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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

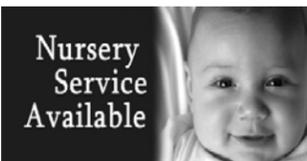
Saint Mary Magdalen Mission Sunday: 9:30 am and 11:00 am

Reconciliation: Saint Margaret Church Saturday: 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm and immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass

Mass Intentions May 17 - May 25, 2014

Saturday	4:00 pm	Doris Sobus
	5:30 pm	John, Margaret and Robert Wilzack
	7:30 am	Paul and Josephine Guercio
Sunday	9:00 am	Jerome Jankowiak
	10:30 am	Annemarie Fitzpatrick
	12:00 pm	Irene Fulton
	9:30 am	Parishioners of Saint Margaret Parish
	11:00 am	Frank and Jeffrey Maglov
Monday	6:30 am	Souls of the family of Thomas D. Noeth, Sr
	8:30 am	Henry Chmura
Tuesday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Margaret Dunne
Wednesday	6:30 am	David Martin
	8:30 am	Natalie and Theodore Brulinski
	8:30 am Mission	No Mass
Thursday	6:30 am	Jon DeCrette (Sp. Int.)
	8:30 am	Nancy Schuster Natoli
Friday	6:30 am	Margaret Kenny
	8:30 am	Albert Koenig and Margaret Koenig
Saturday	8:30 am	Thomas and Justin Skarda
	4:00 pm	Agnes and John Fleckenstein
	5:30 pm	Christopher Peatler
Sunday	7:30 am	Michael Guercio
	9:00 am	John Schiavone
	10:30 am	Virginia Anderson
	12:00 pm	John Etzel
	9:30 am	Brian Kelleher
	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Margaret Parish

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 May 25, 2014

Sixth Sunday of Easter **The strength of faith**

Reading I: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Philip in Samaria
Reading II: 1 Peter 3:15-18 On Christian suffering
Gospel: John 14:15-21 Promise of the Paraclete
Key Passage: Jesus said, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever." (John 14:16)
Adult: The Spirit gives us inner wisdom and strength. When have you experienced this?
Child: The Holy Spirit makes you strong inside. When do you need to be strong?

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SAINT MARGARET PARISH

Seeking a world transformed and unified in Christ

Saint Margaret Church ■ Bulletin for the week of May 18, 2014 ■ Saint Mary Magdalen Mission

Breaking News

With Thanks and Appreciation
Archbishop Lori has asked Fr. Doug Kenney to take a new assignment. June 1, Fr. Doug Kenney will begin as Temporary Administrator at Saint Peter in Oakland and at the Lake. The Pastor at St. Peter's died suddenly and a priest is needed at the parish.

We are blessed to have Fr. Doug here these past four years. We thank God for his time with us and ask God's blessings for his future ministry.

We will have an opportunity to wish Father Doug well in his new ministry, assure him of our gratitude and prayers.

Sunday, May 18, Father Doug will celebrate the Masses at the Mission and on the weekend of **May 24 and 25,** Father will be at the church to greet people after all of the Masses.



The Dominican Friars joyfully announce the Ordination of **Leo Checkai, O.P.** (R. Alex Checkai) son of our parishioners, Ron and Anne Checkai Friday, May 23, 2014 at 9:30 am St. Dominic Church 630 E Street, SW, Washington, D.C. All are welcome to attend.

Welcome

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



Birthright

I am thankful for the client who seeks out Birthright for help. She has tremendous courage to face her crisis and look for answers. She has incredible strength for going against the world who is telling her she can't have her baby. By looking for solutions to her crisis she is showing love for her child, even when she doesn't know it.

We are humbled to see that a simple act of kindness can change a life and save a life. While we occasionally need to do grand things to help a client, the majority of our work and success is in the small details. Spending time with our client in the office, calling her at home, accompanying her to a doctor's appointment, visiting her in the hospital, sending a card at Mother's Day - these are the things that make a difference.

When a client is asked why she loves Birthright, no one has ever said it was because of the free diapers, baby food

or clothes. The answer is always about the people, the relationships, the respect and care they receive here. I am not discounting or even making light of the diapers, baby food or clothes, because we are called to serve those in need. What I am saying is that the very first thing that I teach my volunteers is to love. We could give all that we have but if we don't have love it means nothing.

Our job is not to fight the world, but to see and hear what she wants, honor that, and help. I am thankful for the client who seeks out Birthright for help. I am thankful that the Birthright volunteers are there to serve her. I am thankful to you, our donors, for providing the means for us to do this.

