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Mass Schedule

Daily: Saint Margaret Adult Education Center (Original Church)

Weekend: Saint Margaret Parish Hall

Saint Mary Magdalen Mission

Reconciliation: Saint Margaret Parish Hall

Effective through mid-September

Monday - Friday: 6:30 am and 8:30 am

Saturday: 8:30 am

Open for private prayer daily 6:30 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday: 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 pm

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 August 30 - September 7, 2014

Saturday	4:00 pm	William J. Matejka, Jr.
	5:30 pm	Madeline Greely
Sunday	7:30 am	Paul and Josephine Guercio
	9:00 am	Anne Nelson (sp. int.)
	10:30 am	William Ahrens
	12:00 pm	Parishioners of Saint Margaret Parish
	9:30 am	Denise A. Benedetto
	11:00 am	Dorothy Trinite
Monday	6:30 am	No Mass or Service
Labor Day	8:30 am	Addolorata Ciambriello
Tuesday	6:30 am	Souls of the Family of Thomas D. Noeth, Sr.
	8:30 am	Jeanne Ann Nusca
Wednesday	6:30 am	Nelson Widerman
	8:30 am	Nancy Schuster Natoli
Thursday	6:30 am	Gilly McNamara (sp. int.)
	8:30 am	Paul Christopher Ganz
Friday	6:30 am	Helen Williams
	8:30 am	Agnes Marie Rosenberger
Saturday	8:30 am	Mary Kelly Reinmann
	4:00 pm	George Adams
	5:30 pm	Helen Dzierwinski
Sunday	7:30 am	Fr. J. Alphonse Frederick
	9:00 am	Paul and Josephine Guercio
	10:30 am	Jack Levee
	12:00 pm	Wyatt Gentry
	9:30 am	Parishioners of Saint Margaret Parish
	11:00 am	Annemarie Fitzpatrick

Presider Schedule

Sept 6: 4:00 & 5:30 pm-Fr. John
Sept 7: 7:30 & 9:00 am-Fr. Donald Grymski
10:30 am & 12:00 pm Fr. James
Mission: 9:30 & 11:00 am Fr. Mike

The Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am to 7:30 pm
Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm



Readings for September 7

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Reading II: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Key Passage: Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone." (Mt 18:15)

Adult: How have you been able to follow Christ more closely because others patiently loved you?

Child: How can you help another person do the right thing?

Visit www.jeffreysjallan.blogspot.com for a commentary on the readings.

Helping others grow

The prophet a watchman

Love fulfills the Law

Fraternal correction

Visit our website at www.stmargaret.org



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Seeking a world transformed and unified in Christ

Saint Margaret Church

Bulletin for the week of August 31, 2014

Saint Mary Magdalen Mission

To Our Visitors and Friends

It is a privilege to welcome you today. If you are exploring faith for the first time, seeking to reconnect with your faith, or searching for a church home and would like to learn more about Saint Margaret, please call the parish office. **RCIA starts this first week of September.**

Breaking News

Labor Day Holiday

The parish offices will be closed on **Monday, September 1**, for the Labor Day holiday and will re-open on **Tuesday, September 2** at 9:00 am. Morning Mass will be at 8:30 am in the Adult Education Center. There will be no 6:30 am Mass or service.

Blessing for Teachers

Lord God,
your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways.
Send your Spirit upon our teachers and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.
Look upon our teachers.
Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds.
Grant that they may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, for ever and ever.. Amen.

Welcome

Abigail Joan Hershner



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

Parish Catechist Recognized at Archdiocese of Baltimore Event

Rich Rome was nominated by Saint Margaret Parish for his service as a catechist to our parishioners in several ways. Immediately upon registering at the parish in September of 2009 he offered to work with our RCIA team as a catechist. His love of Christ and his wish for our youth to have the same relationship with Jesus, inspires him to take a leadership role for Confirmation students. He also serves on our parish liturgy committee and has been instrumental in transforming our worship space into a visual catechetical experience. His role as a master catechist in these areas has inspired us all. We are blessed by his ministry.



