



# 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 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 31 - September 8, 2013

Saturday	4:00 pm	Dorothy Trinite
	5:30 pm	Ned Ellis
Sunday	7:30 am	Special intention for parishioners
	9:00 am	Paul and Josephine Guercio
	10:30 am	Ruth MacDougald
	12:00 pm	Mary Goles
	9:30 am Mission	Joseph Schlaterbach
	11:00 am Mission	Annemarie Fitzpatrick
Monday	6:30 am	Labor Day ~ No Mass or service
	8:30 am	Helena and Marceli Kitajewski
Tuesday	6:30 am	Souls of the Family of Thomas D. Noeth, Sr.
	8:30 am	Robert Smith
Wednesday	6:30 am	William J. Matejka, Sr.
	8:30 am	Paul Christopher Ganz
Thursday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Addolarata Ciambriello
Friday	6:30 am	William Beresh (Sp. Int.)
	8:30 am	Mary Kelly Reinmann
Saturday	8:30 am	Charles Fink, Sr.
	4:00 pm	Carol Hanik
	5:30 pm	Anne Nelson (Sp. Int.)
Sunday	7:30 am	Wyatt Gentry
	9:00 am	Mary Chase
	10:30 am	Michael Guercio
	12:00 pm	Carlos Buron
	9:30 am Mission	Special intention for parishioners
	11:00 am Mission	Rev. J. Alphonse Frederick

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 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 September 8, 2013

### Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Reading I:** Wisdom 9:13-18a  
**Reading II:** Philemon 9b-10, 12-17  
**Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33  
**Key Passage:** For who can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail. (Wisdom 9:13-14)

**Adult:** How do you try to discover what God is asking of you?  
**Child:** When is it hard for you to know the right thing to do? Who helps you know?

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## PARISH

Seeking a world transformed and unified in Christ

Saint Margaret Church ■ Bulletin for the week of September 1, 2013 ■ Saint Mary Magdalen Mission

### Welcome To Our Community

If you are a visitor to Saint Margaret we welcome you. Whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish here in the Archdiocese, we are blessed that you joined us today.

### Breaking News



Monday, September 2

Mass for Labor Day will be at 8:30 am in the church.  
There will be no 6:30 am Mass or service on Labor Day.

The parish office will be closed on September 2 for the holiday.

### Coffee and Conversation

Our next gathering will take place on Thursday, **September 5** at 9:00 am in the AEC. Feel free to drop by for this informal gathering and meet fellow parishioners as well as enjoy homemade goodies.



### You Will Love It And You Will Love Yourself For Doing it!

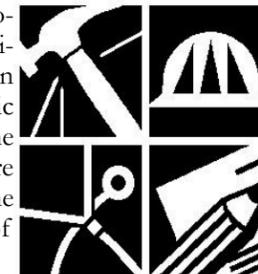
What are we talking about? Answering the Spirit's call! Yes, becoming a catechist for Faith Formation classes or Confirmation is a call you won't regret answering. Call one of the coordinators for more information, 410-879-2670.  
Preschool and Elementary: Keri Geibler, 410-879-2670, ext. 202  
Middle and High School: CeeCee Meholc, 410-879-2670, ext. 125.

### Thoughts On Our 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 XII 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 day.



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 has issued teachings on the subject. Take some 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.

### In Our Prayers

As the sun rises to bring in the new day, we remember:

- Those who descend into the earth, beginning their work in darkness, pulling from the earth the resources we steward.
- Those who work inside a building away from the light and brightness of the day.
- Those who work outside in the harsh elements of our world, the bitter cold and sweltering heat of extremes.
- Those who do not have a job to go to, who are struggling to meet the needs of their daily living expenses, for whom the day becomes long and arduous.

As the sun sets to bring in the evening of rest, we remember:

- Those who work in the night.
- Those who are trying to recover from their labor and toils of the day.
- Those who participate in unsafe and dangerous work. We pray for a renewed sense of dignity in their lives and in their work.

