



# SAINT MARGARET

## PARISH

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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 8 - March 16, 2014

Saturday	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	Special intention for parishioners
	11:00 am	Arthur E. Flach
Monday	6:30 am	Suzan Abrams
	8:30 am	Dennis M. Baccaro, Sr.
Tuesday	6:30 am	Souls of the family of Thomas D. Noeth, Sr.
	8:30 am	Mary Kelly Reinmann
Wednesday	6:30 am	Willard Bull
	8:30 am	Nancy Schuster Natoli
	8:30 am (Mission)	Linda Hock Toscano
Thursday	6:30 am	Scott Hamrick
	8:30 am	Special Intention
Friday	6:30 am	Michael Juhasz
	8:30 am	Nancy B. McGowan
Saturday	8:30 am	Ed Novak
	4:00 pm	Peter Barczak
	5:30 pm	John, Margaret and Robert Wilzack
Sunday	7:30 am	Paul and Josephine Guercio
	9:00 am	Jack Levee
	10:30 am	Annemarie Fitzpatrick
	12:00 pm	John Stech
	9:30 am Mission	Santo Barco
	11:00 am Mission	Anthony Strasavich

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

### Nursery Service Available



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 16, 2014

### Second Sunday of Lent

**Reading I:** Genesis 12:1-4  
**Reading II:** 2 Timothy 1:8b-10  
**Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

**Key Passage:** Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. (Matthew 17:1-2)

**Adult:** How has your faith in Jesus transformed you? What difference does your faith in Jesus Christ make in your life?

**Child:** How has the example of Jesus helped you become a better person and Christian? What difference does your faith in Jesus Christ make in your life?

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# SAINT MARGARET PARISH

*Seeking a world transformed and unified in Christ*

Saint Margaret Church

Bulletin for the week of March 9, 2014

Saint Mary Magdalen Mission



First Sunday in

Welcome to Saint Margaret

We are so glad you are able to join us today to celebrate the First Sunday of Lent. Have a wonderful week and remember – the most beautiful thing is to see a person smiling; and even more beautiful is knowing that you are the reason behind it!

## Breaking News

### Play It Forward ~ AEC

Monday, March 10 from 10:00 - 11:30 am in the AEC

### Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

Tuesday, March 11, after the 8:30 am Mass until 6:00 pm in Saint Margaret Chapel.

### Hooked on Prayer ~ AEC

Tuesday, March 11 from 9:30 - 11:00 am

### Widows and Widowers Group ~ AEC

Tuesday, March 11 at 12:30 pm

For more detailed information on the above events, see Outreach on page 3

### Lenten Supper ~ Parish Hall

#### Friday ~ March 14

Sponsored by Girl Scout Troop #289

**Menu:** Minestrone, baked ziti, Italian bread, PB&J sandwiches and dessert

**Topic:** Formed by Our Journey  
**Speaker:** Fr. Doug Kenney

## Welcome

Jordyn Taylor Bohlen  
Anna Jean Baker  
Parker Katherine Howell



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

## Family Snow Day Event

On Saturday, February 22, roughly 300 parishioners participated in Family Snow Day, one of several free family social events organized by Saint Margaret Church. After celebrating the 4:00 pm Mass, attendees gathered in the parish hall for pizza, salad, chips and drinks. Many parishioners brought desserts to share. The children were entertained with snow-themed crafts and activities, including creating an edible snowman, cutting and decorating snowflakes and arranging stickers to create picturesque winter scenes. An area of the hall was roped off for "ice-skating" (the children used sheets of wax paper to shuffle and slide around the "rink"). Another popular attraction was the snowball toss. The object of this game was to successfully throw a yarn "snowball" into a snowman target to win a prize. Thanks to the hard work of more than 30 volunteers, Family Snow Day was a fun night where families and fellow parishioners could strengthen their bond.



Please join us for our next family event on April 19, the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. See faith formation on page 5 for more information.



## 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



## TREASURE HUNT

"Treasure Hunt" is a children's activity bulletin. It is available at the doors for your child to take home after 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.



## Embracing Our Mission Campaign News

Thank you! Your generosity continues to bring us closer to our goal! Much has been accomplished over the years at our parish and we are thankful to all who have made a gift or pledge to this campaign. To date, we have pledges of \$3.6 million toward our \$4 million goal. Still, there are significant challenges and opportunities ahead. Our 44 year-old church building needs some critically important repair, renovation and liturgical enhancement. Yellow Capital Campaign envelopes are included in your packet of envelopes each month and are also available at the doors of the church and Callahan Center.

## Tired of the Snow?



We count on your offertory contributions. Have you been unable to get to church because of all the snow and ice? Consider using our electronic funds transfer program.