Congratulations to Rich!

Our Faith Formation classes start in three weeks. Four catechists are still needed for the 4:45-5:45 pm time period. Please consider volunteering for this very rewarding experience of teaching our youth about their faith.



Thoughts on Our Labor Day Tradition

Labor Day originated in 1882 in New York City under the aegis of the Knights of Labor. Congress made it a legal holiday in 1894. Observing it this week gives us a good opportunity to reflect on the Catholic Church's social teachings for the last century or so. On May 15, 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued the encyclical Rerum Novarum on the condition of the working classes and labor. In doing so, he initiated a century in which Catholic teaching became more and more involved in the social issues of the time.

Unfortunately relegated to the shadows while the bright lights of controversy shine on other issues, Catholic social teaching remains largely unknown to many Catholics. It is the Catholic Church that championed such notions as a fair day's pay for a fair day's work, and continues to uphold the dignity of the human person against attacks from governments and corporations. Nearly every pope since Leo XIII, including Pope Francis, has issued teachings on the subject. Take time this Labor Day to familiarize yourself with some aspect of the Church's social teachings. In doing so, you will be taking responsibility as a member of the Body of Christ to commit yourself to the care of your neighbor.

Faith At Work Church Repair

Saint Margaret Parish has provided worship and ministry services to parishioners and the community for more than 100 years. Currently 4,400 families are registered and many youth are educated in the Faith Formation programs and in the national Blue-Ribbon parochial school.

As we look forward to the re-opening of the church building, we especially thank parish families who have contributed to the Embracing Our Mission campaign. Because we have exceeded the goal assigned by the Archdiocese, every gift now can be given as a restricted donation exclusively for the Saint Margaret church project. Yellow Capital Campaign envelopes are included in your packet of envelopes each month and are also available at the doors of the church and Callahan Center. For questions, please call Karen Saccenti, 410-879-2670, ext. 112 or e-mail ksaccenti@stmargaret.org.

Employment at St. Joan of Arc

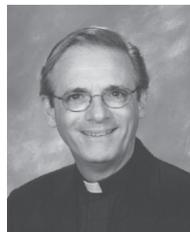
Administrative Assistant in the parish office at St. Joan of Arc in Aberdeen. 32 hrs. a week, Monday - Thursday. Must be self-motivated, extremely detail-oriented and proficient with Microsoft Word, e-mail, and general computer skills. Maintaining confidentiality is required. Minimum five years experience required. If interested, please send your resume with salary requirements to parish@stjoanarc.org

Welcome New Parishioners

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. Our next new parishioner greet and meet will be on November 8 after the 4:00 pm Mass from 5:00 - 7:30 pm in the Adult Education Center.

Karen Michaels and Lynn Dickerson
Whitney and Robert Nigrin
Elizabeth Nguyen
Catherine Fisher
Richard and Nichole Covert and family
Adam and Julie Canning and family
Kevin and Sherrie Dare and family
Michael and Geraldine Stivaletta and family
Daniel and Megan Casem and family
Linda Edwards and family

From Father Mike



Dear Friends,
Today I am sharing some more reflections by Pope Francis. Last November the Holy Father issued a Papal Exhortation entitled

The Joy of the Gospel. Its theme is evangelization: How do we bring Jesus to all of humanity, especially to those who have no faith or have left any practice of faith? This is our primary mission as Catholics. I have written several columns on *The Joy of the Gospel* over recent months and am continuing with this today.

Pope Francis sees the parish as central in bringing God or Jesus to all people. He says: *"The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers."*

Our parish staff and our Pastoral Council need to evaluate all that we do in light of what Pope Francis calls us to be as a parish. Additionally, our parish now has a committee of six parishioners and me as pastor busy at work on a new ministry plan – what businesses and many organizations call a strategic plan. The committee is to recommend a direction for our parish for the next three years. Each member of the committee knows that we must meet people where they are and be innovative in the ways that we reach out and invite them to embrace faith and this faith community.

