

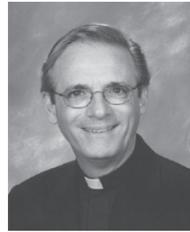
Message from Father John

Just as the weather has warmed up during the past week, I've been able to enjoy the warm feeling that comes with being back at Saint Margaret. After four weeks away from Bel Air, I've experienced the comfort that comes from being among people whose prayers and good wishes have helped me feel better each day.

Holy Week greets us again, with words and images that remind us how compassionate God is. I'll be praying that each of us can grow in hope this week, confident that nothing stands between us and God, if we just leave room for God to have a place in our lives.

Blessings and peace!
Father John

From Father Mike



Dear Friends,
We call the week that we are now beginning Holy Week because in it we remember the events that form the basis of our

faith. Our remembering is more than a mental exercise. This spiritual and liturgical remembering is intended to draw us more fully into the mystery of dying and rising which is the center of our faith. We are to be in an ongoing process of growing into this mystery and of interpreting and living out each day as a dying and rising with Jesus. This is why we have a Holy Week and why we repeatedly celebrate the Eucharist – *“Do this in memory of me.”*

The Church's official title for this Sunday, the day that begins Holy Week, is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. It sounds a bit odd. Until several decades ago, what we now call the Fifth Sunday of Lent (last Sunday) was called Passion Sunday and today was simply called Palm Sunday. The Church made some revisions in our liturgy and combined the two titles – Palm and Passion. There is a good reason for this.

On one level, for Jesus the experience of palm quickly gave way to his passion and death. People waved palm branches and warmly greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. And yet, this upbeat moment was short-lived because within days, he was arrested and his followers abandoned him.

On another level, what happened to Jesus – the palm and the passion – reflects our experience of human life. Our lives can change in a minute. One week the economy can be great, and the next week the stock market can crash and a deep recession can begin. One day we are feeling well, and the next day we can be in the emergency room with a possible heart attack. One

minute we are driving leisurely to the grocery store, and the next minute we are in an accident. Human life can change quickly.

So, this weekend we begin our liturgy with the blessing and procession of palms. Liturgically, we remember Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and then we listen to the story of the passion of Jesus. This dramatic change moves us to identify with Jesus, to be one with him and in that way to try to accept the palm and passion in our own lives. We do this, of course, believing that the passion will eventually yield to Easter, to resurrection.

This year we are hearing the Passion according to Saint Matthew. I want to mention one event that makes Matthew's account of the Passion distinctive and different from that of Mark, Luke, and John.

Only Matthew's gospel reports the suicide of Judas. The Acts of the Apostles does record this, but not the other gospels. Judas' suicide emerges as the ultimate betrayal. Very possibly Judas realized and was shocked by the evil he had done. Nevertheless, he still failed to trust the one he had betrayed, the one who had preached the God of love and the availability of forgiveness. He failed to trust the one who he now realized was so uniquely good and holy. Judas failed to believe in Jesus' love and mercy. **Perhaps Matthew wants us to take special note of this and realize that the love of Jesus is unconditional and that he will love and forgive us no matter what we have done. We only need to trust him.**

We have mailed to all parishioners the entire schedule for Holy Week and Easter. That schedule is also contained in this bulletin. Please try to participate in these enriching liturgies. You will not be disappointed.

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 bulletinsaintmargaret.org.

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Community Notes

Lunchtime Bingo

Wednesday, April 23 at 11:00 am. Saint Mark's Church in Fallston. Lunch and bingo package \$15.

Spring Fried Chicken Dinner

Saturday, April 26, from noon - 6:00 pm. St. Mary's Church, Pylesville, MD

Reconciliation Service The Harford Region

April 14 ~ 7:00 pm
St. Mary's Pylesville



Our Faith in Action Good Friday Collection

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land.

As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the holy places. Every year, each parish in the United States takes up a collection on Good Friday, as designated by the Holy Father. Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry.

We thank you for your support in the past and ask that you support this important collection again.