Thank you,
Carol Maglov
Executive Director

www.birthrightharfordcounty.org

Brianna Brinkley

We knew early on that Brianna was a special young woman. Brianna chose Birthright for her Girl Scout Gold Award Project and decided on quilts for our new moms. While Brianna was making quilts she was also making a short film on Abstinence entitled, **It's My Own Affair.** She brought together students from different schools, ages and ethnicities to speak on the culture of sex, advertising, social media and peer pressure. She talks about her being adopted and what a positive solution this is to a difficult problem.

Brianna is also the advocate for adoption with Birthright. She is willing to talk candidly with the pregnant woman, to share her adoption story and

how she loves her birth mother for giving her a wonderful life.



Welcome To Saint Margaret

We welcome all people to worship and celebrate God's all-inclusive love with us. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your life, we thank you for choosing to be here with us today.



Coordinator of Middle School and Grade 9 Catechesis

Part-time position.

This position collaborates with the Youth and Young Adult Minister to develop and implement catechetical programs suited for students in 6th through 9th grades. The goal is to lead youth to Jesus Christ and to engage in their faith through parish life. Catechist Certification is preferred. Bachelor's degree in Religious Education or related field is preferred. Send resume and references by email to officesmba@gmail.com.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The good generated by this appeal touches the lives of thousands in each of our communities in our Archdiocese. It provides relief for those in crisis, comfort and care for those struggling with addictions and emotional problems, spiritual formation and enrichment for children and families, and a spirit of love and hope for senior citizens. To date, \$133,493 in gifts and pledges have been given from Saint Margaret Parish. It's not too late to help. Whatever sacrifice you make will be gratefully received. For questions, please contact Karen Saccenti by e-mail at ksaccenti@stmargaret.org or call 410-879-2670, ext. 112.

Ironbirds Game ~ Star Wars Night



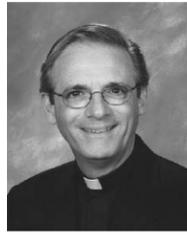
Saturday, July 12 at

7:05 pm at Ripken Stadium. Three packages are being offered.

Crab Feast menu: \$47 per person. Home

Run menu: \$28.50 per person. 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. Visit www.stmargaret.org for complete information on this event. Please call the parish office 410-838-6969 to order your tickets.

From Father Mike



Dear Friends,

This weekend we are taking a Mass Schedule Survey at all Masses. We

are asking all parishioners age 16 and older to complete the survey. We will also be sending this to those parishioners for whom we have e-mail addresses, such as the parents of children in our Faith Formation Program, in Saint Margaret School and those on parish committees. If someone did not get the opportunity to complete this at Mass on May 17-18, we will give them that chance electronically. We want as broad a response to this as possible. It is, of course, very important that each person complete the survey only once.

Why are we doing this Mass Schedule Survey?

There are several reasons:

- Parishioners have expressed the desire to have social/fellowship opportunities after weekend Mass. For this to happen, the starting times for Masses may need some adjustment.
- Parishioners have expressed the desire for a late Sunday afternoon Mass. We need to find out how many would really attend this.
- From time to time it is a good idea to review Mass attendance patterns and preferences to make sure our scheduled times are good for people.
- We want to enable as many people as possible to get to Mass every weekend. We look to the Survey to provide guidance on this.

The six questions on the Survey are simple but important:

1. It is important for us to know what

Mass you usually attend. This gives an insight into what might be helpful for people at each of the presently scheduled Masses.

2. We want to know if you would consider changing your Mass time, e.g. maybe a half hour earlier or a half hour later.

3. We want to get a better reading of how many would consider staying for fellowship/socializing after Mass.

4. We especially want to know if a late Sunday afternoon Mass would be helpful. To start this would be a major step and we want some assurance that it might work before trying it.

5. If parishioners do not regularly attend Mass, we want to know if there would be some Mass time that would make this possible.

6. Finally, we are open in the survey to any other comments.

You may sign the Mass Schedule Survey if you wish, but it is not necessary to do that. Please do sign it if you want us to respond to you about a specific comment or question you have.

Finally, please be assured that no decision about Mass schedule has been made. None. For all I know, we could learn from this that the present schedule is the best and we stick with it. If we do change the schedule in any way at all, it will not be until the fall of the year. We are taking the Mass Schedule Survey here in May to allow time for tabulating the results and for the Pastoral Council to deliberate on this.

Thank you for participating in this Survey.