The Holy Father goes on to say: *"Pastoral ministry...seeks to abandon the complacent attitude that says: 'We have always done it this way.' I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in their respective communities."*
What a wonderful statement and

invitation to us! Pope Francis clearly wants us to be imaginative and *The Joy of the Gospel* gives impetus and guidance to us.

Pope Francis describes the role of a bishop in his diocese and, I believe, his ideas apply equally to a pastor in his parish. *"He [the bishop or pastor] will sometimes go before his people, pointing the way and keeping their hope vibrant. At other times, he will simply be in their midst with his unassuming and merciful presence. At yet other times, he will have to walk after them, helping those who lag behind and – above all – allowing the flock to strike out on new paths."*

I really love the Pope's image here. While I am not sure how well I do it, I believe that at times I need to lead and call us to a new direction in the living of our faith. At other times I need to discern with all of you or with the staff or Pastoral Council what we should do. And at other times I just need to respect the ideas or ways that others propose and trust that they will lead us closer to God and help us to do the Lord's work more effectively.

Where this vision and inspiration from Pope Francis will lead us is hard to say at this time. Nevertheless, as a priest and pastor I find the Holy Father's calling to be challenging, open, positive and hopeful. I will continue with more excerpts from Pope Francis and my reflections on them in a future column. Meanwhile, you can read all 10 columns that I have written on Pope Francis so far by going to the parish website at www.stmargaret.org, clicking on the Information tab and then clicking on Bulletins. These columns are listed at the top of that page.

Have an enjoyable Labor Day weekend!

Father Mike

Nursery Service Available: For children up to 3 years of age, in the Preschool building (next to the church) during the 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses on Sundays and during the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturdays, and 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.

Community Notes

Cub Scout Registration

September 5 at 6:30 pm. Saint Margaret Middle School Gym. Grade 1-5 boys and families. Please visit:
<https://sites.google.com/site/smspack564>

September is Recovery Month

5K Run to Benefit Addiction Connections Resources, **Saturday, September 6.** Registration open at 8:00 am and race begins at 9:00 am. Liriodendron Parking Lot \$10 pre-registration fee

Violin and Viola Concert

Sunday, September 7 at 3 pm, at the Saint Mary Magdalen Mission. Violinist Viktor Khodyko and pianist Christopher Dillon will offer a **free concert** of classical music for violin and viola. Works of Brahms, Grieg, and Kreisler will be included.



Parish Notes ...

Miraculous Medal Novena

Miraculous Medal Novena will be held this year on **9 consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning September 16 and ending November 11**, from 7:30 - 8:30 pm. The Novena will be held in the Adult Education Center and will include exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary, Novena prayers, and Benediction. Please come and bring your cares and concerns to our Blessed Mother.



Given to a novice, Catherine Laboure in 1830 by our Blessed Mother and fashioned according to her wishes, this medal had brought many bearers great graces. The medal has been known to bring miracles of health, peace, blessings, protection and conversion.

Bulletin Due Date and 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.

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The bulletin is furnished to the parish without charge. The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank-you for their kind generosity.

Outreach Notes

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Health Ministry

Labor Day

Balancing the demands of our busy lifestyles can be difficult. Take the extra day most of us have off this holiday weekend not to labor BUT to relax and spend quality time with family and friends. May you not be led into temptation, but be delivered from the evils of stress, worry, fatigue and overwhelming demands. The Health Ministry Team wishes you a restful Labor Day.



Substance Abuse Ministry

HEALING RECOVERY PREVENTION PEACE Are you or a loved one struggling with substance abuse issues? Please come to one of the weekly meetings in the on the Saint Margaret campus.

