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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 August 10 - August 18, 2013

Saturday	4:00 pm	Mary Regina Adams
	5:30 pm	Janet T. Brulinski
Sunday	7:30 am	Mary Kelly Reinmann
	9:00 am	Michael Guercio
	10:30 am	Martha Hogan
	12:00 pm	John Stech
	9:30 am Mission	Denise Benedetto
	11:00 am Mission	Special intention for parishioners
Monday	6:30 am	Suzanne Furst
	8:30 am	Joseph Brandon Murphy
Tuesday	6:30 am	Daniel Donovan
	8:30 am	Anthony Kowalski
Wednesday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	John Welsh III
	Vigil 7:30 pm	Gail McGuire
Thursday	6:30 am	Joseph Fantacone sp. int.
	Assumption 8:30 am	John Stech
	12:15 pm	Anne O'Hara
Friday	6:30 am	Dave Roden, JR Lindeman Jr., Carol Layer
	8:30 am	Jeff Gruzenski
Saturday	8:30 am	Jonathan Parslow
	4:00 pm	Joseph Berry
	5:30 pm	John, Margaret and Robert Wilzack
Sunday	7:30 am	Donald R. Esposito
	9:00 am	Sherry Smith
	10:30 am	Hannah Kriss
	12:00 pm	Betty Rigdon
	9:30 am Mission	Denise Benedetto
	11:00 am Mission	Gail McGuire

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 the first Saturday of the month. 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 August 18, 2013

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**      **An unsettling truth**

**Reading I:** Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10      Jeremiah in the miry cistern  
**Reading II:** Hebrews 12:1-4      God's treatment of his sons and daughters  
**Gospel:** Luke 12:49-53      Jesus' mission of division  
**Key Passage:** Jesus said, "Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!" (Luke 12:51)

**Adult:** When has your taking a strong stand on a moral issue created division rather than healing in the short term?  
**Child:** Is it important to do the right thing even if others are angry as a result? Why or why not?

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# SAINT MARGARET PARISH

*Seeking a world transformed and unified in Christ*

Saint Margaret Church      ■      Bulletin for the week of August 11, 2013      ■      Saint Mary Magdalen Mission

### Welcome To Our Parish Family

In addition to our services, Saint Margaret has many ministries to offer to you and your family, both for spiritual growth and socialization. We encourage you to become involved in the parish, to become a part of this vibrant community.

### Breaking News

#### Feast of the Assumption

Thursday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy day of Obligation. All Masses will be at Saint Margaret Church



#### Wednesday, August 14

Vigil Mass at 7:30 pm

#### Thursday, August 15

6:30 and 8:30 am, 12:15 pm



### Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

**Tuesday, August 11,**  
after the 8:30 am Mass until 6:00 pm in Saint Margaret Chapel.  
Participate in the special day of prayer by coming to the chapel to spend some quiet time in adoration of the Lord.

### Welcome

#### Grace Ashlyn Zorbach



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

### Decor and Design - A Labor of Love

"Working with the volunteers to decorate and prepare God's house is nothing short of a labor of love."

Rick Coster

"Volunteering for the Liturgy Resource Committee enriches my connection with my parish community."

Kim Bradley

"I've always enjoyed arranging flowers. It gives me great pleasure to participate in the enhancement of our worship environment."

Bea Filburn

of life to hang banners, design flower arrangements, move ladders and water plants. Maintaining these beautiful worship spaces can be a herculean task, but the rewards are in the camaraderie along the way and the satisfaction at completion.

"When you attend Mass and know that you played a small part in preparing it for all of the parishioners, it truly warms the heart," says Rick Coster. "The genuine care makes sure that no detail is left out, no corner cut, inspires me."

Mary Ann Silvestri concurs. "Worship at Mass has taken on more meaning because I have helped, in a small way, to create an environment that enhances our ability to praise God for all his blessings," she says.



Whether you love nature, have a vision for design or simply want to pitch in, you are invited to volunteer. Some seasons require more than 80 person hours to decorate all of the worship spaces. At other times, only a few hours a week are necessary. The Liturgy Resource Committee needs people in all capacities. Stop by the tables in the back of the church and Mission after Masses next week to see how you can help.