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion for the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Miraculous Medal Novena



Miraculous Medal Novena will be held this year on **nine consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 pm** in the chapel. The Novena will begin **September 10 and end November 5**. The service will include exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary and novena prayers, scripture reading, homily and Benediction. Please come and bring your cares and concerns to the Blessed Mother.

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

## Our Faith in Action Make an Everlasting Gift

Please remember to include Saint Margaret parish and/or School in your will.

A bequest in your will, no matter what the amount, will help the parish continue its mission of serving God's people. Such a decision could be for you a worthy and personally satisfying objective. Everyone should have a will, no matter what your financial circumstances. When making your bequest, please use the full legal name and address: Saint Margaret Roman Catholic Congregation Inc., 141 N. Hickory Avenue, Bel Air MD 21014.

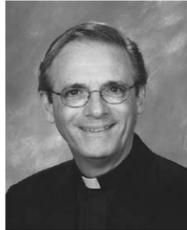
## "Give with Target" Reward Saint Margaret School

This year, Target will give money to schools all over the country for one simple act—a vote. For each vote for Saint Margaret School, our school will earn \$1 donated from Target. The rewards are potentially huge. Vote for Saint Margaret School (ZIP 21014) once a week through September 21 or until Target has given away \$5 million. Please spread the word! Go to <http://give-with.target.com>.

## Fundraisers to Support SMS

Saint Margaret School will once again be collecting Box Tops, Campbell's Labels For Education, and My Coke Rewards Points. These items are collected to earn free art and athletic supplies for our school. Show your support by donating your points from time to time. Thank you!

## From Father Mike



Dear Friends,  
**Today I am doing my once-a-month column on the Mass and am again focusing on the Introductory**

**Rites, the first of the four parts of the Mass.**

### Introduction to the Mass.

Right after the Sign of the Cross and the Greeting, the priest may give a brief introduction to the Mass of the day. He may do this especially if there is some special theme or during one of the major liturgical seasons like Advent or Lent.

### Penitential Act.

Next the priest asks us to recall our sinfulness and need of God's forgiveness. There is usually a brief pause or moment for recollection at this point. The idea is for us to be aware of our humanity and of our need for God's love and the healing and wholeness that God offers us in the celebration of the Eucharist.

### The prayer in this Penitential Act usually takes one of two forms.

We might pray together the centuries old prayer, "*I confess to almighty God...*" (in Latin called the "*Confiteor*"). This is followed by the "*Lord, have mercy*" ("*Kyrie, eleison*"). The alternative to this, used most of the time, consists of three invocations praising the Lord or Christ for his saving action. An example is, "*Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father, Lord, have mercy...*" Notice that these also include the "*Lord, have mercy*," the ancient invocation dating back to at least the fourth century. Apparently, as the Mass was set in Latin in those early centuries, this was the only prayer ("*Kyrie, eleison*") which was retained from the Greek.

We will still sing the "*Kyrie*" from time to time since it has such early origins and still conveys, even for us who do not know Greek, a sense of our need for God's mercy.

### The Glory to God.

Following the Penitential Act, on all Sundays except during Advent and Lent, we sing or recite the *Glory to God*. This is an early hymn, dating to the fourth century. The first line comes from the gospel account of the birth of Jesus. The *Glory to God* expresses our awe in the presence of God and so we repeatedly sing of our awe as we say "*We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.*"

### The Collect.

The Introductory Rites end with the prayer called the Collect. The priest introduces this by saying "*Let us pray.*" This may seem odd because, after all, we have already been praying. However, this introduction is intended to invite all present to silently state their intention for this Mass, in other words, what it is that they are seeking from God today. That is why there is again a pause for silence here. Then the priest "collects" all of our prayers in the Collect for the day that is given in the Roman Missal. All respond "*Amen*" ("Yes") at the conclusion.

**In early October I will begin reflecting on the second major part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word.** My intention, little by little over time, is to work our way through each part of the liturgy so as to deepen our appreciation of its richness. I welcome any comments, reflections, or questions that you may have. By the way, the past columns on the Mass (June 2, July 7, and August 4) can be found on the parish website at [www.stmargaret.org](http://www.stmargaret.org) under the Information tab.