Father Mike



Calvert Hall College High School Presents

On May 29, 2014, join internationally renowned jazz drummer Steve Fidyk at 7:00 pm for a free concert at Calvert Hall College High School's Knott Center. Calvert Hall's own Jazz Combo will open the concert. Steve's newest CD, Heads Up! will be available for sale with 20% of the proceeds donated to the CHC band program. www.calverthall.com.



Helpful Suggestions for Parents with Young Children at Mass

- Some families find that sitting near the front help children see.
- Share the hymnal with children.
- Quietly explain to your children what is happening during the Mass.
- Encourage children to place their own money or the family's envelope in the collection basket.
- Feel free to use the cry room, located in the glassed-in area at the back of the church.
- Encourage children to extend the sign of peace to those around them.
- Books that they enjoy or their own rosaries are encouraged.



Parish Notes . . .

Community Notes

Senior Express

Transportation for seniors 55 and over. \$6 roundtrip rides in Harford County. Call to register or schedule 410-322-5389.

Anytime Fitness Duathlon 2014

Saturday, May 24, 7:30 am to benefit the Welcome One Emergency Shelter. Call 410-838-2122 for information.

Project Rosary

Our next gathering will take place on Friday, May 30 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm in the parish office conference room. Come help us make rosaries for missionaries in Belize.

JAM - This ministry provides bagged lunches for the homeless in our area who are not able to be in a shelter or transitional house. We need a sponsor for July and August. Individuals or families would be responsible for assembling 55 bagged lunches. For more information, contact Jane O'Hara. No experience necessary and all ages are welcome.

Weekend for Women

October 11 and 12 - Maryland Catholic Women's Conference 2014

Mount Saint Mary's - Emmitsburg MD
Keynote speaker is Vinita Hampton Wright, author of Days of Deepening Friendship, Simple Acts of Moving Forward and others from Loyola Press. For more information, visit www.marylandcatholicwomen.com

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Outreach Notes

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Outreach Coordinator
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Health Ministry

Palliative care & hospice care – Same? Different? While they may share some common approaches, they are different. Three major differences are: palliative care does not mean end-of-life care, may be requested for those with a curable illness, and is available to those who are still receiving treatment. Palliative care is a team approach which combines pain and symptom control with spiritual support, counseling, and social services; all with the goal of supporting and improving the quality of a patient's life while dealing with a chronic or serious illness. For more information, contact the Health Ministry Team by sending an email to: saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org.



TOPS Interested in losing weight? Come check out our meetings to Take Off Pounds Sensibly every Thursday from 3:30 - 5:00 pm in the Adult Education Center.

Cottage Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Broadway across from ShopRite thanks anyone for their donations. We are in need of summer clothing for infant girls and boys from sizes 12 months to 24 months. They can be gently used or new. Donations can be left at any time or dropped off Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Emmaus Retreat for Parents Who Have Lost a Child

June 6-8 at Priest Field Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, W.V. The cost of this weekend retreat is \$150 per person or \$200 per couple and includes lodging and meals. To register, please go to www.emmausministryforgrievingparents.org. If the cost is an obstacle, contact Rebecca Royse at rroyse@dwc.org.

Substance Abuse Ministry

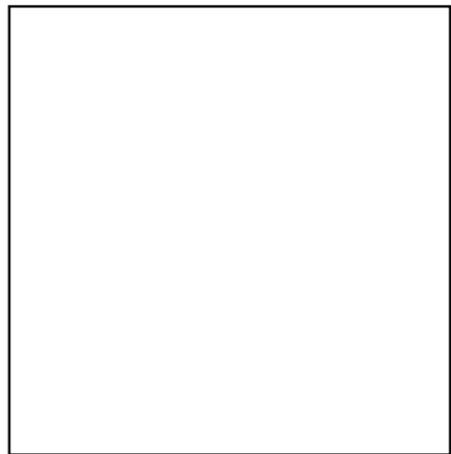
Are you or a loved one struggling with substance abuse issues? Please come to one of the weekly meetings in the Lower Meeting Room in the Elementary School on the Saint Margaret campus.

HEALING Mondays, 7:00 pm - Families Anonymous
RECOVERY Fridays, 7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
PREVENTION Saturdays, 7:30 pm - Women for Sobriety
PEACE Sundays, 6:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
Sundays, 8:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous

Harford County Drug Symposium

June 26, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Bel Air High School. This FREE symposium is open to anyone involved in drug prevention, intervention and treatment, professionals and family members alike. 6 CEUs (Continuing Education Units) are offered to those in attendance.

Keynote address will be given by Joe Ehrmann from Coach for America. Come learn about a variety of issues individuals are facing in our community from a number of experts in the field.