Parish Staff Change

This note is to let you know that CeeCee Meholic is resigning her position as Coordinator of Middle and High School Faith Formation. CeeCee began bringing to closure the formal parts of the programs for which she is responsible and her resignation will become effective on Friday, April 18.

CeeCee assumed this position in June 2011. She has brought energy and enthusiasm to her ministry and I am grateful for all the good she has accomplished. I feel confident that you join me in both thanking CeeCee and wishing her well in future endeavors.

Father Mike



Parish Notes ...

Living Stations of the Cross Good Friday, April 18 at 7:30 pm



It is a tradition at Saint Margaret for our parish youth to present the Living Stations of the Cross to the parish on Good Friday in the church. This is a beautiful presentation involving some of our middle and high school youth who have spent weeks preparing as actors and vocalists for this sacred service to remember our Lord's suffering and death. We hope that you will join us for this year's presentation.

Blessing of Foods at Easter Holy Saturday, April 19 10:00 am in the chapel



In earlier times meats and dairy products were excluded from the diet during Lent. As the end of the rigorous fast approached, people showed their joy and gratitude by taking their food to church for a blessing on Holy Saturday. They then reserved it for eating after the Easter Mass. The custom remains widespread in Eastern Europe among Christians of both Eastern and Western rites. Brought to the United States by immigrants, its popularity increased and still has meaning for us today. As we celebrate the Easter feast of new life, we bless the food which sustains our physical body and our whole being. We express our joy and gratitude for the food which nourishes us. Children's Easter baskets owe their origin to this custom of bringing baskets of food to church for blessing. Their baskets of candy and eggs may be included in the blessing service.

Outreach Notes

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Homeless Shelter Annual Basket Bingo

Friday, April 25 in the parish hall, featuring Longaberger baskets and Vera Bradley handbags. Doors open at 6:00 pm and bingo begins at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. Tickets are available in the parish outreach office.

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6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

The Cottage Thrift Shop

The Cottage Thrift Shop of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church at 24 Broadway across from ShopRite is in need of summer clothing: **Men's:** size small, short-sleeve dress shirts and polo shirts. **Boy's** size 3T, long summer pants. Clothing can be new or gently used. Bagged donations can be dropped off on the back porch at any time or on Friday and Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm.

Fashion Show and Luncheon

Saturday, April 26 at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Tickets are \$15 and include wine and cheese, lunch and the fashion show. For tickets call Emmanuel Church 410-838-7699 or Melita Maxwell 410-838-0822.

Substance Abuse Ministry

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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

Play It Forward

Our next get-together will be on **Monday, April 14** from 10:00 – 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.



The Poor Need Your Help Our Daily Bread



Looking for a way to make a difference in the lives of poor people? Once a month Saint Margaret parishioners feed hundreds of people at Our Daily Bread – a wonderful place in Baltimore City where poor and homeless people literally sit down for a served meal. No questions are asked about their status. They are simply treated with dignity and respect in an environment of Christian love and compassion. You can help by preparing a simple recipe. Members of our parish prepare the meal in their homes as they would for their family and then drop them off at the parish office or school. Pans and recipes are available in the church, Callahan Center and parish office. This is a wonderful way in which a family can work together in preparing a wholesome meal for some of God's special people.

Health Ministry



As you take part in the activities of Holy Week, take some time to reflect on the immensity of God's love for us which is behind all that this week commemorates. Any time you find that your spiritual health needs a boost; recall how Holy Week reveals the depth of God's love for us. You just may find the comfort and inspiration you need. For more information on the connection between our spiritual health and that of our mind and body, contact the Health Ministry Team by sending an e-mail to saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org

Corner



Not your ordinary Mass

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum (trid-oo-um). From the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday, though chronologically three days, it is liturgically one day, unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

The Triduum begins with the *Mass of the Lord's Supper*.

Mass begins with the procession and reception of the Holy Oils – the three oils used in the sacramental anointing of Baptism, Confirmation and the Sacrament of the Sick.