Adult Education Center

Mondays, 7:00 pm Families Anonymous

Lower Meeting Room

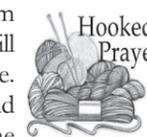
Fridays, 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturdays, 7:30 pm Women for Sobriety

Sundays, 6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Hooked on Prayer

Tues., September 9 from 9:30 - 11:00 am. Group will meet in the parish office. This group of knitters and crocheters will meet in the parish office to make prayer shawls for individuals who may be ill or in a care facility. You don't need to know how to crochet or knit. Group members are glad to teach anyone interested in learning these skills.



Stella Maris Counseling

A counselor will be on the Saint Margaret campus beginning **in September**. If you struggle with a personal, spiritual or family issue, know that you are not alone and that trained professionals are here to help. Please call Janet at 410-252-4500, ext. 7291 or e-mail her at jkrupsaw@stellamarisinc.com for appointments or questions. The fee for this service will be determined on a sliding scale according to income – anywhere from free to a maximum of \$60/hr.

Prison Ministry

For anyone who might be interested in assisting with our Communion services on Sundays at the Detention Center, the upcoming orientations are on the following days and times:

Saturday, September 6 at 10:00 am

Monday, September 22 at 6:00 pm

Saturday, October 4 at 10:00 am.

Please contact Jane O'Hara in the Outreach office if you have questions or are able to support this ministry.

Church Repair Update ~ Roofing Nearing Completion

Replacement of the high roof is complete.



Installation of the metal baptistery roof is in progress.



Corner

Liturgy

ABC+

Preparing for Mass by reviewing the readings ahead of time brings many insights. For example, you'll discover that there is a pattern to the three scripture readings proclaimed each Sunday. They are divided into three-year-long cycles – A, B and C – with the Gospel as the focal point.

In year A – this year - the Gospels come from Matthew; in year B, from Mark and in year C the Gospels come from Luke. The Gospels of John are read at various special times throughout the year, including the Easter and Christmas Seasons.

The first reading is usually from the Old Testament. The lessons of these readings are the same lessons that Jesus studied and lived by.

The second reading comes from the New Testament letters of Jesus' apostles to their flocks spread across the Roman Empire - Sts. Paul, Peter and John.

Music Notes

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Music Ministry
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Adult choir practice will begin **Thursday, September 4** at 7:15 pm in the Callahan Center at the Mission. New members are welcome.

Due to the work taking place in the church the children's choirs will begin later in the month than usual. The night - Thursday - and times will remain the same as in years past. Stay tuned.

Handbells will begin later in September. Stay tuned.

Are you a high-school or older instrumentalist and would like to contribute to the liturgies at church? Please contact me.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.



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Adult Faith Notes

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Fall Studies

Please contact Marie to register.

The Sacraments in Scripture by Stephen Binz will be the bi-monthly topic of discussion **beginning Wednesday, September 10**, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in the Adult Education Center.

Untold Blessings by Most Reverend Robert Barron will be the bi-monthly topic of discussion **beginning Tuesday, September 23**, from 10:00 am to 12 noon in the Adult Education Center.

Breaking Open the Word Reflection and Discussion is held bi-monthly, **beginning Thursday, September 18**, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in the Adult Education Center.

Little Rock Scripture Study



Two studies coming... The Prophets and Apostles will be the topic of discussion for the next scripture study **September 17 to October 1**; and the study of Exile and Return will begin on **October 8 and run through the spring**. Studies are held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Adult Education Center.

Franciscan Pilgrimage

Little Rock Scripture Study Group invites you to join them on a Franciscan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan, **May 24 – June 4, 2015**. For more information or to obtain a brochure, please contact: Sharon Cross, Pilgrimage Coordinator at 410.493.6115 or email: cookie8256@yahoo.com.

Marriage Moments



Isn't it ironic that Labor Day is a holiday - when many people get a break from their ordinary jobs. Still, someone has to cook, clean up, take care of kids or work around the house. Perhaps make this Labor Day a day to do those chores together as a team. *Susan Vogt*

Youth Ministry

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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 (329 Wright Street) or somewhere off campus. Contact Kristin in the parish office for more information.