*Fr. 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](mailto:bulletinsaintmargaret@gmail.com).

## 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

“Some are last who will be first...” (Lk 13:30) Firsts and lasts - Hmm. What is the first thing you say to your beloved in the morning; the last thing at night? Which of you is first to forgive; the last to eat or to take offense? Try trading places. © Susan Vogt

## Community Notes

### Mom's Group at St. Ignatius Manna for Mothers

Interested in meeting other moms with young children? Just as manna is true food, we hope to feed each other in body and spirit by sharing our Catholic faith and celebrating our vocations as wives and mothers. **Friday, September 6**, 9:30 - 11:00 am in the St. Ignatius Parish Center. For more information, contact Clare Mejia at [hjls-mom@yahoo.com](mailto:hjls-mom@yahoo.com).

**St. Mary's Fall Fried Chicken Dinner**  
**Saturday, September 7**, from 12:00 - 6:00 pm.  
St. Mary, 1021 St. Mary's Rd., Pylesville, MD 21132. Adults \$12, senior (60 and over) \$11 and children (5-10) \$7. Please call 410-879-4015, ext.20 or visit [www.stmaryspylesville.org](http://www.stmaryspylesville.org) for more information.

### Ask the Doctor

**Tuesday, September 17** at 7:00 pm, the Catholic Ladies Service Org. of the Bel Air K of C will host Dr. Mark V. Clough of Towson Orthopedics Assoc. with a presentation about hip and knee pain and replacements. The event will be held at 23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided. Call Pat, 410-879-5872 for more information.

### Flying Geese Quilt Guild Bingo

**Saturday, September 28**, at Saint Mary Magdalen Mission - 1716 Churchville Road. Doors open at 6:00, games begin at 7:00 pm. Prizes are quilted items and crafts. Food, drinks and raffles will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. See [www.fgqg.com](http://www.fgqg.com) or call 410-877-1901.

## Outreach Notes

Jane O'Hara  
Outreach Coordinator  
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[johara@stmargaret.org](mailto:johara@stmargaret.org)

### Widow and Widowers Group

The Widows and Widowers Group will resume its monthly luncheons on Tuesday, **September 10**. We will meet in the AEC at 12:30. We are privileged to have John Meeks to speak to us about his life's journey. I hope all our previous members will be able to attend and that we will have lots of new members to greet and welcome. Remember to bring your own lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Looking forward to a tremendous turnout.

### Prison Ministry

We are in great need of volunteers to serve at the Harford County Detention Center. Each Sunday evening at 6:00 pm we hold Communion services in the various cells. Do not be afraid! It is very safe and you always go with a partner. If you would be able to give a few hours of your time once a month, that would be a great source of help to this ministry. If interested, contact Jane O'Hara in the parish office.

### Mason Dixon School Supply

Mason Dixon is a non-profit agency which helps families in need in Northern Harford County. They are collecting supplies for the coming school season. Any donated items may be brought to the parish office. Many thanks in advance for your generosity and thoughtful donations.



### 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, Liberator's and Enotria. Raffle tickets are available in the parish office.

## Substance Abuse Ministry

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

## Health Ministry



*“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”* Matthew 11:28.

On Labor Day we honor all our workers while enjoying an extra day of rest. Let us also remember that God can provide us with the “rest” we need whenever we are faced with challenges in our many workplaces (office, home, school). The Health Ministry Team supports the mind, body and spirit of parish members – contact them by sending an email to [saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org](mailto:saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org) or leaving a message at 410-838-6969.

## Chesapeake Cancer Alliance Decorators Show House

**September 7-12** at Rockfield Manor  
501 Churchville Rd, Bel Air, MD  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday ~  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Thursday ~ 10:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Sunday ~ 11:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Closed Mondays Tickets: \$20.



