



# 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 April 26 - May 4, 2014

Saturday	4:00 pm	Marie Reed
	5:30 pm	William Matejka, Sr.
	7:30 am	Michael Guercio
Sunday	9:00 am	Bob Doerfler
	10:30 am	Patricia Eckenrode
	12:00 pm	Amedeo and Palma Napolitano (sp. int.)
	9:30 am	Rita Rayner
	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Margaret Parish
Monday	6:30 am	Charlotte Ainsley
	8:30 am	Louis Sleater, Jr.
Tuesday	6:30 am	Souls of the family of Thomas D. Noeth, Sr.
	8:30 am	Janet Brulinski
Wednesday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Jerome Ford
	8:30 am Mission	Edward Kalaczynski (sp. int.)
Thursday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Nancy Schuster Natoli
Friday	6:30 am	Joseph dausch (sp. int.)
	8:30 am	Donald R. Esposito
Saturday	8:30 am	Thomas Sullivan
	4:00 pm	James DiCamillo
	5:30 pm	Parishioners of Saint Margaret Parish
Sunday	7:30 am	Paul and Josephine Guercio
	9:00 am	Lt. Owen Sweeney
	10:30 am	Jack Levee
	12:00 pm	Nancy Schuster Natoli
	9:30 am	Fr. J. Alphonse Frederick
	11:00 am	Sarah Elizabeth Hancock

**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 May 4, 2014

### Third Sunday of Easter

**Reading I:** Acts 2:14, 22-28

**Reading II:** 1 Peter 1:17-21

**Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

**Key Passage:** When he was at the table with the disciples, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. (Luke 24:30-31)

**Adult:** In what way have you come to know Jesus better through the breaking of the bread at Eucharist?

**Child:** When you join Jesus at the table of the Eucharist next Sunday, what would you like to thank him for?

### Recognizing the Lord

Peter's discourse

Filial obedience

Emmaus



# SAINT MARGARET PARISH

Seeking a world transformed and unified in Christ

Saint Margaret Church

Bulletin for the week of April 27, 2014

Saint Mary Magdalen Mission

### Welcome to Saint Margaret

Thank you for joining us today. Whether you're just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we're happy to have you here.

## Breaking News

### Pastoral Council Open Forum

The Pastoral Council will hold its open meeting this **Sunday, April 27** starting at 1:15 pm in the Adult Education Center. All are welcome to attend. Fr. Mike and Council members will be present to answer questions.

### Walking in Joy with Pope Francis

If you did not receive your copy of the book on Easter weekend, please be sure to pick one up as you leave today. They are available on the tables at the doors.



Our next gathering will take place on **Thursday, May 1** at 9:00 am, in the AEC. Please drop by and enjoy homemade goodies and fellowship.

### Training for Eucharistic Ministers

A training session for those interested in becoming Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the church or 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. Please contact Mary Ann Silvestri, [axsilvestri@verizon.net](mailto:axsilvestri@verizon.net) or 410-838-6261.

### Mother's Day Cards Are Here!

Mother's Day spiritual bouquet cards are available this weekend at the doors of the church, the mission and in the parish office. We will place names of all mothers submitted, living and deceased, on the altar to be remembered for the entire month of May.

## A Story of Faith ...

"I am a senior at Bel Air High School. Growing up, I was baptized in another Christian faith. I had always felt as if there was more to my faith and had always been fascinated with the depth and history of the Catholic religion. Last Easter Vigil, I was invited to come along to the Mass. I agreed to go and had no idea the impact that I would be left with as I left Saint Margaret later that night. Never had I felt so welcomed by a community or so much love and respect. It was the most I had ever gotten out of any church service I had previously been to. From that moment on, I knew that it was time to embark on the journey of Catholicism. By doing so, I signed up for a class every Wednesday called the Christian Initiation for Children or better known as CIC. CIC was where I really learned all about the Lord and the traditions of the Catholic religion. It brought me even closer to the Lord in so many ways. I was always able to ask any questions I had and even speak my mind during each session. I had no idea the significance behind everything in the Church and it was explained by the

help of the great teachers. The teachers in CIC were very personable and really wanted us to understand each lesson that was taught. Each week, I actually looked forward to going. Each session flew by, and I can't believe the day is finally here. People often ask me "Why did you make this decision?" and are often times shocked at my decision for my age. My reply is, "Why not?" Being a teenager, you feel the need to try to fit in. With my faith, however, it didn't matter what anyone says or comments. I knew that I had made the right decision for myself and that's all that matters. I could not be any happier with the outcome of this entire experience. My faith brings me a sense of comfort that I know I will not be able to feel anywhere else. I have been so inspired that I hope to soon take on the duty of a Eucharistic Minister to continue to serve. I am so thankful that my journey in faith has lead me to the decision to become Catholic and to join Saint Margaret." (continued on page 4 ~ CIC)