Each week, Saint Margaret Church and Saint Mary Magdalen Mission are filled with symbols of the season. From green plants and linens for Ordinary Time to brightly colored gourds for fall and majestic poinsettias for Christmas, each liturgical season is welcomed with a new design.

The team of volunteers behind these decorations is a dedicated group of people with creative ideas and an unmatched work ethic. They are the Liturgy Resource volunteers. They come from all generations and walks



## Employment Opportunity

### After-School Program

Saint Margaret School has several part-time positions available in our after-school program. Individuals will assist with homework and provide direction in all other activities. All shifts are 5 days per week: Elementary School (ages 3-11): 2:30 - 5:30 pm. Middle school (ages 11-13): 2:30 - 6:00 pm. Individuals are also needed for substitute positions. Please submit resume to Patty Smithson at 205 Hickory Ave., Bel Air, MD 21014.



## Our Faith in Action: AAA Helps Saint Anthony

Each year, we designate a portion of your contributions to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal to help our sister parish - St. Anthony of Padua parish in Baltimore. Because of your generosity to the Appeal, we have contributed \$7,259 to Saint Anthony. Thank you for your generous support! For questions, please call Karen Saccenti, 410-879-2670, ext. 112 or e-mail ksaccenti@stmargaret.org

## Demonstrators at Saint Margaret

For the past two months a small group of people has stood on one of the public sidewalks around Saint Margaret Church property. They have been holding large posters with images that are offensive to many of us and perhaps disturbing to children. I want you to know that this group in no way represents Saint Margaret or the Archdiocese of Baltimore. They are here without any authorization or approval. We have learned that their actions are within their constitutional and legal rights. I regret any inconvenience or upset that this has caused. I recommend that we, as a parish, continue to pray for and promote respect for human life in positive ways.

*Father Mike*

## Bulletin Due Date and New Address

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@gmail.com.

## From Father Mike



Dear Friends,  
**Two weeks ago I focused on our parish Outreach Ministry.** This Ministry includes numerous programs

and services to meet a wide range of personal needs that we as parishioners or anyone in the community might have. Today I am lifting up a few more examples of our Outreach Ministry.

### Substance Abuse Ministry

I regularly feel very uplifted by this ministry. We have a committee of 15 people who provide overall guidance to this. What is so positive is that there are five 12-Step programs meeting each week on our property: one AA group for anyone, one AA group especially for youth and young adults, a Narcotics Anonymous or NA group, a group of Women for Sobriety, and a Families Anonymous group. About 260 people come here weekly for these meetings. Frequently, I get to say hello or have some conversation with individuals either before or after their meetings. I am so often impressed by their authenticity, their friendliness and their desire for recovery. I find those I speak with to be a gift to me because they keep me, aware that I also am weak in some way and that I also need the power of God (the Higher Power) to deal with things in life that are bigger than I can handle by myself. Sometimes I – and maybe you too – can forget that. Those in these recovery programs give this spiritual reminder to us. Our hosting these groups here is what Jesus of Nazareth would do.

### Prison Ministry-Communion

On Sunday evenings, members of this ministry go to the Harford County Detention Center and lead Communion services with the imprisoned. We calculate that about 200 different inmates participate in this annually. Our ministers have told me that they frequently receive so much more than they give, and indeed they do give a lot to these inmates who look forward to their visit and their bringing the Word of God and the Eucharist to them.

### Cooperative Food Ministr

Saint Margaret and seven other local churches provide dinner every Monday night for the needy and homeless. This takes place at Calvary Baptist Church. Volunteers prepare the meal, serve it and also deliver meals to those unable to get to the church for dinner.

### Our Daily Bread

Once a month, many parishioners bake and freeze a beef stew casserole and then drop off it off to the parish office or school kitchen. Volunteers then transport the casseroles to the Our Daily Bread Center in downtown Baltimore. This is operated by Catholic Charities and provides a full meal to about 1,000 needy people every day of the year.

### Harford Community Food Pantry

Many of you – I don't know how many – bring a bag of non-perishable food with you to church on Sunday. All of these bags are transported on Monday morning to the Food Pantry which serves those in need in our community. Sometimes, even on Sunday mornings, someone who is hungry comes right into church and asks for a bag of food. It is wonderful that we can help them. By the way, Saint Margaret is the largest single contributor to the Community Food Pantry.