Please visit [www.chesapeakecanceralliance.org](http://www.chesapeakecanceralliance.org) for more information

## Corner

## Prayer of the Faithful - Part 3

So – how did it go today? Did you find the change to our Prayer of the Faithful difficult? Did you have ample time to insert silently your own intentions? When we prayed for “students who have entered on a new year of learning ...” I know I prayed for my college-bound grandson, along with his Mom and brother who will miss him terribly.

As a family of faith we’ve adjusted to changes in the prayers of the Mass during the past two years. Hopefully this small change we’ve now made will become just as natural as saying, “And with your spirit.”

Come to church prepared with your intentions and needs. Think about what you want to lift up to God. Let your intentions become your faith family’s intentions. Also, make sure you get a worship aid when you arrive at church. As mentioned last week, the response will change only every six weeks or so, but having that worship aid in hand will make it easier for you to respond “Hear us, O Lord” or “Loving God, hear our prayer” or “Emmanuel, hear our prayer” with heartfelt emotion.

## Joyful Noises

Pete Anderson  
Director of Music  
410-879-2670, ext. 136  
panderson@stmargaret.org

**Adult Choir** Thursday, Sept. 5, 7:00 pm

**Childrens’ Choirs** Thursday, October 3  
Cherub Choir (Grades K-2) 4:30 - 5:00 pm  
Children Choir (Grades 3-8) 5:00 - 6:00 pm

**Handbell Choir**  
Monday, September 16 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
(note change in date)  
All rehearsals are in Saint Margaret Church.  
Contact the music office for more information


**Saint Margaret Cub Scout Pack 564**

Who: All Grade 1-5 Boys and Families  
When: **September 6** at 7:00 pm  
Where: Saint Margaret Elem. School gym  
What: Registration and re-registration for new and returning Scouts.

For more information visit our website at:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/smpack564/> Contact: Kathy Mullin - catdro@hotmail.com

## Adult Faith Notes

Marie Dekowski  
Adult Faith Formation  
410-879-2670, ext. 126  
mdekowski@stmargaret.org

**The Book of Revelation** will be the topic of discussion twice a month beginning on **September 11** from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in the Adult Education Center. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Marie Dekowski.

## 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.

## Overwhelmed?

**Single Moms Care & Support Group** will begin meeting on Tuesday, **September 24 through November 5** from 6:00 to 7:15 pm at Saint Margaret Parish Adult Education Center at 141 North Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, Maryland 21014. What to expect: a warm

meal, hanging out and being real, fellowship, praying for each other, love and acceptance, “No judgment zone!” and childcare. Your children will be cared for by certified childcare providers who will serve them a meal and engaged them in age appropriate activities. So if you are a single mom – divorced, never-married, widowed, grand-single-parenting – come, join us! We are open to all denominations. In order to properly prepare for you and your children, please register by contacting Marie Dekowski 410.879.2670, ext. 126 or mdekowski@gmail.com. There is no cost for this program.

## Small Christian Communities

Looking to better connect to your parish and your faith? Saint Margaret Parish has more than 30 small faith sharing groups for you to join! For more information, please contact Marie Dekowski.



Visit our website at [www.stmargaret.org](http://www.stmargaret.org)

## Youth Ministry

Kristin Rupprecht  
Youth and Young Adult Minister  
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## High School Youth Ministry (HSYM)FiRE House



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

## College and Young Adult Ministry

Come join us on **Wednesday nights, 7:00 - 9:00 pm** at FiRE House (329 Wright Street)! Social, spiritual and service events. Bring a friend!

**Confirmation Parent and Candidate Meeting**  
**Sunday, September 8, 1:00 - 4:00 pm** at the Callahan Center. This is a required meeting for those already registered for Confirmation (parents and candidates).

## KTF is Back!

After a summer break, the **Keeping the Faith** group is getting ready to start up again, and we want you to join us! It’s going to be another great year of diving deep into what the Catholic Church teaches and why.

Ever get tongue-tied when someone criticizes the Catholic Church? Not sure of what to say when someone attacks Church positions from a seemingly rational point of view? Then you’re going to love our first KTF topic of the year. We’ll be going through the book “*How to Defend the Faith Without Raising Your Voice: Civil Responses to Catholic Hot-Button Issues*”. We’ll look at topics such as clerical sex abuse, women in the Church and defending the unborn. Not only will you learn good responses to questions you may get, but you’ll learn how to conduct a loving and positive dialogue with others about these important issues.