Megan Kotrla



## From Father Mike



Dear Friends,  
**Today I am giving a very important update on our church project. We have already reached the moment of decision and are nearing the moment of action.**

**You will recall that we conducted the *Embracing Our Mission* capital campaign in 2011 and early 2012.** This was basically for Archdiocesan capital needs. However, a portion of that campaign was also for Saint Margaret's capital needs, specifically, for our 45-year-old church building. All pledges are scheduled to be redeemed by December 2016 and we calculate that by that time, Saint Margaret will receive about \$650,000 from the campaign. I again thank all of you who have contributed so generously to this.

**Since 2011, I have often shared that our church building has major needs, most easily categorized as: Repair, Renovation and Liturgical Enhancement.**

**Repair needs are the most significant and most expensive.** They include new roofing on all flat areas, replacement of both the heating and the air conditioning systems, replacement of seven entrance doorways and some electrical system upgrade.

**Renovation needs are for bringing our church up to current, acceptable standards and desired usage.** They include new and enlarged restrooms, conversion of the baptistery into a gathering space for fellowship, and relocation of the Reconciliation Rooms.

**Liturgical Enhancement responds to our desire for some refreshing and highlighting of our sacred space.** This includes light and color especially in the sanctuary area, a crucifix in the sanctuary, the Stations of the Cross, shrines with votive candles in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, and relocating the image of the Risen Christ in the church.

**The total cost for the entire project is estimated at \$3 million.** We have arrived at that number after a careful design process that included our parish Facilities Committee, professional guidance from the Archdiocese, the architect whom the parish has retained for the project, and three professional estimates from recommended general contractors.

**The very important point that I must convey is this: we must proceed now with most of the repair needs. We can no longer wait on the roof and heating and air conditioning projects. We have patched these and held them together for as long as possible and now we must act.**

**At the same time, our Finance Committee and Pastoral Council have recommended and I have approved a maximum capital expenditure at this time of \$1.4 million. This means that we must divide this project into phases.**

**Accordingly, we have contracted with A. R. Mariani, Inc. as the general contractor for the following work:**

1. Replacement of all the flat surface roofing of the church, as well as repair and refashioning of the large skylight in the baptistery.
2. Replacement of the heating system
3. Replacement of the air conditioning system
4. Replacement of the seven entrance doorways of the church
5. Enhancement of the background to the sanctuary
6. Purchase and installation of a large crucifix for the sanctuary and relocation of the image of the Risen Christ in the church.

**The overwhelming majority of this \$1.4 million project will be for the repair of the shell and infrastructure of the building.** We included the liturgical enhancement at a cost of approximately of \$150,000, which is considerably altered and scaled down from the original vision that was proposed three years ago. This enhancement will provide a visible and desired result to this phase 1 of the church project. We believe that

it will be quite effective in uplifting the sacred character of our church and our inner spirit as we pray.

**We will cover the cost of this \$1.4 million phase in the following way:**

- Use of the remaining parish capital reserve of \$420,000
- Use of accumulated proceeds from the capital campaign of \$430,000
- Drawing on a bank line of credit in the amount of \$550,000

We will manage our payment on the loan through the remaining receipts from the capital campaign and the parish operating budget.

**There are two final and important points to note.**

**First, to do this phase of work, the church will need to be closed from Monday June 9 until mid-September.** Weekend Masses will be at the usual time in the parish hall. Please recall that this hall was just renovated a year and a half ago. It is air-conditioned and will be both aesthetically appealing and physically comfortable for these three months. Weekday Masses will be in the Adult Education Center and funerals will be conducted at Saint Mary Magdalen Mission during these months.

**Second, we intend to do the remainder of the church project as soon as funds become available and it is financially prudent to proceed.** I, along with parish leadership groups, remain committed to completing the renovation and liturgical enhancement portions of this total project.

I am speaking at all eight Masses this weekend and sharing all of the above information. Your questions are welcome, and one way of voicing them will be at the Parish Open Forum on Sunday afternoon April 27 at 1:15 pm in the Adult Education Center. Thank you for your faith, your interest and your positive participation in this wonderful parish.

*Father Mike*



## Relay For Life

Our parish high school youth will have a team in the Havre de Grace **Relay for Life on June 6.** As a part of our team's effort to support the American Cancer Society, we will hold a prayer service to honor those who have lost their lives to cancer or are currently fighting cancer. The prayer service will be **Tuesday, May 6** in the church at 7:00 p.m. If you plan to attend, please bring a canned good that will be used that evening. At the prayer service, we will display luminary bags dedicated to people living with or lost to cancer. If you would like to purchase a luminary bag for \$10 to honor or to remember someone, please contact Kristin in the parish office at 410-879-2670. Bags can be picked up in the parish office.