Forms are available at the doors of the church and the Callahan Center, in the parish office and also on the parish website, [www.stmargaret.org](http://www.stmargaret.org) and click on the "Stewardship" tab or call Karen Saccenti, 410-879-2670, ext. 112.

## From Father Mike



Dear Friends,  
**This weekend we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent.** To appreciate what this season can mean for us, I suggest that we look

at the day it began and the day before that, in other words, this past Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Over the centuries, the day before Lent begins has come to be known as Shrove Tuesday.** When it originated in medieval times, Shrove Tuesday was a day for the confession of sins in anticipation of Lent. **The word Shrove comes from an Old English verb *shrive*, which means to impart penance, forgiveness and absolution.** While Lent originally was a time for those seeking entrance into the Church to repent and prepare for the cleansing water of baptism, it eventually also became a time of repentance for all those already baptized. As this happened, Shrove Tuesday ceased being a day for penance and absolution.

**Instead, Shrove Tuesday became a day to use up the goodies in the house, like sugar, butter, jellies, and cream.** People would bake cakes and pastries and they would have a party and try to eat – get rid of – all the treats in the house. They did this "feasting" because the season of "fasting", Lent, was beginning the next day, Ash Wednesday. This practice is the origin of Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday), Carnival in some areas, and of Pancake Day or Pancake Suppers in our own culture. As many of you know, we had a Pancake Supper here at Saint Margaret's this past Tuesday.

**The other thing we did on Shrove Tuesday evening was to burn old palms.** Every year on Palm Sunday we are handed a piece of palm as we enter church. This reminds us of Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of

Jerusalem. The palm is blessed and our Catholic tradition is to wedge it behind a hanging picture or place it in a vase at home as a spiritual reminder of Jesus throughout the year. We are asked to return these palms to church in the weeks before Ash Wednesday so that they can be burned and reduced to ashes. We did this outside the parish hall before the Pancake Supper this past Tuesday evening. This is a visible reminder that the time of feasting is ending and we are about to enter a time of fasting. On the following day, Ash Wednesday, we had ashes imposed on our forehead in the form of a cross to designate the time of fasting and renewal that we are beginning.

**So, yes, Lent calls us to some fasting.** I have to admit that I don't especially like fasting or giving up eating certain things. The Church sets down some minimal norms for fasting and abstaining from meat during Lent. They are printed here in this bulletin. In addition to these communal acts of fasting, we are also encouraged to choose something additional that is personal to ourselves, like not having dessert, soft drinks or wine, or having some meatless meals several times each week.

**I know that giving up something or self-denial has a place in my life.** For one thing, it makes me look inside myself. It makes me very aware that it is really God who fills my deepest hunger. And it also puts me in touch with parts of me that I need to give up – like my impatience when things don't go as I want them to go. This is the real, ultimate purpose of fasting and of Lent – fasting permanently from attitudes or behaviors that keep us away from God. **So, I encourage all of us to embrace some fasting or self-denial during these weeks of Lent. In fact, the Season of Lent really reminds us that self-denial and looking within are really to be part of every day and every season of the year.**

*Father Mike*

## Reminder: Bulletin Due Date

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 fax to 410-879-2518 or e-mail [kreilly@stmargaret.org](mailto:kreilly@stmargaret.org)

## Community Notes

### Our Patriotic Rosary

Today, March 9, at 12:00 pm at Holy Spirit Church in Joppatown. The Patriotic Rosary is a powerful prayer for divine protection and mercy for our nation and its rebirth. We invite all to come and pray for our country.

### Camp St. Charles

Boys and girls over-night summer camp in southern Maryland. Open House ~ **Sunday, March 9**, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. For more information visit their web-site [www.campstcharles.com](http://www.campstcharles.com) or call 301-934-8799 or e-mail [csclaurahall@gmail.com](mailto:csclaurahall@gmail.com)

### Lunchtime Bingo

**Wednesday, March 19.** Saint Mark's Catholic Church in Fallston. Games start at 11:00 am. Lunch and basic bingo package is \$15.

### Caregiver and Senior Resource Conference "Lightening The Load of Caregiving"

**Saturday, April 5** from 8:00 am - 2:30 pm at the Veronica "Roni" Chenoweth Activity Center in Fallston. Hosted by G.A.I.N. (Harford County's Geriatric Assistance and Information Network). Please visit [www.maarylandaccesspoint.info](http://www.maarylandaccesspoint.info) for more information. This is a free event.

### A Marian Journey

A Marian journey to Switzerland, Germany and Austria featuring three national shrines under the spiritual direction of Fr. Jesse Bolger. **Tuesday September 30 to Thursday October 9.** For additional information and reservations contact Rev. Jesse Bolger 240-405-8001 or e-mail [jessebolger@hotmail.com](mailto:jessebolger@hotmail.com).