It continues with the washing of the feet. In the Judean environment of dusty roads and open footwear, foot washing was a practical expression of hospitality. Jesus was our ultimate example as he washed his disciples' feet and encouraged them to serve their friends in a like manner.

The liturgy concludes in silence as the Holy Eucharist is carried in procession to the chapel to be placed in reservation until Good Friday. The church is stripped of all decoration and takes on an atmosphere of quiet prayer and reflection as we prepare to continue the Triduum with the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Friday.

Ironbirds Game ~ Star Wars Night



Saturday, July 12 at 7:05 pm at Ripken Stadium. The Ironbirds will be playing the Auburn Doubledays, an affiliate of the Washington Nationals. Three packages are being offered. Crab Feast menu: \$47 per person. Home Run menu: \$28.50 per person. Buffets will be available for two hours or through the 7th inning. See the parish website www.stmargaret.org for complete menu and event details. The last option is just a game ticket and cap for \$13. No food or beverage is included in this package. There is also a \$5 beer option. Seating will be on the upper level of the Party Pavilion down the first base side. Please call the parish office 410-838-6969 to order your tickets for this highly requested event.

Adult Faith Notes

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Training for Eucharistic Ministers

A training session for those interested in becoming Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Saint Margaret Church or Saint Mary Magdalen Mission will be held on **Tuesday, May 6**, 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the church. We are in particular need of ministers who might want to serve at the 10:30 am or 12:00 pm Masses. If you plan to attend, or if you have questions, please contact Mary Ann Silvestri, axsilvestri@verizon.net or 410-838-6261.

Marriage Moments



Marriage can be like Holy Week. One day it's Palm Sunday and everyone is singing your praises. But the one closest to you can betray you. All seems lost.

It's not easy but faith reminds us of the forgiveness and sacrificial love, resurrection is possible. Can you believe it? Susan Vogt

Saint Dismas

I want to be like the Good Thief
Saint Dismas was his name
Though he didn't live a good life
God loved him just the same.

Tied to a cross as punishment
Held tight to wood by rope
Before he died to pay the price
He spoke with Christ with hope.

"You're innocent but I deserve
To die for what I've done
But please dear Lord remember me."
Christ said, "I will my son.

My Kingdom's way above the skies
In glory you'll be there
I'll welcome you with open arms
I heard your heartfelt prayer."

Helen Kline Paulus



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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!

FroYo Fundraiser!

Yogurt Mountain Rock Spring is hosting a fundraiser for Saint Margaret Youth Ministry on **Wednesday, April 30**, 5:00-9:00 pm. Please come support us! No flyer is necessary. Thank you!

Attention:
9th Grade Parents & Students
Confirmation Orientation Meetings

It's time to think about Confirmation preparation! Please plan to attend the required parent/candidate orientation meeting. The meeting will be offered at the Saint Mary Magdalen Callahan Center on the following dates for both parents and students (please choose one to attend): **Wed., May 14, 6:30-8:30 pm; Sun., May 18, 2:00-4:00 pm; Sun., May 18, 6:30-8:30 pm; Thurs., May 22, 6:30-8:30 pm.**

Baltimore Work Camp

We have a work camp opportunity in Baltimore open to current high school students. There are a few spots available! Work camp runs **June 22-28**. If you are interested, please contact Kristin in the parish office.

Summer Dates

Open to all middle and high school students
Hersheypark Trip: Thurs., June 19
Community Service Days: Mon., June 30, Wed., July 30, Wed., August 13



Education Notes ...

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Classes This Week...

Sunday Classes:

April 13 and April 27

Elementary Wednesday Classes:

No Classes on April 16

Middle/High School Programs:

Classes have ended. See you next year!

Easter Egg Hunt: Next Saturday!



Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is this coming **Saturday, April 19** from 10:00 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.

Scripture of the month: John 3:16 "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son."