 Dear Fr. Doug,
Thank You Thank you so much for your caring note. I know my grief will be a journey that must be traveled. My faith tells me that John is at peace in the arms of God and that will be my comfort until my soul meets his soul in eternity. John would have loved your homily at his Memorial Mass. I wish you could have known him. He was such a caring person, he wanted to make the world a better place. I hope he did in some small way.
Father, I wanted you to know that so many people Catholic and non-Catholic, praised your talk about John. You made his life so personal and I thank you for that. I must tell you that a Catholic who has been away from the Church for many years was so inspired by you at John's Mass, that she is going to return. So Father, you have brought a soul back to their fold. God bless you.
Fondly,
A grateful parishioner.

Corner

Fifty Days

...of Easter
 ...of entering more deeply into the mysteries of Christ's death and resurrection
 ...of pondering their reality and meaning for us.

Of course the readings offer us assistance in understanding the mystery that we are called to live as we make our way through these fifty days. *But there's something more!*

Our joyfully long season of Easter seems to be just flying by - the 5th Sunday of Easter with just three weeks to go! And at least once during this precious time we must talk about the beauty of our environment.

The liturgical environment helps to set the mood for each of the church's seasons. From the moment we enter the building - really, from when we approach it - the atmosphere of reverence and beauty all reflect the glory of God, whether in a flower arrangement or the care of a plant.

Saint Margaret's is blessed with the dedication of a group of gifted volunteers who have taken on the task of creating and maintaining such an environment for us. Inside and out, the church and mission speak of the wonder of our Easter Season. To these wonderful volunteers we say...

Thank you for all you do and especially for these Fifty Days!

Adult Faith Notes

Marie Dekowski
Adult Faith Formation
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 mdekowski@stmargaret.org

We're Glad You Are Here

If you are a returning Catholic, you must have many questions. Let us help you find the answers. Our priests are warm and eager to help you. They would be glad to hear your story and help you learn how to make your Catholic Faith the center of your life. This would not be a confession, just a starting point for you to get the answers you need to move forward. You have already taken the first step. You are here. Let us help you take the next step. To set up a time to meet, e-mail Marie Dekowski at mdekowski@stmargaret.org or call 410-879-2670, ext. 126.

Happy Easter!

At the Easter Vigil, as you watched the Baptisms and Confirmations, were you saying something like: "I keep thinking about becoming a Catholic. I wonder what that involved." "I was baptized Catholic, but never confirmed. Maybe it's time.?" The preparation program begins in September, but now is an ideal time to begin exploring whether you want to participate. Contact Marie Dekowski at 410-879-2670, ext. 126 or mdekowski@stmargaret.org to talk about it.

Marriage Moments

Are you a complainer. Even valid complaints can cause wear and tear on a marriage. Pick a day not to complain this week. Was it hard? Susan Vogt

Youth Ministry

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Youth and Young Adult Minister
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 krupprecht@stmargaret.org

High School & College Youth Ministry ~ FiRE House



High School Hangout Nights

Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:30 pm
 Games, movies, Nerf battles, kickball - something for everyone! Come hang out and meet some new friends. Open to all high school students!

College and Young Adult Ministry

Every Wednesday, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
 A variety of social, service and spiritual activities including geocaching, game nights, scavenger hunts, trivia nights, movies, faith sharing, service projects, etc. We either meet at FiRE House (320 Wright Street) or somewhere off campus. Contact Kristin in the parish office for more information.

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): **Sun., May 18, 2:00-4:00 pm; Sun., May 18, 6:30-8:30 pm; Thurs., May 22, 6:30-8:30 pm.**

Summer Dates

Hersheypark Trip: Thursday, June 19

Open to all current middle school students and up. Cost is \$58 which includes park ticket and round trip charter bus ride. We leave Saint Margaret at 8:00 am and return at 8:00 pm. To register, please return a completed permission form with payment to the parish office. Form can be found on the parish website. Sign up early, this trip fills quickly! Questions? Call Kristin at the parish office. STAND certified chaperones are needed.

Service Trip! On Monday, June 30, 9:00am - 3:00pm

We're going to Harford Family House to help for the day. We will be doing a variety of jobs around the complex such as cleaning and setting up apartments, building furniture, painting, organizing donations, gardening and a variety of other tasks. Earn your service hours this summer so you don't have to worry about it during the school year! Want to go? To sign up, contact Kristin in the parish office. Cost is \$10 to help cover the cost of the bus.