### Seton Keough High School

Spring Open House ~ Saturday, March 29. Contact the Office of Admissions: 410-646-4444, ext. 3248.



# Parish Notes ...

## Second Annual Retro Dance

Sponsored by Welcome One Emergency Homeless Shelter and The Havens of Hope Housing Program. **Saturday, March 29** from 6:00 - 11:00 pm at the Callahan Center at Saint Mary Magdalen. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Hot and cold buffet, cash bar available. For more information contact Marie Dekowski at 410-371-5825.



## LENTEN RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

found in the pamphlet rack or on-line

**Little Black Books** encourage us to “spend some quiet time with the Lord” through daily six-minute reflections.

**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.

**Between Sundays** from “The Five Loaves” is an online “Visio Divina” – a meditation on a visual interpretation of the Word of God.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS~ Chapel**  
**Tuesdays in Lent** at 6:00 pm  
**Fridays in Lent** at 12:15 and 5:30 pm

### 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

### LENTEN SUPPERS

Parish Hall ~ Fridays during Lent  
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

## Outreach Notes

Jane O’Hara  
Outreach Coordinator  
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johara@stmargaret.org

### Play It Forward

Our next get-together will be on **Monday, March 10** from 10 – 11:30 am in the Adult Education Center. Please come share fellowship and fun by playing simple games with our vary abled friends from the ARC and United Cerebral Palsy. All ages are invited to join us for bingo, crafts and a sing-a-long.

### Hooked on Prayer

**Tuesday, March 11**, from 9:30 -11:00 am. This group of knitters and crocheters will meet in the Adult Education Center to make prayer shawls for individuals who may be ill or in a care facility. You don’t need to know how to crochet or knit. Group members are glad to teach those interested in learning these skills. Please join us for friendly fellowship and a chance to make a warm difference for those who are sick or in need.

### 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.

### Mother Teresa Human Life Commission Good Shepherd Scholarship

\$1500 prize. Application deadline ~ April 1, The goal is to encourage a high school student, who is also a Saint Margaret parishioner, to develop a community outreach project of their own design that reflects one of the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching. The proposed project MUST be one that will affect individuals in Harford County. Finalists will be asked to interview with the selection committee. The winner will be announced by April 15, 2014. The recipient must carry out and complete all project work by December 31, 2014. For questions or more information, please contact Jane O’Hara in the parish office. To download the application form, please visit the parish website at [www.stmargaret.org](http://www.stmargaret.org).

## 2014 Maryland March for Life Annapolis, MD

**Monday, March 10.** We are in the process of forming carpools. If you are interested in attending, or need more information please contact: Kathy Sangmeister 410-459-1649 or [kathysang@aol.com](mailto:kathysang@aol.com). Plan to leave Bel Air at 3:00 pm. Anyone with a van or SUV willing to drive would be greatly appreciated.

## Health Ministry



The positive association between spirituality and health continues to grow stronger. Feed your body, mind and spirit this Lenten season by participating in our parish’s weekly Lenten Suppers. Allow yourself to be inspired by the messages of Pope Francis, which are presented every week. Strengthen your relationship with God as you spend some time in reflection during the week. For more information on the connection of the mind, body and spirit, contact the Health Ministry Team by calling 410-838-6969 or send an email to [saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org](mailto:saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org)

## Substance Abuse Ministry

**HEALING RECOVERY PREVENTION PEACE** 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

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

The mission of the Society of the Italian American Businessmen (SIAB), the newest charitable organization to form in 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. For information on obtaining tickets for the Gala contact Mark Dardozi at 410-207-8060.

## Corner



## The Elect

Saint Margaret has five *catechumens* (an un-baptized person seeking formal entry into the Church) and 13 *candidates* (an already baptized person seeking to become a Catholic) journeying toward a celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening.

Imagine – 18 people going through the process of conversion (or reconversion); 18 people who have been studying, praying, learning; 18 people who will bring a gift of new life to our faith community.

This Sunday is special for our *catechumens* and *candidates*. With *The Rite of Sending*, we, their Saint Margaret family, express our approval of them by sending them to the **Rite of Election** for the catechumens and **The Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion** for the candidates. These rites bring to a close the period devoted to formal preparation for full initiation into the Catholic Church and sends them forth to the next period of the RCIA – Purification and Enlightenment – during these 40 days of Lent. They will no longer be called catechumens and candidates. They will be the *elect*.

Let us keep our *elect* in our thoughts and prayers as we journey through Lent. Let them be our inspiration for study and prayers to deepen our faith life and increase our love of Christ.