There are many other programs and services in our Outreach Ministry. Those which I have not mentioned are by no means less important than the ones mentioned in these columns. To see a full listing, please pick up a copy of our Parish Directory of Ministries and Services on the pamphlet rack at the back of the church or Callahan Center or simply go to the website to view it ([www.stmargaret.org](http://www.stmargaret.org)). We have ministries for all ages and talents. Even if you are homebound, you can participate.

Let's always remember Jesus' words: *"Whatever you do for one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me."*

*Fr. Mike*

## Food Pantry



Needs

*Lord, open my eyes to those who are hurting and in need of food.*

Remember the power of **1**  
**1** person, **1** food item, **1** Mass

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# Parish Notes ...

## Marriage Moments



John 15:12, NIV  
"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

"The person who truly loves does so because of a decision to love. This person has made a commitment to be loving whether or not the loving feeling is present." (M. Scott Peck, *The Road Less Traveled*)

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To All:

*Thank you for the Mass card sent in memory of my husband, Paul. The prayers and kindness shown to me by the members of Saint Margaret Parish have been overwhelming and a source of great comfort to me.*

*Thank you again,  
A parishioner of Saint Margaret*

## Summer "Jammin Java" Coffeehouse at Saint Margaret

Friday, August 23 from 7:30 – 10:30 pm in the Adult Education Center (historic church). C'mon out for a free night of great music and enjoy a cup of java!!



For more information, contact Ken Spoerl at 443-275-3137.

## Outreach Notes

For more information, contact Jane O'Hara at 410-838-6969/410-879-2670, ext. 143 e-mail [johara@stmargaret.org](mailto:johara@stmargaret.org).

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

## Health Ministry

High heat and humidity can make you sick – and can even be deadly. The CDC reports that heat-related deaths are on the rise in the U.S. When the humidity is high, sweat will not evaporate as quickly, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly. Drinking water is an inexpensive way to prevent your body from over-heating. Drink 2-4 cups of water every hour while working or exercising outside or in non-air-conditioned buildings. If your doctor generally limits the amount of fluid you drink or has you on water pills, ask how much you should drink while the weather is hot. For more tips on staying healthy in the hot weather, contact the Health Ministry Team by sending an email to [saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org](mailto:saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org) or leaving a message at 410-838-6969.



## Anna's House Charm City Summer Raffle

**\$5 per ticket or five tickets for \$20**

**First prize:** Four Orioles tickets ~ Orioles vs Boston Red Sox, two Ravens tickets, a bushel of crabs and two National Aquarium tickets. **Second prize:** Tory Burch handbag, two wine glasses and \$50 gift to Scotto's, Liberatore's and Enotria. Raffle tickets are available in the parish office.

## Silent Purse Auction

Presented by Saxon's Diamond Centers to benefit Harford Family House.



Thursday, September 19, 5:00 - 8:00 pm  
Friday, September 20, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Saturday, September 21, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Bel Air Reckord Armory on Main Street. Call 410-273-6700 for more information.

## Our Daily Bread Casseroles

Hunger does not go on vacation! **This past month** we only delivered **37 casseroles to Our Daily Bread.**



**Our monthly quota** is closer to **80 casseroles.** Please consider making a casserole for this outreach ministry. This program of Catholic Charities of Baltimore, serves more than a quarter million meals every year to Baltimore's hungry. Those who are homeless, unemployed, the working poor, men, women and children are all welcomed. The dining room has been open every single day since June of 1981. Pans and recipes are available at the doors and in the parish office. Many thanks in advance for your help.

## Substance Abuse Ministry

**HEALING RECOVERY PREVENTION PEACE** If you or a loved one is struggling with substance issues, please come to one of the weekly meetings on our 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

## Hospital and Nursing Home Eucharistic Ministers

Visiting the sick is one of the corporal works of mercy. At this time we are in need of additional volunteers to help take Communion to the sick at Upper Chesapeake Medical Center and Bel Air Health and Rehab. If you can serve for two hours a month, that would be a great help. Weekend coverage, in particular, is needed. The Eucharist brings them strength and comfort, plus a visit from our parish family. If you are interested, contact **Karen Cope at [karencope@yahoo.com](mailto:karencope@yahoo.com). Cell: 410-937-7476 or home: 410-569-2380.**



## Corner

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

"...The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all guilt of original sin, on the completion of her earthly sojourn, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen of the universe..." (*Lumen Gentium n.59*)

Nothing is certain about the date, manner and place of Our Lady's death. The dates assigned vary from three to fifteen years after Christ's Ascension. Both Jerusalem and Ephesus claim to be the place of her death. And though there is no proof, some claim that she never died.