Keeping the Faith meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the AEC. However, our first meeting will be September 19. Since we need to know how many books to order, if you plan to join us, please RSVP to Marie Dekowski at (410) 879-2670 or e-mail her at mdekowski@stmargaret.org.



## Education Notes ...

## Faith Formation

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Lisa Shall, lshall@stmargaret.org  
**Middle and High School**  
CecCee Meholic  
cmeholic@stmargaret.org



## Time to Register for Faith Formation!

School has started and Faith Formation programs are starting in two weeks. Classes are forming now at all grade levels. 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.



**Children’s Stewardship of Time** My good deed this week was: We helped pop-pop clean up the yard. 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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Middle School Campus 410-877-9660  
Principal: mhobik@smsch.org  
Assistant Principals: ashanahan@smsch.org and pfederowicz@smsch.org  
Admissions: cpleiss@smsch.org

## Important Dates for August

Sept. 2: Labor Day - School closed  
Sept. 3: H.S.A. Exec Board Mtg, 7:00 pm  
Sept. 4: No 8:30 am Mass for students  
Sept. 5: ES Parent Orientation Night  
Gr. K-5, 6:30-9:00 pm

## News from the Admissions Office

Spaces still are available for school year 2013-2014. Please pass the word to friends and family and call or e-mail Admissions Director Cecilia Pleiss at 410-879-1113 or cpleiss@smsch.org for more specific information. Visit our school website at [www.smsch.org](http://www.smsch.org). Parents and students are our best referrals!

## Attention Parents!

The following meetings have been scheduled for all parents:



† **Parent Meeting for Wednesday Elementary** Faith Formation is **Wednesday, September 18** in the Church at either 4:45 pm or 6:45 pm, depending on your child’s session

† **Parent Meeting for Middle & High School** Faith Formation is either **Tuesday, September 17** or **Wednesday, September 18**, depending on your student’s session, in the Callahan Center at 7:00 pm

† **Parent Meeting for Home Study** Students (K-9) is **Monday, September 30** in the Callahan Center at 7:00 pm

† **Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation** is **Monday, October 7** in the chapel at 6:30 pm or on **Wednesday, October 9** in the church at 1:30 pm, 4:45 pm or 6:45 pm



## We Still Need Catechists!

Jesus said, “Go and make disciples!” Help us fulfill this mission of the Church by becoming a catechist! Please contact one of the Faith Formation staff to volunteer.

## A catechist is...

- A member of the parish community entrusted with the important role of presenting the faith of the Church to our young people.
- A faith-filled Catholic who teaches about the love and wisdom of God.
- A volunteer who creates the opportunity for children to experience the meaning and importance of Jesus in their lives.
- Someone dedicated to deepening the faith of the present generation and inspiring them to live their faith.

Yankee Candle Fall Fundraiser  
August 26 to September 19

Our kick-off fundraiser this year is brand new: a Yankee Candle sale! 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, furniture, media equipment such as CD players and overhead projectors.

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.

## Stand Volunteer Training

Any parent who wishes to volunteer in our school or chaperone a class field trip must complete the Archdiocesan STAND program which involves viewing a video and completing required forms. Online training is

available on the archdiocese website at [archbalt.org/about-us/child-youth-protection/training](http://archbalt.org/about-us/child-youth-protection/training). STAND requirements are mandated by the Archbishop and no exceptions will be allowed. Contact STAND coordinator Mrs. Brenda Bell at 410-877-9660 during school hours, if you have questions. Forms may be obtained in the school offices or by calling Mrs. Bell. New parents received these forms in their folders. See the Parent / Student Handbook for information on how to view the STAND video online.

Fall Festival '13  
SMS Elementary School Campus

**September 27**  
4:30 to 10:30 pm

**September 28**  
Noon to 10:00 pm

**September 29**  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm



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