# Parish Notes ...

## Message from Father John

During the past week and a half, I met with two of the physicians who played a big part in my life during and after the surgeries I underwent last month. Each of them was pleased with the way my body has been healing. They told me I could begin to resume my activities at Saint Margaret.

All the prayers so many people have offered helped me during the past seven weeks. Thank you very much, and please continue to pray for me.

*Blessings and peace!*  
*Father John*

## Saint Margaret Dance Class 9th Annual Reunion



**Thursday, May 8, 7:00 - 9:30 pm** in the parish hall. There is no charge. Ice and coffee will be provided. RSVP to the Boyds at 410-515-0309 or ehboyd@aol.com.



**Welcome**  
Come grow with us!

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. Please join us for our next "new parishioner greet and meet" on **Saturday, June 28** after the 4:00 pm Mass, from 5:00 - 7:30 pm in the Adult Education Center.

Rob and Shannon Bowman and family  
Walter and Victoria Zurkowsky and family  
Kevin Krajewski  
Mary Lynch and family  
George and Grace Vunni and family  
Robert and Yvonne Takusi and family  
Gerard and Dawn Werner and family  
Seibert and Frances Schwarz  
Ms. Albergo  
Peter Ross  
Emeka and Kristen Mezu and family  
Matthew Limpert  
Kathy Albergo

## Outreach Notes

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Outreach Coordinator  
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## 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.

## Health Ministry

If you are a dietitian or work/teach in the field of nutrition, please consider joining the Health Ministry Team. Your knowledge of food and nutrition is needed as we strive to promote all aspects of health and wellness. For more information about the Health Ministry, send an email to [saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org](mailto:saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org) and a member will contact you. So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31.



## Celebration of Cultures

**Saturday, May 3, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm** in the Bel Air Armory. Free admission, cultural performances, ethnic foods, local artisans, vendors and much more! Come see, taste and experience the world!

## Easter Flowers

**Donations:**  
Ronald & Barbara Dochter

**Donated by:**  
Chizmar P.  
Mary Jo Waters

Mr. & Mrs. John Elliott  
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Wawrzyniak

**Donated by:**  
Mr. Keith Huebel  
Mr. & Mrs. John Elliott

**In Memory Of:**  
Ted Chizmar, Helen Hellman  
Kelly, Victoria, Joe & Arthur Joseph, Susie LaCare, Anna Isabella, Rose McCarthy, Josephine Vasta, Frankie, Dominic, Sammy, Albert and Tony Gerard, Rose Gerard  
The Elliott Family, The Talbott Family  
Gerald Farlow, Mary Farlow, George Wawrzyniak, Connie Benton, Tom Benton

**In Honor Of:**  
Helen Huebel  
The Hine Family, The Clunk Family, The Reiger Family

## First Friday Seniors

Please join us on the **second Friday, May 9** for KFC baked chicken and other tasty treats ! Fashion show provided by christopher and Banks and music provided by our talented member, Leo Mahoney.

You're invited to pray the rosary at 10:45 am followed by Mass and special devotion and Crowning of Our Lady. Remember to bring fresh flowers as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Your callers will be contacting you soon to take your reservation. Join us for the fun and exciting time for the final luncheon before summer.

## Substance Abuse Ministry

**HEALING** 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.

**RECOVERY**  
**PREVENTION**  
**PEACE**

**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

## 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.





## The Rock

Who is this man who authored the powerful second reading we heard today (1Peter 1:3-9)?

We first meet Peter when Jesus calls two fishermen, Peter and his brother Andrew, with the words, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matt 4:19) Peter becomes one of the Twelve, following Jesus and learning from Him.

Throughout Matthew we see Peter grow from a terrified passenger in a storm-tossed boat - "We are perishing!" - unsure of Jesus' identity - "What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?" - to the confident rock who responds to Jesus' query as to who Peter thinks Jesus is with the words, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." At the Last Supper, it is Peter who attests that "though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be."

And yet he denies Jesus three times.

It is not until Pentecost, with its gift of the Holy Spirit, that Peter, because of his leadership role and close personal association with Jesus, becomes the spokesman - the elder statesman - that we hear speaking to us in today's letter.

He offers us a prayer of praise and thanks to God for the gift of a new birth through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ. He acknowledges our faith, reminding us that its goal is the salvation of our souls.

## Marriage Moments



"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them." (John 20:23) Forgiveness (like love) is a decision, not simply an emotion. In marriage

there are bound to be times when we inadvertently hurt each other. You may not be able to forget the offence, but can you decide to forgive it - and not bring it up again? Susan Vogt



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## Adult Faith Notes

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Adult Faith Formation  
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## On the cover...