But regardless of the uncertainties, we Catholics deeply believe that Jesus would not want to be long without his beloved Mother, and so He took her, body and soul, up into heaven to be with him forever in glory.

"Sing the greatest joy of Mary, when on earth her work was done, and the Lord of all creation, brought her to his heav'nly home. Virgin Mother, Mary blessed, raised on high and crowned with grace, may your Son, the world's redeemer, grant us all to see his face." (*Sing We of the Blessed Mother* by George B. Timms)

## Mass Times for Traveling Catholics in U.S.

This free service available via phone and website is a simple way of including Mass attendance in your vacation and travel plans. Weekend Mass times for virtually all U.S. churches are listed. Also included are instructions for locating the church nearest the caller's location, the times and languages in which Masses are offered, and handicapped access. Call 1-410-676-6000 or visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).



## As In Our Homes

When we are on vacation, the bills still come in and salaries still have to be paid. Please remember to turn in your offertory envelopes either before or after summer vacation.

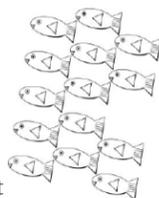


## Adult Faith Notes

Marie Dekowski  
410-879-2670, ext. 126  
[mdekowski@stmargaret.org](mailto:mdekowski@stmargaret.org)

## Little Rock Scripture Study

The Book of Daniel will be the topic of discussion for the next scripture study beginning **Wednesday, September 18**, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Adult Education Center. All are welcome to attend. 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).



## 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 Dekowski.

## Joyful Noises

Pete Anderson  
Director of Music  
410-879-2670, ext. 136  
[panderson@stmargaret.org](mailto:panderson@stmargaret.org)

Music in our parish is only as good as the people who provide it. The summer months are always a key time to recruit new members to our groups. If God has given you musical talents to share, please consider doing so here at St. Margaret! In addition to our groups, we can always use instrumentalists, as well. Below are the starting dates for some of our musical groups; if you have any questions, please contact the music office.

## Adult Choir

Thursday, September 5, 7:00 pm

## Children's Choirs

Thursday, October 3  
Cherub Choir (Grades K-2) 4:30 - 5:00 pm  
Children's Choir (Grades 3-8) 5:00 - 6:00 pm

## Handbell Choir

Monday, September 9, 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
All rehearsals are in St. Margaret Church. Contact the music office for more information.

## Youth Ministry

Kristin Rupprecht  
Youth and Young Adult Minister  
410-879-2670, ext 166  
[krupprecht@stmargaret.org](mailto:krupprecht@stmargaret.org)

## High School Youth Ministry (HSYM) FiRE House



High School Hangout Nights  
Every Tuesday, 7:30 - 9:30 pm  
Come join us - movies, games, fun!

## Youth Ministry Breakfast



## Applebee's Flapjack Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, August 18, 8:00 - 10:00 am  
Tickets are \$7 per person  
(\$4.50 for kids 6 and under)  
Tickets available at the door.

## College Ministry

Social, serving others, spiritual. Looking for something to do on Wednesday nights this summer? Stay connected to your faith and your community with weekly social/service and faith sharing events! **Every Wednesday, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at FiRE House** (329 Wright Street) - food, fun and fellowship!

## Confirmation Make-Up Meeting

For those who were not able to attend our Confirmation meetings back in May, there will be one additional makeup meeting on Thursday, August 22, 7:00 pm at the Callahan Center. This meeting is for incoming 10th grade students and their parents. You must attend this meeting if you intend to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year and did not already attend one of the meetings held in May. If you have any questions, please call Kristin at the parish office.