Future service trip dates: Wednesday, Jul 30 & Aug 13

Anniversaries of Ordination



We congratulate and thank our priests and deacons at Saint Margaret Parish for their years of committed service to our faith. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their ministries.

Msgr. G. Michael Schlepner May 20, 1972 Pastor
 Rev. Francis X. Callahan May 25, 1963 Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Alphonse Rose	May 26, 1956	Former Pastor
Rev. John P. Cunningham	Dec. 29, 1979	Associate Pastor
Rev. C. Doug Kenney	June 5, 1999	Associate Pastor
Rev. Roque Lim	June 24, 2006	Hospital Chaplain
Mr. Patrick Goles	Dec. 7, 1974	Deacon
Mr. Victor Petrosino	June 26, 1999	Deacon
Mr. John Chott	May 23, 1998	Deacon
Mr. James DeCapite	May 17, 2003	Deacon
Mr. Martin Wolf	May 21, 2005	Deacon



Education Notes ...

Faith Formation

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Preschool and Elementary

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Middle and High School

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First Eucharist Celebrations

Many children will be celebrating their First Eucharist during Saturday and Sunday Masses through the month of May. Please keep all of the First Communicants in your prayers. There is a display board picturing our First Communicants in the back of church. If your child is a First Communicant and not pictured please send a picture to Keri Geibler by email or bring two copies to the parish office.



Registration for 2014-2015



Forms for all Faith Formation programs are available on our website. Next year's calendar is also available. Go to www.stmargaret.org, click on "Ministries" and then "Children." We want you back next year! Register now!

Summer Nursery Service is Available!

Saturdays during the 4:00 pm Mass and Sundays at the 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses at the church. At Saint Mary Magdalen nursery service is available during the 9:30 and 11:00 am Mass. All children from birth to age 4 are welcome to attend through the summer.

Once Faith Formation begins in the fall the nursery is open to all children under the age of 3. Trained staff will care for your children while you attend Mass.



Vacation Bible Camp News

Volunteer Meetings- If you are interested in teaching or volunteering at VBC please attend the meetings which will be held in the Lower Meeting Room in the white building on Saint Margaret Campus.

- May 29, 2014 at 6:30 pm
- June 11, 2014 at 6:30 pm

Registration forms are now available on our website. Join us June 23 - 27 from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon daily. Your child (grades Pre4 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. If interested, please contact Keri Geibler at geibler@stmargaret.org.

Scripture of the month: Luke 1:47 "My spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

Saint Margaret School

www.smsch.org

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 May

- May 19 Early Dismissal; Field Day, K-3; Gr. 5 Parent Mtg., 6:30-8:00 pm @ MS; Band; Chick-Fil-A All Day Spirit fundraiser
- May 20 Hot Lunch; Field Trip, Gr. 2: Lancaster Science Factory; Spring Concert 6:30 pm @ES
- May 21 ES Mass; MS Recognition Ceremony; Social Studies Fair Open House 7:00-8:00 pm @ MS gym
- May 22 Hot Lunch; Field Trip, Gr. 1 Herr's Potato Chip Factory
- May 23 Early Dismissal; EDC open until 5pm; Gr. 8 Dinner/Dance, 6:00-10:00 pm @ Callahan Center

Important News

Student Recognition Assemblies

May 21 - 8:30 am - MS in Callahan Center
 June 11 - 10:30 am - ES in the Gym
 Recognition assemblies will be held on each campus to recognize the many students who have competed on school teams, participated in academic competitions, played in the band, sung in the chorus and volunteered faithfully throughout the year. Please join us as we recognize student accomplishments.

Sixth Grade Social Studies Fair

May 21 - 7:00 pm in the Middle School Gym. Please join us from 7:00-8:00 pm. Our sixth grade has been working very hard on their projects. Don't miss your chance to view the social studies projects that will be displayed in the MS gym. Fifth grade students and parents are encouraged to attend the Social Studies Fair to get an idea what is expected of them in the future.

Fifth Grade Orientation Night

On **Monday, May 19** from 6:30-8:00 pm, the Middle School faculty and administration will host a **New Parent Wine and Cheese Reception** at the Mission. Please attend with your 5th grader since we will have some fun activities specifically for our 5th graders that night. It is hard to give up sports and activities this one night, but we find it helps to alleviate anxiety and the students get the opportunity to meet all of the middle school teachers. There will be middle school information in the Mission for parents.

News From the Admissions Office

We are currently accepting applications for all grades. Please contact Admissions Director Cecelia Pleiss at 410-879-1113 or cpleiss@smsch.org for the most updated enrollment and admission information.