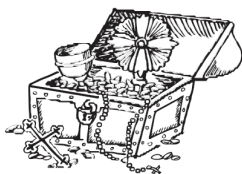
It’s a call to repentance - a physical sign that we are in need of forgiveness.

It reminds us that God created us from earth and to earth we shall return.

But more importantly, because God created us, we are precious in His eyes. Even when our bodies return to the earth, our souls are meant to live forever with him.

Remember this as you continue to answer God’s call to renewal on Wednesday and begin a God-filled Lenten journey.

TREASURE HUNT



“Treasure Hunt” is a children’s activity bulletin. It is available at the doors for your child to take home with them as they leave Mass. A new activity bulletin will come out on the first weekend of each month and also will be available throughout that month. We encourage your child to take one home.

Adult Faith Notes

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Little Rock Scripture Study

The Minor Prophets will be the topic of discussion for the next Scripture study beginning **Wednesday, March 12**, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Adult Education Center. A prophet speaks for God. He brings the word of God to the people of God and calls the people to respond. Come join us in studying the prophets and their importance to our lives today. If you are new to the group, please register by contacting Marie Dekowski 410-879-2670, extension 126 or mdekowski@stmargaret.org.



Coffee and Conversation

Our next gathering will take place on **Thursday, March 6** at 9:00 am, in the Adult Education Center. Please feel free to drop by and enjoy homemade goodies and fellowship.

Catholic Men’s Fellowship Annual Conference

Theme: **Men of Light in an Age of Darkness**
Register now for the Catholic Men’s Fellowship Annual Conference, **Saturday, March 29**, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm at the Calvert Hall High School Auditorium in Towson, featuring: Cardinal Wuerl from Washington, Tim Staples from Catholic Answers and Rev. Alex Jones. 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. Space is limited, register now.

Marriage Moments



March 5 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Sunday’s gospel reminds us “Why are you anxious about clothes? (Mt 6: 28) **Blessed By Less** (Susan Vogt) offers ways to let go of some of your clothes (and other possessions) gracefully. It’s a Lenten practice that can clear your mind



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Youth Ministry

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High School & College Youth Ministry ~ FiRE House



Dinner & Faith on FiRE – Every Tuesday 6:00-7:00 pm. We will meet at FiRE House for dinner and faith sharing. We will focus on the

readings for the upcoming weekend and discuss any current events happening in the Catholic Church, with a special focus on Pope Francis. All high school and college students are welcome!

High School Hangout Nights

Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Come join us - movies, games, fun!

College and Young Adult Ministry

Join us **Wednesday nights, 7:00 - 9:00 pm** at FiRE House (329 Wright Street). Social, spiritual and service events. Bring a friend!

Appalachia & Baltimore Work Camp

Once again this year, we will participate in the Appalachia work camp experience in Preston County, West Virginia. The work camp is open to all current high school students. Dates are **June 22-28**. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Kristin in the parish office or send an e-mail krupprecht@stmargaret.org. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up soon! We would also like to offer a Baltimore work camp this year, and we are in need of two adults to accompany the group for the week. Baltimore work camp also runs **June 22-28**. Contact Kristin Rupprecht.



Haiti Mission Trip

The Missions Office of the Archdiocese of Baltimore is seeking volunteers aged 16-20 for the 2014 mission trip to Haiti. The trip is **July 6-12** in Saint Marc, Haiti. For information, call Kristin at the parish office.

We Need Your Help!

Sign up with eScrip to help us raise funds for our youth ministry events such as work camp, conferences and leadership training. You can sign up online – eScrip works with merchant partners to contribute to our group each time you shop at no cost to you! Please go to escrip.com, click on “sign-up”, follow the instructions to register your grocery cards and existing credit/debit cards. You can select up to three organizations to support. Our group name is St. Margaret’s Youth Ministry. Thank you in advance for your help!



Education Notes ...

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Classes This Week...

Sunday Classes:

March 2 and March 9



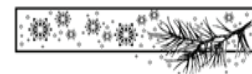
Elementary Wednesday Classes:

Meet in Church for Ash Wednesday service. Students sit with their class. Parents sit in pews behind students.

Middle/High School Programs:

March 4 ~ Make-Up Class

March 5 ~ No Class but please attend an Ash Wednesday service.



Scripture of the month: *Psalm 51:10* “Create in me a clean heart, O God.”

Saint Margaret School

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Important Dates For March

- March 3** Band; MS Tutor Club; PreK Father’s Night
- March 4** Hot Lunch; H.S.A. Executive Board Mtg. POWR 7:00 pm
- March 5** Mass: Ash Wednesday
- March 6** Hot Lunch; Field Trip, Gr. 5 St. Mary’s Seminary/Cathedral Dr. Schall’s Dental Puppet Show PreK-1
- March 7** Senior Luncheon; End of Trimester 2

Looking Ahead:

Book Fair Week starts **March 10**

First Eucharist Retreat

On **Saturday, March 15** all students registered for First Eucharist will attend a morning retreat from 9:30 am - 12:15 pm. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Keri Geibler at kgeibler@stmargaret.org

Saint Jude Shop

Coming to Saint Margaret Church!

On **Saturday, March 15** the Saint Jude Shop from Philadelphia, PA will set up in the baptistery from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. The items will be available before and after the Saturday Masses. They will have a variety of religious articles and First Communion accessories and attire. Visit www.stjudeshop.com to see their selection.

CRS Rice Bowl

Our Faith Formation program will once again be participating in the Catholic Relief Services’ Rice Bowl campaign. This Lenten program combines prayer, acts of service, and donations

to the “Rice Bowl” campaign that aids impoverished countries around the world. Students in Preschool-Grade 9 received their Rice Bowl packets last week. Please incorporate this program into your Lenten activities!

Ash Wednesday is March 5

All Elementary Wednesday Faith Formation classes will attend the Ash Wednesday Service/Mass that coordinates with their scheduled class time. For example, all students who attend the 4:45 pm class will report to the church and sit with their class for the Ash Wednesday Prayer Service at 5:00 pm. All students who attend the 6:45 pm classes will report to the church and sit with their class for the 7:00 pm Mass.

All parents will sit in the pews behind the students. Students will be dismissed from their pews directly after the Service/ Mass.



Stand Certification Reminder

ALL chaperones on field trips must be STAND-certified. This includes chaperones riding on a bus with students as well as any chaperone who is meeting the class at the destination. Please contact Brenda Bell at 410-877-9660 or bbell@smsch.org with any questions. If you are uncertain about your status, please e-mail Mrs. Bell and she will check it for you.

Spotlight On: Student Achievements
Ultimate Cheerstarz
Cheerleading Competition

The SMS cheerleaders competed at the Ultimate Cheerstarz Cheerleading Competition at Harford Community College. The squad made up of 7th and 8th grade girls took 1st place. Way to go girls!! Thank you to our coaches Annemaria Spilker, Micaela Powers, Susie Barnd and Emily Schiavone.

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