## Education Notes ...

## Faith Formation

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Middle and High School  
CeeCee Meholic  
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## Register for Faith Formation Classes Soon

School starts in two weeks and very soon after, our Faith Formation programs will be starting. **Please register as soon as possible!** Cross one thing off your back-to-school "to-do" list and register today. Registration forms for all programs are available on our website. Go to [www.stmargaret.org](http://www.stmargaret.org) and click on the "ministries" tab. From there, click on either "children" or "youth/teens" for all the information you will need to register. You can also pick up registration forms in the Parish Office. We are looking forward to another great year.



**Children's Stewardship of Time** My good deed this week was: Let my sister go before me playing mini-golf. Children's envelopes are available near the doors of the church, the Callahan Center and in the parish office.

## Saint Margaret School

Madeleine Hobik - Principal  
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Admissions: [cpleiss@smsch.org](mailto:cpleiss@smsch.org)



## Important Dates for August

Aug 12 Regular school office hours begin  
Aug 13 School board mtg. POCR 4:15 pm  
Room mother mtg. LOMR 7:00 pm

## Looking Ahead

Aug 21 PreK orientation mtg 6:30 pm  
Aug 22 Meet the teacher day 7:30 am-noon;  
New family orientation Gr. K-5  
12:45-1:45 pm Gr. 6-8 2:00 - 3:00 pm  
Aug 26 School begins, EARLY DISMISSAL  
MS 11:30 am; ES 12:15 pm

## Teachers and Volunteers Needed For Faith Formation



Catechists/teachers are needed for the upcoming year in all grades, pre3 through fifth grade on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

Opportunities are also available at the middle school level on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. **Are you called to share your faith with the youth of our parish?** If you have thought about it before, maybe this is your year! We also need general volunteers for hall monitors, classroom aides and office help. Please contact us if you would like more information.

## Teacher Meeting Announced

This year we will be hosting a teacher meeting for **all of our Faith Formation catechists at all grade levels on Tuesday, August 27 at 6:00 p.m.** We will begin the evening with dinner and prayer and then get down to business. Please save this date to

gather as a group and get ready for the upcoming year! Current catechists will soon be receiving invitations but we are always looking for new teachers! This dinner meeting will be held at The Callahan Center on the Saint Mary Magdalen campus. Please mark this date on your calendars!

## Save the Date for Family Fun!

Autumn is not too far away, so save this date on your calendar for a brand new event: **Autumn Family Night**. It will be held on **Saturday, September 14, 2013**. Join us for the 4:00 p.m. Mass at the church and then walk over to the School Hall to enjoy dinner and conversation with your parish community! There will be fun for the whole family including crafts, games and activities. Celebrate the change in season, the start of school and cooler weather. Save the date!



## News from the Admissions Office

Thanks to all of our school families who participated in our new Finder's Fee referral program by introducing your friends and neighbors to our wonderful school! We gave away \$3400 in tuition credits and welcomed six new families for a total of 18 new students. You can help us to continue to grow our enrollment by spreading the word that Saint Margaret School currently is accepting applications for the 2013-2014 School Year. We still have available spaces for this school year—very limited spaces available in preschool. Interested parents should call or e-mail Admissions Director Cecilia Pleiss 410-879-1113 or [cpleiss@smsch.org](mailto:cpleiss@smsch.org) to find out grade-specific information.

## Annual Birthright Collection

As a pro-life faith community, we delight in supporting the unborn and newborn in our area through our local Birthright! Students enjoy selecting items "for the babies" and watching their donations accumulate at school.

Needed items include diapers, shampoo, lotion and clothing, and may be brought to school until September 11, 2013. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

## Annual Baltimore Reads Collection

Mindful of our many blessings, we are always delighted to share our used children's books with the students of Baltimore Reads. Do you have a few to spare? Perhaps a completed summer reading book or two? Donated books are due by Friday, September 6, 2013. Thank you, and God bless!

## New Fundraiser This Fall!

Our kick-off fundraiser this year is brand new: a Yankee Candle Sale! Traditionally, the opening fundraiser for the school year is managed by the teachers, and profits help to provide supplies, furniture, etc., they will need throughout the year. More information will be available when students return. Perfect for your fall and winter gift-giving, please plan on sharing our Yankee Candle Sale with friends and family soon. Thank you!