Confirmation Parent & Candidate Meeting

There will be a required meeting for all 10th grade students and parents who are registered for Confirmation for the upcoming year on **Sunday, September 14**, 1:30-4:30 pm at the Callahan Center. See you there!



Save the Date...

Saint Margaret Parish Fall Festival September 26, 27, 28

Come enjoy rides, games, prizes, raffles, yard sale, bake sale and much more family fun at the annual Saint Margaret Parish Fall Festival. Start going through your basements, garages, and closets and put aside unwanted items. Our Fall Festival Yard Sale is always well attended. More details to come. See you there!



Education Notes ...

Faith Formation

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Preschool and Elementary

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Middle School and Grade 9

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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!

Elementary Faith Formation

Our Wednesday classes will begin in three weeks. Classroom assignments will be emailed the first week of September. We are looking forward to a great year!

Faith Formation Teacher Meeting September 3

All Wednesday Elementary Faith Formation teachers will meet on **September 3** at 6:00 pm in the AEC on Saint Margaret campus. We are looking forward to a great year! Some catechists are still needed for the 2014-2015 Faith Formation school year. Please contact Keri Geibler if you are interested in volunteering.



Elementary and Middle School Home Study Parent Meeting

All Home Study parents will meet on **September 29** at the Callahan Center at 7:00 pm.

Fall Run Sunday, October 12

"Holly's Hope 5K and 1 Mile Walk" all proceeds will benefit SARC of Harford County. Come out and enjoy a fun day on a beautiful trail run at the Liriodendron. Visit www.active.com to register.

Part-time Nursery Worker Saint Margaret Campus

Provides care for children up to age 3 during the Saturday, 4:00 pm and/or Sunday 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses. Must be 21 years of age. For more information, please contact Lisa Hack at 410-879-2670.

Scripture of the Month

Our Faith Formation program, along with the students of Saint Margaret School, will be learning scripture each month. September's scripture will be Psalm 100:2 "*Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with a joyful song.*"

Saint Margaret School www.smsch.org

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Phil Federowicz ~ pfederowicz@smsch.org
Admissions: Cecelia Pleiss ~ cpleiss@smsch.org



Important Dates for September

- Sept 1 School Closed - Labor Day
- Sept 2 No MS Mass; H.S.A. Executive Board Mtg. POWR, 7:00 pm
- Sept 3 No ES Mass
- Sept 4 ES Orientation Mtg, Gr. K-5, 6:30-9:00 pm

News from the Admissions Office

Limited spaces still are available for School Year 2014-2015. Please pass the word to friends and family and call or email Admissions Director Cecelia Pleiss at 410-879-1113 or cpleiss@smsch.org for more specific information. Visit our school website at www.smsch.org. Parents and students are our best referrals.

Yankee Candle Fall Fundraiser August 26 to September 19

The first major fundraiser of the year is sponsored by our teachers. Profits are used to pay for all teacher supplies, copy paper, duplicator maintenance and supplies, media equipment such as CD players and overhead projectors, and furniture. 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.

Extended Day Care Positions

Saint Margaret School Extended Day Care has part-time positions available for the school year 2014-2015. All positions are afternoons from 2:30 until 5:30 pm. Please contact Allyson Hill at 410-879-1113 ext. 171 or ahill@smsch.org.

Fall Festival

Each fall, our school and parish communities band together to create a weekend of fun-filled, family events. Committees are already busy contacting vendors for prizes, building games, prepping our raffle and yard sale, and finalizing our new menu.

For this event to be successful, we depend on each family to work a two or three-hour shift per child to cover all of the booth shifts throughout the three-day event. You will also be receiving raffle tickets for each child with a new format and new prizes.

Our Fall Festival Yard Sale is always well attended so start going through your basements, garages, and closets and put aside unwanted items. Drop-off times will be given at a later date.