Pictured: Kasia Kane, Nick Battaglia, Megan Kotrla, Ethan Britto, Vinnie Crisostomo, Amy Wood



The CIC sessions are offered several times a year. They include an overview of the basic beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church as well as sacramental preparation. The program runs for 10 weeks. We will be starting a summer program shortly. If you are interested in participating, please contact Marie Dekowski 410-879-2670 extension 126 or mdewowski@stmargaret.org.

## Small Christian Communities

Looking to better connect to your parish and your faith? Saint Margaret parish has over 30 Small Faith Sharing groups for you to join! For more information, please contact Marie .

## 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](http://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.

## Youth Ministry

Kristin Rupprecht  
Youth and Young Adult Minister  
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krupprecht@stmargaret.org

## 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!

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.**

## Relay for Life

Our high school youth will be participating in Relay for Life on **June 6**. A prayer service dedicated to people living with or lost to cancer will also be held on **May 6 in the church at 7:00 pm**. Please see page 7 for complete details about each event.

## 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 ...

## Faith Formation

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## Preschool and Elementary

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## Middle and High School

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## Classes This Week...

## Sunday Classes:

Last class on April 27.

**Elementary Wednesday Classes have ended.**

See you next year!

**Middle/High School Programs:**

Classes have ended. See you next year!

## 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](http://www.stmargaret.org) and click on "Ministries" and then "Children." We want you back next year! Register now!

*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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Elementary Campus 410-879-1113

Middle School Campus 410-877-9660

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**Assistant Principals:** Anna Shanahan ~ ashanahan@smsch.org

Phil Federowicz ~ pfederowicz@smsch.org

**Admissions:** Cecelia Pleiss ~ cpleiss@smsch.org

Important Dates  
For April /May

April 28 Band; NET Ministries: Gr. 7 Retreat; MS Tutor Club 3:00 - 3:50 pm

April 29 Hot Lunch; NET Ministries: Gr. 6 Retreat; H.S.A. open meeting

April 30 Mass

May 1 Hot Lunch

May 2 MS Drop-off at ES;

May Procession, Prayer Partner;

Creative Arts Dinner Theatre 7:00 pm

## News from the Admissions Office

We are currently accepting applications for all grades. Please contact Admissions Director Cecilia Pleiss at 410-879-1113 or [cpleiss@smsch.org](mailto:cpleiss@smsch.org) for the most updated enrollment and admission information.

## Vacation Bible Camp News

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](mailto:kgeibler@stmargaret.org)) if you are interested.

## CRS Rice Bowl

Thank you to all families and students who participated in the CRS Rice Bowl campaign. Saint Margaret Faith Formation Pre-3 through Grade 9 donated over \$1200 to CRS Rice Bowl!



## Easter Egg Hunt

Over 500 parishioners gathered on Saturday, April 19 for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Saint Mary Magdalen. The children enjoyed crafts, face-painting, a picture with the Easter Bunny, a moon bounce and an egg hunt. Thanks to all of the volunteers the day was a big success. Hope you can join us next year!

## First Eucharist Rehearsals

Students celebrating their First Eucharist on **Saturday, May 3** at 10:00 am will need to attend the First Eucharist Rehearsal at 7:00 pm on **Friday, May 2** in the church with an adult. Please bring your banner to the rehearsal.



## NET Ministries

On **April 28, and 29** the middle school students will participate in retreats led by Team 4 of NET Ministries. NET Ministries challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. Every August, 120 young Catholics aged 18-28 leave behind their jobs, school, family, and friends to devote nine months to serving with the National Evangelization teams. Our students will have a grade level retreat, which will include skits, personal testimonies, group praise and worship and private prayer. Please pray for successful retreats for our students and safe travels for the team. For more information about NET Ministries visit <http://www.netusa.org/>

## Harford County Reading Council Writing Contest

Saint Margaret had two state winners from the Harford County Reading Council Writing

Contest. Maddie Smith's short story took first place in the 8th grade category. Jared Jefferson's short story won second place in the 6th grade category. Congratulations to both students!

## IND Scholypics

On Saturday, March 29, Institute of Notre Dame held its annual Scholypics Competition for 7th grade girls. This competition included timed general knowledge tests which the students took individually. The top 9 teams advanced to an "It's Academic" type of competition. Saint Margaret School sent two teams of 7th grade girls, including Ava Barnd, Margaret Schiavone, Lauren Golya, Enma Olsen, Allie Woodring, and Sarah Spaeth. The girls did an awesome job of representing SMS in this very difficult competition.