## Spaghetti Dinner

**Saturday, March 22**

in the parish hall. Two sittings at 5:00 pm and also at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$5 (PreK 3 - 5th grade) and \$7.50 (6th grade - adult). Our menu will include: salad, spaghetti with sauce, spaghetti with meatballs, lasagna, plain noodles, GLUTEN-FREE noodles (NEW this year!), cake, festive red and green Jell-O cups, soft drinks, milk, coffee, tea and water. Many activities for families included. Tickets can be purchased in the front office of the school (brick building), M-F during school hours.

Contact [cindi.stewart@verizon.net](mailto:cindi.stewart@verizon.net).



## 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. 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](mailto:mdekowski@stmargaret.org).



## Parish Bus Trip to Emmitsburg

**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](mailto:mdekowski@stmargaret.org).

## The Great Divorce

This book 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. If interested, please come to the planning meeting on **March 11** in the parish office at 7:00 pm.

## Marriage Moments

The serpent tempted Eve to doubt God's counsel. (Gn 3:1-5). Jesus was tempted to give in to comfort, pride, and power. (Mt 4:1-11). What is the biggest temptation to your marriage these days - Busyness? Self-righteousness? Worries about money or children?



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## Youth Ministry

Kristin Rupprecht  
Youth and Young Adult Minister  
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## High School &amp; 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!

## 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](mailto:tnewberry27@gmail.com).

## Appalachia &amp; 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](mailto: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



## 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.



## Faith Formation

410-879-2670/410-838-6969

## Preschool and Elementary

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## Middle and High School

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## Classes This Week...

## Sunday Classes:

March 9 and 16

## Elementary Wednesday Classes:

March 12

## Middle/High School Programs:

Tuesday, March 11 and Wednesday, March 12

## CRS Rice Bowl

Our Faith Formation program will once again be participating in the Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl campaign. If your student has not received a Rice Bowl packet for this year, you may pick one up in the back of church or at the Parish Office.



## Education Notes ...

## First Eucharist Retreat This Saturday



This Saturday, March

**15** all students registered for First Eucharist will attend a morning retreat from 9:30 am - 12:15 pm. Please arrive at Saint Margaret Church promptly and check in with your color-group leader. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Keri Geibler at [kgeibler@stmargaret.org](mailto:kgeibler@stmargaret.org).

## Saint Jude Shop Coming This Saturday

This Saturday, March 15 the Saint Jude Shop from Philadelphia, PA will set up in the baptistry of the church from 9:00 am - 6:00 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](http://www.stjudeshop.com) to see their selection.

## Living Stations of the Cross Be a Part of It!

It is a tradition for our parish youth to present the Living Stations of the Cross each year on Good Friday, as well as to the middle and high school Faith Formation students during their spring Large Group Sessions. 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 pm in the church.



## Save the Date: Easter Egg Hunt

Save the date for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 19** from 10 am - noon at Saint Mary Magdalen. Food, fun, activities and visit from the Easter Bunny are planned. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Keri Geibler at [kgeibler@stmargaret.org](mailto:kgeibler@stmargaret.org).



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

## Saint Margaret School

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Phil Federowicz ~ [pfederowicz@smsch.org](mailto:pfederowicz@smsch.org)

**Admissions:** Cecelia Pleiss ~ [cpleiss@smsch.org](mailto:cpleiss@smsch.org)



## News from the Admissions Office

Saint Margaret School is accepting new applications for admission for the 2014-2015 school year. Tell your friends and neighbors. Please contact Cecilia Pleiss, Admissions Director at 410-879-1113

## Parish Tuition Assistance for Saint Margaret School

Tuition assistance information is available on the parish website at [www.stmargaret.org](http://www.stmargaret.org). Click on the About Us tab, and then click on School.

**By March 14** ~ Submit ALL required documents to SSS.

Refer to the checklist on the Parish website. The parish provides tuition assistance grants to eligible school families enrolled for the upcoming school year. Applications are reviewed in strict confidence by a committee using a blind process. You may also contact Mary Ellen Bates at the parish office with questions.

## Looking Ahead:

H.S.A. Spaghetti Dinner, March 22

## Harford County Reading Council's Annual Writing Contest

Congratulations to the following students who were winners in the annual Harford County Reading Council's Young Author's Writing Contest.

**Grade 6** in the short story category

First Place—Jared Jefferson

**Grade 7** in the short story category

Second Place—Paul Haigley

**Grade 7** in the short story category

Third Place – Emily McLaughlin

**Grade 8** in the short story category

First Place—Madeline Smith

**Grade 8** in the poetry category

Third Place - Meghan Sheehan

These students will be honored at the Young Author's Writing Contest Award Ceremony where they will read a portion of their writing and receive prizes for their outstanding accomplishments. The first place winners' entries will go on to the state competition.