Saint Margaret School

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Important Dates
For April

Easter Vacation: April 14 - March 21

School Resumes: Tuesday, April 22

2nd Trimester Honor Roll

Honor Roll 6th Grade: Justin Anderson, Sean Barwick, Katie Borlie, Spencer Bredesen, Thomas Cowan, Evan Exter, Ian Grzebien, Caroline Hopkins, Kirsten Ingold, Angela Kahoe, Garrett McNulty, Nicole Milano, Kately O'Connor, Anthony Pietro, Taylor Reider, Pete Saliaris, Jamie Sisk and Julia Snyder.

Honor Roll 7th Grade: Ava Barnd, Maria Beyer, Josh Bogdan, Carson Bredesen, Matthew Clark, Madelyn Cumpston, Hunter Currey, Michael Fenlon, Lauren Golya,

Home Study Programs

Home Study



All workbooks and assignments for all Home Study programs (K-9) are due to the parish office by **April 30**, if you have not already turned them in. Thank you for all of your hard work this year!

CRS Rice Bowl Turn-In

Thank you to all families and students who are currently participating in the CRS Rice Bowl campaign. Please turn in your donations as follows:

Middle/High School Programs: If you missed turning them in last week, please bring your donations to the Parish Office.

Elementary Programs: Please turn in your donations at the last class, which is **April 23**.

Sunday Classes: Please turn in your donations at the last class on **April 27**.

NOTE: If possible, please total the change you have collected and write a check to CRS Rice Bowl. Thank you!

Registration Form for Next Year

Our new 2014-2015 registration form for all of our Faith Formation programs is now available on our website. Next year's calendar is also available. Go to www.stmargaret.org and click on "Ministries" and then "Children." We want you back next year! **Register now!**

Vacation Bible Camp – Register Now!



Registration forms are now available on our website. Join us **June 23 – 27** from 9:00 am – noon daily. Your

child (grades Pre3 through 5) will enjoy crafts, music, dancing, skits, outdoor obstacle courses, treasure island-themed snacks and Bible stories to enrich their faith and love for Jesus. Volunteers are needed for this program to be a success. Please contact Keri Geibler (kgeibler@stmargaret.org) if you are interested.

Hope Grzebien, Andrew Guidi, Paul Haigley, Abigail Hershner, Ryan Ishak, Alex Lepert, Mallory Lyon, Kayla Maxwell, Claire Mottley, Shane McCarthy, Emma Olsen, Wyatt Peters, Jorge P. Silveira, Katherine Smith, Sarah Spaeth and Samuel Vido.

Honor Roll 8th Grade: Colin Bowes, Grace Burke, Veronica Ewing, David Fetcho, James Gorschboth, John Kyburz, Anna Maglov, David Pajerowski, Noah Sekowski, Ryan Waskiewicz and Francesca Winborn.

Principal's List 6th Grade: Gabrielle Baikauskas, Matthew Fabiszak, Claire Geier, Jared Jefferson, Madison Kozera, Forbes Lau, Christopher Link, Megan Messics, Harrison Spilker and Allison Storm.

Principal's List 7th Grade: Shivawn Angelo, Nicholas Boehl, Reilly Cisar, John Ferkan, Shannon King, Gabrielle Lambert,

Jennifer Lawless, Emily McLauchlin, Robert Niehaus, Margaret Schiavone and Emily Schultz.

Principal's List 8th Grade: Elizabeth Baummer, Lauren Becker, Isabella Brooke, Taylor Bynion, Olivia Collins, Anastasia DiPeso, Mary Fraiji, Grace Gercken, Ethan McCarthy, Annika Meyer, Amanda Pugh, Erin Rittershofer, Alex Scott, Madeline Smith and Gabriella Spilker.

Special Awards

Kim Trio Math Award: Gr. 8 – Justin Brown, Gr. 7 – Margaret Schiavone, and Gr. 6 – Caroline Hopkins.

Jackie Kinzler Science Award: Gr. 8 – Grace Gercken, Gr.7 – Gabrielle Lambert, and Gr.6 – Justin Anderson.

Language Arts Award: Gr. 8 – Madeline Smith, Gr. 7 – Paul Haigley, and Gr. 6 – Megan Messics.

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